

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 26, 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 6:02 p.m. in the McFarland Council Chambers, 103 W. Sherwood Ave, McFarland, CA 93250

ROLL CALL

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

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, and Community Development Director Lara

INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem McFarland

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Gonzalez

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Gordon, 1330 Truxtun Ave, Bakersfield, CA – Mr. Gordon presented to council a small history about the The Arts Council of Kern and offered help in any arts projects that the city might need help with.

CONSENT AGENDA

Note: Council Member Melendez pulled consent item # 4 for discussion.

1. Motion by Perez, seconded by Council Member Melendez, and unanimously carried to approve the warrant register for \$544,617.90 from September 04, 2019 through September 17, 2019.

Vote: 4-0

Ayes: Perez, McFarland, Cantu, Melendez

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: Gonzalez

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

2. Motion by Perez, Seconded by Council Member Melendez, and unanimously carried to approve minutes of regular City Council meeting of September 12, 2019.

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: Perez, McFarland, Gonzalez, Cantu, Melendez

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

3. Approval of third amendment to Interim City Manager David Tooley's agreement. – No action taken. This item was pulled because the agreement was not drafted on time.

4. Motion by Melendez, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to approve the creation of a community facilities district to be designated "City of McFarland Community Facilities District 2019-1 (Fire Protection Services)" to levy special taxes in the district.
Vote: 5-0
Ayes: Melendez, Gonzalez, Perez, McFarland, Cantu
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

5. a. Administration – Mr. Tooley informed council that he has three weeks remaining as Interim City Manager unless there hasn't been a new appointed a new appointed City Manager.
- b. Community Development Department – Ms. Lara informed council that the department has been meeting with a lot of investors that are interested in the City of McFarland. She informed council about the upcoming CDBG audit coming up from October 16-18.
- c. Public Safety Department – Interim Chief Davis informed Council that due to staff shortage the Police Department unfortunately won't be able to participate in some community events like Trunk or Treat or Shop with a Cop. Chief informed council about a shooting that occurred two weeks prior while the council meeting was going on the shooting and no one called the Police. Chief is concerned as she never seen anything like this happen before.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

6. Motion by Perez, seconded by Cantu, and unanimously carried to approve the Adoption of Resolution No. 2019-032 to approve a Franchise Agreement with R & F Disposal, Inc. – This item was not approved. Melendez, Gonzalez, and McFarland would like further review.
Vote: 2-3
Ayes: Perez, Cantu
Nays: Melendez, Gonzalez, McFarland
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

Jeff Martin, 1316 J Street, - Mr. Martin is a representative of American Refuse and is at the city council meeting to ask council to postpone any decision of the proposed resolution until council has had the opportunity to review the proposal from American Refuse.

Raul Irizarry, R&F Disposal – Mr. Irizarry expressed his thoughts regarding the relationship between the city and R&F Disposal. He mentioned to council that they have developed one of the most comprehensive garbage programs for the City of McFarland because of an invested process which benefits all. He asked council not to go by other businesses that are willing to present information un-appropriately but go with the company who's been around for the city.

ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEES

- a. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD) – Council Member Melendez informed council that there has been a lot of mosquitos so Delano Mosquito Abatement is going to be spraying to help reduce the problem.
- b. Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) – Mayor informed council that KCOG is looking for more federal funding for transportation.
- c. McFarland Tri-Agency Partners (MTAP) – Nothing to report
- d. Kern Economic Development Corporation (KEDC) – Mayor missed the meeting due to Economic Development Meeting with a potential developer.
- e. Kern County Association of Cities (KCAC) – None to report.

COUNCIL STATEMENTS

Perez – Thanked everyone for being at the meeting.

McFarland – Thankful that the city is still in its feet and pray for protection over everyone. Thanked Mr. Tooley and Chief Davis for being at the city at the right time.

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

Melendez – Looking forward to debrief of staff to see where we are going to be at once Mr. Tooley is gone.

Cantu – Thanked everyone and the audience for being here tonight and for their input.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Motion by Gonzalez, seconded by McFarland, and unanimously carried to approve the closed session minutes of September 12, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.



Claudia Ceja, City Clerk



