



CITY OF MERCED

City Council Chamber
Merced Civic Center
2nd Floor
678 W. 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340

Minutes

City Council/Public Finance and Economic Development Authority/Parking Authority

Monday, December 19, 2016

7:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor THURSTON called the Regular meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

A.1 Invocation - Spence Boelter, Young Life

The invocation was delivered by Spence BOELTER from Young Life.

A.2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Stanley P. Thurston, Mayor Pro Tempore Joshua Pedrozo, Council Member Michael Belluomini, Council Member Kevin Blake, Council Member Noah Lor, and Council Member Mike Murphy

Absent: 0

B.1. In accordance with Government Code 54952.3, it is hereby announced that the City Council sits either simultaneously or serially as the Parking Authority, and Public Financing and Economic Development Authority. City Council Members receive a monthly stipend of \$20.00 by Charter for sitting as the City Council; and the Mayor receives an additional \$50.00 each month as a part of the adopted budget and Resolution 1975-37. The members of the Parking Authority, and Public Financing and Economic Development Authority receive no compensation.

C. REORGANIZATION

C.1. **SUBJECT:** Certification of November 8, 2016 General Municipal Election Returns

REPORT IN BRIEF

Certifies the November 2016 election returns for the Mayor and three City Council Members.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt **Resolution 2016-64**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, reciting the fact of the General

Municipal Election held on November 8, 2016, declaring the result, and declaring such other matters as provided by law for the election of the Mayor and three members of the City Council.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Pedrozo, seconded by Council Member Blake, to approve this item. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Thurston, Mayor Pro Tempore Pedrozo, Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Blake, Council Member Dossetti, Council Member Lor, and Council Member Murphy

No: 0

Absent: 0

C.2. Comments From Sitting Council Members

Council Members LOR, DOSSETTI, and Mayor THURSTON all thanked their families, staff, friends and the people of Merced. They discussed the accomplishments and growth the City of Merced has had during their terms.

C.3. Recognition of Outgoing City Council Members

City Manager Steve CARRIGAN presented Mayor THURSTON, Council Member DOSSETTI, and Council Member LOR with a recognition award for their service to the community.

Representatives from the offices of Congressman Jim COSTA, Senator Anthony CONNELLA, and Assembly Member Adam GRAY presented certificates of recognition to Mayor THURSTON, Council Member DOSSETTI, and Council Member LOR for their service on the Council.

The remaining sitting Council Members thanked and congratulated Council Members LOR, DOSSETTI and Mayor THURSTON for their service on the Council and praised them for their dedication, wisdom, and passion they had for the City of Merced.

C.4.

SUBJECT: Certificates of Election and Oaths of Office

REPORT IN BRIEF

The new Mayor and Council Members will be presented their Certificates of Election and take their Oath of Office before taking their seats at the dais.

Honorable Judge MCCABE presented the oaths of office to Council Members MARTINEZ, MCLEOD, and SERRATTO, and to Mayor

MURPHY.

C.5. Comments From Newly Elected Council Members

Newly-elected Council Members SERRATTO, MCLEOD, MARTINEZ and Newly-elected Mayor MURPHY all thanked their friends, family and their supporters and expressed excitement for starting their new journey as Mayor and Council Members.

C.6. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Council Member Joshua Pedrozo, Council Member Michael Belluomini, Mayor Pro Tempore Kevin Blake, Mayor Mike Murphy, Council Member Anthony Martinez, Council Member Jill McLeod, and Council Member Matthew Serratto

Absent: 0

C.7.

SUBJECT: Election of Mayor Pro Tempore

REPORT IN BRIEF

Election of a Mayor Pro Tempore to a two-year term (conducted by the newly elected Mayor.)

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion appointing a City Council Member as Mayor Pro Tempore of the City of Merced for a two-year term of office.

Mayor MURPHY discussed the election of the Mayor Pro Tempore and his implementation of a one-year term.

A motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Council Member Pedrozo, that Council Member Blake be elected Mayor Pro Tempore for a one year term. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council Member Pedrozo, Council Member Belluomini, Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, Mayor Murphy, Council Member Martinez, Council Member McLeod, and Council Member Serratto

No: 0

Absent: 0

C.8.

SUBJECT: Resolutions of Commemoration - Outgoing City Council Members and Mayor

REPORT IN BRIEF

Resolutions of commemoration for outgoing City Council Members and Mayor.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Adopting **Resolution 2016-69**, Public Service Commemoration, Mark “Tony” Dossetti; and,

B. Adopting **Resolution 2016-70**, Public Service Commemoration, Noah Lor; and,

C. Adopting **Resolution 2016-71**, Public Service Commemoration, Stanley Thurston.

A motion was made by Council Member Pedrozo, seconded by Council Member Belluomini, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council Member Pedrozo, Council Member Belluomini, Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, Mayor Murphy, Council Member Martinez, Council Member McLeod, and Council Member Serratto

No: 0

Absent: 0

Clerk's Note: Council took a break at 8:05 PM and returned to the Regular Meeting at 8:15 PM.

D. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

D.1. **SUBJECT:** Donation of Funds by the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local #1479 to UC Davis Cancer Center

REPORT IN BRIEF

The City of Merced International Association of Fire Fighters Local #1479, will donate funds from their annual Breast Cancer Awareness T-Shirt sales to the UC Davis Cancer Center.

Carina DAVIS, Merced, reported on raising \$2,065 for breast cancer research.

Fire Captain Morgan MADRUGA presented a check for \$15,621 to the UC Davis Cancer Center.

E. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

E.1. Building Momentum - Frank Quintero, Director of Economic Development

Director of Economic Development Frank QUINTERO gave a slide show presentation on building momentum for the City of Merced.

Mayor Pro Tempore BLAKE asked if Staff had seen any benefits from the suspension of the RTIF fees.

Mr. QUINTERO discussed the increase in building permit applications for single family dwelling units and ground grading for the Marriott Townplace project.

Council Member MARTINEZ asked about the time frame for the development of the old bowling alley location.

Mr. QUINTERO stated the projected date is early summer, with the gas station being built first, followed by the fast food restaurants.

F. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk's Office did not receive any written petitions and communications.

G. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Jose Antonio RAMIREZ, Stockton - congratulated the new Mayor, Council Members and the passing of Measure V. He stated that he was looking forward to working with Council on the Ace Forward and Amtrak.

Sonia ALSHAMI, Merced - spoke on the Water Board Hearing.

Monica VILLA, Merced - spoke on the downtown fire and on the homeless.

H. CONSENT CALENDAR

Items H.2. Information Only - Recreation and Parks Commission Minutes from June 27, 2016 and H.6. Purchase of a Paint Truck for the Streets Department Utilizing a Government Procurement Program and Waiving the Competitive Bidding Process with a Supplemental Budget Appropriation from the Capital Fleet Fund, were pulled for further consideration.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member Pedrozo, seconded by Council Member Belluomini, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council Member Pedrozo, Council Member Belluomini, Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, Mayor Murphy, Council Member Martinez, Council Member McLeod, and Council Member Serratto

No: 0

Absent: 0

H.1. SUBJECT: Reading by Title of All Ordinances and Resolutions

REPORT IN BRIEF

Ordinances and Resolutions which appear on the public agenda shall be determined to have been read by title and a summary title may be read with further reading waived.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion waiving the reading of Ordinances and Resolutions, pursuant to Section 412 of the Merced City Charter.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.3. SUBJECT: Information Only-Site Plan Review Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2016

RECOMMENDATION

For information only.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.4. SUBJECT: City Council/Public Financing and Economic Development/Parking Authority Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2016.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Official adoption of previously held meeting minutes.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council/Public Financing and Economic Development/Parking Authority - Adopt a motion approving the meeting minutes of November 21, 2016.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.5. SUBJECT: 2016 California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control Mini Grant

REPORT IN BRIEF

Accept grant funds for costs associated with conducting enforcement operations to reduce underage drinking and alcohol related crimes.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Accepting and increasing the revenue budget in account 001-1002-324.02-0 by \$25,000, and appropriating the same amount in Police Operations Division 001-1002; and,

B. Authorizing the use of pooled cash until reimbursement from the grant is received; and,

C. Authorizing the City Manager, Chief of Police, and/or Finance Director to execute the necessary documents.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.7.

SUBJECT: Authorization to Submit Grant Application for Urban Forest Tree Inventory, Assessment and Management Project

REPORT IN BRIEF

Authorize the Director of Public Works to submit a Grant application to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) for an Urban Forestry Management Activities Project.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion adopting **Resolution 2016-68**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, authorizing the Public Works Director to submit an Urban Forest Management Activities Grant application to CalFire for a tree inventory, assessment and management program.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.8.

SUBJECT: Increase Contingency Percentage for CMAQ Sidewalk Infill on Alexander Avenue, Project 114051

REPORT IN BRIEF

Authorizes approval to increase the contingency to 13% of the original construction contract amount, for a total of \$32,125.85 of additional work.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion increasing the contingency to 13% for the CMAQ Sidewalk Infill on Alexander Avenue Project 114051; and, authorizing the City Manager to sign the necessary documents.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.2.

SUBJECT: Information Only- Recreation and Parks Commission Minutes from June 27, 2016

REPORT IN BRIEF

For Information Only

Council Member SERRATTO pulled this item to discuss getting people more involved with the parks and youth activities.

A motion was made by Council Member Pedrozo, seconded by Council Member Blake, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council Member Pedrozo, Council Member Belluomini, Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, Mayor Murphy, Council Member Martinez, Council Member McLeod, and Council Member Serratto

No: 0

Absent: 0

H.6.

SUBJECT: Purchase of a Paint Truck for the Streets Department Utilizing a Government Procurement Program and Waiving the Competitive Bidding Process with a Supplemental Budget Appropriation from the Capital Fleet Fund

REPORT IN BRIEF

Fleet Services is requesting approval from Council to waive the City's competitive bidding requirement to purchase a new paint truck for the Streets Department from the National Joint Powers Alliance Government Procurement Program (NJPA), and; approval from Council to appropriate an additional \$42,797.86 from the Fleet Capital Replacement fund in order to make the purchase

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Requesting an appropriation of \$42,797.86 from the Fleet Capital

Replacement Fund 674-1103-633.63-00 to augment the prior approved replacement purchase of a Street Department Paint Truck and;

B. Waiving the City's competitive bidding requirement, allowing a direct purchase from the NJPA for requested equipment and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary budgetary documents.

Council Member SERRATTO pulled this item to ask for more details on the purchase of the paint truck.

Director of Public Works Ken ELWIN discussed the need for a new truck and the process NJPA goes through to get better pricing.

A motion was made by Council Member Pedrozo, seconded by Council Member Belluomini, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council Member Pedrozo, Council Member Belluomini, Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, Mayor Murphy, Council Member Martinez, Council Member McLeod, and Council Member Serratto

No: 0

Absent: 0

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

I.1.

SUBJECT: Public Hearing - Assembly Bill 1600 (AB 1600) Annual Compliance Report for Development Impact Fees

REPORT IN BRIEF

Consider adopting a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced accepting AB 1600 Annual Compliance Report for Development Impact Fees.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Accepting the Annual Compliance Report for AB1600 Development Fees for Fiscal Year 2015/2016 and make findings related to unexpended balances as required by California Government Code Section 66001; and,

B. Adopting **Resolution 2016-62**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, accepting the Development Impact Fees Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Annual Report and making findings related to unexpended developer deposits for public improvements as required by California Government Code Section 66001.

Interim City Engineer Theron ROSCHEN gave a slide show presentation on the Assembly Bill 1600 Annual Compliance Report for Development Impact Fees.

Council Member SERRATTO asked if the City is bound to deliver the projects.

Mr. ROSCHEN stated that the City is bound to complete the projects listed.

Council Member BELLUOMINI asked how much money the City will spend on Water Facility Wells and Mains for the 2016/2017 fiscal year. He also asked about the timeline and dollar amount of the Police Facility.

Mr. ROSCHEN explained the break down of money that will be spent on the water projects.

Director of Economic Development Frank QUINTERO discussed the timeline of the Police Facility and the initial cost of it.

Council Member MCLEOD asked about the interest being earned and what level of risk is invested and the potential for loss. She also asked about remaining balances on projects.

Director of Finance Brad GRANT explained the City investments.

Mr. ROSCHEN explained that fund balances are driven by development and the market.

Council Member MARTINEZ asked about the areas that had a dollar amount as well as a TBD.

Mr. ROSCHEN explained that the projects in question were miscellaneous projects and that funds may fluctuate depending on the project.

Council Member SERRATTO asked how money is allocated to each project.

Mr. ROSCHEN discussed the process of allocating funds and the analysis of allocating the funds to certain projects.

Mayor MURPHY opened the Public Hearing at 9:24 PM and subsequently closed it at 9:24 PM due to lack of public comment.

A motion was made by Council Member Belluomini, seconded by Council Member Pedrozo, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the

following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council Member Pedrozo, Council Member Belluomini, Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, Mayor Murphy, Council Member Martinez, Council Member McLeod, and Council Member Serratto

No: 0

Absent: 0

I.2.

SUBJECT: Public Hearing - Holding Election for Annexation No. 10 into Community Facilities District 2003-2 (Services)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Hold a public hearing and election for annexation into Community Facilities District 2003-2 (Services) Annexation No. 10 for property located at the southwest corner of Mercy Avenue and Mansionette Drive (Northview Offices).

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Complete the following items in order:

A. Hold a Public Hearing on the annexation of certain property into the CFD and the levy of special taxes.

B. Adopt **Resolution 2016-65**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, acting as the Legislative Body of the Community Facilities District No. 2003-2 (Services) of the City of Merced determining the validity of prior proceedings, calling a special election related to Annexation No. 10.

C. Hold Election.

D. Adopt **Resolution 2016-66**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, acting as the Legislative Body of the Community Facilities District No. 2003-2 (Services) of the City of Merced canvassing the results of the election held within Annexation No. 10 of said District.

E. Adopt **Resolution 2016-67**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, acting as the Legislative Body of the Community Facilities District No. 2003-2 (Services) of the City of Merced, annexing Annexation No. 10 to said district and authorizing the levy of a special tax within said Annexation No. 10.

Planning Manager Kim ESPINOSA gave a slide show presentation on Holding an Election for Annexation No. 10 into Community Facilities

District 2003-2 (Services).

Council Member BELLUOMINI asked for reassurance on the amount being adequate to maintain the storm pump and basins.

Ms. ESPINOSA explained that the amount allocated for the storm pump and basin was sufficient.

Mayor MURPHY opened the Public Hearing at 9:33 PM and closed the Public Hearing at 9:34 PM due to lack of public comment.

A motion was made by Council Member Pedrozo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, that the Resolution Determining the Validity of Prior Proceedings, Calling a Special Election related to Annexation No. 10 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Murphy, Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Martinez, Council Member McLeod, Council Member Pedrozo, and Council Member Serratto

No: 0

A motion was made by Council Member Blake, seconded by Council Member Pedrozo, that Resolution 2016-66 and Resolution 2016-67 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council Member Pedrozo, Council Member Belluomini, Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, Mayor Murphy, Council Member Martinez, Council Member McLeod, and Council Member Serratto

No: 0

Absent: 0

I.3.

SUBJECT: Public Hearing - Approve First Substantial Amendment to Fiscal Years (FY) 2015/16 and 2016/17 Housing Urban Development (HUD) Annual Action Plans.

REPORT IN BRIEF

First substantial amendments to the 2015/16 and 2016/17 Annual Action Plans redirecting federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG and HOME Investment Partnership) funds to the Gateway Terrace Apartment development.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving the first substantial amendments to Fiscal Years 2015/16 and 2016/17 Annual Action Plans redirecting a total of \$360,000 from the 2015/16 and 2016/17 HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds to the Gateway Terrace II Apartment Project;

B. Approving the first substantial amendment to Fiscal Year 2016/17 Annual Action Plan redirecting a total of \$118,464.17 from the 2016/17 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to the Gateway Terrace Apartment Project;

C. Approving the first substantial amendment to Fiscal Year 2016/17 Annual Action Plan increasing the total anticipated program income from the \$100,000 anticipated during Fiscal Year 2016/17 HOME Investment Partnership Program funds to \$550,000;

D. Appropriating \$216,387.34 from the Sewer Main Replacement Fund to Housing Fund 018 for the Sewer Main replacement portion of the Gateway Terrace II Apartment Project;

E. Appropriating \$255,361.67 from the Water Main Replacement Fund to Housing Fund 018 for the Sewer Main replacement portion of the Gateway Terrace II Apartment Project;

F. Reallocating the remaining \$54,988.91 from the CDBG funded 7th & T Street Water Main project to the Gateway Terrace II Apartment Project;

G. Authorizing the City Manager to make minor or technical changes to the 2017 Housing Urban Development (HUD) Annual Action Plan amendment (if needed to conform with other program activities) as necessary to implement the Council's actions; and,

H. Authorizing Finance Officer to make the appropriate budget adjustments.

Housing Program Supervisor Mark HAMILTON gave a slide show presentation on the first substantial amendment to Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 Housing Urban Development Annual Action Plan.

Mayor MURPHY opened the Public Hearing at 9:42 PM and subsequently closed the Public Hearing at 9:42 PM due to lack of public comment.

A motion was made by Council Member Belluomini, seconded by Council Member Pedrozo, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council Member Pedrozo, Council Member Belluomini, Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, Mayor Murphy, Council Member Martinez, Council Member McLeod, and Council Member Serratto

No: 0

Absent: 0

J. REPORTS

J.1. **SUBJECT:** Boys and Girls Club Pilot Program

REPORT IN BRIEF

Request to approve a pilot program with Boys and Girls Club of Merced County to open on Saturday and provide youth services.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving the request to contract with the Boys and Girls Club of Merced County to open on Saturday and provide youth programming and;

B. Directing staff to prepare a contract with the Club and;

C. Approving a supplemental appropriation from the General Fund to account 024-1218-542.17-00 in the amount of \$12,490 (Five votes required), and

D. Authorizing the Parks and Recreation Department and City Manager to approve the necessary documents.

Assistant to the City Manager Mike CONWAY gave a presentation on the Boys and Girls Club.

Council Member SERRATTO asked how to get more partners involved.

Mr. CONWAY stated that the City does partner with a few organizations, but is always looking for more partnerships.

Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Merced Tony SLATON discussed the partnership with UC Merced.

Mayor Pro Tempore BLAKE stated for clarity that this money is a one-time fund allocation.

Council Member PEDROZO stated his concern over the funds being requested as a one-time cost and discussed the issues from past experiences. He also stated his concern for other organizations coming forward requesting funds and citing a fairness issue.

Mr. SLATON clarified the funds that the City provides to the Boys and Girls Club.

Mayor MURPHY explained his reasoning behind bringing this item to the Council and giving the Boys and Girls Club the opportunity to be open on Saturdays.

Council Member MARTINEZ asked about an objective application process for organizations to request funds.

Mr. CARRIGAN spoke on why this is a unique item and the misunderstanding and miscommunication regarding this item.

Council Member MCLEOD spoke about the curriculum and its design. She also requested followup on the outcome of the curriculum.

Council Member BELLUOMINI stated his support for this item.

Mr. CONWAY clarified that this is a general funds appropriation.

Mayor MURPHY and Director of Finance Brand GRANT had a discussion on where to appropriate the funds for this project.

Council Member BELLUOMINI motioned to approve the Staff recommendation. His motion failed for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Council Member Blake, that this agenda item be approved and allocating the funds from the Recreation and Parks Department salary savings. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council Member Belluomini, Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, Mayor Murphy, Council Member Martinez, Council Member McLeod, and Council Member Serratto

No: 1 - Council Member Pedrozo

Absent: 0

K. BUSINESS

K.1. **SUBJECT: Confirmation of Dates for Town Hall Meetings**

REPORT IN BRIEF

Dates for confirmation are:

Wednesday, February 8th at Rivera Middle School
Thursday, February 16th at Multicultural Arts Center
Thursday, February 23rd at Tenaya Middle School

All meetings are from 6 PM to 8 PM.

RECOMMENDATION

Confirm dates listed for Town Hall Meetings.

Council Member MARTINEZ asked if the Town Hall Meetings will be scheduled for each district in the future.

City Manager Steve CARRIGAN stated that the plan would be to hold Town Hall Meetings in each district.

Council Members confirmed the dates for the Town Hall Meetings.

K.2. Council Member Belluomini's Request to Discuss Charter Section 807

Council Member BELLUOMINI discussed Charter Section 807 and the confusion of this section of the Charter. He requested the Interim City Attorney draft a public memo regarding Section 807 of the Charter for clarification.

Interim City Attorney Jolie HOUSTON stated that she can prepare a public memo for clarification.

Council Members and Ms. HOUSTON discussed how to make the memo available to those requesting the Charter for clarification during election time.

Council Member BLAKE stated his support for a memo clarifying this section of the Charter.

William AVERY, Merced Police Officers Association, Merced - discussed the rights of City Employees participating in elections.

Ms. HOUSTON suggested posting the memo to the website during elections.

A motion was made by Council Member Belluomini, seconded by Council Member Blake, to have the City Attorney draft a public memo in regards to Charter Section 807 and post it on the city website. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council Member Pedrozo, Council Member Belluomini, Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, Mayor Murphy, Council Member Martinez, Council Member McLeod, and Council Member Serratto

No: 0

Absent: 0

K.3. Request to Add Item to Future Agenda

Council Member BELLUOMINI requested to add a discussion on entry signs into the City of Merced for the February 6th meeting.

K.4. City Council Comments

Council Member BELLUOMINI discussed Measure V and requested the Mayor write a letter to the public thanking them for the passing of Measure V. He also clarified that the Council has not decided to tear down the Merced Sun-Star Building.

Council Member PEDROZO reported on attending the Water Board Hearing and the Hmong New Year. He thanked the City Staff and all employees of the City of Merced for all their hard work. He went on to discuss the successful 2016 year.

Council Member MARTINEZ stated his excitement for his new role as a Council Member and wished everyone a happy holiday. He discussed the fears that some residents have since the election.

Mayor Pro Tempore BLAKE wished everyone a safe and Merry Christmas.

Council Member SERRATTO discussed news on the CalPers retirement system.

Mayor MURPHY reported on attending the Water Board Hearing and the Hmong New Year. He commended the Fire Fighters for the great job they did on the Main Street fire. He also mentioned the list of committee assignments for Council Members.

L. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 10:44 PM.

A motion was made by Council Member Pedrozo, seconded by Mayor Murphy, that the Regular Meeting be adjourned in memory of form Police Officer Mike Hyde. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council Member Pedrozo, Council Member Belluomini, Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, Mayor Murphy, Council Member Martinez, Council Member McLeod, and Council Member Serratto

No: 0

Absent: 0