Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Madera City Council

December 2, 2020

This meeting was conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Governor’s Executive Order which suspends certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act. The City Council meeting was live streamed on the City’s website. Members of the public were able to participate in the meeting remotely through an electronic meeting via phone by dialing (669) 900-6833 enter ID: 949 5782 1837# followed by *9 on their phone to speak. Comments were also accepted via email at citycouncilpubliccomment@madera.gov or by regular mail at 205 W. 4th Street, Madera, CA 93637.

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

ROLL CALL
Present: Mayor Pro Tem Santos Garcia, District 5
Councilmember Cece Gallegos, District 1
Councilmember Jose Rodriguez, District 2 (Arrived at 6:03 p.m.)
Councilmember Steve Montes, District 3
Councilmember Derek O. Robinson Sr., District 4
Councilmember Donald E. Holley, District 6

Councilmember Elect Anita Evans, District 4
Councilmember Elect Artemio Villegas, District 6

Absent: Mayor Andrew J. Medellin

Others present were City Manager Arnoldo Rodriguez, City Clerk Alicia Gonzales, City Attorney Hilda Cantu Montoya, Chief Building Official Steven Woodworth, City Engineer Keith Helmuth, Financial Services Director Roger Sanchez, Fire Division Chief Matt Watson, Grants Administrator Ivette Iraheta, Human Resources Director Wendy Silva, Information Services Manager Mark Souders, Parks & Community Services Director John Scarborough, Planning Manager Gary Conte, Chief of Police Dino Lawson, Interim Public Work Director Dan Foss, Associate Civil Engineer Victor Aldama, and Administrative Analyst Il Mary Church.

INVOCATION: Rev. Sammie Neely, Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Holley
APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS, THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 6/0. AYES: MAYOR PRO TEM GARCIA, COUNCILMEMBERS GALLEGOS, RODRIGUEZ, MONTES, ROBINSON, AND HOLLEY. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: MAYOR MEDELLIN. ABSTAIN: NONE.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
The first 15 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 comments. 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.

No public comments were submitted. Public comment was closed.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PRESENTATIONS:

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

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 APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 6/0. AYES: MAYOR PRO TEM GARCIA, COUNCILMEMBERS GALLEGOS, RODRIGUEZ, MONTES, ROBINSON, AND HOLLEY. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: MAYOR MEDELLIN. ABSTAIN: NONE.

B-1 Informational Report on Register of Audited Demands for Nov. 7, 2020 to Nov. 20, 2020
Recommendation: No Action Required (Report by Roger Sanchez)

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

C-1 2019/2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) and Financial Summary Report
**Recommendation:** Conduct the Public Hearing and Adopt a Resolution Approving the Submission of the 2019/2020 Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report and Financial Summary Report (Report by Ivette Iraheta)

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ, ITEM C-1 WAS APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 6/0. AYES: MAYOR PRO TEM GARCIA, COUNCILMEMBERS GALLEGOS, RODRIGUEZ, MONTES, ROBINSON, AND HOLLEY. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: MAYOR MEDELLIN. ABSTAIN: NONE.**


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

**D-1** Acceptance of a Grant Award from the Kaiser Foundation Hospital’s Northern California Community Benefit Program

**Recommendation:** 1) Accept a Grant Award in the Amount of $80,000 for the Trail Par Course Project; and

2) Adopt a Resolution Amending the City’s Fiscal Year 2020/21 Budget for the Acceptance of Grant Revenue in the Amount of $80,000 (Report by John Scarborough)

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROBINSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ, ITEM D-1 WAS APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 6/0. AYES: MAYOR PRO TEM GARCIA, COUNCILMEMBERS GALLEGOS, RODRIGUEZ, MONTES, ROBINSON, AND HOLLEY. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: MAYOR MEDELLIN. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

RES 20-160 **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA ACCEPTING A GRANT AWARD FROM KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITAL’S NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF $80,000 FOR THE TRAIL PAR COURSE PROJECT**

RES 20-161 **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020/21 BUDGET FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF $80,000.00**

**D-2** Resolution Declaring the Results of the 2020 General Election, Oaths of Office, and Annual Reorganization

**Recommendation:** Council review the Madera County Elections Office canvass for Mayor and City Council positions and take the following action:
1) By Motion Adopt a Resolution Declaring the Results of the 2020 General Election as Certified by the Madera County Elections Office; and

2) Performance of Ceremonial Oaths of Office; and

3) Council to Recognize Outgoing Mayor and Council Members for their Years of Service; and

4) Council to Accept Nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem and make Appointment by Motion. (Report by Alicia Gonzales)

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES, ITEM D-2 (1) WAS APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 6/0. AYES: MAYOR PRO TEM GARCIA, COUNCILMEMBERS GALLEGOS, RODRIGUEZ, MONTES, ROBINSON, AND HOLLEY. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: MAYOR MEDELLIN. ABSTAIN: NONE.


ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS, ITEM D-2 (4) NOMINATING ARTEMIO VILLEGAS AS MAYOR PRO TEM WAS APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 6/0. AYES: MAYOR GARCIA, COUNCILMEMBERS GALLEGOS, RODRIGUEZ, MONTES, EVANS, AND VILLEGAS. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: DISTRICT 5 IS CURRENTLY VACANT. ABSTAIN: NONE.

D-3 Filling of Councilmember Vacancy in City Council District 5

Recommendation: City Council consider whether to fill the vacancy in Council District 5 by appointment or by a special election to be held on November 2, 2021. If Council chooses to fill by appointment, approve resolution adopting a process for filling the vacancy. If Council chooses to fill by election, direct staff to present a resolution calling an election to the Council at the next meeting (Report by Arnoldo Rodriguez)

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ, ITEM D-3 WAS APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 6/0 WITH CITY CLERK TO FILL IN THE DATE ON FORM THAT ALLOWS ENOUGH TIME TO PROCESS AND BRING BACK TO COUNCIL. AYES: MAYOR GARCIA, COUNCILMEMBERS GALLEGOS, RODRIGUEZ, MONTES, EVANS, AND VILLEGAS. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: DISTRICT 5 IS CURRENTLY VACANT. ABSTAIN: NONE.

RES 20-163 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA ADOPTING A PROCESS FOR FILLING OF VACANCY ON THE CITY COUNCIL BY APPOINTMENT

E. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: None
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 Gallegos stated the trails that connect under the railroad bridge look great. She congratulated the Fire Department on the opening of Fire Station 58. They have already received two calls.

Councilmember Rodriguez thanked former Councilmembers Holley and Robinson as well as former Mayor Medellin for their service. It was a pleasure working with them.

Councilmember Rodriguez asked that an item be added to a future agenda regarding the Cannabis Ad-Hoc Committee as one of the members is now gone.

Councilmember Montes thanked everybody who participated in the democratic process.

Councilmember Evans thanked her family who attended this evening as well as Council. She thanked Councilmember Robinson for a great race.

Councilmember Villegas thanked Mayor Garcia and everybody that helped him with his campaign. He thanked all the citizens of Madera.

Mayor Garcia thanked the staff of Madera for their generosity and hard work. He thanked them for everything they do for the community. He stated he has faith that they will do everything in their power to move the City forward and do the best that they can for the residents of their community.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m. Next regular meeting on December 16, 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.

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ALICIA GONZALES, City Clerk

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SANTOS GARCIA, Mayor

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ZELDA LEON, Deputy City Clerk

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