



# 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

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Monday, September 16, 2024

6:00 PM

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#### A. CLOSED SESSION ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Mayor Matthew Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Bertha Perez, Council Member Jesse Ornelas, Council Member Sarah Boyle, Council Member Ronnie DeAnda, Council Member Shane Smith, and Council Member Fue Xiong

**Absent:** 0

#### B. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Pro Tempore PEREZ called the Closed Session to order at 5:03 PM.

**Clerk's Note:** Council Member XIONG arrived to Closed Session at 5:07 PM and Mayor SERRATTO arrived to Closed Session at 5:09 PM.

##### B.1.

**SUBJECT:** CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION Reinero v. City of Merced, et al., Case Number 18CV-03052 Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

##### B.2.

**SUBJECT:** CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS - Property: 615 W. 15th Street, Merced, CA APN 031-360-060; Agency Negotiator: D. Scott McBride, City Manager; Frank Quintero, Deputy City Manager; Venus Rodriguez, Finance Officer; Craig J. Cornwell, City Attorney; Negotiating Parties: California High Speed Rail Authority, Under Negotiation: Appraisal of Property Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8

##### B.3.

**SUBJECT:** CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS - Property: 755 W. 15th Street, Merced, CA APN 031-360-029; Agency Negotiator: D. Scott McBride, City Manager; Frank Quintero, Deputy City Manager; Venus Rodriguez, Finance Officer; Craig J. Cornwell, City Attorney; Negotiating Parties: California High Speed Rail Authority; Under Negotiation: Appraisal of Property Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8

**B.4.**                    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

**B.5.**                    SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS -- Agency  
Designated Representatives: City Manager Scott McBride, Deputy City  
Manager Frank Quintero, Finance Officer Venus Rodriguez, Human  
Resources Manager Suzanne Fierro, LCW Legal Representative Che  
Johnson, and LCW Legal Representative Michael Jarvis; Unrepresented  
Management AUTHORITY: Government Code Section 54957.6

**Clerk's Note:** Council adjourned from Closed Session at 5:51 PM.

**C. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor SERRATTO called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

C.1. Invocation - Pastor Ella Luna Garza, United Methodist Church, Merced

The Invocation was delivered by Pastor Ella LUNA GARZA of the United Methodist Church, Merced.

C.2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mayor SERRATTO led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**D. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 7 - Mayor Matthew Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Bertha Perez, Council Member Jesse Ornelas, Council Member Sarah Boyle, Council Member Ronnie DeAnda, Council Member Shane Smith, and Council Member Fue Xiong

**Absent:** 0

D.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 \$400.00 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 2020-86. The members of the Parking Authority, the Public Financing and Economic Development Authority, and the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency receive no compensation.

**E. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

There was no report.

## F. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

F.1.                   **SUBJECT: Proclamation - Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Presented to a representative of the Merced Fire IAFF Local 1479.

Mayor SERRATTO presented the Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation to representatives of the Merced Fire IAFF Local 1479 and the Cancer Center.

F.2.                   **SUBJECT: Proclamation - Constitution Week**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Received by a representative of the Daughters of the American Revolution the Merced River Chapter.

Mayor SERRATTO presented the Constitution Week Proclamation to Linda ROLAND of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Merced River Chapter.

F.3.                   **SUBJECT: Proclamation - Walktober/National Walk to School Day**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Received by a representative of the Merced City School District.

Mayor SERRATTO presented the Walktober/National Walk to School Day Proclamation to Captain Dan DABNEY and Captain Joe PEREZ of the Merced Police Department.

F.4.                   **SUBJECT: Proclamation - Hispanic Heritage Month**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Received by a representative of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor SERRATTO presented the Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation to representatives of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

## G. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

**Clerk's Note:** The email was received for the following agenda item and forwarded to Council prior to the meeting.

Public Comment: Terri RADNEY.

## H. PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat SCOBLE, Board of Directors of Senior Center, Merced - spoke on the future of the Senior Center and asked Council to listen to senior citizens.

Gregory WELLMAN, Merced - expressed appreciation to Council Member DEANDA's willingness to be briefed on the City Council meetings.

Terri RADNEY, President of Senior Community, Merced - shared details of the petition for Senior Center.

Sharon WARDALE-TREJO, Vice President of Senior Community, Merced - asked Council to allocate funds from sale of the Senior Center to purchase a new senior location.

Marylène RILEY, Merced - shared details of a Candlelight Vigil event for families who lost loved ones in Merced.

Sandra HAY, Merced - spoke on the benefits of the Senior Center and shared details of the senior community in Merced.

Christan SANTOS, Representative for Congressman John DUARTE, Merced - thanked those who attended the Town Hall meeting and shared updates from Washington D.C.

Jennifer HALPIN, Merced - shared details of the Kind Neighbor Farmers Market events.

Marsha TOMLINSON, Merced - shared details of a homeless shelter being built in her neighborhood and asked Council to relocate the homeless shelter.

Ashley Marie SUAREZ, Merced - asked to share discussions held in the South Merced Subcommittee meetings and shared details of the South Merced petition.

Maria CALDERON, Merced - asked Council to include citizens on projects located in South Merced and spoke on the needs of South Merced.

Curtis THOMAS, Merced - asked the South Merced Subcommittee to meet with the Merced South Community group, spoke on prioritizing a full-time grant writing program in the City, and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) projects.

## I. CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items I.6. Approval to Waive the Competitive Bidding Requirement to Allow for the Consolidation of Contracts and Purchase of Standardized Equipment and Approval of a Five Year "Officer Safety Plan 10" Agreement with Axon Enterprises Inc. to Renew and Consolidate all Axon Contracts and Upgrade Standardized Equipment to Include Conducted Energy Weapons (Known as "Tasers") to Taser-10, Fleet Cameras with License Plate Readers Technology, Increase Body Worn Cameras from 98 to 108, Axon Interview Room, Licenses for Fusus Basic, Axon My90, and Axon Performance for the Police Department Totaling \$1,812.168.51 and I.7. Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.51, "Camping and Storage of Personal Property" of the Merced Municipal Code; were pulled for separate consideration.

### Approval of the Consent Agenda

**Clerk's Note:** Mayor Pro Tempore PEREZ stepped out during the vote.

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

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Serratto, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Pro Tempore Perez

#### I.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.**

#### I.2. **SUBJECT:** Information Only - Recreation & Parks Commission Minutes of June 24, 2024

##### RECOMMENDATION

For information only.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.3.

**SUBJECT:** Approval to Waive the Competitive Bidding Requirement and Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with 1582 Medical Corporation for the Provision of Comprehensive Occupational Medical Physicals in an Amount not to Exceed \$235,625 for a Three-Year Term

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers waiving the competitive bidding requirement and approving a Professional Services Agreement with 1582 Medical Corporation for the purpose of providing comprehensive occupational medical physicals to fire suppression personnel in an amount not to exceed \$235,625 for a three-year term.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

- A. Approving to waive the competitive bidding requirement due to the vendor being vetted through Merced Fire Department; and,
- B. Approving a Professional Services Agreement with 1582 Medical Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$235,625, for the purpose of providing comprehensive occupational medical physicals of fire suppression personnel through July 1, 2027; and,
- C. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.4.

**SUBJECT:** Approval to Waive the Competitive Bidding Requirement and Authorize the Purchase of Three Traffic Signal Detection Systems from Iteris, Inc., in the Amount not to Exceed \$75,000

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers waiving the City's competitive bidding requirements pursuant to Merced Municipal Code Section 3.04.210 and approving the purchase of three traffic signal detection systems.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

- A. Waiving the City's competitive bidding requirement as permitted by Merced Municipal Code Section 3.4.210 for purchases necessary for standardization on particular types of equipment; and,
- B. Approving the purchase of traffic signal detection systems from Iteris, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$75,000; and,
- C. Authorizing the City buyer to issue the purchase order(s); and,
- D. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

**This Consent Item was approved.**

**I.5.**

**SUBJECT:** Approval of an Early Site Access Agreement with the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority (MCRWMA) for Early Morning Operations at the Highway 59 Landfill in the Amount of \$89,250 Through June 30, 2026

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers approving an agreement with the MCRWMA for conducting early morning operations at the Highway 59 Landfill.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

- A. Approving an Early Site Access Agreement with the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority in the Amount not to Exceed \$89,250 through June 30, 2026; and,
- B. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

**This Consent Item was approved.**

**I.6.**

**SUBJECT:** Approval to Waive the Competitive Bidding Requirement to Allow for the Consolidation of Contracts and Purchase of Standardized Equipment and Approval of a Five Year "Officer Safety Plan 10" Agreement with Axon Enterprises Inc. to Renew and Consolidate all Axon Contracts and Upgrade Standardized Equipment to Include Conducted Energy Weapons (Known as "Tasers") to Taser-10, Fleet Cameras with License Plate Readers Technology, Increase Body Worn Cameras from 98 to 108, Axon Interview Room, Licenses for Fusus Basic, Axon My90, and Axon Performance for the Police Department Totaling \$1,812.168.51

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers waiving the competitive bidding requirement pursuant to Merced Municipal Code section 3.04.210 for purchases necessary for standardization of particular types of equipment. Also considers the approval of an "Officer Safety Plan 10" agreement with Axon Enterprises Inc. to renew and consolidate all Axon contracts and upgrade standardized equipment to include Conducted Energy Weapons (Known as "Tasers") to Taser-10, Fleet cameras with License Plate Readers technology, Body Worn Cameras, Axon Interview Room, and purchase of 10 additional Body worn cameras. In addition, purchase Licenses for FUSUS Basic, Axon My90, Axon Performance for the Police Department for a Total Amount of \$1,812.168.51 over a five-year contract period.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

- A. Waiving the competitive bidding requirements as stated in Section 3.04.210 of the Merced Municipal Code for standardization of equipment; and,
- B. Approving a Five Year renewal and consolidation Axon contract for the Police Department totaling \$1,812.168.51; and,
- C. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

Mayor SERRATTO pulled this item at the request of Council Member XIONG.

Council Member XIONG and Police Captain Dan DABNEY discussed the request to replace equipment with Axon, the life expectancy for body cameras, and the equipment credit the city received from the vendor.

**A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Perez, seconded by Council Member Boyle, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Perez, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, and Council Member Smith

**No:** 1 - Council Member Xiong

**Absent:** 0

- I.7. SUBJECT: Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.51, "Camping and Storage of Personal Property" of the Merced Municipal Code

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers introducing a proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 9.51, "Camping and Storage of Personal Property" to create restrictions on camping in public spaces within the City of Merced.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

A. Introducing and approving the first reading of **Ordinance No. 2568**, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, Amending Chapter 9.51 "Camping and Storage of Personal Property" of the Merced Municipal Code; and,

B. Set the Ordinance for a second reading and adoption.

Mayor SERRATTO pulled this item at the request of Council Member XIONG and resident Gloria SANDOVAL.

Gloria SANDOVAL, Merced - requested to not take action on this item and spoke on Grants Pass for encampment.

Blanca OJEDA, Merced - spoke on evictions, illegal rent increase, and urged Council to not support the Camping Ordinance.

Council, City Attorney Craig CORNWELL, and Police Captain Dan DABNEY discussed root causes of camping, details of the penalties, details of the Supreme Courts ruling of Grants Pass, details of the draft Ordinance, the findings provisions, the process of removing an encampment, and the 72-hour notice on abandoned property. They also discussed conversations held with Homeless Court, storage fees for abandoned property, the amount of Police contact, and the definition of "occupy" stated in the draft Ordinance.

**A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Ornelas, to ask the City Attorney to go back and amend the proposed Ordinance by including additional definitions, including of the word "occupy" so there is greater specificity as to what the prevalent conduct is also, further definitions of the penalties including a better citation or a specific dollar amount associated to the fines, and then bring that Ordinance back in the next one or two meetings for further discussion by Council. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Perez, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, and Council Member Smith

**No:** 1 - Council Member Xiong

**Absent:** 0

## J. PUBLIC HEARINGS

J.1.

**SUBJECT:** Request to Continue the Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of Resolution Declaring the Intent to Vacate the Arbor Walkway South Easement (Approximately 2,346 Square Feet) Which Would Revert Development Rights Back to the Property Owner of 534 W. Main Street, Generally Located on the South Side of Main Street, Approximately 170 Feet East of M Street (Vacation #24-01)

### REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers continuing the public hearing for the vacation of the southern portion of the Arbor Walkway easement (approximately 2,346 square feet), at 534 W Main Street, generally located on the south side of Main Street, about 170 feet east of M street. which would revert development rights back to the adjacent property owner of 531 W. Main Street, to the regularly scheduled City Council meeting of October 7, 2024.

### RECOMMENDATION

**City Council** - Adopt a motion continuing the public hearing for Vacation #24-01 to the October 7, 2024, City Council meeting.

Mayor SERRATTO briefly discussed the request to continue the Public Hearing to consider the adoption of a resolution declaring the intent to vacate the Arbor Walkway South Easement.

Mayor SERRATTO opened the Public Hearing at 7:36 PM and subsequently closed the Public Hearing at 7:36 PM due to lack of public comments.

**Clerk's Note:** There was no Council discussion.

**Clerk's Note:** Council Member ORNELAS stepped out during the vote.

**A motion was made by Council Member Boyle, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Perez, to continue the public hearing for Vacation #24-01 to the October 7, 2024, City Council meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Perez, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Ornelas

## K. ACTION ITEMS

K.1. **SUBJECT:** Approval to Submit an Application for Track Two of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Community Change Grant and to Enter into a Service Agreement to Establish a Statutory Partnership with Merced County Office of Education's (MCOE) Core Connections to Meet the Requirements of the EPA Community Change Grant

### REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers authorizing staff to submit an application for a Track Two EPA Community Change Grant and enter into a Service Agreement to establish a Statutory Partnership with MCOE as required by the EPA Community Change Grant.

### RECOMMENDATION

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving the submission of an application for Track Two of the EPA Community Change Grant; and,

B. Authorizing a service agreement to establish a statutory partnership with the Merced County Office of Education, to meet the requirements of the EPA Community Change Grant; and,

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

Senior Management Analyst Jennifer FLACHMAN briefly discussed the request to approve the submission of an application for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Community Change Grant, to enter the Service Agreement with Merced County Office of Education's (MCOE) Family Resource Center, and to apply for the grant.

**Clerk's Note:** Ms. FLACHMAN stated that the name MCOE Core Connections should be corrected to MCOE Family Resource Center.

Council and Ms. FLACHMAN discussed details of the required statutory partnership, the funding allocation of the grant funds if awarded, details of the grant, and the grant preparing the City to apply to future grants.

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**A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Perez, seconded by Council Member Ornelas, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Perez, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**K.2.**

**SUBJECT: Administering Agency Amendment Modification Summary (E-76) - State Agreement for Federal Aid Projects and Approval to Accept Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Grant Funds, CML-5085(059) CP220066 CMAQ in the Amount of \$993,417 for Traffic Signal Synchronization/Timing Along R Street, M Street, G Street, Yosemite Avenue, and Olive Avenue**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers accepting \$993,417 in Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant funding for Traffic Signal Synchronization/Timing along R Street, M Street, G Street, Yosemite Avenue and Olive Avenue.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

- A. Accepting CMAQ grant funds in the amount of \$993,417 for construction costs of traffic signal synchronization; and,
- B. Approving a budget amendment in the amount of \$993,417 by increasing revenue in Fund 5005 - Street and Signal CIP and appropriating the same Project No. CP220066 for construction costs associated with the construction of traffic signal synchronization and timing; and,
- C. Approving the use of pooled cash until reimbursement is received from the grant; and,
- D. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents; and,  
Interim City Engineer Richard MADDUX briefly discussed the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funds for project number CP220066.

Council Member BOYLE and Mr. MADDUX discussed the specific

locations of the traffic signals.

**Clerk's Note:** Mayor Pro Tempore PEREZ stepped out during the vote.

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

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Serratto, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Pro Tempore Perez

**K.3.**

**SUBJECT:** Direction to Staff Regarding Valley Children's Hospital's Request for Approval for a Second Amended and Restated Grant Deed Continued from the City Council Meeting of August 19, 2024

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Valley Children's Hospital (VCH) is requesting approval of Second Amended and Restated Grant Deed with changes to the terms related to Covenant to Construct and Repurchase Price.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council -**

A. Provide Direction to Staff Regarding the Extended Time Request for the Covenant to Construct, and the Amended Language to the Exercise to Repurchase Option and Repurchase Price Terms Contained in the Second Amended and Restated Grant Deed; and,

B. Provide Direction to Staff Concerning Recording the Proposed Second Amended and Restated Grant Deed with the Merced County Recorder's Office.

Deputy City Manager Frank QUINTERO briefly discussed Valley Children's Hospital's request to approve for a Second Amended and Restated Grant Deed and explained the deadline of October 5, 2024.

Council and Mr. QUINTERO discussed details of the deadline to repurchase the property, the proposed extension period, Valley Children's Hospital's intention with the property, and the history of the project.

**A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Perez, to grant staff's request to enter the Second Amended and Restated Grant Deed and record it with the time period with the extension of 6 months from the**

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**date of today's meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Perez, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

Mr. QUINTERO explained the request for recording of the document.

**A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Boyle, to approve recommendation B. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Perez, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**K.4.**

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of a Resolution Approving the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Program Year 2023-24 and Authorizing Submittal of the 2023 CAPER to HUD

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Review and approve HUD assisted activities as reported in the Draft 2023 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) and authorize its submission to HUD.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

A. Adopting **Resolution 2024-90**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, Approving the 2023 Program Year Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER); and,

B. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents associated with the 2023 CAPER and make any minor modifications to finalize reporting data and prepare the report for submittal to HUD before the due date; and,

C. Authorizing the Finance Officer to make any necessary budget adjustments, if any.

Housing Program Supervisor Kim NUTT gave a slideshow presentation on the 2023-2024 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

**Clerk's Note:** There was no Council discussion.

**A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Perez, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Perez, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

## L. REPORTS

**Clerk's Note:** Council took a recess at 8:06 PM and reconvened at 8:16 PM.

### L.1.

**SUBJECT:** Presentation from the City Manager's Office on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance Program as it Relates to the January 2023 and March 2023 Storms

#### REPORT IN BRIEF

Staff from the City Manager's office will make a brief presentation on the work performed under FEMA's Public Assistance Program to recover costs related to the January 2023 and March 2023 storms.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Information Only.

Management Analyst Sarah KNOESTER gave a slideshow presentation on the Federal Emergency Management Authority (FEMA) Public Assistance program from the January 2023 and March 2023 storms.

Mayor SERRATTO, Ms. KNOESTER, and City Manager Scott MCBRIDE discussed the amount of work put in from the storms.

**Clerk's Note:** There was no formal vote taken, item was for information only.

## M. BUSINESS

**M.1.**                    SUBJECT: Selection of City of Merced Representatives to Participate  
in the May 2025 One Voice Program and Approval of Priority Projects

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Council to decide City Representatives to participate in the One Voice Program scheduled for May 13 -16, 2025.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

A. Selecting to send two City Council members and one staff member to the One Voice Conference May 13 - 16, 2025; and,

B. Setting proposed priorities to submit to Merced County Association of Governments by October 1, 2024.

Mayor SERRATTO, City Manager Scott MCBRIDE, and Senior Management Analyst Jennifer FLACHMAN briefly discussed the selection of a City of Merced representative to participate in the May 2025 One Voice Program and details of the priorities.

Council discussed details of different city and county priorities, details of earmarked requests, discussions held with different jurisdictions, details of Station 56, details of the airport project, details of the High Speed Rail project, the appointment of a Council Member to attend the One Voice program, proposing to bring the priorities back for Council discussion for after election.

**Clerk's Note:** Mayor Pro Tempore PEREZ left the Regular meeting at 8:49 PM.

**A motion was made by Council Member Ornelas, seconded by Council Member Boyle, to appoint Council Member Smith as the City of Merced representative to the 2025 One Voice program and come back to the second week of November to appoint the second member. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Serratto, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Pro Tempore Perez

**M.2.**                    SUBJECT: Mayor Serratto's and Council Member Xiong's Request to  
Discuss the Process and Procedures for Adding Capital Improvement  
Projects (CIP) to the Project List and a Discussion on Roads

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Mayor Serratto's and Council Member Xiong's request for to discuss the process and procedures to adding CIPs to the project list and a discussion on roads.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Provide direction to staff on the next steps.

Council Member XIONG and Mayor SERRATTO briefly discussed the request to discuss the process and procedures for adding Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) to the project list and roads.

Council and City Manager Scott MCBRIDE discussed a proposed Subcommittee, timeline on finalizing CIPs, funding for projects, details of choosing CIPs for the project list, community engagement, Council-level decisions, details of the process for adding CIPs the project lists, the needs of the community, Council priorities, details of the Transportation Subcommittee, and the ability to transport.

Council agreed for the Transportation Subcommittee to travel and reach out to different cities and come back to Council between November and April before budget.

**A motion was made by Mayor Serratto, seconded by Council Member Smith, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Serratto, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Pro Tempore Perez

**M.3. 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.

**Clerk's Note:** No future items were added.

**M.4. 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.

Council Member BOYLE reported on attending various events in Merced and stated she was very proud of the amount of activities in Merced.

## N. ADJOURNMENT

**Clerk's Note:** The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM.

**A motion was made by Council Member Boyle, seconded by Council Member Smith, that this Regular Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Serratto, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Pro Tempore Perez