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| Item: | B-1 |
| Minutes for: | 03/03/2021 |
| Adopted: | 07/21/2021 |

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Madera City Council

**March 3, 2021
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. The City Council meeting was live streamed on the City’s website at www.madera.gov/live. 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: 965 2162 7717# 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 Santos Garcia
Mayor Pro Tem Artemio Villegas, District 6
Councilmember Cece Gallegos, District 1
Councilmember Jose Rodriguez, District 2
Councilmember Steve Montes, District 3
Councilmember Anita Evans, District 4

Absent: Vacant, District 5

Others present were City Manager Arnoldo Rodriguez, City Clerk Alicia Gonzales, City Attorney Hilda Cantu Montoy, 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, Planning Manager Gary Conte, Chief of Police Dino Lawson, Interim Public Work Director Dan Foss, and Communication Specialist Joseph Carrello.

INVOCATION: Priest Bhai Pritam Singh, Madera Sikh Temple

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: City Engineer Keith Helmuth

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES, THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: DISTRICT 5 IS CURRENTLY VACANT. ABSTAIN: NONE.

THE MOTION PASSED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

**YES: 6 – COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS
COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ
COUNCILMEMBER MONTES
COUNCILMEMBER EVANS
MAYOR PRO TEM VILLEGAS
MAYOR GARCIA**

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 Comment was 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 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 RODRIGUEZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS, THE CONSENT CALENDAR WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: DISTRICT 5 IS CURRENTLY VACANT. ABSTAIN: NONE.

THE MOTION PASSED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

**YES: 6 – COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS
COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ
COUNCILMEMBER MONTES
COUNCILMEMBER EVANS
MAYOR PRO TEM VILLEGAS
MAYOR GARCIA**

B-1 Minutes – 12/02/20, 01/25/21s

Recommendation: Approve the City Council Minutes of Dec. 2, 2020 and Jan. 25, 2021

B-2 Informational Report on Register of Audited Demands for Feb. 6, 2021 to Feb. 19, 2021

Recommendation: No Action Required (Report by Roger Sanchez)

B-3 Informational Report on Contract City Attorney Services and Litigation Expenditures

Recommendation: This report is submitted for informational purposes only and there is no action requested from the City Council (Report by Arnolando Rodriguez)

B-4 Appointment to the City's Block Grant Commission

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Approving Councilmember Villegas recommendation to appoint Dulce Arredondo to the Block Grant Commission (BGC) (Report by Ivette Iraheta)

RES 21-37 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF MADERA FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 BUDGET

B-5 Letter of Support for the Proposed \$350 Billion COVID-19 Relief Package Bill for State and Local Governments

Recommendation: Approve a Minute Order Approving a Letter of Support for \$350 Billion COVID Relief Package Bill for State and Local Governments (Report by Arnolando Rodriguez)

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

D. PETITIONS, BIDS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND AGREEMENTS: None

E. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

E-1 City Contribution towards the Madera County Economic Development Commission (EDC) for Fiscal Year 2021/22 in the Amount of \$181,749.80

Recommendation: The EDC recommends the City Council Adopt a Minute Order Approving the 2021/22 Basic Service Level Budget as Submitted (Report by Bobby Kahn)

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES, ITEM E-1 WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: DISTRICT 5 IS CURRENTLY VACANT. ABSTAIN: NONE.

THE MOTION PASSED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

**YES: 6 – COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS
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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 thanked everyone for attending this evenings meeting, and that everyone continue to stay safe and healthy. She stated the numbers (Covid-19 new cases) are going down and she sees good things happening in the City of Madera. Hopefully, we will be able to open parks, so residents can get out and get some air. She stated the schools are looking to bring the children back into the schools, so educators are getting vaccinated, so that everyone can get back to their routines. She looks forward to seeing everyone in attendance once they start meeting in the Council Chambers.

Councilmember Rodriguez thanked staff for their work and cleaning out the Schnoor bridge. He thanked Wendy for getting the vaccine information to him. He hopes that the City and community get vaccinated, so that they can get back to normality.

Councilmember Montes stated he is glad to see that the Mayor is getting better. He asked everyone to stay safe.

Councilmember Evans thanked everyone for bearing with her in trying to get more information in regard to the EDC item. She thanked Dan Foss for his input and work at The Meadows. Councilmember Evans asked to agendize streetlights on Merced Street for the next meeting. She is also looking forward to having these meetings in the Council Chambers.

Mayor Pro Tem Villegas letter from community regarding opening the youth sports. He advised her that they were waiting for the government to say they can.

Councilmember Rodriguez thanked staff for replying to concerns from the public quickly.

Mayor Garcia acknowledged the calls of support and prayers from the community and staff during his Covid-19 illness. He advocated the importance of taking the vaccine, wearing masks and social distancing.

G. CLOSED SESSION:

G-1 Conference with Labor Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code §554957.6

Agency Designated Representatives: Arnoldo Rodriguez and Wendy Silva

Employee Organizations: General Bargaining Unit/Madera Affiliated City Employees Association, Mid-Management Employee Group, Madera Police Officers' Association Law Enforcement Mid Management

G-2 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)

Josh Chavez EAMS No. ADJ12865075

City Attorney Hilda Cantu Montoy made the Closed Session Announcement at 7:19 p.m.


Council returned from closed session at 8:20 p.m. with six (6) Councilmembers present as District 5 is currently vacant.

City Attorney Hilda Cantu Montoy stated there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m. Next regular meeting on March 17, 2021.

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



SANTOS GARCIA, Mayor



MINUTES PREPARED BY
ZELDA LEON, Deputy City Clerk

