



CITY OF MERCED

Merced Civic Center
678 W. 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340

Minutes Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission

Thursday, June 20, 2024

5:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair SANDERS called the Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Member Belinda Burnett, Chair James Sanders, Member Jennifer McQueen, and Member Nadine Villafana

Excused: 1 - Vice Chair Dorothea White

Absent: 1 - Member Maria Diaz

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

E.1. **SUBJECT:** Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission Minutes of April 18, 2024

REPORT IN BRIEF

Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission Minutes from the meeting of April 18, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission - Adopt a motion approving and filing the Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission minutes of April 18, 2024.

A motion was made by Villafana, seconded by Burnett, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Burnett, Chair Sanders, McQueen, and Villafana

No: 0

Excused: 1 - Vice Chair White

Absent: 1 - Diaz

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- F.1. **SUBJECT:** Review and Discussion of the Current Stipend for the Mayor and City Council Members and Discussion and Recommendations, if any, Regarding the Appropriate Stipend for the Mayor and City Council Members

REPORT IN BRIEF

Discussion of the current stipend and any suggested changes and review of process.

RECOMMENDATION

Continue the discussion of the Council stipend to the next Public Hearing meeting.

Commissioners, Finance Officer Venus RODRIGUEZ, and Assistant City Clerk Jennifer LEVESQUE discussed the Council's current stipend, the growth of the City, the state of the economy, the time the Council puts in, and whether or not to increase the stipend or keep the stipend as it currently is.

Clerk's Note: Chair SANDERS opened the Public Hearing at 5:53 PM. There were no public comments.

A motion was made by McQueen, seconded by Villafana, to increase the Council's and Mayor's stipend by \$100 and to continue the Public Hearing for June 27, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Burnett, Chair Sanders, McQueen, and Villafana

No: 0

Excused: 1 - Vice Chair White

Absent: 1 - Diaz

G. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: The Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission meeting adjourned at 5:57 PM.

A motion was made by McQueen, seconded by Burnett, to adjourn the Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Burnett, Chair Sanders, McQueen, and Villafana

No: 0

Excused: 1 - Vice Chair White

Absent: 1 - Diaz