



Item:	B-1
Minutes for:	03/16/2022
Adopted:	07/20/2022

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Madera City Council
and
Special Meeting of the Madera City Council as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

**Wednesday, March 16, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

**Council Chambers
City Hall**

The Council Chambers will be open to the public. This meeting will also be available for public viewing and participation through Zoom. Members of the public may also observe the live streamed meeting on the City’s website at www.madera.gov/live. Members of the public may comment on agenda items at the meeting or remotely through an electronic meeting via phone by dialing (669) 900-6833 enter ID: 898 0363 8602#. Comments will also be accepted via email at citycouncilpubliccomment@madera.gov or by regular mail at 205 W. 4th Street, Madera, CA 93637.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

- All Present:** Mayor Santos Garcia
Mayor Pro Tem Anita Evans, District 4
Councilmember Cece Gallegos, District 1
Councilmember Jose Rodriguez, District 2
Councilmember Steve Montes, District 3
Councilmember Elsa Mejia, District 5
Councilmember Artemio Villegas, District 6

Others present were City Manager Arnoldo Rodriguez, City Clerk Alicia Gonzales, City Attorney Hilda Cantu Montoy, City Engineer Keith Helmuth, Fire Chief Matt Watson, Interim Parks Director Joseph Hebert, Interim Director of Financial Services Anthony Forestiere, Information Services Manager Mark Souders, Police Chief Dino Lawson, Interim Public Work Director Dan Foss, Wastewater Treatment Plan Operator Gabriel Bostan, Assistant Planner, Alexis Raymundo, Assistant Planner Jonathan Gramajo, Deputy City Clerk Zelda Leon, and Communication Specialist Joseph Carrello.

INVOCATION: Mayor Pro Tem Anita Evans

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Anthony Forestiere, Interim Financial Services Manager

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS, THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED BY A 7/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE.

THE MOTION PASSED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

**YES: 7 – COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS
COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ
COUNCILMEMBER MONTES
MAYOR PRO TEM EVANS
COUNCILMEMBER MEJIA
COUNCILMEMBER 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 presented. Public Comment was closed.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Department of Public Health Update on COVID-19 (Report by Madera County Public Health Department)
2. Madera Evening Lions Proclamation
3. American Red Cross Month Proclamation
4. Mayor's Recognition - Madera Tribune
5. Mayor's Recognition - DJ Becker
6. District 1 Woman of the Year Award

INTRODUCTIONS:

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 VILLEGAS, THE CONSENT CALENDAR WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS STEPPED OUT OF COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 6:39 P.M. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS. ABSTAIN: NONE.

THE MOTION PASSED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

**COUNCILMEMBER MEJIA
COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS
MAYOR GARCIA**

B-1 Minutes – 8/4/21, 01/19/22

Recommendation: Approve the City Council Minutes of August 4, 2021 and January 19, 2022

B-2 Informational Report on Register of Audited Demands for February 19, 2022 to March 4, 2022.

Recommendation: No Action Required (Report by Anthony Forestiere)

B-3 Informational Report on Personnel Activity

Recommendation: No Action Required (Report by Wendy Silva)

B-4 Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget Amendment for the Airport

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Approving a Budget Amendment related to the January 19, 2022 Airport Rescue Grant in the amount of \$59,000 (Report by Daniel Foss)

RES 22-34 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,000 RELATING TO AIRPORT RESCUE GRANT

**B-5 2021 Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program SGMA Implementation Grant
(Action on this item by the Groundwater Sustainability Agency)**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Authorizing a Grant Application 2021 Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program SGMA Implementation Grant (Report by Keith Helmuth)

GSA RES 22-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR 2021 SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM SGMA IMPLEMENTATION GRANT

B-6 Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Updating Prima Facie Speed Limits on Designated City

Recommendation: Waive Full Reading and Adopt an Ordinance Amending Section 3-5.08 of Chapter 5 of Title 3 of the Madera Municipal Code to Update Prima Facie Speed Limits on City Streets (Report by Keith Helmuth)

ORD 987 C.S. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA AMENDING SECTION 3-5.08 OF CHAPTER 5 OF TITLE III OF THE MADERA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO INCREASING STATE SPEED LIMIT IN CERTAIN ZONES

B-7 Madera Golf Course Update

Recommendation: No Action Required (Report by Arnolando Rodriguez)

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

C-1 7:00PM – Public Hearing Regarding City Council District Boundary Adjustments (Redistricting) and Introduction of Ordinance Adjusting District Boundaries

Recommendation:

- 1) Conduct Public Hearing on the final map and proposed ordinance; and
- 2) Waive Full Reading and Introduce an Ordinance Amending Section 2-1.21 of Chapter 1 of Title II of the Madera Municipal Code Regarding By-District Elections, Adjusting the Boundaries of City Council Election Districts and Confirming Such Revised Council Boundaries (Report by Alicia Gonzales)

Presentation by Joanna Gin, BB&K Associate

No public comment was submitted. Public comment was closed.

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS, ITEM C-1 APPROVED BY A 7/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE.

THE MOTION PASSED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

**YES: 7 – COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS
COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ
COUNCILMEMBER MONTES
MAYOR PRO TEM EVANS
COUNCILMEMBER MEJIA
COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS
MAYOR GARCIA**

INTRO ORD AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION 2-1.21 OF CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE II OF THE MADERA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING BY-DISTRICT ELECTIONS, ADJUSTING THE BOUNDARIES OF CITY COUNCIL ELECTION DISTRICTS AND CONFIRMING SUCH REVISED COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

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

D-1 Remote City Council Meetings Under Brown Act Requirements (Assembly Bill 361)

Recommendation:

- 1) Council to decide to allow Public Meetings by the City Council and all Boards, Commissions, and Standing Committees of the City with the remote meeting requirements set forth by the Brown Act; or
- 2) Council to decide to adopt a Resolution Reauthorizing Remote Teleconference Public Meetings by the City Council and All Boards, Commissions, and Standing Committees of the City in Accordance with Assembly Bill 361 for a Period of 30 Days (Report by Arnolando Rodriguez)

Item D-1 was heard prior to the Item C-1 Redistricting Public Hearing.

No public comment was submitted. Public comment was closed.

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS, THE CONSENT CALENDAR WAS APPROVED BY A 5/1 VOTE. COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS STEPPED OUT OF COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 6:39 P.M. NOES: COUNCILMEMBER MONTES. ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS. ABSTAIN: NONE.

THE MOTION PASSED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

**YES: 5 – COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ
MAYOR PRO TEM EVANS
COUNCILMEMBER MEJIA
COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS
MAYOR GARCIA**

NO: 1 - COUNCILMEMBER MONTES

RES 22-35 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA REAUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND ALL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE CITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL 361 FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY DAYS

E. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

E-1 Cannabis Update

Recommendation: Informational Report (Report by Arnolando Rodriguez)

Councilmember Gallegos returned to the Council Chambers at 6:53 p.m.

Public comment was heard from community members Rico Saldivar, Jorge Deleija, Roman Gonzalez, and Karl Clouse.

City Council comments were heard.

City Manager comments were heard.

At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Garcia requested that Item C-1 be heard, and Item E-1 will be continued following the commencement of Item C-1.

Council returned to Item E-1 at 7:24 p.m.

Mayor Garcia asked his colleagues for any further comments on this item.

No further comments were made.

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.

Councilwoman Gallego gave a shout out to the City of Madera's 5k team. Also gave a shout out to Span Construction for the new Industrial Freedom Park sign. Councilmember Gallegos mentioned that Councilmembers have invitations to disseminate for the Fire Station 58 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony scheduled for March 30.

Councilmember Rodriguez stated that he attended a meeting with various stakeholders to advocate for the completion of State Route 99. He added that the 4th of July event has been able to secure various donations.

Councilmember Montes thanked the concerned staff and community members who joined the PG&E call to advocate for Madera's access to affordable energy. He also mentioned CAPMC is hosting the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event on April 23. Additionally, mentioned the City will be hosting the

Esperanza Village Ribbon Cutting on March 22. Lastly, he thanked staff for securing the approximately \$832,000 grant to clean up the Fresno River and Vernon McCullough Trail.

Mayor Pro Tem Evans echoed the remarks of Councilmember Montes regarding the grant to clean up the Fresno River. She mentioned she has been attending the multiple day community connections event at Madera South High School. Lastly, she mentioned she participated in an art contest at James Monroe Elementary School.

Councilwoman Mejia recognized Women's History Month and thanked Councilwoman Gallegos for recognizing the women in the community. She also announced the Madera Coalition for Community Justice is hosting a health event on March 25 and seeking volunteers for this event.

Councilmember Villegas recognized all the women who were given awards at the meeting. Mentioned he will not be able to attend the Esperanza Village Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. He also wished everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day.

Mayor Garcia mentioned Council received an invitation to attend an event to honor Cesar Chavez held at Madera High School on Thursday, March 31. He also echoed those comments of Councilmember Montes regarding the meeting with PG&E.

G. CLOSED SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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

