



# 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

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Monday, March 2, 2026

6:00 PM

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

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**Closed Session at 5:30 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. [26-166](#) **SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION Burks vs. City of Merced, WCAB Case No. ADJ22063498 Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)**

## C. CALL TO ORDER

C.1. Invocation - Pastor Rueben, Yosemite Church

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. [26-176](#) **SUBJECT: Presentation of Two Ballistic Vest for K9 Officers Zeke and Mako**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

The Yosemite Gateway Chapter #126, California will be presenting two ballistic vests for K9 Officers Zeke and Mako..

**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. [26-137](#)      **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. [26-142](#)      **SUBJECT:** Information Only Contracts for the Month of February 2026

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

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

- I.3. [26-175](#)      **SUBJECT:** Approval of City Council/Public Financing and Economic Development/Parking Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2025 and December 2, 2025

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Official adoption of previously held meeting minutes.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council/Public Financing and Economic Development/Parking Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency - Adopt** a motion approving the meeting minutes of December 1, 2025 and December 2, 2025.

**I.4.**     [25-870](#)

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Subrecipient Agreements Using U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds with the Dr. Jennifer M. Jones Foundation (\$44,059), Harvest Time (\$74,955), and Project Sentinel (\$50,000) for the Respective Programs Approved with the 2025 HUD Annual Action Plan

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers approval and authorization of Program Year 2025-26 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Subrecipient Agreements with Dr. Jennifer M. Jones Foundation for \$44,059, Harvest Time for \$74,955, and Project Sentinel for \$50,000.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

- A. Approving a Subrecipient Agreement for the program identified in the 2025 Annual Action Plan using Fiscal Year 2025-26 CDBG funds with Dr. Jennifer M. Jones Foundation for the "Legacy Fund" program in the amount of \$44,059; and,
- B. Approving a Subrecipient Agreement for the program identified in the 2025 Annual Action Plan using Fiscal Year 2025-26 CDBG funds with Harvest Time for the "Food 4 You" program in the amount of \$74,955; and,
- C. Approving a Subrecipient Agreement for the program identified in the 2025 Annual Action Plan using Fiscal Year 2025-26 CDBG funds with Project Sentinel for the "Tenant-Landlord Counseling" program in the amount of \$50,000; and,
- D. Authorizing the City Manager to execute, and if necessary, direct staff to make non-material modifications to the agreements described above and as attached, and all associated documents and exhibits.

- I.5. [26-163](#) **SUBJECT:** Approval of a First Amendment to Professional Services Agreement with Vasquez & Company LLP for Financial Auditing and Related Services for an Additional \$7,500 Totaling a not to Exceed Amount of \$307,500

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers approving a First Amendment to the Agreement with Vasquez & Company LLP for Professional Auditing and Related Services for an additional \$7,500 and a total not to exceed the amount of \$307,500.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving the First Amendment with Vasquez & Company LLP to include audit of California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CaVIP) Grant Program, Cohort 4 for an additional \$7,500 and a total not to exceed amount of \$307,500; and,

B. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

- I.6. [26-165](#) **SUBJECT:** Approval to Waive the Competitive Bidding Requirements and Approve Purchase of Ignition SCADA software, for the Wastewater Treatment Plant not-to-Exceed \$73,305.70

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers waiving the City's competitive bidding requirements pursuant to Merced Municipal Code Section 3.04.210 due to standardization and approving the purchase of Ignition software for the new SCADA System for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

A. Waiving the City's competitive bidding requirement as permitted by Merced Municipal Code Section 3.04.210 due to standardization of equipment; and,

B. Approving the purchase of the Ignition software for the new SCADA from Inductive Automation in the amount 73,305.70 for Fiscal Year 2025/2026; and,

C. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents or contracts that are approved as to form by the City Attorney, and/or Purchasing Supervisor to issue purchase orders.

- I.7. [26-185](#) **SUBJECT:** Second Reading and Final Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 10.50.010 - "Establishment" of the Merced Municipal Code to Update Language to Reflect the Dissolution of the Traffic Committee

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Second reading and final adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 10.50.010 - "Establishment" of the Merced Municipal Code by removing the current language "traffic committee" and replacing the wording with "city engineer or his/her designee" to align with restructuring.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion adopting **Ordinance 2588**, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, Amending Chapter 10.50.010, "Establishment".

- I.8. [26-187](#) **SUBJECT:** Second Reading and Final Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 10.20.190 "Warrants - Stop Signs" of the Merced Municipal Code to Update Language to Reflect the Dissolution of the Traffic Committee

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Second reading and final adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 10.20.190 - "Warrants - Stop Signs" of the Merced Municipal Code by removing the existing language of "traffic committee" and replacing the wording with "city engineer or his/her designee" to align with restructuring.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion adopting **Ordinance 2589**, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, Amending Chapter 10.20.190 "Warrants - Stop Signs".

## J. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Members of the public who wish to speak on public hearings listed on the agenda will be heard when the Public Hearing is opened, except on Public Hearing items previously heard and closed to public comment. After the public has commented, the item is closed to further public comment and brought to the Council for discussion and action. Further comment will not be received unless requested by the Council.

- J.1. [26-083](#) **SUBJECT:** Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of a Resolution Granting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for

Hastings Patrol Services to Engage in Private Patrol Services

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers approving a Resolution granting and issuing a certificate of public convenience and necessity to Hastings Patrol Services.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion approving **Resolution 2026-13**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, granting a certificate of public convenience and necessity to Hastings Patrol Services.

**K. ACTION ITEMS**

**K.1.** [26-159](#)

**SUBJECT:** Mid-Year Budget Review for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, General Fund Supplemental Appropriations in the Amount of \$157,400 and \$652,545 in Budget Amendments in Various Funds

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Presents the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Mid-Year Financial Report, seeks approval of General Fund Supplemental Appropriations in the amount of \$157,400 and \$652,545 in Budget Amendments in Various Funds.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

- A. Approving a Supplemental Appropriation from the unreserved, unencumbered General Fund balance in the amount of \$20,000 for Project # CP260025 City Clerk's Office Remodel; and,
- B. Approving the deletion of one Payroll Supervisor position and adding one Senior Accountant; and,
- C. Approving **Resolution 2026-14**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, Amending the Classification Plan by Updating the Personnel Allocation in the Finance Department by Deleting one Payroll Supervisor and Adding one Senior Accountant; and,
- D. Approving a Supplemental Appropriation from the unreserved, unencumbered General fund balance in the amount of \$60,000 for the Fire Department; and,
- E. Approving a Supplemental Appropriation from the unreserved,

unencumbered fund balance in Fund 2003- Measure Y Fire Department in the amount of \$60,000; and,

F. Approving a Supplemental Appropriation from the unreserved, unencumbered fund balance in Fund 2002- Measure Y Police Department in the amount of \$20,300; and,

G. Approving a Supplemental Appropriation from the unreserved, unencumbered fund balance in Fund 1020-Affordable Housing up to the amount of \$352,600 and transferring to Fund 2500 Housing Administration; and,

H. Approving a Supplemental Appropriation from the unreserved, unencumbered fund General Fund balance up to the amount of \$77,400 and transferring to Fund 2500 Housing Administration; and,

I. Approving a Supplemental Appropriation from the unreserved, unencumbered fund balance in Fund 1020-Affordable Housing in the amount of \$72,773 and transferring to Fund 2507-Cal HOME; and,

J. Approving a Supplemental Appropriation from the unreserved, unencumbered fund balance in Fund 3000-Development Services for the Engineering Division in the amount of \$110,000; and,

K. Approving a Supplemental Appropriation from the unreserved, unencumbered fund balance of Fund 7006-Fleet Replacement in the amount of \$109,645.

L. Authorizing the Finance Officer to make any necessary budget adjustments.

**K.2.** [26-124](#)

**SUBJECT:** Request for General Support on Preliminary Annexation Application #25-02 for the Mission 82 Annexation

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

The City Council will be asked to evaluate Preliminary Annexation Application #25-02 for the Mission 82 Annexation project. The proposed annexation consists of approximately 110.6 acres and would have a capacity of building up to 1,057 single-family homes. The subject site is generally located on the south side of East Mission Avenue, 500 feet east of Highway 99 and 2,000 feet west of South Miles Road (Assessor's Parcel Numbers 066-032-004, -002, -003; 066-260-017, -018; 066-040-001, -002, -003, -004, -005, -006, -007, -008, -009, -010, -011, -012, -013, -014, -015, -016, -017, -018, and -019).

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion indicating general support for an official annexation application to be processed for the Mission 82 Annexation project.

**L. REPORTS**

**L.1.** [26-138](#)

**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 reimbursement monies received for the January 2023 and March 2023 storms.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Information Only.

**M. BUSINESS**

**M.1.** [26-135](#)

**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.

**M.2.** [26-136](#)

**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.

**N. ADJOURNMENT**