

Item:	B-1
Minutes for:	10/04/2023
Adopted:	11/01/2023

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

**October 4, 2023**  
**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 Pro Tem Elsa Mejia, District 5  
Councilmember Cece Gallegos, District 1  
Councilmember Jose Rodriguez, District 2  
Councilmember Steve Montes, District 3  
Councilmember Anita Evans, District 4  
Councilmember Artemio Villegas, District 6

Absent: Mayor Santos Garcia

Others present were City Manager Arnoldo Rodriguez (Zoom), City Clerk Alicia Gonzales, City Attorney Shannon L. Chaffin, Chief Building Official Rafael Magallan, City Engineer Keith Helmuth, Community Development Director Will Tackett, Director of Financial Services Michael Lima, Division Fire Chief Justin McCombs, Fire Battalion Chief Ralph Duran, Grants Administrator Marcela Zuniga, Director of Human Resources Wendy Silva, Director of Parks and Community Services Joseph Hebert, Planning Manager Gary Conte, Chief of Police Giachino Chiaramonte, Public Works Director Ismael Hernandez, Senior Civil Engineer Steve Bettencourt, Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager Gabriel Bostan, Administrative Analyst (Parks) Gabby Salazar and Communication Specialist Joseph Carrello.

**INVOCATION:** Councilmember Evans

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilmember Rodriguez

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS, THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: MAYOR GARCIA. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

### **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.*

Anthony Duran of Duane E. Furman High School invited Council to attend and support their College and Career Day. He gave City Clerk Alicia Gonzales come fliers for Council.

Rosa Hernandez a resident of Madera addressed Council in the Mixteco language. Minerva Mendoza a resident of Madera in District 2 addressed Council in Spanish and Julisa Torres then addressed Council in English. Their comment in the three different languages was all one in the same, inviting Council and the community to the Guelaguetza Celebration on October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Millview Sport Complex better known as Millview Park.

Sulman Yañez requested that Council sponsor and recognize Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). They used to partner with Madera Community Hospital and she doesn't want that cultural event to fade out. City Attorney Shannon Chaffin directed Ms. Yañez to leave her name and contact information with City Clerk Alicia Gonzales.

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

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Proclamation Recognizing October 9, 2023, as Indigenous People's Day
2. Proclamation Recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness Month
3. Proclamation Recognizing Disability Awareness Month
4. Proclamation Recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness Month
5. Children & Youth in Transition Program - Rosa M. Galindo, MUSD Program Manager

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

None.

**A.**

**WORKSHOP:**

**A-1**

**Measure T Update**

**Recommendation:** This workshop is submitted for informational purposes only and there is no action requested from the City Council (Council) (Report by Kendall Flint, DKS Associates)

**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 RODRIGUEZ, THE CONSENT CALENDAR WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: MAYOR GARCIA. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

- B-1 Minutes – September 6, 2023**  
**Recommendation:** Approve the City Council Minutes of September 6, 2023 (Report by Alicia Gonzales)
- B-2 Informational Report on Register of Audited Demands**  
**Recommendation:** Review Register of Audited Demands Report for August 26, 2023 to September 22, 2023 (Report by Michael Lima)
- 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 (Council) (Report by Arnolando Rodriguez)
- B-4 Informational Report on Personnel Activity**  
**Recommendation:** This report is submitted for informational purposes only and there is no action requested from the City Council (Council) (Report by Wendy Silva)
- B-5 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 23-158** 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 III, CHAPTER 2
- B-6 Request to Waive City Fees for Madera High School’s Homecoming Parade**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution Waiving the Fees to Cover the Costs of Police, Public Works, and Engineering Fees and Services Relating to the Madera High School Homecoming Parade in the Amount of \$2,136 (Report by Gino Chiaramonte)
- RES 23-159** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA WAIVING THE FEES TO COVER THE COSTS OF POLICE, PUBLIC WORKS, AND ENGINEERING SERVICES AND FEES RELATING TO THE MADERA HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,136
- B-7 Request to Waive City Fees for Madera Downtown Christmas Parade**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution Waiving the Fees to Cover the Costs of Police, Public Works, and Parks Services for the Downtown Christmas Parade in the Amount of \$2,855 (Report by Gino Chiaramonte)

**RES 23-160** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA WAIVING THE FEES TO COVER COSTS OF POLICE, PUBLIC WORKS, AND PARK FEES FOR THE DOWNTOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE FOR MADERA DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION AND MADERA EVENING LIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,855

**B-8 Improvement Agreement Amendment No. 1 for the Varbella Estates II Subdivision (Tract No. 20-S-01) Allowing Reimbursement for Reconstruction of a Private Driveway**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Improvement Agreement Authorizing Reimbursement for Reconstruction of a Private Driveway to be Constructed by Subdivider (Report by Keith Helmuth)

**RES 23-161** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF A PRIVATE DRIVEWAY TO BE CONSTRUCTED BY SUBDIVIDER

**B-9 Groundwater Monitoring Wells at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Project No. WWTP 20-01**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Minute Order Approving:

1. Acceptance of the Construction of Monitoring Wells at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Project No. WWTP 20-01; and
2. The Recording of the Notice of Completion; and
3. The Release of Retention 35 Days After Recording the Notice of Completion (Report by Keith Helmuth)

**B-10 Master Agreement Between the Madera County Transportation Commission and the City for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Allocation of the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Exchange Funding**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution Approving the Master Agreement between the Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) and the City for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022/2023 allocation of RSTP Exchange Funding (RSTP) Exchange Funding (Report by Keith Helmuth)

**RES 23-162** RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA APPROVING THE MASTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MADERA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MCTC) AND THE CITY OF MADERA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 ALLOCATION OF REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (RSTP) EXCHANGE FUNDING

**B-11 Change Order on Piggyback Purchase Agreement for Paint Striping Truck**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution Approving a Change Order to the Sourcewell Paint Striper Piggyback Resolution No. 23-50

Approved by Council on April 19, 2023, for Minor Changes to the Paint Gun Carriage Configuration, Additional Bead Gun, and Air Ride Seats for the Operators (Report by Mike Lima)

**RES 23-163**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING CHANGE ORDER ON PIGGYBACK AGREEMENT FOR PAINT STRIPING TRUCK RESOLUTION NO. 23-50

**B-12**

**Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance to Rezone 0.3 Acres at 405 Vineyard Avenue (REZ 2023-02)**

Waive Full Reading and Adopt an Ordinance of the City of Madera Amending the Official City of Madera Zoning Map Rezoning Approximately 0.3 Acres located at 405 Vineyard Avenue (APN 008-071-001) from a R2 (One unit for each 3,000 square feet of site area) Zone District to a R1 (One unit for each 6,000 square feet of site area) Zone District, by Title Only (Report by Will Tackett)

**ORD 1003 C.S.**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA AMENDING THE OFFICIAL CITY OF MADERA ZONING MAP TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 0.3 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 405 VINEYARD AVENUE (APN: 008-071-001) FROM THE R2 (ONE UNIT FOR EACH 3,000 SQUARE FEET OF SITE AREA) TO THE R1 (ONE UNIT FOR EACH 6,000 SQUARE FEET OF SITE AREA) ZONE DISTRICT

**B-13**

**Change Order on Consultant Services Agreement with O'Dell Engineering for Design Services for James Taubert Park**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution approving a change order to the O'Dell Engineering Consultant Services Agreement of \$9,000, bringing the agreement to \$247,013 (Report by Joseph Hebert)

**RES 23-164**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER TO THE O'DELL ENGINEERING CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT OF \$9,000, BRINGING THE AGREEMENT TO \$247,013

**B-14**

**Multiple Letters of Support Provided by the City of Madera**

**Recommendation:** This report is submitted for informational purposes only, and no action is requested from City Council (Council) at this time (Report by Arnoldo Rodriguez)

**C.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**C-1**

**Public Hearing Regarding the Program Year 2022/23 Community Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) and Financial Summary**

**Recommendation:** Conduct a Public Hearing, Invite Public Input, and Adopt a Resolution Approving the City's 2022/23 CAPER and Financial Summary (Report by Mike Lima)

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS, ITEM C-1 WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: MAYOR GARCIA. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

**RES 23-165** RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE 2022/23 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY

**C-2**

**Public Hearing Regarding Annexation No. 1 (Madera Place Apartments) into Community Facilities District No. 2013-1 Under the Mello Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982 and Related Actions**

**Recommendation:** That Council consider the following:

1. Hold the Public Hearing; and
2. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council (Council) of the City of Madera Authorizing Annexation of Territory (Annexation No. 1) to Community Facilities District No. 2013-1 (CFD 2013-1); authorizing the Levy of Special Tax; and Submitting the Levy of Tax to the Qualified Electors; and
3. Conduct the Election of the Qualified Electors of Annexation No. 1; and
4. Adopt a Resolution of the Council of the City of Madera Making Certain Findings, Declaring and Certifying the Results of an Election, and Adding the Territory Identified as Annexation No. 1 to CFD 2013-1 (Public Services) (Report by Will Tackett)

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS, ITEM C-2 (2) WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: MAYOR GARCIA. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

**RES 23-166** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY (ANNEXATION NO. 1) TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-1 (PUBLIC SERVICES), AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF A SPECIAL TAX, AND SUBMITTING THE LEVY OF TAX TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ, ITEM C-2 (4) WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: MAYOR GARCIA. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

**RES 23-167** RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS,



DECLARING AND CERTIFYING THE RESULTS OF A SPECIAL ELECTION, AND ADDING THE TERRITORY IDENTIFIED AS ANNEXATION NO. 1 TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-1 (PUBLIC SERVICES)

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

**D-1 Modifications to the City of Madera Classification Plan and Adjustment of Salary Ranges for Certain Positions**

**Recommendation:** Adopt Resolutions:

1. Modifying the City of Madera Classification Plan by replacing the existing Park Planning Manager classification with Parks Project Manager and replacing Information Services Manager with Director of Information Technology;
2. Approving a Side Letter Agreement with the Mid Management Employee Group regarding adjustment of salary ranges for represented professional civil engineer positions; and
3. Modifying and/or setting the assigned salary ranges for the classifications of Associate Civil Engineer, Senior Civil Engineer, Deputy City Engineer, City Engineer, and Director of Information Technology, and adopting the City of Madera Full Time Salary Schedule (Report by Wendy Silva)

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER EVANS, ITEM D-1 WAS APPROVED BY A 5/1 VOTE. NOES: COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

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

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

**NO: 1**                      **COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ**

**RES 23-168**                      A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA AMENDING THE CITY OF MADERA CLASSIFICATION PLAN BY ADDING DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND PARKS PROJECT MANAGER AND REMOVING INFORMATION SERVICES MANAGER AND PARK PLANNING MANAGER

**RES 23-169**                      A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA APPROVING SIDE LETTER AGREEMENT #3 WITH THE MID MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEE GROUP REGARDING

PAY RANGE ASSIGNMENTS FOR REPRESENTED CIVIL  
ENGINEER POSITIONS

**RES 23-170** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
MADERA MODIFYING AND/OR SETTING THE ASSIGNED  
SALARY RANGES FOR CERTAIN CLASSIFICATIONS AND  
ADOPTING THE CITY OF MADERA FULL TIME SALARY  
SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 7, 2023

**D-2** **Consideration of Adoption of a Tax Sharing Agreement between the City of  
Madera and the County of Madera**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution Approving a Tax Sharing Agreement  
(TSA) between the City of Madera and County of Madera,  
Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Agreement on behalf  
of the City and Authorizing the City Manager to make Non-  
material Revisions or Refinements in the Language of the  
Agreement, not including the Sales Tax and Property Tax  
Sharing Amounts or Percentages, as may be needed to  
finalize the Agreement and Secure County Approval (Report  
by Will Tackett)

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS AND SECONDED BY  
COUNCILMEMBER MONTES, ITEM D-2 WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. NOES:  
NONE. ABSENT: MAYOR GARCIA. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

**RES 23-171** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
MADERA APPROVING A TAX SHARING AGREEMENT (TSA)  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF MADERA AND COUNTY OF MADERA

**D-3** **Contract Award for the Renovation of the Cook Water Tower, City Project No. W-  
22 and W-34**

**Recommendation:** 1. Adopt a Resolution approving the contract award for the  
Renovation of the Cook Water Tower, City Project No.  
W-22 and W-34 in the amount of \$2,920,732.00 to  
Unified Field Services Corporation and a contingency of  
10 percent of the contract amount, and a CEQA Class 1  
Categorical Exemption (Existing Facilities); and

2. Adopt a Resolution Approving Project Funding  
Amendments Appropriating \$604,078.00 to the Fiscal  
Year (FY) 2023/24 Capital Projects Budgets (Report by  
Keith Helmuth)

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

**RES 23-172** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
MADERA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE CONTRACT AWARD  
FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE LOY COOK WATER TOWER,  
CITY PROJECT NOS. W-22 AND W-34 IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$2,920,732.00 TO UNIFIED FIELD SERVICES CORPORATION



AND AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCIES  
RELATING TO THE CONTRACT

**RES 23-173**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
MADERA, APPROVING FUNDING AMENDMENT  
APPROPRIATING \$604,078 TO THE CITY OF MADERA FISCAL  
YEAR (FY) 2023/24 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR THE  
RENOVATION OF THE LOY COOK WATER TOWER, CITY  
PROJECT W-34

E.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

E-1

**Riverview Park Playground Equipment Installation**

**Recommendation:** Receive a summary report of the neighborhood meeting and  
provide direction on plans to install playground equipment  
at Riverview Park (Report by Joseph Hebert)

Grants Administrator Marcela Zuniga provided Spanish translation of this item to  
members of the public.

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

Public comment for this item was reopened and took place after the Closed Session  
announcement.

A member of the public addressed the Council in Spanish.

Grants Administrator Marcela Zuniga summarized the Spanish public comment as  
follows: The idea in and of itself is not a bad idea. Her concern is that maybe the  
equipment is too large for that space and is hoping for something smaller.  
Additional concerns are the potential amount of trash that can come into the area  
because of the installation of the equipment. She referenced holidays such as the  
4<sup>th</sup> of July where people come into the neighborhood and she and other residents  
have had to clean it up. She highly encourages consideration of maintaining the  
wildlife in the area as well and though she's in favor of parks, thinks that the wildlife  
is very important. The lady referenced getting speed bumps because there is a lot  
of noise in that area. The idea of installing playground equipment concerns her  
because it will increase the noise level as they already have to deal with some of  
that as it is.

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

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 Evans thanked staff for their hard work on the reports. She stated  
that the Old Timers' Day Parade occurred on Saturday and even though it was  
raining, many attended. The Fire Department showed up and the Police

Department were out there guiding traffic, etc. It was a great activity/event. Councilmember Evans stated that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and she salutes those who had it. Her daughter had it, so this is near and dear to her heart. She stated that the NAACP will be hosting a Breast Cancer Awareness event on October 17<sup>th</sup> at Burrito King and invited everyone to attend.

Councilmember Gallegos thanked staff for attending the Old Timers' Day Parade. She recognized Nick Salinas who chaired the event as well as all the Rotarians who made it happen. Councilmember Gallegos stated that her brother was the City of Kerman Parks Director for 37 years and a park was named after him this past weekend. It is the Philip Gallegos Play Park in Kerman

Councilmember Montes thanked Parks and Community Services Director Joseph Hebert and his team for the community meeting where a couple of issues were addressed. He also thanked Jamie Hickman in the Public Works Department for taking care of some concerns with the roadways.

Councilmember Rodriguez acknowledged Breast Cancer Awareness month. He mentioned the salary adjustment item on tonight's agenda and asked for staff effort in exploring recruiting efforts to benefit employee salary. He would like staff to explore recruiting efforts where the City incentivizes by providing some benefit when it comes to housing, etc. to retain employees. He would like to offer employees a good recruiting package while still being sensitive to the City, their constituency and the community. He asked that this item be on a future agenda, maybe sometime early next year. Councilmember Rodriguez asked that Director of Public Health Department Sarah Bosse be asked to bring information at least once each quarter to give them an update on what is happening with Covid outbreaks in the community.

Councilmember Villegas thanked everyone who attended to receive the proclamations tonight. He thanked the Police Department for their assistance at the Old Timers' Day Parade. Councilmember Villegas stated he has a couple events coming up at some of the schools. One event is the walk to school event at Sierra Vista Elementary on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Pro Tem stated it has been a very busy Mexican Heritage Month for her. She attended the annual Chilena Festival which has grown exponentially since its beginning. She attended the Mexican Consulate's annual Grito Celebration honoring this special day for the Mexican nationals living in the United States. She attended an event at Sierra Vista Elementary where there were different agencies that presented different resources for the community. She also attended the Recovery Month Celebration held by the Madera County Behavioral Health Services at Courthouse Park. Mayor Pro Tem reiterated the invitation that was made during Public Comment in three different languages. She would like to see everyone at Madera's first Guelaguetza Celebration on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

City Attorney Shannon Chaffin mentioned that the Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) is going to be holding an event and meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>

which is the same night as Council's regularly scheduled meeting. He stated that some of Council sits on the MCTC Board and as they can't be in two places at the same time, he wanted to do an informal poll to see if Council would have a quorum on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Only one Councilmember indicated that he would be in attendance at the Council meeting and quorum is at least four (4) people to hold a meeting.

**G. CLOSED SESSION:**

**G-1 Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(a)**

**One Case:** Madera Police Officers' Association; Randall Williams; Thomas Burns vs. City of Madera (MCV 088246)


City Attorney Shannon Chaffin made the closed session announcement at 8:43 p.m. City Attorney and Council returned from Closed Session at 9:33 p.m. with all members of Council present. Mr. Chaffin announced there was no reportable action.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

**UPCOMING MEETING DATES:**

- Wednesday, October 18, 2023
- Wednesday, November 1, 2023

  
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ALICIA GONZALES, City Clerk

  
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SANTOS GARCIA, Mayor

  
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MINUTES PREPARED BY  
ZELDA LEÓN, Deputy City Clerk

