



# CITY OF MERCED

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

## Minutes Tax Transparency Commission

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Tuesday, November 12, 2024

6:00 PM

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### A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair PIUSER called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

### B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair PIUSER led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### C. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 - Member Alison Kostecky, Member Anthony Aldana, Member Cristina Garcia,  
Member Douglas Piuser, Member Amelia Johnson, and Member Michael Harris

**Absent:** 0

### D. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

### E. CONSENT CALENDAR

E.1. **SUBJECT:** Tax Transparency Commission Minutes of August 13, 2024

#### REPORT IN BRIEF

Tax Transparency Minutes from the meeting of August 13, 2024.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**Tax Transparency Commission** - Adopt a motion approving and filing  
Tax Transparency Commission Minutes of August 13, 2024.

Commissioner JOHNSON requested to remove middle name from future  
Minutes.

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

**Aye:** 6 - Member Kostecky, Member Aldana, Member Garcia, Member Piuser, Member  
Johnson, and Member Harris

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

### F. REPORTS

F.1.                    **SUBJECT:** Measure C Revenue and Expense Reports - September 30, 2024

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Tax Transparency Commission** - Adopt a motion accepting as information only and/or providing staff with direction as a recommendation to Council.

Finance Officer Venus RODRIGUEZ gave a slideshow presentation on the Measure C revenue and expense reports for September 30, 2024.

**Clerk’s Note:** There was no Commissioner discussion.

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

**Aye:** 6 - Member Kostecky, Member Aldana, Member Garcia, Member Piuser, Member Johnson, and Member Harris

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

F.2.                    **SUBJECT:** Measure Y Revenue and Expense Reports - September 30, 2024

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Tax Transparency Commission** - Adopt a motion accepting as information only and/or providing staff with direction as a recommendation to Council.

Finance Officer Venus RODRIGUEZ gave a slideshow presentation on Measure Y revenue and expense reports for September 30, 2024.

Commissioners and Mrs. RODRIGUEZ discussed the trends for amounts and the split of funds between departments.

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

**Aye:** 6 - Member Kostecky, Member Aldana, Member Garcia, Member Piuser, Member Johnson, and Member Harris

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

F.3.                    **SUBJECT:** Update on Street Projects

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Updates on the City's street projects.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Information Only.

City Manager Scott MCBRIDE gave an update on street projects.

Commissioners, Mr. MCBRIDE, and Director of Parks and Community Services Christopher JENSEN spoke on the Community Park-42 project timeline, lighting in parks, the replacement of street lights, traffic signal operation, details of the term "design", Measure C adjustments for projects, and details of the One-Way Directional project on Main Street.

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

**G. BUSINESS**

G.1. Recognition of Outgoing Commissioner

Deputy City Clerk Alejandra MEDINA briefly discussed Commissioner HARRIS' terms.

City Manager Scott MCBRIDE presented a Certificate of Recognition to Commissioner HARRIS.

Mr. HARRIS spoke on his time serving in the Tax Transparency Commission.

**G.2.**

**SUBJECT:** Selection of a New Chair and Vice Chair

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Yearly selection of a Chair and Vice Chair.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Nominate and appoint a Commission Member as Chair and Vice Chair.

Commissioners and Deputy City Clerk Alejandra MEDINA discussed end terms for Commissioners.

**Clerk's Note:** Commissioner HARRIS made a motion to nominate Commissioner GARCIA as Chair and Commissioner KOSTECKY as Vice Chair.

Commissioners agreed to vote on the Vice Chair seat at this meeting.

**Clerk's Note:** Mr. HARRIS amended his motion to only nominate Commissioner KOSTECKY as Vice Chair.

**A motion was made by Member Harris, seconded by Member Garcia, to appoint Commissioner Kostecky as Vice Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:**

- Aye:** 5 - Member Aldana, Member Garcia, Member Piuser, Member Johnson, and Member Harris
- No:** 0
- Absent:** 0
- Abstain:** 1 - Member Kostecky

**G.3. SUBJECT: Request to Add Item to Future Agenda**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

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

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

**G.4. SUBJECT: Commission Comments**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Provides an opportunity for the Chair and/or Member(s) to make a brief announcement on any activity(ies) she/he has attended on behalf of the Commission 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.

Commissioners discussed additional duties while sitting as Chair.

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

**Clerk's Note:** The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:39 PM.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Kostecky, seconded by Member Harris, that this Regular Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:**

- Aye:** 6 - Member Kostecky, Member Aldana, Member Garcia, Member Piuser, Member Johnson, and Member Harris
- No:** 0
- Absent:** 0