



CITY OF MERCED

Meeting Agenda

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

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

Monday, February 2, 2026

6:00 PM

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

Study Session at 4:00 PM/ Closed Session at 5:00 PM/ Regular Meeting at 6:00 PM

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A. STUDY SESSION ROLL CALL

B. STUDY SESSION

B.1. 26-012 SUBJECT: Study Session to Discuss Formation of a New Community Facilities District (CFD) for Services

REPORT IN BRIEF

Study Session to discuss the formation of a new CFD for Services and review special tax rate analysis.

C. CLOSED SESSION ROLL CALL

D. CLOSED SESSION

The legislative body shall provide the public with an opportunity to address the body on any item described in Closed Session [Government Code Section 54954.3(a)].

D.1. 26-130 SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS - Property: 415 W. 18 Street, Merced, CA APN 031-064-007; Agency Negotiators: D. Scott McBride, City Manager, Frank Quintero, Deputy City Manager, Venus Rodriguez, Finance Officer and Craig J. Cornwell, City Attorney; Negotiating Party: S. Tietjen, Merced County Office of Education; Price and Terms of Payment Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8

D.2. 26-131 SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR Property: Mansionette Drive and Yosemite Avenue, Merced, CA APN 231-040-021; Agency Negotiators: D. Scott McBride, City Manager, Frank Quintero, Deputy City Manager, Venus Rodriguez, Finance Officer and Craig J. Cornwell, City Attorney; Negotiating Party: V. Beglinger, Cox Castle Under Negotiation; Price and Terms of Payment

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8

E. CALL TO ORDER

E.1. Invocation - Debbie Croft, Alpha Pregnancy Health Center

E.2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

F. ROLL CALL

F.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, the Public Financing and Economic Development Authority, and the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency. City Council members receive a monthly stipend of \$500.00 by Charter for sitting as the City Council; and the Mayor receives an additional \$100.00 each month as a part of the adopted budget and Resolution 2024-78. The members of the Parking Authority, the Public Financing and Economic Development Authority, and the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency receive no compensation.

G. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

H. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

H.1. 26-105 **SUBJECT: Merced Downtown Partnership Annual Report and Update**

REPORT IN BRIEF

Gloria Valdovinos, Executive Director of the Downtown Merced Partnership, will be sharing the work, progress, and impact of the Downtown Merced Partnership.

I. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

J. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public who wish to speak on any matter not listed on the agenda may speak during this portion of the meeting and will be allotted 3 minutes. The Mayor may propose a further limit to the time available for all speakers at the discretion of the City Council, in order to accommodate as many speakers as possible. State law prohibits the City Council from acting at this meeting on any matter raised during the public comment period. Members of the public who wish to speak on a matter that is listed on the agenda will be called upon to speak during discussion of that item.

K. CONSENT CALENDAR

Adoption of the Consent Calendar may be made by one motion of the City Council, provided that any Council member, individual, or organization may request removal of an item from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration. If a request for removal of an item from the Consent Calendar has been received, the item will be discussed and voted on separately.

K.1. 26-029 **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.

K.2. 26-091 **SUBJECT:** Information Only Contracts for the Month of January 2026

REPORT IN BRIEF

Notification of awarded Non-Public Works contracts under \$39,000 and of Public Works contracts under \$87,278.

K.3. 26-108 **SUBJECT:** Approval of a Service Agreement with West Coast Arborists, Inc., for Tree Pruning and Removal Services in Bellevue Ranch East, Bright Development, Bellevue Ranch West, University Park, Moraga Community Facilities Districts, Las Brisas, Fahrens Park II, La Bella Vista, Vista del Sol Maintenance Districts, and Other City Trees in a Total Amount not to Exceed \$413,000

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving a service agreement with West Coast Arborists, Inc., for tree pruning and removal services at various Community Facilities Districts and Maintenance Districts for a total amount not to exceed \$413,000.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving a service agreement with West Coast Arborists, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$413,000 for Tree Pruning and Removal Services; and,

B. Authorizing contract amendments not to exceed 10% of the total

contract amount; and,

C. Authorizing the City Manager to sign the necessary documents.

K.4. 26-058

SUBJECT: Accept and File Community Facilities District (CFD) Nos. 2003-1 (Bellevue Ranch East), 2003-2 (Services), 2005-1 (Bellevue Ranch West), 2006-1 (Moraga of Merced) Annual Disclosure Reports for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

REPORT IN BRIEF

The continuing annual disclosure reports contain certain CFD information required to be filed annually by the City per Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) rule 15c2-12(b) and Government Code sections 50075-50077 and 53410-53412.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion accepting and filing the CFD Annual Disclosure Reports for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for CFD Nos. 2003-1 (Bellevue Ranch East), 2003-2 (Services), 2005-1 (Bellevue Ranch West), 2006-1 (Moraga of Merced).

K.5. 26-095

SUBJECT: Adoption of a Modified Resolution Authorizing the Previously Approved Homekey+ Grant Application with Up Holdings California, LLC and UP Mercy Village LP, by Adding Self Help Enterprises as a Co-Applicant and Rescinding Resolution 2025-15

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers adopting a modified resolution due to changes required by the Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) authorizing the submittal of a joint application for participation in HCD Homekey+ Grant Program with Up Holdings California, LLC and UP Mercy Village LP to include adding Self Help Enterprises as a co-applicant and Rescinding Resolution 2025-15.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Rescinding previously approved Resolution 2025-15; and,

B. Adopting **Resolution 2026-08**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, rescinding Resolution No. 2025-15 and authorizing a Joint Application and Participation in the Homekey+

Program; the execution of a standard agreement if selected for such funding and any amendments thereto; and any related documents necessary to participate in the Homekey Program; and,

C. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Standard Agreements, and any related documents necessary to participate in the Homekey+ Grant Program.

L. ACTION ITEMS

L.1. 26-093

SUBJECT: Assessment Ballot Proceeding Voting Results - Quail Creek, Oakmont #3, Northwood Village, East College Homes, Oakbrook, Pleasanton Park, Merced Auto Center, Ridgeview Meadows, Fahrens Park I, Olivewood, Campus North, and Hansen Park Maintenance Districts

REPORT IN BRIEF

Accept ballot results on the proposed increase in assessments to property owners in the Quail Creek, Oakmont #3, Northwood Village, East College Homes, Oakbrook, Pleasanton Park, Merced Auto Center, Ridgeview Meadows, Fahrens Park I, Olivewood, Campus North, and Hansen Park Maintenance Districts

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Accepting assessment ballot proceeding results for the Quail Creek, Oakmont #3, Northwood Village, East College Homes, Oakbrook, Pleasanton Park, Merced Auto Center, Ridgeview Meadows, Fahrens Park I, Olivewood, Campus North, and Hansen Park Maintenance Districts; and,

B. Approving per unit annual increase in assessment levies to Quail Creek Maintenance District from \$142.07 per unit to \$198.18, Oakmont #3 Maintenance District from \$115.97 to \$191.20, Northwood Village Maintenance District from \$39.46 to \$162.02, Oakbrook Maintenance District from \$11.09 to \$18.34, and Ridgeview Meadows Maintenance District from \$32.48 to \$78.03, subject to annual Consumer Price Index adjustments; and,

C. Approving no increase in assessment levies to the East College Homes, Pleasanton Park, Merced Auto Center, Fahrens Park I, Olivewood, Campus North, and Hansen Park Maintenance Districts.

L.2. [26-087](#) **SUBJECT:** Adoption of a Resolution to Dissolve the Traffic Committee and Transfer the Duties to City Staff

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers adopting a Resolution to dissolve the Traffic Committee and transfer the related duties to City Staff for internal management and administration.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion adopting **Resolution 2026-07**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, Dissolving the Traffic Committee and Transferring its Duties to City Staff.

L.3. [25-1072](#) **SUBJECT:** Approval of a Supplemental Appropriation in the Amount of \$50,000 in the General Fund for Service Agreement with Hinderliter de Llamas & Associates (HdL) for a Business License Ordinance/Fee Study and Compliance Services

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving a Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of \$50,000 in the General Fund for Service Agreement with HdL for business license ordinance/fee study and compliance services.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

- A. Approving a Supplemental Appropriation from the unencumbered, unreserved balance of the General Fund in the amount of \$50,000; and,
- B. Approving Services Agreement with Hinderliter de Llamas & Associates to provide a business license ordinance/fee study and compliance services; and,
- C. Allowing the Finance Officer to make the necessary budget adjustments; and,
- D. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

L.4. [26-067](#) **SUBJECT:** Authorization to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Merced County to Manage the Distribution of a \$150,000 Matching Grant from the Continuum of Care to the 73 South R Street - Veterans Village Project and Authorization to Accept, Execute, and Appropriate that Grant

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Merced County to manage the distribution of a \$150,000 matching grant from the Continuum of Care to the 73 South R Street - Veterans Village Project. Authority to accept, execute, and appropriate that grant.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

- A. Authorizing an MOU with Merced County for the City to manage the distribution of matching funds in the amount of \$150,000 for the 73 South R Street - Veterans Village project; and,
- B. Authorizing to accept, increase revenue, and appropriate funds of \$150,000 in Fund 2016-Homekey CC915 for the 73 South R Street affordable housing project; and,
- C. Approving the use of pooled cash until reimbursement of funding is received; and,
- D. Authorizing the City Manager to execute necessary agreements upon City Attorney's Approval as to Form.

M. REPORTS

M.1. 26-057

SUBJECT: City of Merced Financial Forecast and CalPERS Update

REPORT IN BRIEF

Presentation of the Financial Forecast and CalPERS Update.

RECOMMENDATION

Information only.

N. BUSINESS

N.1. 26-072

SUBJECT: Proposed City Council Administrative Policy and Procedure
C-8, City Council Committees and Appointments to Regional
Organizations and Joint Powers Authorities

REPORT IN BRIEF

City officials and City staff have, after receiving Council input at direction at

both the October 20, 2025 and December 1, 2025 City Council meetings, drafted a proposed City Council Administrative Policy and Procedure C-8 (“Policy C-8”) for City Council Committees and Appointments to Regional Organizations and Joint Powers Authorities for consideration and adoption by the City Council.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

- A. Approving and adopting City Council Administrative Policy and Procedure C-8, City Council Committees and Appointments to Regional Organizations and Joint Powers Authorities; and,
- B. Authorizing the Staff to present a Resolution for future Council Consideration adopting the various City Council committees in accordance with Policy C-8.

N.2. 26-073

SUBJECT: Request to Add Item to Future Agenda

REPORT IN BRIEF

Provides members of the City Council to request that an item be placed on a future City Council agenda for initial consideration by the City Council.

N.3. 26-033

SUBJECT: City Council Comments

REPORT IN BRIEF

Provides an opportunity for the Mayor and/or Council Member(s) to make a brief announcement on any activity(ies) she/he has attended on behalf of the City and to make a brief announcement on future community events and/or activities. The Brown Act does not allow discussion or action by the legislative body under this section.

O. ADJOURNMENT