

Item:	B-1
Minutes for:	06/07/2023
Adopted:	07/19/2023

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

**June 7, 2023**

**Council Chambers**

**6:00 p.m.**

**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 Elsa Mejia, District 5  
Councilmember Cece Gallegos, District 1  
Councilmember Steve Montes, District 3 (Arrived at 6:33 p.m.)  
Councilmember Anita Evans, District 4  
Councilmember Artemio Villegas, District 6

ABSENT: Councilmember Jose Rodriguez, District 2

Others present were City Manager Arnaldo Rodriguez, City Clerk Alicia Gonzales, City Attorney Hilda Cantu Montoy, Chief Building Official Rafael Magallan, City Engineer Keith Helmuth, Community Development Director Will Tackett, Director of Financial Services Michael Lima, Fire Battalion Chief Ralph Duran, Grants Administrator Marcela Zuniga, Director of Human Resources Wendy Silva, Interim IS Manager Daniel Holguin, Director of Parks and Community Services Joseph Hebert, Planning Manager Gary Conte, Chief of Police Dino Lawson, Public Works Director Ismael Hernandez, Administrative Analyst (Engineering) Nicole Say, Program Manager Grants Xochitl Villaseñor and Communication Specialist Joseph Carrello.

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Joe Alicea, Awaken Church of God

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilmember Gallegos

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER EVANS, THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED BY A 5/2 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS RODRIGUEZ AND MONTES. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

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

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

**MAYOR GARCIA**

**ABSENT: 2 - COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ  
COUNCILMEMBER MONTES**

**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.*

Steve Duckworth, Deputy Director at Madera County Department of Social Services invited Council and the public to their first ever Senior Social Event on June 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Joyce Lane spoke in opposition of having a Pride flag raised.

Thalia Arenas spoke in support of having a Pride flag raising ceremony.

Melissa (no last name given) spoke in opposition of having a Pride flag raised.

Jim Sloane spoke in opposition of having a Pride flag raised.

Visalia resident spoke in support of having a Pride flag raised.

Christina Saucedo spoke about a City lien on her home. She has been unable to resolve and would like Councilmember Rodriguez's assistance with this issue. She also mentioned water bills have increased.

Olegario Romero spoke in opposition of having a Pride flag raised.

Patsy (no last name given) of District 5 spoke in support of having a Pride flag raised.

Paulina (no last name given) from Visalia spoke in support of having a Pride flag raised.

Jeremy Marley spoke in opposition of having a Pride flag raised.

Enrique Medina on behalf of his pastor, John Warburton spoke in opposition of having a Pride flag raised.

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Pastor Marc Unger spoke in opposition of having a Pride flag raised.

Glen Hardy spoke in opposition of having a Pride flag raised.

Pam Tyler spoke in opposition of having a Pride flag raised.

Giselle Quinteros spoke in support of having a Pride flag raised.

Mercy (no last name given) spoke in support of having a Pride flag raised.

Joanna Torres spoke in support of having a Pride flag raised.

Resident (no name given) spoke in support of having a Pride flag raised.

Linda Unger spoke in opposition of having a Pride flag raised.

Ken Sloane spoke in opposition of having a Pride flag raised.

Edgar (no last name given) of District 6 spoke in favor of having a Pride flag raised.

Resident (no name given) spoke in support of having a Pride flag raised.

Resident (no name given) spoke in support of having a Pride flag raised.

Woman (no name given) spoke in support of having a Pride flag raised.

Justine (no last name given) spoke in support of having a Pride flag raised.

Resident (no name given) spoke in support of having a Pride flag raised.

Ana Garibay spoke in opposition of having a Pride flag raised.

Resident (no name given) spoke in support of having a Pride flag raised.

Mayor Garcia announced a break in presenting Public Comment at 7:21 p.m. He stated they will move on to the Presentations portion of this meeting as some are to recognize students and the students have finals, etc. and this will allow them to leave early. Public Comment would continue afterwards.

All three presentations as shown in the Presentations section below were given. Public Comments commenced at 7:38 p.m.

Resident (no name given) spoke in support of having a Pride flag raised.

Graciela Valdez, Accreditation Coordinator at Madera County Department of Public Health and member of the LiveWell Madera County Coalition audibly provided a link to a Community Health Assessment that provides insights into the health of the community and identifies the main health issues faced.

Resident (no name given) spoke in opposition of having a Pride flag raised.

Noe Hernandez asked Council spoke in support of having a Pride Flag raising ceremony.

Kenverly Diaz Torres spoke in support of having a Pride flag raised.

Minerva Mendoza spoke in favor of the Pride Month proclamation.

Esthela Martinez spoke in favor of and asked Council to submit a proposal that would allow the Pride flag to be flown.

Erica (no last name given) spoke in opposition of having a Pride flag raised.

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

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

- PRESENTATIONS:**
1. Recognition of Madera FFA State Champion Meats Evaluation Team
  2. Recognition of Madera High Softball Team Central Section Division II Champions
  3. Proclamation Recognizing PRIDE Month

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Xochitl Villaseñor, Program Manager Grants

**A. WORKSHOP:**

**A-1 2023/24 Budget Workshop** (Report by Michael Lima)

**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 MONTES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS, THE CONSENT CALENDAR WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

**B-1 Minutes – 4/19/23, 05/03/23, 05/10/23**

**Recommendation:** Approve the City Council Minutes of April 19, 2023, May 3, 2023, and May 10, 2023 (Report by Alicia Gonzales)

**B-2 Informational Report on Register of Audited Demands**

**Recommendation:** Review Register of Audited Demands Report for May 6, 2023 to May 26, 2023 (Report by Michael Lima)

**B-3 Continuing Declaration Proclaiming the Existence of a Local Emergency – January 2023 Winter Storms**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution Continuing the Declaration Proclaiming the Existence of a Local Emergency – January 2023 Winter Storms in accordance with Madera Municipal Code Title III, Chapter 2 (Report by Wendy Silva)

**RES 23-88 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, CONTINUING THE DECLARATION PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY -JANUARY 2023 WINTER STORMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH MADERA MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 111, CHAPTER 2**

**B-4 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 (Council) (Report by Arnolito Rodriguez)

**B-5 Maintenance of Drainage Improvements and Access Easement for Madera Industrial WHSE, LLC**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution Approving Statement of Covenants Affecting Land Development for the Maintenance of Drainage Improvements and Access Easement for Madera Industrial WHSE, LLC (Report by Keith Helmuth)

**RES 23-89 A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A STATEMENT OF COVENANTS AFFECTING LAND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AND ACCESS EASEMENT FOR MADERA INDUSTRIAL WHSE, LLC, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY**

**B-6 Annual Review and Report on Madera Police Department Military Equipment Use**

**Recommendation:** 1. Receive and file the Police Department’s Annual Military Equipment Use Report from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022; and

2. Adopt a Minute Order affirming the City's Military Equipment Use Ordinance 994 C.S. and related Madera Police Department Policy 709 (Report by Dino Lawson)

**B-7 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program 2022/23 Grant Award Acceptance**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Accepting the JAG Award in the amount of \$26,660 for Fiscal Year 2022/23 for the Purchase of Surveillance Cameras (Report by Michael Lima)

**RES 23-90 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2022/23 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT**

**B-8 City of Madera 2023-2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution Approving the 2023-2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan (Report by Michael Lima)

**RES 23-91 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE 2023/24 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

**B-9 Consultant Services Agreement with Madera Unified School District**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution Approving the Consultant Service Agreement with the Madera Unified School District (MUSD) for the Foster and Homeless/Families in Transition Enrichment Services Program not to exceed \$15,000 (Report by Joseph Hebert)

**RES 23-92 RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MADERA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE FOSTER AND HOMELESS/FAMILIES IN TRANSITION ENRICHMENT SERVICES PROGRAM NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000**

**B-10 Application for Transportation Development Act (TDA) – Local Transportation Funds (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) Funds for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/24**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution Approving the Applications for TDA – LTF and STA Funds for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/24 and Authorizing the City Engineer to execute and submit the Applications to the Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) (Report by Keith Helmuth)

**RES 23-93 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING APPLICATIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA)-LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS (LTF) AND STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE (STA) FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2023/24 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT THE APPLICATIONS TO MADERA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MCTC)**

C. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

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

- D-1
1. **Engineer's Report For City Wide Landscape And Lighting Assessment District Zones Of Benefit 1, 2, 3, 4, 6-A, 6-B, 7, 8, 9, 10-A, 10-B, 10-C, 10-D, 10-E, 10-F, 10-G, 10-H,10-I, 12, 13, 14, 15, 15-B, 15-C, 16, 17-A, 17-B, 17-C, 17-D, 18, 20-A, 20-B, 20-C, 21-A, 21-B, 21-C, 21-D, 23, 24, 25-C, 25-D, 26, 26-B, 26-C,26-D, 27, 27-B, 28, 28-B, 29, 29-B, 29-C, 29-D, 29-E, 30, 31-A, 31-B, 32-A, 32-B, 33, 34, 34-B, 34-C, 35, 36-A, 36-B, 36-C, 37, 39, 40, 41, 43-A, 43-C, 43-D, 43-E, 44, 45-A, 46, 50 & 51 For Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/24**
  2. **Resolution Of Intention To Levy And Collect Annual Assessments For City Wide Landscape And Lighting Assessment District Zones Of Benefit 1, 2, 3, 4, 6-A, 6-B, 7, 8, 9, 10-A, 10-B, 10-C, 10-D, 10-E, 10-F, 10-G, 10-H,10-I, 12, 13, 14, 15, 15-B, 15-C, 16, 17-A, 17-B, 17-C, 17-D, 18, 20-A, 20-B, 20-C, 21-A, 21-B, 21-C, 21-D, 23, 24, 25-C, 25-D, 26, 26-B, 26-C,26-D, 27, 27-B, 28, 28-B, 29, 29-B, 29-C, 29-D, 29-E, 30, 31-A, 31-B, 32-A, 32-B, 33, 34, 34-B, 34-C, 35, 36-A, 36-B, 36-C, 37, 39, 40, 41, 43-A, 43-C, 43-D, 43-E, 44, 45-A, 46, 50 & 51 for FY 2023/24, Setting June 21, 2023, As Date For Public Hearing, and Rescinding Resolution 23-86**

- Recommendation:**
1. Adopt a Minute Order Approving the Engineer's Report as filed or with modifications as identified by the City Council during the meeting and rescinding the Minute Order of May 17, 2023, regarding same; and
  2. Adopt a Resolution of Intention to Levy and Collect Proposed Annual Assessments for all City-Wide Landscape and Lighting District Zones of Benefit referenced in the Engineer's Report for FY 2023/2024 or as may be amended, set June 21, 2023, as the public hearing date to consider the Proposed FY 2023/2024 Assessments for City Wide Landscape and Lighting District Zones of Benefit, and rescinding Resolution No. 23-86 (Report by Keith Helmuth)

No Public Comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER EVANS, ITEM D-1 (1 & 2) WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

**RES 23-94**                    **A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, TO LEVY AND COLLECT ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR CITY WIDE LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING DISTRICT ZONES OF BENEFIT 1, 2, 3, 4, 6-A, 6-B, 7, 8, 9, 10-A, 10-B, 10-C, 10-D, 10-E, 10-F, 10-G, 10-H, 10-I, 12, 13, 14, 15, 15-B, 15-C, 16, 17-A, 17-B, 17-C, 17-D, 18, 20-A, 20-B, 20-C, 21-A, 21-B, 21-C, 21-D, 23, 24, 25-C, 25-D, 26, 26-B, 26-C,26-D, 27, 27-B, 28, 28-B, 29, 29-B, 29-C, 29-D, 29-E, 30, 31-A, 31-B, 32-A, 32-B, 33, 34, 34-B, 34-C, 35, 36-A, 36-B, 36-C, 37, 39, 40, 41, 43-A, 43-C, 43-D, 43-E, 44, 45-A, 46, 50 & 51 FOR FY 2023/24, SETTING JUNE 21, 2023, AS DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING, AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 23-86**

**D-2 Agreement with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution Approving a New Schedule "A" Agreement with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL Fire) from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 for Fire Service Operation (Report by Justin Macomb)

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 6/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

**RES 23-95 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A NEW SCHEDULE "A" AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION (CAL FIRE) FROM JULY 1, 2023, TO JUNE 30, 2024, FOR FIRE SERVICE OPERATIONS, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF MADERA**

**D-3 Continuing Resolution In Lieu of Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 Budget Adoption and Authorization of 60-day Extension to Prepare and Present the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution to Continue Appropriations and Estimated Revenues in Accordance with the FY 2022-2023 budget in lieu of FY 2023-2024 Budget Adoption (Continuing Resolution), and Authorization of 60 days Extension to Prepare and Present the FY 2023-24 Budget (Report by Michael Lima)

No Public Comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS, ITEM D-3 WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

**RES 23-96 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA CONTINUING EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 CITY BUDGET IN LIEU OF FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET ADOPTION**

**D-4 2023 Zero Emission Bus (ZEB) Rollout Plan for Madera Metro**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution Approving the 2023 Zero Emission Rollout Plan (Report by Michael Lima)

No Public Comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS, ITEM D-4 WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

**RES 23-97 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING THE 2023 CITY OF MADERA ZERO EMISSION BUS ROLLOUT PLAN**

**D-5 Amendment to the Management and Operations Agreement and the related Lease Agreement for the Madera Transit Center between the City and MV Public Transportation, Inc.**

**Recommendation:** Adopt Resolutions:

1. Approving Amendment No. 5 to the Agreement for Management and Operation of Madera Transit Services extending the term of the Agreement through June 30, 2025 and increasing the total operating costs to \$2,177,201 for the first year of the extension and \$2,247,917 for the second year of the extension; and
2. Approving Amendment No. 3 to the Lease Agreement for the Madera Transit Center with MV Public Transportation, Inc. through June 30, 2025 to coincide with the Agreement for Management and Operation of Madera Transit Services (Report by Michael Lima)

No Public Comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER EVANS, ITEM D-5 WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

**RES 23-98 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF MADERA TRANSIT SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF MADERA AND MV PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, INC.**

**RES 23-99 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MADERA AND MV PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, INC.**

**D-6 Second Amendment to Existing Service Provider Agreement with O&E Transportation LLC Relating to Litter Abatement in the Fresno River and Approval of a Budget Amendment**

**Recommendation:** Adopt Resolutions:

1. Approving the Second Amendment to the Service Provider Agreement with O&E Transportation LLC for additional services at a cost of \$60,000 and an extension of the term through September 30, 2023; and
2. Approving a Budget Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operating Budget in the amount of \$20,000 for Fresno River clean-up efforts (Report by Dino Lawson)

No Public Comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES, ITEM D-6 WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

**RES 23-100 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE SERVICE PROVIDER**



**AGREEMENT WITH O&E TRANSPORTATION LLC FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES AT A COST OF \$60,000 AND AN EXTENSION OF THE TERM THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

**RES 23-101      A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA APPROPRIATING \$20,000 TO THE CITY OF MADERA FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 ADOPTED BUDGET FOR RIVER CLEAN-UP EFFORTS**

**E.      ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: None**

**E-1      Madera County Mosquito & Vector Control District – Public Awareness**

**Recommendation:** This report is submitted for informational purposes only and there is no action requested from the City Council (Council) at this time (Report by Trinidad Reyes, Mosquito & Vector Control District)

**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 agendaized and which meet other requirements for action.*

Councilmember Gallegos thanked the Parks and Community Services Director and staff for hosting the Family Picnic at Centennial Pool on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. She requested an item regarding proclamations and the processes be placed on the next Agenda.

Councilmember Montes thanked the public for coming out to voice their opinions on raising of the Pride flag during the Public Comment portion of the meeting. He requested an item regarding the City's flag policy be brought back to Council for consideration.

Councilmember Evans attended the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) Conference and lobbied for Senate Bill 673 (Ebony Alert) that would create a notification system to address missing African American women and children in California who are often overlooked with the current Amber Alert system. She mentioned the 2023 Juneteenth Celebration event to be held on June 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Courthouse Park and encouraged her colleagues and the public to come out and show their support.

Mayor Pro Tem Mejia expressed her appreciation for those who came out to voice their opinions on the suggestion of the Pride flag raising ceremony. She stated she graduated from the Water Education for Latino Leaders' Untapped Program and expressed her gratitude for County Supervisor Leticia Gonzalez and Assemblywoman Soria for their support. Mayor Pro Tem Mejia mentioned the high demand for Soccer fields around the community and requested that staff help identify additional areas that the growing soccer leagues may utilize for playing. She thanked the Madera Police Department for their presence at the meeting to provide public safety and reassurance to those in attendance.

Councilmember Villegas encouraged the public to support the Neighborhood Farmers Market at Rotary Park. He mentioned that the Superintendent of Schools will be planning an event to take place at Madera Community College and details are forthcoming.

Mayor Garcia mentioned a collaboration with the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) for Memorial Day Commemoration and stated that it is in the spirit of those who fought for the

freedoms of their fellow citizens, that those in attendance enjoy the right to speak freely and engage in open and peaceful discussions. He stated that Mexico en el Corazon, a professional dance group performed at the Memorial Day event free of charge. Mayor Garcia stated he was invited to Washington D.C. to discuss the debt ceiling and potential solutions to avoid financial catastrophe. He mentioned that the Pride flag raising ceremony requires further time for consideration and he would be working with City Attorney Hilda Cantu Montoy on this matter.

**G. CLOSED SESSION:**

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

**Name of Case:** Madera v. Lopez

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

**Agency Designated Representatives:** Arnoldo Rodriguez and Wendy Silva

**Employee Groups:** General Bargaining Unit, Madera Police Officers' Association, Mid-Management Employee Group, and Law Enforcement Mid Management Group


City Attorney Hilda Cantu Montoy made the closed session announcement at 9:26 p.m. She and Council returned from Closed Session at 9:58 p.m. with all members of Council present except for Councilmember Rodriguez who was absent during this meeting. Ms. Cantu Montoy stated there was no reportable action.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

**UPCOMING MEETING DATES:**

- Wednesday, June 21, 2023
- Wednesday, July 19, 2023

  
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ALICIA GONZALES, City Clerk

  
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ELSA MEJIA, Mayor Pro Tem

  
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MINUTES PREPARED BY  
ZELDA LEÓN, Deputy City Clerk

