



# 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, August 18, 2025

6:00 PM

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

**Closed Session at 5:00 PM / Regular Meeting at 6:00 PM**

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## A. CLOSED SESSION ROLL CALL

## B. 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)].

- B.1.** [25-741](#) **SUBJECT:** PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION - Title: Finance Officer; Authority: Government Code Section 54957
- B.2.** [25-783](#) **SUBJECT:** CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS - Property: 692 and 710 W. 16th Street, Merced, CA APN 031-360-001 & -027; 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. Guzman, Merced County Association of Governments; Price and Terms of Payment Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8
- B.3.** [25-784](#) **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
- B.4.** [25-785](#) **SUBJECT:** CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation. One (1) potential case. Pursuant to California Government Code Section Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(2)

## C. CALL TO ORDER

C.1. Invocation - Pastor Joel Dorman, Summit Church Merced

C.2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

## **D. ROLL CALL**

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 \$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.

## **E. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

## **F. CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

F.1. [25-759](#)      **SUBJECT:** Proclamation - National Night Out

### **REPORT IN BRIEF**

Presented to the Merced Police Department.

## **G. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

## **H. 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.

## **I. 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.

I.1. [25-706](#)      **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.

I.2. [25-705](#)

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the City of Merced and Merced Union High School District (MUHSD) for Police Services in the District's Schools for a Term of Three Years, Fiscal Years 2025 - 2028

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers approving an MOU between MUHSD and the City of Merced to provide Police Services at the District's schools with four (4) School Resource Officers (SRO), and notes that the school district will fund the purchase of one (1) fully outfitted police vehicle.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Merced and

Merced City School District to provide police services in the district's schools for a three-year term; and,

B. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement.

I.3. [25-745](#)

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Amendment to Standard Software Maintenance Agreement (SSMA) with Tyler Technologies for Public Safety Software Utilized by the Police and Fire Departments for a Term not to Exceed Five Years. The Combined Cost of the Five-Year Contract will not Exceed \$1,237,782.16. The First-Year Cost is \$217,645.86, with Annual Increases not to Exceed 4%. The SSMA will also Incorporate the State-Mandated Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA) Stop Data Collection Software into the City's Software Inventory

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers approving amendment for the existing Standard Software Maintenance Agreement (SSMA), for a term not to exceed five years, and to incorporate the additional State-mandated software solution required to

support compliance with state reporting obligations. This action will consolidate all Tyler public safety software utilized by the department under a single SSMA, streamlining administration and enabling unified billing.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving the twelfth amendment to the Maintenance and Support Agreement with Tyler Technologies to continue maintenance and support for the public safety software utilized by the Police and Fire Departments for a term of five years in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,237,782.16; and,

B. Authorizing the City Manager to execute this agreement and to execute any future contract amendments with Tyler Technology with a not-to-exceed the expenditure authority from recommendation A and contingent upon approval as to form by the City Attorney; and,

C. Authorizing the City Manager to execute zero-dollar future contract amendments with Tyler Technology and contingent upon approval as to form by the City Attorney.

**I.4.**     [25-758](#)

**SUBJECT:** Second Reading and Final Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapters 15.08 and 15.40 of the Merced Municipal Code to Extend the Time During Which the City Will Refund Certain Payments for Water and Sewer Lines to the University of California, Merced

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Second reading and final adoption of an Ordinance that proposes revisions to Chapters 15.08 and 15.40 of the Merced Municipal Code to Extend the time during which the City will refund certain payments for water and sewer lines to the University of California, Merced.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion adopting **Ordinance 2580**, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, Amending Chapters 15.08 and 15.40 of the Merced Municipal Code to Extend the Time During Which The City Will Refund Certain Payments for Water and Sewer Lines To The University of California Merced.

**J. ACTION ITEMS**

**J.1.**     [25-740](#)

**SUBJECT:** Land Use Determination #25-03 - Finding of Public

Convenience or Necessity for Sair Lara, for Alcohol Sales for On- and  
Off-Site Consumption for Valley Public House at 521 West Main Street

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

This report provides options for the City Council to consider making a Finding of Public Convenience or Necessity (PCN), as required by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to issue a Type 42 alcohol license (allowing the sale of beer for on-site or off-site consumption) for a new bar called Valley Public House located at 521 West Main Street. This alcohol license allows for the sale of beer and wine, and prohibits minors from entering the premises, as allowed by the State Department of Alcoholic Control. This license type does not require that the business provide any kind of food for its customers.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion approving the Finding of Public Convenience or Necessity to allow Valley Public House, located at 521 West Main Street to obtain a Type 42 license, allowing the sale of beer for on-site and off-site consumption (Option #1 as shown in the "Council Action" section of this Administrative Report).

**J.2.**     [25-742](#)

**SUBJECT:** Approval of a Supplemental Appropriation from the  
Unreserved, Unencumbered Fund Balance in the General Fund in the  
Amount of \$53,250 and Approval of a Service Agreement with the Lew  
Edwards Group to Facilitate a Community Assessment and Public  
Opinion Survey

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers approving a supplemental appropriation from the unreserved, unencumbered fund balance in the General Fund in the amount of \$53,250; and, approving a Service Agreement with the Lew Edwards Group to facilitate a community assessment and public opinion survey.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving a supplemental appropriation from the unreserved, unencumbered fund balance in the General Fund in the amount of \$53,250 in City Manager Division; and,

B. Approving a Service Agreement with The Lew Edwards Group in the amount of 53,250; and,

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

## K. BUSINESS

K.1. [25-760](#)

**SUBJECT:** Council Member Harris' Request to Discuss an Ordinance that Requires an Estimate Presented to Patients for Non-Emergent Medical Transportation

### REPORT IN BRIEF

Council Member Harris requested a discussion on a potential ordinance that requires an estimate presented to patients for non-emergent medical transportation.

### RECOMMENDATION

Provide direction to staff on next steps.

K.2. [25-667](#)

**SUBJECT:** Continued Annual Appointments to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (Districts 2, 6, and an Ex-Officio)

### REPORT IN BRIEF

Accept nominations to fill vacancies on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission.

### RECOMMENDATION

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

A. Accepting nominations and appointing individuals to serve as members of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (Districts 2, 6, and an Ex-Officio); or,

B. Accepting nominations and appointing as many members as Council sees appropriate and directing staff to continue the recruitment of applicants.

K.3. [25-668](#)

**SUBJECT:** Continued Annual Appointments to the Recreation and Parks Commission (District 2 and At-Large Seat)

### REPORT IN BRIEF

Accept nominations to fill two seats on the Recreation and Parks Commission.

### RECOMMENDATION



**City Council - Adopt a motion:**

A. Accepting nominations and appointing individuals to serve as members of the Recreation and Parks Commission (District 2 and At-Large seat); or,

B. Accepting nominations and appointing as many members as Council sees appropriate and directing staff to continue the recruitment of applicants.

**K.4.**     [25-669](#)

**SUBJECT:** Continued Annual Appointments to the Tax Transparency Commission (Districts 2 and 6)

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Accept nominations to fill two (2) seats on the Tax Transparency Commission.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council - Adopt a motion:**

A. Accepting nominations and appointing individuals to serve as members of the Tax Transparency Commission (Districts 2 and 6); or,

B. Accepting nominations and appointing as many members as Council sees appropriate and directing staff to continue the recruitment of applicants.

**K.5.**     [25-670](#)

**SUBJECT:** Continued Appointments to the Citizen Advisory Focus Group (District 2)

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Accept nominations to fill the vacancy on the Citizen Advisory Focus Group.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council - Adopt a motion:**

A. Accepting nominations and appointing one individual to serve as a member on the Citizens Advisory Focus Group (District 2); or,

B. Directing staff to continue the recruitment of applicants.

**K.6.**     [25-707](#)

**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.

**K.7.**    [25-708](#)

**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.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**