

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 8, 2019**

**McFARLAND CITY COUNCIL
McFARLAND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
McFARLAND PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY
McFARLAND IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY
McFARLAND PARKING AUTHORITY**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cantu called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the McFarland Council Chambers, 103 W. Sherwood Ave, McFarland, CA 93250

ROLL CALL

Council Member Present: Cantu, McFarland, Melendez, Perez, Gonzalez
Council Member Absent: None

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Interim City Manager Tooley, City Attorney Schroeter, Interim Chief of Police/Interim Assistant City Manager Davis, City Clerk Ceja, Administrative Services Director Mosqueda, Community Development Director Lara, and Public Works Director Gonzales

INVOCATION

Mrs. McFarland

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Melendez

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Note: Council Member Melendez pulled consent items #5, 7, 9, 10, and 11 for discussion.

1. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to approve the warrant register for \$290,417.07 from July 06, 2019 through July 29, 2019.
Vote: 5-0
Ayes: McFarland, Gonzalez, Perez, McFarland, Cantu
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: Gonzalez

2. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, Seconded by Council Member Perez, and unanimously carried to approve the payroll register for \$148,530.92 for July 2019.
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: McFarland, Perez, McFarland, Cantu
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: Gonzalez

Note: Council Member Gonzalez recused herself due to conflict of interest.

3. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of special City Council meeting of June 05, 2019.
Vote: 5-0
Ayes: McFarland, Gonzalez, Perez, Melendez, Cantu
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

4. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of regular City Council meeting of June 11, 2019.
Vote: 5-0
Ayes: McFarland, Gonzalez, Perez, McFarland, Cantu
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

5. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Council Member Perez, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 2019-026, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of McFarland Authorizing the Filing of an Application for Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) and Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) and Committing the Necessary Local Match and Stating the Assurance to Complete the Project.
Vote: 5-0
Ayes: Melendez, Perez, Gonzalez, McFarland, Cantu
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

Note: Council Member Melendez asked what the grant application is for and why are we applying for it. Ms. Lara explained that the grant funds go through Kern COG. They receive allocations from the state and base the allocations to cities based on the population. These funds are non-competitive but the city is required to submit an application. This grant is only good for repairs to major roads.

6. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 2019-027, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of McFarland Approving the McFarland Pedestrian and Bicycle Impediment Study.
Vote: 5-0
Ayes: McFarland, Gonzalez, Perez, McFarland, Cantu
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

7. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 2019-028, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of McFarland Approving the Project List for FY 2019-20 for the California State of Good Repair Program.
Vote: 5-0
Ayes: Melendez, Gonzalez, Perez, McFarland, Cantu
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

Note: Council Member Melendez asked for clarification of what the California State of Good Repair Program is. Ms. Lara explained that this program is through the SB 1 Funding, which is a measure that California voters approved for local road repairs and transit.

8. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 2019-029, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of McFarland Approving a Mutual Aid Agreement with the County of Kern.
Vote: 5-0
Ayes: McFarland, Gonzalez, Perez, Melendez, Cantu
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

9. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Council Member Perez, and unanimously carried to approve the uniform allowance of \$600.00 annually for police officers.
Vote: 5-0
Ayes: Melendez, Perez, Gonzalez, McFarland, Cantu
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

Note: Council Member Melendez asked if the \$600 allowance was going to be for all employees. Interim Chief of Police Davis explained that the \$600 allowance is only for police officers. This

will also eliminate the long process of having to order uniforms and having to wait for invoices for payment.

10. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to approve the first amendment to the agreement with Public Facilities Investment Corporation ("PFIC") for development and construction management services for City Hall Expansion project.

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: Melendez, Gonzalez, Perez, McFarland, Cantu

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

Note: Council Member Melendez asked why the amendment. Mrs. Mosqueda explained to Council Member Melendez that this amendment is for housekeeping to remove the construction of the police department and only leave the City Hall expansion.

11. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Council Member Perez, and unanimously carried to authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment modification to Contract EROIGSA-15-0005 for final billing of the Intergovernmental Services Agreement (IGSA) with the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs Enforcement (ICE) at the GEO Mesa Verde Facility.

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: Melendez, Perez, Gonzalez, McFarland, Cantu

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

Note: Council Member Melendez asked what item #11 is regarding. City Attorney Schroeter explained that it is a final termination of the agreement.

PUBLIC HEARING

12. Mayor Cantu opened the public hearing at 6:27 pm and closed at 6:31 pm with no comments from the audience.

Ordinance No. 002-2019 read by title only, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of McFarland Amending Title 17 Zoning Code to Add Chapter 17.161 of the McFarland Municipal Code Relating to the Regulation of Street Address Numbering and Street Naming.

Ms. Lara explained that this ordinance is to have more local control for the city to be able to have a say of how to name streets as well as numbering street addresses for new development.

Motion by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Perez, and unanimously carried to introduce Ordinance No. 002-2019.

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: Gonzalez, Perez, Melendez, McFarland, Cantu

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

13. a. Administration – Mr. Tooley informed council that the Catholic Church is not comfortable with the listening session taking place on August 27. They feel that this may affect a separation of church and state. Mr. Tooley explained that we would have to submit more information to the Diocese of Fresno and wait for an approval from them. He asked council to think of another place to hold the listening session in case the listening session cannot be held at the Catholic Church. He also asked if council would like to have flyers send out through the schools to notify residents of the listening session.

Mayor Cantu and Council Member Perez both agreed not to send flyers through the schools. Mayor Cantu feels that the listening session should only be for those who attend the catholic church who requested another meeting and not for all residents in McFarland.

Mayor Cantu asked members of the audience what do they think about informing all residents. Mrs. Maria Jacinto responded to the Mayor and told him that she thinks all residents need to be informed not only those attending the Catholic Church. She feels all McFarland residents need an explanation.

All council agreed to proceed with the listening session on August 27 and advertise the listening session through the website, Facebook, and posting the flyer in front of City Hall in addition to the other locations where the agendas are posted.

- b. Community Development Department – Ms. Lara informed council that the department is working on the tax split study with the county, there's been a few developers who have come to city hall and are interested in housing and commercial. The building department has been busy with eight renovating plans that have been submitted to the city. The grants department has submitted two grants applications; one for planning for the general plan and the other one for Blanco Park. Code enforcement has been busy with non-operative vehicles, the abatement process with Sonora Market, and the car wash on the East Side.

Mayor Cantu asked what is going on with the Casa Fajitas building. Ms. Lara informed Mayor Cantu that she has been working with the owners to get it cleaned up. She explained that it will be a process because it is private property.

A member of the audience expressed concern with the weeds at the abandoned well on Mt. Arbor. She would like it to be cleaned up because of the fire hazard.

Mr. Tooley informed her that she would have the Public Works Department clean it up as soon as possible.

- c. Public Safety Department – Interim Chief Davis informed Council of the training held at Veteran's Hall this last week was a great experience for the department.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

- 14. Motion by Council Member Perez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, and unanimously carried to approve the agreement with 4Creeks and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: Perez, McFarland, Gonzalez, Melendez, Cantu

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

- 15. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, seconded by Council Member Perez, and unanimously carried to approve the creation of a new position titled Police Administrative Manager.

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: McFarland, Perez, Gonzalez, Melendez, Cantu

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEES

- a. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD) – Council Member Melendez informed the public to call the Mosquito Abatement if they have issues with mosquitos.
- b. Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) – Mayor Pro Tem informed council that Kern COG is working with the Senate to bring in more monies to the Central Valley.
- c. McFarland Tri-Agency Partners (MTAP) – Next meeting will be August 12.
- d. Kern Economic Development Corporation (KEDC) – None to report.
- e. Kern County Association of Cities (KCAC) – Next meeting will be August 26.

COUNCIL STATEMENTS

McFarland – Mayor Pro Tem McFarland asked Mr. Gonzales what is going on with the sign in front of the Veteran's Hall. Mr. Gonzales informed council that the company has been trying to repair the sign but have not been able to repair the panels. The next step is to replace all panels and looking into replacing the sign with a new one.

Mayor Pro asked if the city would be having a cooling center. Mr. Gonzales will look into the policies for implementing a cooling center and will get back to council with the findings.

Mayor Pro Tem expressed his concern regarding speeding on Mast Ave. Mr. Gonzales informed council that he is working with the principal of Horizon to make it safe for the students, Wonderful is now picking up their students at a crosswalk, and will continue to work with the police department to find a solution.

Mayor Pro Tem informed council that he understands the city's financial situation therefore; he will not be accepting the monthly check nor the monthly allowance for the internet.

Perez – Thanked everyone for being at the meeting and appreciates everyone's comments.

Gonzalez – Thanked staff for all the hard work and thanked the audience members for attending the meeting.

Melendez – Thank you to all.

Cantu – Asked for a moment of silence for Mr. Wooner and thanked all staff for the hard work.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, and unanimously carried to approve the closed session minutes of the July 11, 2019 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, seconded by Council Member Melendez, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.



Claudia Ceja, City Clerk



