

Item:	B-1
Minutes for:	08/17/2022
Adopted:	11/16/2022

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Madera City Council

August 17, 2022
6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers
City Hall

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

ROLL CALL:

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, Interim Director of Financial Services Kingsley Okereke, Fire Division Chief Matt Watson, Director of Human Resources Wendy Silva, IS Manager Mark Souders, Community Development Director Will Tackett, Interim Director of Parks and Community Services Joseph Hebert, Planning Manager Gary Conte, Police Chief Dino Lawson, Interim Public Works Director Jamie Hickman, Deputy City Engineer Randy Bell, Deputy City Engineer Ellen Bitter, Senior Civil Engineer Matt Bullis, Senior Planner Robert Smith, Administrative Analyst (Parks) Gabriela Salazar, Assistant Engineer Alexis Raymundo, Financial Services Manager Anthony Forestiere, and Communication Specialist Joseph Carrello.

INVOCATION: Mayor Pro Tem Anita Evans

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: City Attorney Hilda Cantu Montoy

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 A-1 The City's FY 22/23 Proposed Budget, 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. Copies of this item are also available at the podium.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS, THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY 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.

Alicia Connelly asked Council to consider installing adult changing tables at City parks; specifically, McNally Park.

Councilmember Cece Gallegos, Andrew Martinez, Councilmember Steve Montes and Juliana Franco spoke on renaming the Olive/Knox Park into Taubert Park.

Director of Department of Public Health Sara Bosse gave a COVID Update.

A member of the public called into the meeting to comment on adult changing tables.

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Proclamation Recognizing Old Timers' Week
2. Madera Ford's Annual Backpack Giveaway – Certificates of Recognition

INTRODUCTIONS: None

A. WORKSHOP:

A-1 Workshop on the Annual Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2022/23

Recommendation: No action required (Report by Kingsley Okereke)

No Public Comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.

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.

No Public Comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS, THE CONSENT CALENDAR WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY 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

B-1 Minutes – 4/20/22, 4/20/22s

Recommendation: Approve the City Council Minutes of the April 20, 2022 Regular Meeting and Special Meeting (Report by Alicia Gonzales)

B-2 Informational Report on Register of Audited Demands for July 23, 2022 to August 5, 2022

Recommendation: No Action Required (Report by Kingsley Okereke)

B-3 Informational Report on Personnel Activity

Recommendation: No Action Required (Report by Wendy Silva)

B-4 Remote City Council Meetings Under Brown Act Requirements (Assembly Bill 361)

Recommendation: 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 Arnoldo Rodriguez)

RES 22-127 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

B-5 Preparation of a Development Impact Fee Program Update

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Approving Amendment No. 2 to Agreement with Colgan Consulting Corporation for Professional Services Related to the Preparation of a Development Impact Fee Program Update in the amount of \$16,500 (Report by Keith Helmuth)

RES 22-128 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO AGREEMENT WITH COLGAN CONSULTING CORPORATION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE PREPARATION OF A DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE PROGRAM UPDATE

B-6 2022 Old Timers Day Parade and Booths in the Park Event Entries

Recommendation: Approve a Minute Order Authorizing the City Manager to execute documents for any City entries in the Old Timers Day Parade and related Booths in the Park event scheduled September 24, 2022 (Report by Alicia Gonzales)

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

C-1 Public Hearing to Consider the Proposed Annexation of Property within the Vineyard Estates Phase III-A Subdivision into City of Madera Landscape Maintenance District Zone of Benefit 27B

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Approving Annexation No. 2022-04 for Annexation of Vineyard Estates Phase III-A Subdivision (Tract No. 21-S-02) into Zone of Benefit 27B, Confirming the Diagram and Assessment for City of Madera Landscape Maintenance District (LMD) Zone of Benefit 27B for FY 2023/24; and Authorizing the City Clerk to File the Diagram and Assessment with the Madera County Auditor (Report by Keith Helmuth)

No Public Comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS, THE ITEM C-1 WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY 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

RES 22-129

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ANNEXATION NO. 2022-04 FOR ANNEXATION OF VINEYARD ESTATES PHASE III-A SUBDIVISION (TRACT NO. 21-S-02) INTO ZONE OF BENEFIT 27B; CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT FOR CITY OF MADERA LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT ZONE OF BENEFIT 27B FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2023/24; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO FILE THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT WITH THE MADERA COUNTY AUDITOR

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

D-1 Consultant Services Agreement with Mark Thomas for Grant Preparation Services for Yosemite Avenue Street Improvements

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Approving a Consultant Services Agreement with Mark Thomas in the amount of \$98,600 for Grant Preparation Services for the Yosemite Avenue Street Improvements, City Project R-95 (Report by Keith Helmuth)

Rosa of E. Yosemite Avenue asked if sidewalks were included as part of the improvements. City Engineer Keith Helmuth responded that sidewalks are proposed in that area.

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

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS, ITEM D-1 WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY 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

RES 22-130

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH MARK THOMAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$89,600 FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND GRANT WRITING SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING EXTRA SERVICES UP TO \$9,000 FOR YOSEMITE AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS, CITY PROJECT R-95

D-2 Agreement with Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group Inc. for Engineering Design Services for Water Main Replacement under the Fresno River

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group Inc. for \$115,800 for Professional Engineering Design

Services for Completion of the Water Main Replacement under the Fresno River, Project W-00009 (Report by Keith Helmuth)

A member of the audience (no name given) asked if they could cover the pipeline instead of burying it. Senior Civil Engineer Matt Bullis stated they cover the pipeline every year but is uncovered due to erosion.

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

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS, ITEM D-2 WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY 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

RES 22-131 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH PROVOST & PRITCHARD CONSULTING GROUP INC. FOR \$115,800.00 FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR COMPLETION OF THE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT UNDER THE FRESNO RIVER, PROJECT W-00009

D-3 Agreement for Memorial Monuments at Centennial Park and Rotary Park

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Awarding Contract to David J. Boyle Electric Shop LLC, under IFB 202223-03 for Memorial Monuments at Centennial Park and Rotary Park, estimated at \$14,520 and approving a Construction Services Agreement (Report by Joseph Hebert)

No Public Comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES, ITEM D-3 WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY 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**

RES 22-132 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA AWARDDING AN AGREEMENT RELATING TO INVITATION FOR BID NO. 202223-03 TO DAVID J. BOYLE ELECTRIC SHOP LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,520 AND APPROVING A CONSTRUCTION SERVICES AGREEMENT

D-4 Initiation of Proceedings for the Annexation of Tract 21-S-02/TSM2019-03 Pecan Square Subdivision into Community Facilities District 2005-1

Recommendation:

- 1) Adopt a Resolution Adopting a Boundary Map Showing the Territory Proposed for Annexation to Community Facilities District No. 2005-01; and
- 2) Adopt a Resolution Declaring the Its Intention to Annex Territory (Tract 21-S-02/TSM2019-03 Subdivision) to Community Facilities District No. 2005-01 (Public Services), to Authorize Levy of Special Taxes Therein, and Setting Public Hearing (Annexation No. 11) (Report by Will Tackett)

No Public Comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.

ON MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS, ITEM D-4 WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY 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**

RES 22-133 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A BOUNDARY MAP SHOWING TERRITORY PROPOSED FOR ANNEXATION TO CITY OF MADERA COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2005-01 (ANNEXATION #11)

RES 22-134 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ANNEX TERRITORY (PECAN SQUARE, TRACT 20-S-02 SUBDIVISION) TO THE CITY OF MADERA COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2005-01 (PUBLIC SERVICES), TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES THEREIN, AND SETTING PUBLIC HEARING (ANNEXATION NO. 11)

D-5 Initiation of Proceedings for the Annexation of Tract 21-S-01/TSM2020-02 Crown Tozer Subdivision into Community Facilities District 2005-1

Recommendation:

- 1) Adopt a Resolution Adopting a Boundary Map Showing the Territory Proposed for Annexation to Community Facilities District No. 2005-01; and
- 2) Adopt a Resolution Declaring Its Intention to Annex Territory (Tract 21-S-01/TSM2020-01 Subdivision) to the Community Facilities District No. 2005-01 (Public Services), to Authorize the Levy of Special Taxes Therein, and Setting Public Hearing (Annexation No. 12) (Report by Will Tackett)

No Public Comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.

ON MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS, ITEM D-5 WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY 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

RES 22-135 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A BOUNDARY MAP SHOWING TERRITORY PROPOSED FOR ANNEXATION TO CITY OF MADERA COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2005-01 (ANNEXATION #12)

RES 22-136 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ANNEX TERRITORY (TRACT 21-S-01/TSM2020-01 SUBDIVISION) TO THE CITY OF MADERA COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2005-01 (PUBLIC SERVICES), TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES THEREIN, AND SETTING PUBLIC HEARING {ANNEXATION NO. 12}

D-6 Corrections to Attachments to Resolution Nos. 22-101, 22-102, and 22-103 for Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste Utility Rates

Recommendation:

- 1) Adopt a Resolution Correcting Attachment A to Resolution No. 22-101 relating to monthly rates to be charged for water services furnished by City for a five-year period; and

- 2) Adopt a Resolution Correcting Attachment A to Resolution No. 22-102 relating to monthly rates to be charged for sewer services furnished by City for a five-year period; and
- 3) Adopt a Resolution Correcting Attachment A to Resolution No. 22-101 relating to monthly rates to be charged for solid waste services furnished by City for a five-year period (Report by Kingsley Okereke)

No Public Comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS, ITEM D-6 WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY 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

RES 22-137 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, CORRECTING ATTACHMENT A TO RESOLUTION NO. 22-101 RELATING TO MONTHLY RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR WATER SERVICES FURNISHED BY THE CITY FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD

RES 22-138 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, CORRECTING ATTACHMENT A TO RESOLUTION NO. 22-102 RELATING TO MONTHLY RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR SEWER SERVICES FURNISHED BY THE CITY FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD

RES 22-139 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, CORRECTING ATTACHMENT A TO RESOLUTION NO. 22-103 RELATING TO MONTHLY RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR SOLID WASTE AND STREET SWEEPING FURNISHED BY THE CITY FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD

E. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

E-1 City Council review with the City External Auditor, the Annual Audit Results, and Acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2020/21 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)

Recommendation: Review and Accept the FY 2020/21 Annual Financial Audit and Recommendations and the Prepared ACFR (Report by Kingsley Okereke)

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES, ITEM E-1 WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY 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

E-2 Direction regarding annual commemoration of Juneteenth in the City of Madera

Recommendation: This item is being brought for consideration and direction at the request of the City Council (Report by Wendy Silva)

Former Councilmember Donald Holley and Pastor Yvonne Nealy recommended recognizing this day as a holiday.

Stanley Mackey recommended recognizing this day a fully paid holiday.

Police Chief Dino Lawson stated he has been enlightened and educated on the meaning of this day. He was not there to ask for a paid holiday but would not turn it down.

Maxine Barnett commented that her mother was the first black woman that was recognized as having a 100th birthday and then others have also been recognized. She stated this is how it gets started and how it needs to keep going.

Councilmembers Montes and Gallegos stated they support Juneteenth Day, but they have to look at the City's financials. Councilmember Montes stated there are costs and they want to take it to the bargaining units at an appropriate time after Council has bargained and negotiated with the bargaining units.

Mayor Pro Tem Evans spoke on behalf of recognizing this day as a paid City holiday for the employees. She mentioned that she is the granddaughter of a slave. Her grandmother's master fathered 13 children on her grandmother. She stated they celebrate Columbus Day (when Native Americans were already on that land) and Black Friday (The days the slaves were sold.) and they get that day off as a paid holiday. She supports Juneteenth Day as being a paid holiday day off.

Councilmember Rodriguez stated he is in support of the celebration and the opportunity to educate others on this day. He would like to see this as an annual event such like the Old Timers' Day Parade. At the same time, he wants the employees and bargaining units to be part of the discussion and bargaining.

Mayor Garcia stated he is totally in support of making this a paid holiday and he does not want to take away any holiday that the employees currently get. He'd rather see that Council makes the effort to make this a paid holiday for the employees. He asked if staff knew the cost of giving employees this paid holiday. Director of Human Resources Wendy Silva stated she would rather do some research and get back to them with a number.

Mayor Garcia stated he is not worried about the bargaining units because he can't see them objecting to getting an additional paid holiday; they would have an issue if a holiday were to be removed. He stated they can bring this item back in two weeks.

City Manager Arnoldo Rodriguez reiterated his understanding that Council wants staff to approach the labor groups, have staff do some calculating and get cost estimates and then come back at the next regular meeting of September 21, 2022.

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ, ITEM E-2 TO APPROACH THE LABOR GROUPS FOR FEEDBACK, HAVE STAFF DO SOME CALCULATING AND GET COST ESTIMATES OF MAKING THIS AN EMPLOYEE PAID HOLIDAY DAY OFF, THEN COME BACK AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY 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**

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 thanked City Staff who were involved with the Annual Audit. She stated the dedication of Almond Park was a great success and thanked all who were involved. She asked that the renaming of Olive & Knox Park / Jim Taubert Park be put on the agenda, in honor of his dedication to the community. All Councilmembers agreed with adding it to an agenda.

Councilmember Montes had nothing to report.

Councilmember Rodriguez had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Evans thanked her colleagues and those in attendance who spoke on the matter of Juneteenth as presented. She thanked Interim Director of Parks and Community Services Joseph Hebert and staff for their work on installing a water element at McNally Park. Mayor Pro Tem Evans acknowledged Joe Crown for his contributions with Almond Park as well as City Manager Arnoldo Rodriguez and City Clerk Alicia Gonzales for their leadership. She mentioned an incident at Town & Country Park in which she witnessed a resident sustain an injury after falling into a pothole along the walking trail. Upon being notified, City Staff immediately filled in the pothole to avoid additional

hazards and Mayor Pro Tem Evans emphasized the need to dedicate funding to improvements at this particular park.

Councilwoman Mejia mentioned she joined United Farm Workers who were marching from Delano to Sacramento to urge Governor Newsom to sign AB 2183 regarding absentee voting protections for farm workers. She commended the show of solidarity from the surrounding communities and thanked City Staff for providing accommodations for the workers to rest and rally. She highlighted that the group would reach Sacramento by August 26th and called for community support and encouraged donations for water, food, and housing. Councilmember Mejia stated she attended the first ever forum on indigenous communities hosted by Madera Community College which underscores the need for language access and paths to high education for this group. She requested that Council consider recognizing Indigenous People's Day on October 12th and that the matter be placed on a future Agenda.

Councilmember Villegas mentioned an unfortunate situation of a farm worker who experienced a vehicle collision. He congratulated Madera Community College for securing a \$1 million grand prize from the Lumia Foundation for providing the best student engagement strategy.

Mayor Garcia thanked the City for hosting United Farm Workers on their trek up to Sacramento. He acknowledged a 100-year birthday celebration for Mary Clow, a resident at Cedar Creek retirement facility, whose family and friends joined in celebrating her life and accomplishments. Mayor Garcia mentioned that he and several of his colleagues attended a ribbon cutting at Camarena Center on Almond Avenue, which provides a wide range of health care specialties.

G. CLOSED SESSION:

G-1 Liability Claim pursuant to Section 54956.95

Agency Claimed Against: City of Madera

Claimant: Brian Mata

Returned from Closed Session at 10:04 p.m. City Attorney Hilda Cantu Montoy announced that Council voted 7/0 to deny the claim.

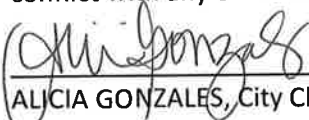
ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

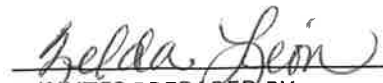
- Wednesday, September 21, 2022
- Wednesday, October 5, 2022

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

