

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12, 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 6:03 p.m. in the McFarland Council Chambers, 103 W. Sherwood Ave, McFarland, CA 93250

ROLL CALL

Council Member Present: Cantu, Melendez, Perez, Gonzalez
Council Member Absent: McFarland

OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

INVOCATION

Mr. Jim White

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Perez

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Mr. Florentine Ortiz, Water Supervisor, gave a presentation on the process of reading water meters.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Margie Martinez, 212 7th St., McFarland – Mrs. Martinez expressed her concerns with the dying trees around town.

Belen Balderrama, 225 7th St., McFarland – Ms. Balderrama expressed her concern with La Norteña Market and the carwash on the East Side being an eyesore and asked if it can be taken down.

CONSENT AGENDA

Note: Council Member Melendez pulled consent items #6, 7, 8, and 9 for discussion.

1. Motion by Melendez, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to approve the warrant register for \$411,255.07 from August 14, 2019 through September 03, 2019.
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: Melendez, Gonzalez, Perez, Cantu
Nays: None
Absent: McFarland
Abstentions: None
2. Motion by Melendez, Seconded by Council Member Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to approve the payroll register for \$194,261.83 for August 2019.
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: Melendez, Gonzalez, Perez, Cantu
Nays: None
Absent: McFarland
Abstentions: None
3. Motion by Melendez, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of regular City Council meeting of August 22, 2019.
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: Melendez, Gonzalez, Perez, Cantu
Nays: None
Absent: McFarland
Abstentions: None

4. Motion by Melendez, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of special City Council meeting of August 27, 2019.
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: Melendez, Gonzalez, Perez, Cantu
Nays: None
Absent: McFarland
Abstentions: None

5. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to approve second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 002-2019 re: street address numbering and street naming.
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: Melendez, Gonzalez, Perez, Cantu
Nays: None
Absent: McFarland
Abstentions: None

6. Motion by Melendez, seconded by Council Member Perez, and unanimously carried to approve the McFarland Animal Shelter change order.
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: Melendez, Perez, Gonzalez, Cantu
Nays: None
Absent: McFarland
Abstentions: None

7. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Council Member Perez, and unanimously carried to approve second amendment to QK Engineering service agreement for the Community Garden and Trail Phase I.
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: Melendez, Perez, Gonzalez, Cantu
Nays: None
Absent: McFarland
Abstentions: None

8. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Council Member Perez, and unanimously carried to approve change order #3 for the Garzoli Well Arsenic Treatment System Project.
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: Melendez, Perez, Gonzalez, Cantu
Nays: None
Absent: McFarland
Abstentions: None

9. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Council Member Perez, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 2019-031, A Resolution of the City of McFarland Approving the Application to the California Department of Conservation for the Sustainable Agricultural Land Conservation Planning Grant Application.
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: Melendez, Perez, Gonzalez, Cantu
Nays: None
Absent: McFarland
Abstentions: None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

10. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. Administration – None

- b. Community Development Department – Ms. Lara informed council of the following:
 1. Construction of animal shelter has begun.
 2. Ms. Lara is working on organizing workshops for the Transformative Climate Community Planning Grant.
 3. Working with McFarland Partners to revise Tract Map Phase 5 & 6 for single family homes to allow them to build around 42 homes.
 4. Working on Menudo/Pozole Cook-Off taking place Sunday, November 3, 2019 from 12 to 5pm at Blanco Park.

5. Met with Lorelei Oviatt from Kern County Planning to partner with the city to bring in more business into the city.

- c. Public Safety Department – Interim Chief Davis informed Council of the severe police staffing shortage. She thanked her staff & police officers for going above and beyond to resolve the staffing issue that they are facing. Chief stated that Clovis has helped the City of McFarland by sending us potential future employees that just finished the police academy. She also thanked Chief Messinger for sending staff over to help substitute for lack of staff.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

None

REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEE/ SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETINGS

- a. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD) – Council member Melendez: None to report on the mosquitos, but add the water board IRW meeting Melendez should be meeting with them the first Tuesday of the month.
- b. Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) – Mayor Cantu: Representatives for the Central Valley-San Joaquin Valley flew to Washington DC to discuss the water supply issues and transportation system.
- c. McFarland Tri-Agency Partners (MTAP) – Council Member Perez: Stated that now the School District will be in charge of the Tri- Agency meetings. Discuss newsletter cost is to expensive looking into a less costly method of communication between the Tri-Agency and the public.
- d. Kern Economic Development Corporation (KEDC) – Mayor Cantu would like to know when the next board meeting is.
- e. Kern County Association of Cities (KCAC) – Mayor Cantu: Mentioned that Bakersfield is growing and expanding with all the road improvements which makes it much more efficient for everyone.

COUNCIL STATEMENTS

Perez – Thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication and getting things done with the budget that we have. She also wanted to share that she is very happy with Blanco Park it's a good place to exercise and it's very clean.

Gonzalez – Thanked the audience members for attending the meeting and appreciate their comments. Also thanked the staff for all their work.

Melendez – Thanked everybody, staff and Mr. Tooley for doing everything we can.

Cantu – Stated something that Couch White once said to him, "When God solves your problems, we have faith in his abilities, but when God doesn't solve our problems, he has faith in our abilities". The city is going through a tough time but we are still growing, He believes our future is still bright and thanks the staff and the audience for everything.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Motion by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Perez, and unanimously carried to approve the closed session minutes for August 22, 2019.
2. Conference with Legal Counsel- Existing Litigation
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Gov.C. Section 54956.09)
Name of case: City of McFarland v. Ballesteros et al. – No Reportable Action

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.



Claudia Ceja, City Clerk



