

Item:	B-1
Minutes for:	10/20/2021
Adopted:	07/06/2022

## **Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Madera City Council**

**October 20, 2021**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Council Chambers**  
**City Hall**

The Council Chambers was open to the public. This meeting was also available for public viewing and participation through Zoom. Members of the public were also able to observe the live streamed meeting on the City's website at [www.madera.gov/live](http://www.madera.gov/live). Members of the public were able to comment on agenda items at the meeting or remotely through an electronic meeting via phone by dialing (669) 900-6833 enter ID: #890 8593 5868. Comments were also accepted via email at [citycouncilpubliccomment@madera.gov](mailto:citycouncilpubliccomment@madera.gov) or by regular mail at 205 W. 4th Street, Madera, CA 93637.

The City observed the Madera County Public Health Department physical distancing recommendations. This may have limited seating in the Council Chamber; however, the City had seating available in the foyer. All persons visiting City facilities shall observe health and safety protocols.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** 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:** Mayor Garcia  
Vacant, District 5

Others present were City Manager Arnoldo Rodriguez, City Clerk Alicia Gonzales, City Attorney Hilda Cantu Montoy, Chief Building Official Steve Woodworth, City Engineer Keith Helmuth, Finance Department Consultant Vick Crow, Fire Division Chief Matthew Watson, Director of Human Resources Wendy Silva, Information Services Manager Mark Souders, Planning Manager Gary Conte, Police Chief Dino Lawson, Interim Public Work Director Dan Foss, Deputy City Engineer Ellen Bitter, Senior Civil Engineer Steve Bettencourt, Senior Civil Engineer Victor Aldama, Administrative Analyst (PW) Adam Gonzales, and Communication Specialist Joseph Carrello.

**INVOCATION:** Councilwoman Anita Evans

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Pro Tem Villegas

**LATE DISTRIBUTION ANNOUNCEMENT:**

City Clerk Alicia Gonzales announced that pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.5, members of the public were advised that less than 72 hours prior to this evening's meeting, Item C-2 was distributed to the Council and posted on the City's website after the agenda packet was posted. Members of the public wishing to view or obtain a copy of this item may do so by visiting the City of Madera Meeting and Agenda page located on the City's website or by contacting the City Clerk's office.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

City Clerk Alicia Gonzales informed Council that Mayor Garcia requested that Items E-1 and E-2 be moved to the November 3, 2021 Council meeting.

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER EVANS, TO ADOPT THE AGENDA EXCLUDING ITEM E-1 AND ITEM E-2 FAILED BY A 5/0 VOTE. NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS GALLEGOS, RODRIGUEZ AND MONTES. ABSENT: MAYOR GARCIA. DISTRICT 5 IS CURRENTLY VACANT. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS, THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED WAS ADOPTED BY A 3/2 VOTE. NOES: COUNCILMEMBER EVANS AND MAYOR PRO TEM VILLEGAS. ABSENT: MAYOR GARCIA. DISTRICT 5 IS CURRENTLY VACANT. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

**THE MOTION PASSED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**YES: 3 –      COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS  
                  COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ  
                  COUNCILMEMBER MONTES**

**NO: 2 -        COUNCILMEMBER EVANS  
                  MAYOR PRO TEM VILLEGAS**

**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.*

Vernon Lund stated he has a T-Hangar at the airport and recently, Interim Public Works Director Dan Foss and members of the Airport Advisory Committee visited the hangar. As part of his conversation with them, he discovered that none of them, except for Jerry Holiday, were grounded in aviation and are uninformed on what goes on at the airport and he would like that addressed as at one time it was a requirement that the members of the Airport Advisory Committee had to be grounded in aviation. He also brought to their attention that the bathrooms adjoining the T-Hangars on southeast end are dirty and unsupplied, and the lawn is dead in that area of the airport. He advised them that previously, those who used the T-Hangars were given gate keys and now they are given a gate code for a gate that takes them through the transit facility and they are passing by expensive aircraft without training.

Jerry Holiday stated he has been a part of the Airport Advisory Committee for about two years and has been flying out of the airport for more than 20 years. He was appointed to the Airport Advisory Committee by Councilmember Gallegos. He wanted Council to be aware that the airport is growing and would like them to pay more attention to the airport. He stated there is a lot of concern about what is going on around the airport.

Alfonso Longoria stated he lives on Tragon Street between Riverview and Lincoln Elementary. He stated that for the past four plus years there have been issues with the palm trees located in the median. They are not pruned often enough and the blooms and fruit they drop leaves a mess on the street and people's driveways. He would like someone to contact him about this issue as he doesn't feel he should be responsible for cleaning up the mess.

Veronica Sullivan promoted the "Your Madera 2046 Virtual Workshop" on Monday, October 25, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

No further public comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.

There was a brief recess from 6:26 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. to comply with the requirements of starting the public hearing items at their scheduled time. In this case, that is 6:30 p.m. Once they return from recess, they will skip Written Communications, Presentations, and Consent Calendar and go straight to Section C: Public Hearings, Item C-1.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Department of Public Health Update on COVID-19 (Report Madera County Public Health Department)
2. Proclamation Recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness Month

**INTRODUCTIONS:** None

A. **WORKSHOP:** SB1383: Reducing Short-Lived Climate Pollutants in California (Report by Mid-Valley Disposal)

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 EVANS, THE CONSENT CALENDAR WAS APPROVED BY A 5/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: MAYOR GARCIA. DISTRICT 5 IS CURRENTLY VACANT. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

**B-1 Minutes – June 2, 2021**

**Recommendation:** Approve the City Council Minutes of June 2, 2021



**B-2 Informational Report on Register of Audited Demands for Sept. 25, 2021 to Oct. 8, 2021**

**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 Amendments to the City of Madera Classification Plan and Modification of Assigned Salary Ranges for Certain Positions**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution Amending the City of Madera Classification Plan by Adding a Public Works Equipment Operator, Deleting the Public Works Maintenance Worker III and Public Works Maintenance Worker IV Classifications, and Modifying Assigned Salary Ranges for Various Positions in the Classifications Plan (Report by Wendy Silva)

**RES 21-145** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE CITY OF MADERA CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND SETTING THE ASSIGNED SALARY RANGE FOR CERTAIN CLASSIFICATIONS

**B-5 Transfer of Signing Authority for San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) Grant Documents from Previous City Administrator to Arnolando Rodriguez, City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution Transferring Signing Authority of all SJVAPCD Grant Documents to Arnolando Rodriguez, City Manager (Report by Keith Helmuth)

**RES 21-146** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING CITY MANAGER ARNOLDO RODRIGUEZ WITH SIGNING AUTHORITY FOR ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT PROJECTS

**B-6 Subscriber Agreement with California Surveying and Drafting Supply Inc.**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution Approving a Virtual Surveying Network Subscriber Agreement with California Surveying and Drafting Supply Inc. (CSDS) for Virtual Surveying Network Service for Surveying Various City Projects (Report by Keith Helmuth)

**RES 21-147** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A VIRTUAL SURVEYING NETWORK SUBSCRIBER AGREEMENT WITH CALIFORNIA SURVEYING AND DRAFTING SUPPLY, INC. (CSDS) FOR VIRTUAL SURVEYING NETWORK SERVICE FOR VARIOUS CITY PROJECTS

**B-7 Construction of Centennial Park, Pan American, and Frank Bergon American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Lighting Improvements**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Minute Order Approving the Acceptance of Centennial Park, Pan American, and Frank Bergon ADA and Lighting Improvements, CDBG



Project No. B15MC060053, B17MC060053, B18MC060053, City Project No. PK-62 & PK-63, Notice of Completion, Release of Retention 35 days after Recording Notice of Completion (Report by Keith Helmuth)

The next item on the agenda is C-2.

**C. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**C-1 6:30 PM - Public Hearing #1 to Receive Input from the Community Regarding the Redrawing of Council District Boundaries**

**Recommendation:** Conduct Public Hearing to Receive a Report from Staff and the City's Redistricting Consultant on the Redistricting Process and Permissible Criteria to be Considered to Redraw Council District Boundaries and to Receive Public Comments and Input on Council District Boundaries (Report by Alicia Gonzales)

No public comment was submitted. Public comment was closed.

Council returned to the point in the agenda where they left off (Written Communications) before they had to start the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

**C-2 Prezone of Links Ranch Tentative Subdivision Map TSM 2021-02 and Precise Plan 2021-04**

**Recommendation:**

- 1) Adopt a Resolution Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation and Monitoring Reporting Program for Tentative Subdivision Map No. 2021-02, Annexation Application No. 2021-01, and Precise Plan Application No. 2021; and
- 2) Adopt a Resolution Ratifying Planning Commission's Approval of Tentative Subdivision Map 2021-02 and Precise Plan 2021-04; and
- 3) Waive Full Reading and Introduce an Ordinance Prezoning Approximately 40 Acres on the South Side of West Cleveland Avenue between Avenue 16 and Road 23 (Report by Gary Conte)

After discussion between City Attorney Hilda Cantu Montoy and City staff, Ms. Cantu Montoy stated they cannot proceed with Item C-2(1) as the resolution was not included as part of the staff report. It would need to be presented and adopted at a future Council meeting. Item C-2(2) does not require Council action. Item C-2(3) can proceed with Council action.

No public comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES, ITEM C-2(3) WAS APPROVED BY A 5/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: MAYOR GARCIA. DISTRICT 5 IS CURRENTLY VACANT. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

**THE MOTION PASSED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**YES: 5 – COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS  
COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ  
COUNCILMEMBER MONTES  
COUNCILMEMBER EVANS  
MAYOR PRO TEM VILLEGAS**

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

**D-1 Agreement with the County Pertaining to a State Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant for Installation of Water Meters**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution Approving Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County and the City Pertaining to State of California Grant No. 4600013817 Relating to IRWM Grant for Installation of Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) Water Meters in the Amount of \$779,653 (Report by Keith Helmuth)

No public comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER EVANS, ITEM D-1 WAS APPROVED BY A 5/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: MAYOR GARCIA. DISTRICT 5 IS CURRENTLY VACANT. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

**THE MOTION PASSED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**YES: 5 – COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS  
COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ  
COUNCILMEMBER MONTES  
COUNCILMEMBER EVANS  
MAYOR PRO TEM VILLEGAS**

**RES 21-148** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MADERA AND CITY OF MADERA PERTAINING TO STATE OF CALIFORNIA GRANT NO. 4600013817 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$779,653 RELATING TO INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM) GRANT FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER METERS

**D-2 Second Amendment to the City Clerk At-Will Employment Agreement Approving a Step Increase and One-Time Payment**

**Recommendation:** This report has been prepared at the direction of the City Council (Council); therefore, there is no staff recommendation provided. Council is asked to consider and determine whether to adopt the Resolution approving a Second Amendment to the City Clerk At-Will Employment Agreement and designating the source of funds for the proposed one-time lump sum

payment (Report by Wendy Silva)

Announcement: Pursuant to Government Code § 54953 (c) (3), prior to taking action on this item, the Council must publicly announce a summary of the action being considered. If approved, the proposed amendment to the City Clerk's Employment Agreement will modify the existing agreement as follows:

- Effective on her merit anniversary date of August 26, 2021, the City Clerk's salary will be increased one merit step due to satisfactory performance to Step C of City of Madera Salary Schedule Range 419 which is \$76,104.72 per year, payable in installments at the same time as the majority of the Employer's employees.
- City Clerk will receive a one-time lump sum payment of \$1,500 on the next regular pay date

No public comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES, ITEM D-2 WAS APPROVED BY A 5/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: MAYOR GARCIA. DISTRICT 5 IS CURRENTLY VACANT. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

**THE MOTION PASSED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**YES: 5 – COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS  
COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ  
COUNCILMEMBER MONTES  
COUNCILMEMBER EVANS  
MAYOR PRO TEM VILLEGAS**

**RES 21-149** RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA APPROVING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CLERK AT-WILL EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT AND DESIGNATING THE SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR A ONE-TIME LUMP SUM PAYMENT

**D-3 Purchase of Real Property Located at 28310 Highway 145 (APN: 035-080-026)**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution

- 1) Approving the Agreement for Purchase of a Portion of Real Property Located at 28310 Highway 145 (APN: 035-080-026) for \$377,000 and Joint Escrow Instructions;
- 2) Accepting the Grant Deed; and
- 3) Amending the City's 2021/22 Budget to Reflect Expenditures Related to the Property Purchase (Report by Keith Helmuth)

No public comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.



ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS, ITEM D-3 WAS APPROVED BY A 5/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: MAYOR GARCIA. DISTRICT 5 IS CURRENTLY VACANT. ABSTAIN: NONE.

THE MOTION PASSED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

YES: 5 – COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS  
COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ  
COUNCILMEMBER MONTES  
COUNCILMEMBER EVANS  
MAYOR PRO TEM VILLEGAS

**RES 21-150** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR APN: 007-101-011 AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF MADERA FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 BUDGET

**D-4 Acquisition of Antique Fire Engines**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution Approving the Purchase of Two Antique Fire Engines from the Madera Historical Society for \$1.00 apiece (Report by Matt Watson)

No public comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER EVANS, ITEM D-4 WAS APPROVED BY A 5/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: MAYOR GARCIA. DISTRICT 5 IS CURRENTLY VACANT. ABSTAIN: NONE.

THE MOTION PASSED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

YES: 5 – COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS  
COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ  
COUNCILMEMBER MONTES  
COUNCILMEMBER EVANS  
MAYOR PRO TEM VILLEGAS

**RES 21-151** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF TWO ANTIQUE FIRE ENGINES FROM THE MADERA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**D-5 Amend the Adopted Budget to Fund a Contract Senior Planner through the remainder of the 2021/22 Fiscal Year**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution Approving an Amendment to the General Fund Budget in the Amount of \$96,000 to Retain a Contract Senior Planner for the remainder of the 2021/22 Fiscal Year (Report by Gary Conte)

No public comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER EVANS, ITEM D-5 WAS APPROVED BY A 5/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: MAYOR GARCIA. DISTRICT 5 IS CURRENTLY VACANT. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

**THE MOTION PASSED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**YES: 5 – COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS  
COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ  
COUNCILMEMBER MONTES  
COUNCILMEMBER EVANS  
MAYOR PRO TEM VILLEGAS**

**RES 21-152** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING FUNDING FOR A CONTRACT SENIOR PLANNER THROUGH THE REMAINDER OF THE 2021/22 FISCAL YEAR, AND APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF MADERA GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR A BUDGET LINE-ITEM INCREASE OF \$96,000

**E. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**E-1 Consideration of a Minute Order Dissolving the City's Cannabis Ad hoc Committee**

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the City Council consider the information in the report and provide direction in regard to the Cannabis Ad hoc Committee (Report by Arnolando Rodriguez)

Akram Kasim urged Council not to vote on this item as not all of Council is present and all opinions will not be equally represented.

Marilyn Deleija suggested that Council postpone dissolving this Ad Hoc Committee until Mayor Garcia is present.

Angelina Garcia suggested that Council postpone dissolving this Ad Hoc Committee until Mayor Garcia is present.

Rico Saldivar stated decisions and votes should be postponed until Mayor Garcia as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee is present.

George Deleija stated he doesn't feel completely represented without Mayor Garcia in attendance.

Joanna Torres stated this item should be acted on tonight and not delayed due to one person not being in attendance.

Roman stated that dissolving the Ad Hoc Committee creates a divide. He has seen that there has been an ambush to remove Mayor Garcia from the Ad Hoc Committee. He doesn't want the Ad Hoc Committee dismantled.

Councilmember Rodriguez stated that the Ad Hoc Committee doesn't have any power in decision making and serves as an advisory to the Council. The Ad Hoc Committee has served its purpose. The Ad Hoc Committee is not the deciding factor on what cannabis businesses come into Madera. Dissolving of the committee does not de-throne anyone or take away from anyone. Councilmembers Montes, Gallegos and Evans agreed with Councilmember Rodriguez.

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS, ITEM E-1 TO DISSOLVE THE AD HOC COMMITTEE WAS APPROVED BY A 4/1 VOTE. NOES: MAYOR PRO TEM VILLEGAS. ABSENT: MAYOR GARCIA. DISTRICT 5 IS CURRENTLY VACANT. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

**THE MOTION PASSED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**YES: 4 – COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS  
COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ  
COUNCILMEMBER MONTES  
COUNCILMEMBER EVANS**

**NO: 1 - MAYOR PRO TEM VILLEGAS**

**E-2 Direction Regarding Civil Service Commission Membership and Appointment**

**Recommendation:** Request for Direction Regarding the City of Madera Municipal Code as it relates to Appointments to the Civil Service Commission (Report by Arnoldo Rodriguez)

City Manager stated that although, this item pertains to the Civil Service Commission, it will be applied to all boards, commissions and committees going forward.

No public comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS, ITEM E-2 OPTION 1 OF THE PRESENTATION WAS APPROVED BY A 5/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: MAYOR GARCIA. DISTRICT 5 IS CURRENTLY VACANT. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

**THE MOTION PASSED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**YES: 5 – COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS  
COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ  
COUNCILMEMBER MONTES  
COUNCILMEMBER EVANS  
MAYOR PRO TEM VILLEGAS**



Option 1: Modify the Commission to be a seven (7) member body where appointments shall be made by each Councilmember, through the Mayor, and subject to approval by a majority vote of the City Council.

**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 Gallegos acknowledged Madera Community Hospital for celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Councilmember Rodriguez brought attention to Caltrans program for road improvements that would positively impact the City. He thanked Interim Public Works Director Daniel Foss for the tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He asked staff to research the Wastewater Treatment Plant capacity as it pertains to new development. He thanked Mayor Pro Tem Artemio Villegas for filling in during Mayor Garcia's absence.

Councilmember Montes thanked staff for repairing a water leak quickly and efficiently while providing cases of water to those residents impacted by the leak. He mentioned the grand opening of the Sugar Pine Village on Friday December 3, 2021 at 11:00 am. He gave a farewell to Elizabeth Wisener from CAPMC. He directed staff to bring back items concerning amendments to the cannabis ordinance.

Councilwoman Evans gave a shout out to James Monroe Elementary for allowing her to join students once a month for lunch. She thanked the San Joaquin River Conservancy for taking her and Mayor Pro Tem Villegas on a tour on a very windy day. She expressed appreciation to the Carpenters Union for the programs they currently offer.

Mayor Pro Tem Villegas had nothing to report.

**G. CLOSED SESSION:**

**G-1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**

**Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section §54956.9(d)(2)**

Potential litigation resulting from eviction proceedings by City against Jeffrey Streeter

**G-2 Conference with Labor Negotiators - Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6**

**Agency Designated Representative:** Arnoldo Rodriguez

**Unrepresented Employee:** Police Chief, City Engineer, Director of Human Resources, Information Services Manager, Chief Building Official, Planning Manager, and Director of Parks & Community Services

City Attorney Hilda Cantu Montoy made the Closed Session Announcement at 9:26 p.m.

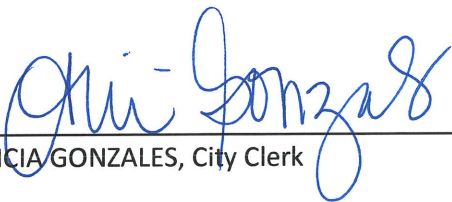
Council returned from Closed Session at 10.32 p.m. with five Councilmembers present as Mayor Garcia is absent.

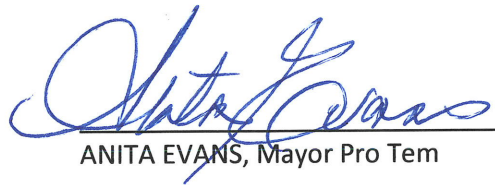
City Attorney Hilda Cantu Montoy stated that was no reportable action.


**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 p.m. Next regular meeting on November 3, 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

  
ANITA EVANS, Mayor Pro Tem

  
MINUTES PREPARED BY  
ZELDA LEON, Deputy City Clerk

