

Item:	B-1
Minutes for:	04/01/2020
Adopted:	05/20/2020

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MADERA CITY COUNCIL

April 1, 2020
6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers
City Hall

This meeting was conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order which suspends certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act. Social distancing per the Executive Order were used at the meeting. Members of the public were strongly encouraged to participate remotely at the April 1, 2020 meeting viewing livestream at www.madera.gov. Comments were accepted by email at citycouncilpubliccomment@madera.gov.

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Andrew J. Medellin
Mayor Pro Tem Santos Garcia, District 5
Councilmember Cece Gallegos, District 1
Councilmember Jose Rodriguez, District 2
Councilmember Steve Montes, District 3
Councilmember Derek O. Robinson Sr., District 4
Councilmember Donald E. Holley, District 6

Absent: None

Others present were City Manager Arnoldo Rodriguez, City Clerk Alicia Gonzales, City Attorney Hilda Cantu Montoy, Police Chief Dino Lawson, Division Fire Chief Matt Watson, City Engineer Keith Helmuth, Grants Administrator Ivette Iraheta, Director of Human Resources Wendy Silva, Information Services Manager Mark Souders, Parks and Community Services Director John Scarborough, Chief Building Official Steve Woodworth, Director of Finance Roger Sanchez, Interim Planning Manager Darrell Unruh, and Interim Public Works Director Dan Foss.

INVOCATION: Councilmember Donald Holley

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Medellin

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES, THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 7/0. AYES: MAYOR MEDELLIN, COUNCILMEMBERS GALLEGOS, RODRIGUEZ, MONTES, ROBINSON, GARCIA, AND HOLLEY. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The first fifteen minutes of the meeting are reserved for members of the public to address the Council on items which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council. Speakers shall be limited to three minutes. Speakers will be asked, but are not required, to identify themselves and state the subject of their comment. If the subject is an item on the Agenda, the Mayor has the option of asking the speaker to hold the comment until that item is called. Comments on items listed as a Public Hearing on the Agenda should be held until the hearing is opened. The Council is prohibited by law from taking any action on matters discussed that are not on the Agenda, and no adverse conclusions should be drawn if the Council does not respond to public comment at this time.

Mayor Medellin opened public comment and asked if anyone wanted to submit a public comment via the phone located in the lobby.

Bobby Kahn, Executive Director of the Madera County Economic Development Commission conveyed a thank you from Karen Saitta, Vice President of Real Estate and Construction for Vallarta Stores. Chief Building Official Steve Woodworth for meeting with her regarding their Vallarta Store project and providing regular updates. She stated it makes her job easier. She also thanked Commander Gino Chiaramonte of the Police Department as he arranged random drive-bys of the property as she reported huge issues with homeless and drug addicts. The Police Department also responded to a theft in progress and although nobody was there when they responded, they did stay on-site until she could get someone out there to secure the building.

Division Fire Chief Matt Watson indicated there were no more people in the lobby for public comment.

Mayor Medellin asked City Clerk Alicia Gonzales to identify and read any emails received from the public as part of public comment.

Ms. Gonzales read emails from:

Gabriela Angeles asked that Council take a look at the effects that the pandemic is causing. She asked that Council hold stores accountable when they price gauge the community. She asked that they lower city utility prices, waive late fees, don't shut off the power or water for non-payment. She asked that they suspend any and all evictions.

Madeline Harris submitted translation for a non-English speaking resident who doesn't have email.

Ms. Eva (no last name given) asked Council to help them get more time to pay their rent, help them not be charged late fees and help them not get evicted from their homes during this illness that is going around. She stated most of them aren't working in the fields right now and it is a difficult time for them.

Ms. Eva also stated that the air conditioning and the heat don't work where she is living and would like the City to go inspect the apartments and homes when the weather gets warmer. She stated the landlord gets very annoyed whenever they ask him to repair things and their requests are treated as an annoyance.

Ed Chicon asked that there be a discounted price for propane during this difficult time especially for senior/disabled citizens on a fixed income. He said it costs too much to change carrier due to Suburban Propane's service charges.

Madeline Harris would like Council to call an emergency meeting to take action to protect residents from evictions during this crisis. She attached a draft ordinance for Council review.

Mayor Medellin closed public comment.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Department of Public Health Update on COVID-19 (Report by Madera County Department of Public Health Director Sara Bosse)

INTRODUCTIONS: None

A. WORKSHOP: None

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, a member of the public or a member of the Council may request an item be removed from the Consent Calendar and it will be considered separately.

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROBINSON, AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES, THE CONSENT CALENDAR, WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 7/0. AYES: MAYOR MEDELLIN, COUNCILMEMBERS GALLEGOS, RODRIGUEZ, MONTES, ROBINSON, GARCIA, AND HOLLEY. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE.

- B-1 Minutes – 03/18/20s
- B-2 Informational Report on Register Audited Demands March 7, 2020 to March 20, 2020 (Report by Roger Sanchez)
- B-3 Informational Report on Personnel Activity (Report by Wendy Silva)
- B-4 Information Report on Contract City Attorney Service Expenditures (Report by Wendy Silva)
- B-5 Waive Full Reading and Consider Adoption of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Madera, California Amending Title V: Sanitation and Health, Chapter 3: Garbage, Refuse and Recycling to Establish Mandatory Organic Recycling Requirements for Commercial Businesses and Multi-family Units Containing Five or More Units as Required by Assembly Bill No. 1826 (Report by Daniel Foss)

ORD 970 C.S. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE V: SANITATION AND HEALTH, CHAPTER 3: GARBAGE, REFUSE AND RECYCLING, SECTIONS 5-3.01 AND 5-3.09 OF THE MADERA MUNICIPAL

**CODE AND ADDING SECTION 5-3.05 TO THE MADERA MUNICIPAL CODE
RELATING TO ORGANIC WASTE RECYCLING**

B-6 Actions Relating to Rancho Santa Fe Subdivision (Tract No. 19-S-06)

- 1) Consider Adoption of a Resolution of the City of Madera Approving the Final Map for Rancho Santa Fe Subdivision (Tract No. 19-S-06) and Improvement Agreement (Agreement); and
- 2) Consider Adoption of a Resolution of the City of Madera Approving Annexation of the Rancho Santa Fe Subdivision (Tract No. 19-S-06) into Zone of Benefit 21D; confirming the Diagram and Assessments for City Wide Landscape and Lighting Assessment District Zone of Benefit 21D For Fiscal Year (FY) 2020/2021; and Authorizing the City Clerk to File the Diagram and Assessment with the Madera County Auditor (Report by Keith Helmuth)

RES 20-41 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE FINAL MAP FOR THE RANCHO SANTA FE SUBDIVISION (TRACT NO. 19-S-06) AND IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT (AGREEMENT)

RES 20-42 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ANNEXATION OF RANCHO SANTA FE SUBDIVISION (TRACT NO. 19-S-06) INTO ZONE OF BENEFIT 21D; CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT FOR CITY WIDE LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT ZONE OF BENEFIT 21D FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2020/21 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO FILE THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT WITH THE MADERA COUNTY AUDITOR

B-7 Consideration of a Minute Order of the Madera City Council Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Letter of Support for Madera County's Local Complete Count Committee in Their Efforts to Gain Partnership from Madera's Small Businesses and the Faith-Based Community in Encouraging Participation in and to Promote 2020 Census Across Their Networks (Report by Ivette Iraheta)

B-8 Consideration of Adopting a Resolution Approving a Master Services and License Agreement with Ebix, Inc. for access to RiskEnvision Software and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Agreement (Report by Wendy Silva)

RES 20-43 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA APPROVING A MASTER SERVICES AND LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MADERA AND EBIX, INC., AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT

B-9 Consideration of a Resolution Amending the City's Classification Plan and Setting the Assigned Salary Range for the Following Position:

- 1) Consideration of Adopting a Resolution Amending the City of Madera Classification Plan by Adding a Lead Electrician to the Classification Plan and Setting the Assigned Salary Range for the Classification; and

- 2) Consideration of a Minute Order Increasing the Staffing Allocation in the Electrical and Facilities Division of the Public Works Department by the Addition of one Lead Electrician Position (Report by Wendy Silva)

RES 20-44 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA AMENDING THE CITY OF MADERA CLASSIFICATION PLAN BY ADDING LEAD ELECTRICIAN TO THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND SETTING THE ASSIGNED SALARY RANGE FOR THE CLASSIFICATION

- B-10 Consideration of Adopting a Minute Order Ratifying Actions Taken by the City Manager in his Role as Director of Emergency Services Relating to Employee Leave and Benefit Modifications to Support Employees During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (Report by Wendy Silva)

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

D. PETITIONS, BIDS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND AGREEMENTS:

- D-1 Waive Full Reading and Consider Introduction of an Ordinance of the City of Madera adding Section 1-6.18 to Title I Chapter 6 of the Madera Municipal Code relating to City Manager Authority on Claims Against the City (Report by Wendy Silva)

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLLEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ROBINSON, ITEM D-1 INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 7/0. AYES: MAYOR MEDELLIN, COUNCILMEMBERS GALLEGOS, RODRIGUEZ, MONTES, ROBINSON, GARCIA, AND HOLLEY. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE.

INTRO ORD AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA ADDING SECTION 1-6.18 TO TITLE I CHAPTER 6 OF THE MADERA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO CITY MANAGER AUTHORITY ON CLAIMS AGAINST CITY

- D-2 Consideration of Adopting Resolutions Approving Agreements for Planning, Zoning, and Environmental Review Consultant Services and on-call City Planning Services with the following firms:

- 1) Rincon Consultants, Inc., not to exceed \$50,000; and
- 2) Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group, not to exceed \$50,000 (Report by Arnolando Rodriguez)

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLLEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ROBINSON, ITEM D-2 WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 7/0. AYES: MAYOR MEDELLIN, COUNCILMEMBERS GALLEGOS, RODRIGUEZ, MONTES, ROBINSON, GARCIA, AND HOLLEY. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE.

RES 20-45 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH RINCON CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR PLANNING AND

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW SERVICES RELATING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CITY'S ADOPTED PLANS, POLICIES, AND ZONING REGULATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

RES 20-46 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH PROVOST & PRITCHARD CONSULTING GROUP FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW SERVICES RELATING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CITY'S ADOPTED PLANS, POLICIES, AND ZONING REGULATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

D-3 Consideration of Adopting a Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Madera and the Madera Police Officers' Association and Authorizing the City Manager to Sign the Memorandum (Report by Wendy Silva)

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLLEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ROBINSON, ITEM D-3 WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 7/0. AYES: MAYOR MEDELLIN, COUNCILMEMBERS GALLEGOS, RODRIGUEZ, MONTES, ROBINSON, GARCIA, AND HOLLEY. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE.

RES 20-47 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF MADERA AND THE MADERA POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE MEMORANDUM

D-4 Consideration of Adopting a Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Madera and the Law Enforcement Mid Management Group and Authorizing the City Manager to Sign the Memorandum (Report by Wendy Silva)

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ROBINSON, ITEM D-4 WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 7/0. AYES: MAYOR MEDELLIN, COUNCILMEMBERS GALLEGOS, RODRIGUEZ, MONTES, ROBINSON, GARCIA, AND HOLLEY. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE.

RES 20-48 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF MADERA AND THE LAW ENFORCEMENT MID MANAGEMENT GROUP AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE MEMORANDUM

D-5 Consideration of Adopting a Resolution Amending the Sales Price listed in the Purchase Agreement for Parcel 16 within Freedom Industrial Park located on the Northwest Intersection of West Pecan Avenue and South Pine Street to Span Development, LLC. The Amendment is being requested to reflect the Net Acreage rather than Gross Acreage at the Appraised Value of \$2.02 per square foot (APN: 009-331-018). The Purchase Agreement was originally Considered and Approved by the City Council (Council) on September 7, 2017 per Resolution No. 17-126 (Report by Arnoldo Rodriguez)

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLLEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS, ITEM D-5 WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 7/0. AYES: MAYOR MEDELLIN, COUNCILMEMBERS GALLEGOS, RODRIGUEZ, MONTES, ROBINSON, GARCIA, AND HOLLEY. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE.

RES 20-49 A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 17-126 RELATING TO A STANDARD OFFER, AGREEMENT AND ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS (AGREEMENT) FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE FOR PARCEL 16 WITHIN THE FREEDOM INDUSTRIAL PARK TO SPAN DEVELOPMENT, LLC, A WYOMING LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (APN: 009-331-018) AND AUTHORIZING ADDENDUM TO AGREEMENT

D-6 Consideration of Adopting a Resolution Approving the Sale of Parcels 12 and 13 totaling 4.2 acres within Freedom Industrial Park located on the northwest intersection of West Pecan Avenue and South Pine Street to Span Development, LLC for the appraised value of \$421,792 (APN: 009-331- 002 & 009-331-003) (Report by Arnoldo Rodriguez)

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLLEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ROBINSON, ITEM D-6 WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 7/0. AYES: MAYOR MEDELLIN, COUNCILMEMBERS GALLEGOS, RODRIGUEZ, MONTES, ROBINSON, GARCIA, AND HOLLEY. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE.

RES 20-50 A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND JOINT ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE (PARCELS 12 AND 13 WITHIN THE FREEDOM INDUSTRIAL PARK) TO SPAN DEVELOPMENT, LLC, A WYOMING LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FOR \$421,792 (APN: 009-331-002 AND 009-331-003) AND APPROVING RELATED OPTION AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

E. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

E-1 Discussion and Action on Measures to Mitigate the Impacts of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic (Report by Arnoldo Rodriguez)

City Clerk Alicia Gonzales read emails from the public:

Johanna Torres asked that City Council consider implementing a freeze on all evictions. She would like City Council to consider lowering or subsidizing water fees. She also asked that City Council implement an ordinance where businesses are required to inform consumers via posting about price gouging laws and ensure enforcement by closely monitoring complaints, outcomes and trends.

Police Chief Dino Lawson responded that they investigate price gouging, however if the merchant is buying item for a higher price, they are able to sell at a higher price without breaking the law. Police Chief Dino Lawson responded to Councilmember Montes that they can do a better job at getting the message out regarding price gouging investigations.

Patsy Mejia stated that while watching this evening's live streamed meeting, she noticed there is no immediately accessible forum where a person can pose a question to local representatives regarding agenda items. She stated that it is quite concerning that they often turned and asked if there was public comment in the lobby of City Hall given the current public health crisis. She stated it highlights a complete disregard for the safety and health of Madera residents and a lack of accessibility to residents to provide public opinion/comment. She asked what measures they anticipate implementing to keep residents safe and secure within their homes, while facilitating access to Madera City Council meetings.

Patsy Mejia asked that City Council consider implementing a freeze on all evictions. She would like City Council to consider lowering or subsidizing water fees. She also asked that City Council implement an ordinance where businesses are required to inform consumers via posting about price gouging laws and ensure enforcement by closely monitoring complaints, outcomes and trends.

Patsy Mejia would like the City Council to seriously consider providing internet access and technology to all students, as many like herself have had to return home from university. She stated they need to provide adequate resources to their students and residents in order to help all residents succeed.

Patsy Mejia asked if the City of Madera will provide relief for residents once rent freezes are lifted. She asked if Madera residents can count on the City Council to ensure that residents are not evicted once eviction freezes are lifted.

Elsa Mejia asked that City Council consider implementing a freeze on all evictions. She would like City Council to consider lowering or subsidizing water fees. She also asked that City Council implement an ordinance where businesses are required to inform consumers via posting about price gouging laws and ensure enforcement by closely monitoring complaints, outcomes and trends.

Mayor Medellin stated that some of the concerns mentioned have been addressed by Police Chief Lawson and by some of the things they recently discussed.

Mayor Medellin stated that they are offering the lobby if they want to come in to address Council because they don't have access to internet. He stated that in order to give everyone access, they are limiting one person at a time to come in and use a phone and not be in contact with anybody while they give their public comment as done by Mr. Kahn at 6:00 p.m. this evening. Mayor Medellin stated they are trying to improve. He knows they can get better at certain things. They are doing the best they can to receive everybody's comments and when possible, give answers to those comments.

Mayor Medellin asked the Councilmembers if they had any other comments or concerns that they've heard from their constituents.

Councilmember Montes stated that he had an essential business owner reach out to him. That business owner was representing other essential businesses. They are not opposed with limiting hours, but they were concerned with what could happen if there is nobody at the shop.

Mayor Medellin stated that there have been a number of convenience stores that have grouped together recently that have stated they want to be part of the solution. Their concern is possible theft if they have to reduce hours or close at specific hour.

Police Chief Lawson stated they are doing patrols of businesses and keeping an eye on them.

Councilmember Gallegos stated she received a lot of phone calls and texts from concerned residents regarding families with babies in strollers that go to Walmart and not going in and just getting what they need and then leaving. She stated that because of this, a lot of residents are going to the Walmarts in Kerman and Fresno, because they can order online, drive to the store and put their items in their trunk and drive out. They are concerned about going to the Madera Walmart, because everyone is there, and they are looking at it as a social event to see people.

City Manager Arnoldo Rodriguez stated he can reach out to the Walmart store manager and express the concerns.

- E-2 Requesting Direction on the Criteria for the Placement of New Solar Powered Street Lights as part of the City's Energy Improvement Program in Partnership with ENGIE, Inc. (Report by Arnoldo Rodriguez & Keith Helmuth)
- E-3 Update on Negotiations for Golf Course Maintenance (Report by John Scarborough)
- E-4 Status Update on the Downtown Madera Veterans and Family Housing Project, a 48-unit Affordable Housing Development, located at the intersection of East 5th and North C Streets (Report by Arnoldo Rodriguez)

F. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

This portion of the meeting is reserved for the Mayor and Councilmembers (i) to make brief reports on boards, committees, and other public agencies, and at public events, (ii) to request updates, (iii) to initiate future agenda items., and (iv) to take action on matters initiated under this section of the agenda. Under this section the Council may take action only on items specifically agendized and which meet other requirements for action.

Councilmember Robinson stated he is shut in and working on his garden.

Councilmember Gallegos thanked City staff for working hard and putting in late hours. She stated she misses everyone out there and when things get better, they will be getting a big hug from her.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia stated they should keep their friends and family in their prayers and close to their hearts and if they can help anybody out in this time of need, they should do that.

Councilmember Holley stated staff has done a wonderful job and he likes what is going on. He stated his wife may be able to go home tomorrow and thanked them for their prayers.

Councilmember Rodriguez thanked staff for everything they are doing. It is a great team. He thanked Dan Foss for taking on the Interim Public Works Director position.

Councilmember Montes thanked staff for all the hard work and long hours. A lot of staff is still going in to work every day and he thinks that is important. He stated the blood banks are still looking for blood donations. He stated he completed his Census today and reminded everyone to fill out the Census.

Mayor Medellin thanked everybody who is wearing their orange Census shirts. He asked that everybody fill out their Census and send it in. Today is the opening day of the Census.

Mayor Medellin thanked the team. He stated they have an absolute outstanding team at the City of Madera. They are all in it together and they all want to be part of the solution. He stated he understands the community's frustration and they share their frustration. He stated this is new to all of them. He wants everybody to know that as leadership, they are doing everything they can and as a City and every single one of their employees to bring stability. He asked that they continue to rely on their faith, family and friends and stay connected.

Mayor Medellin recognized the Police Department, Fire Department, Madera Rescue Mission, Madera Community Hospital, Camarena Health and Madera County Health Department for dealing with this crisis like true professionals. He gave a special shout out to the Madera County Food Bank. On a normal month, the food bank delivers and distributes 250,000 pounds every month or about 800 boxes on average. In the last 14 days, they have distributed 300,000 pounds of food or about 1,200 boxes. They are in the City of Madera, Chowchilla, Coarsegold, Oakhurst, etc.

Mayor Medellin stated they are all trying to do everything they can to get through this ugly virus that he has no doubt will be behind them soon enough, so they can move forward and get back to normal type of operations.

Mayor Medellin asked if Council feels it is necessary to limit the number of hours of operations specifically for convenience stores in an emergency ordinance.

Councilmember Montes stated he is in favor of limiting the number of hours of operations for convenience stores and would like to add the posting of price gouging.

Councilmember Rodriguez stated he'd hate to do something that is not fair by singling out one group and not others.

Councilmember Gallegos said she is good with both. She is ok with whatever the majority wants to do.

Mayor Medellin stated the it was the coalition of the convenience store owners that had requested that this be discussed.

Mayor Medellin confirmed that they are just tasking City Attorney Cantu Montoy to add to the Governor's moratorium. They are not adding the convenience store item.

Councilmember Gallegos gave a shout out to the agricultural workers and professional drivers as without them, they wouldn't have food on their tables and bring items into the stores.

G. CLOSED SESSION

- G-1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)
Name of Case: MCA 1803 LLC v. City of Madera
- G-2 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2): 2 cases
- G-3 Threat to public services or facilities, Government Code Section 54957(a), Consultation with City Manager, City Attorney, Department Heads

City Attorney Hilda Cantu Montoy made the Closed Session Announcement at 10:18 p.m.

Council returned from closed session at 11:32 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

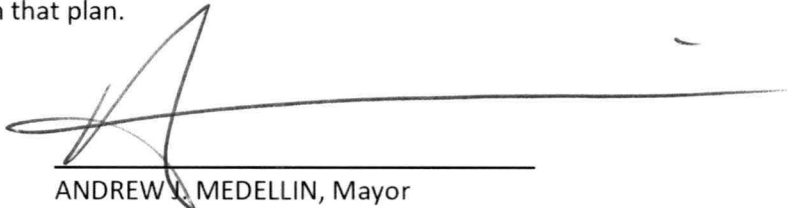
City Attorney Hilda Cantu Montoy reported that there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 p.m. Next regular meeting April 15, 2020.

CONSISTENCY WITH THE VISION MADERA 2025 PLAN

Approval of the minutes is not addressed in the vision or action plans; the requested action is also not in conflict with any of the actions or goals contained in that plan.


ALICIA GONZALES, City Clerk


ANDREW J. MEDELLIN, Mayor

