



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/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency

Monday, June 2, 2025

6:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor SERRATTO called the Closed Session to order at 6:07 PM.

A.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.

A.2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Council Member HARRIS led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Matthew Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Sarah Boyle, Council Member Darin Dupont, Council Member Ronnie DeAnda, Council Member Michael Harris, Council Member Shane Smith, and Council Member Fue Xiong

Absent: 0

B.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.

C. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

C.1. SUBJECT: Proclamation - Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month
and The Longest Day

REPORT IN BRIEF

Accepted by Mario Pena of the Alzheimer's Association.

Mayor SERRATTO presented the Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and The Longest Day Proclamation to Mario PENA of the Alzheimer's

Association.

C.2. **SUBJECT:** Proclamation - Pride Month

REPORT IN BRIEF

Accepted by representatives of the CalPride Valle Central.

Mayor SERRATTO presented the Pride Month Proclamation to Katalina ZAMBRANO of the CalPride Valle Central.

D. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk's Note: Emails were received for the following agenda items and forwarded to Council prior to the meeting.

Agenda Item G.1.: Jean OKUYE and Alicia RIVERA.

Agenda Item H.2.: Alicia RIVERA.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

Eddie RODRIGUEZ reserved his comments for Agenda Item G.1.

Kim GARNER, Director of Central Valley Opportunity Fund, Merced - shared details of a Stakeholder meeting held regarding the Parks Open Space Master Plan.

Erick SERRATO, President of the Merced Downtown Neighborhood Association, Merced - thanked Council for the updates in Downtown Merced and spoke on advocacy efforts in the future for Downtown Merced.

Brian ARECHIGA, Merced - shared details of the Earth's Justice Program and his concerns on the cat population issue in Merced.

Curtis THOMAS reserved his comments for Agenda Item G.1.

Nathan ALONZO, Pacific Gas & Electric, Merced - shared details on rate changes from Pacific Gas and Electric.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items F.7. Adoption of Resolutions Amending the Annual Base Salary and Approving the Publicly Adopted Pay Scale for the City Attorney, City Manager, and Finance Officer as Set Forth in the Proposed First and Second Amendments to the Employment Agreements, F.10. Award Bid and Approval of Services Agreement with Dana Safety Supply to Provide

Parts and Equipment and Outfit Ten (10) New Patrol Units for the Merced Police Department for a Total Cost of \$187,377.78, F.13. Adoption of a Resolution Approving Final Map #5427 for Crossing at River Oaks Phase 5, Subdivision for 32 Lots at Coffee Street and Childs Avenue, and Approval of the Subdivision Agreement for the Crossing at River Oaks Phase 5, and F.14. Adoption of a Resolution Approving Final Map #5428 for Crossing at River Oaks Phase 6, Subdivision for 20 Lots at Coffee Street and Childs Avenue, and Approval of the Subdivision Agreement for the Crossing at River Oaks Phase 6; were pulled for separate consideration.

Clerk's Note: City Attorney Craig CORNWELL stated, "Mayor, on F.7. I will be stepping out, not for a General Code conflict but on a State Bar issue. The City Manager is free to remain on."

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, seconded by Council Member Harris, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

F.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.

F.2. **SUBJECT: Information Only Contracts for the Month of May 2025**

REPORT IN BRIEF

Notification of awarded Non-Public Works contracts under \$38,000 and of Public Works contracts under \$85,161.

This Consent Item was approved.

- F.3.** **SUBJECT:** Information Only - Boards and Commissions Annual Attendance Reports

REPORT IN BRIEF

Annual attendance review conducted with results filed with the City Clerk's Office.

RECOMMENDATION

For information only.

This Consent Item was approved.

- F.4.** **SUBJECT:** Information Only - Arts and Culture Advisory Commission Minutes of July 18, 2024, September 19, 2024, and November 26, 2024

RECOMMENDATION

For information only.

This Consent Item was approved.

- F.5.** **SUBJECT:** Information Only - Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Minutes of August 27, 2024, and December 10, 2024

RECOMMENDATION

For information only.

This Consent Item was approved.

- F.6.** **SUBJECT:** Information Only - Tax Transparency Commission Minutes of November 12, 2024

RECOMMENDATION

For information only.

This Consent Item was approved.

- F.8.** **SUBJECT:** Approval of First Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement with Self-Help Enterprises for Administration of State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) CalHome 2021 Programs; and, Acceptance of the Revisions

to CalHome 2021 Guideline Documents for the Homebuyer
Acquisition Only, Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation, and
Owner-Occupied ADU/JADU Programs

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving of the First Amendment to the City of Merced Subrecipient Agreement with Self-Help Enterprises with corrections to align with the HCD CalHome 2021 Standard Agreement; and, considers acceptance of necessary revisions to the program guideline documents for each of the three programs administered by Self-Help Enterprises on behalf of the City (First Time Homebuyer, Owner Occupied Rehabilitation, and Owner-Occupied ADU/JADU construction) to increase the maximum loan amounts to reflect the changes published by HCD in 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving the First Amendment to the City of Merced Subrecipient Agreement with Self Help Enterprises, modifying the program funding details to correctly align with Exhibit E of the executed HCD CalHome 2021 Standard Agreement; and,

B. Approving the Revised CalHome 2021 First-Time Homebuyer Assistance Program Guidelines to match the HCD updated Guidelines; and,

C. Approving the Revised CalHome 2021 Owner-Occupied ADU/JADU's Program Guidelines to match the HCD updated Guidelines; and,

D. Approving the Revised CalHome 2021 Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program Guidelines to match the HCD updated Guidelines; and,

E. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents, amendments, or agreements necessary to complete the grant activities stipulated in the 2021 CalHome Standard Agreement #21-CALHOME-17112.

This Consent Item was approved.

F.9.

SUBJECT: Approval and Ratification of an Agreement with Belfor USA Group, Inc., dba Belfor Property Restoration and an Increase in Contingency in the Amount of \$89,950 for Change Order 1 with CVE Demolition, Inc. for Additional Work Related to the Sun Star Building Demolition Project, CP250067

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving to ratify the agreement with Belfor Property Restoration for emergency mitigation services and approving an increase to the contingency in the amount of \$89,950 for Change Order 1 due to the additional scope of work to demolish the existing foundation at the Sun Star Building.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Ratifying an Agreement with Belfor USA Group, Inc., dba Belfor Property Restoration in the amount of \$118,116.36; and,

B. Approving of the Increase in Contingency of \$89,950 for a total contingency amount of \$132,305, which is approximately 62.47% of the original agreement amount, for Change Order 1 with CVE Demolition, Inc., for demolition of the foundation at the Sun Star Building; and,

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

This Consent Item was approved.

F.11.

SUBJECT: Award Bid and Approval of Services Agreement with Kemira Water Solutions, Inc., for the Purchase and Delivery of Ferric Chloride to the Wastewater Treatment Facility in an Amount not to Exceed \$1,112,000 Through June 30, 2027

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers awarding the bid and approving a Services Agreement with Kemira Water Solutions, Inc., for the purchase and delivery of Ferric Chloride for the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Awarding the bid and approving a Services Agreement with Kemira Water Solutions, Inc., for the purchase and delivery of Ferric Chloride to the Wastewater Treatment Facility in an amount not to exceed \$1,112,000 through June 30, 2027; and,

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

This Consent Item was approved.

F.12.

SUBJECT: Award Bid and Approval of Services Agreement with Thatcher Company of California, Inc., for the Purchase and Delivery of Sodium Hypochlorite to the Wastewater Treatment Facility in an Amount not to Exceed \$496,178 Through June 20, 2027

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers awarding the bid and approving a Services Agreement with Thatcher Company of California, Inc., for the purchase and delivery of sodium hypochlorite for the Wastewater Treatment Facility, Water, and Facilities Maintenance departments.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Awarding the bid and approving a Services Agreement with Thatcher Company of California, Inc., for the purchase and delivery of sodium hypochlorite to the Wastewater Treatment Facility in an amount not to exceed \$496,178 through June 20, 2027; and,

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

This Consent Item was approved.

F.7.

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolutions Amending the Annual Base Salary and Approving the Publicly Adopted Pay Scale for the City Attorney, City Manager, and Finance Officer as Set Forth in the Proposed First and Second Amendments to the Employment Agreements

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers adopting Resolutions to adopt the annual base salaries and

the publicly adopted pay scales for the City Attorney, City Manager, and Finance Officer as set forth in the proposed First and Second Amendments to the Employment Agreements.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving the Employment Agreements with the City Attorney, City Manager and Finance Officer; and,

B. Adopting **Resolution 2025-35**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California amending the salary range for the City Attorney; and,

C. Adopting **Resolution 2025-36**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California amending the salary range for the City Manager; and,

D. Adopting **Resolution 2025-37**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California amending the salary range for the Finance Officer;

E. Authorizing June 9, 2025, as the effective date of the respective Agreement Amendments for the City Attorney, City Manager, and Finance Officer; and,

F. Authorizing staff to submit the adopted Resolutions to the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) for confirmation of annual salary amounts and pay scales.

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

Clerk's Note: City Attorney Craig CORNWELL stepped out during this item.

Council Member XIONG pulled this item for separate consideration.

Council discussed the history of the City Attorney salary, details of the executive compensation, and the expectations of the executive staff.

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

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, and Council Member Smith

No: 1 - Council Member Xiong

Absent: 0

F.10.

SUBJECT: Award Bid and Approval of Services Agreement with Dana Safety Supply to Provide Parts and Equipment and Outfit Ten (10) New Patrol Units for the Merced Police Department for a Total Cost of \$187,377.78

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers awarding the bid and approving a Services Agreement with Dana Safety Supply to provide parts and equipment and outfit ten (10) new Patrol Units, eight (8) Ford Explorer Interceptor SUVs and two (2) Ford F-150 Police Responder pickups, for the total cost of \$187,377.78.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Awarding the bid and approving a Services Agreement with Dana Safety Supply to provide parts and equipment and outfit 10 new Patrol Units, 8 Ford Explorer Interceptor SUVs and 2 Ford F-150 Police Responder pickups, in the amount of \$187,377.78; and,

B. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents and to approve contract amendments not to exceed 10% of the total purchase price.

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

Council Member XIONG pulled this item for separate consideration.

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

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, and Council Member Smith

No: 1 - Council Member Xiong

Absent: 0

F.13.

SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution Approving Final Map #5427 for Crossing at River Oaks Phase 5, Subdivision for 32 Lots at Coffee Street and Childs Avenue, and Approval of the Subdivision Agreement for the Crossing at River Oaks Phase 5

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers adopting a resolution approving Final Map # 5427 for 32 lots, located between Coffee Street and Campus Parkway, south of Childs Avenue, and approves the Subdivision Agreement for the Crossing at River Oaks, Phase 5 Subdivision.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving **Resolution 2025-33**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, approving the Final Subdivision Map for the Crossing at River Oaks, Phase 5 Subdivision (# 5427); and,

B. Approving the Subdivision Agreement for the Crossing at River Oaks, Phase 5 Subdivision; and,

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

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

Clerk's Note: Council Member SMITH recused himself due to the applicant being a client at his law firm.

Clerk's Note: Mayor SERRATTO stated that Council will hear Agenda Items F.13. and F.14. together.

Clerk's Note: There was no Council discussion.

Clerk's Note: Council made a motion for Agenda Items F.13. and F.14. together.

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

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

Recused: 1 - Council Member Smith

F.14.

SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution Approving Final Map #5428 for Crossing at River Oaks Phase 6, Subdivision for 20 Lots at Coffee Street and Childs Avenue, and Approval of the Subdivision Agreement for the Crossing at River Oaks Phase 6

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers adopting a resolution approving Final Map #5428 for 20 lots, located between Coffee Street and Campus Parkway, south of Childs Avenue, and approves the Subdivision Agreement for the Crossing at River Oaks, Phase 6 Subdivision.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving **Resolution 2025-34**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, approving the Final Subdivision Map for the Crossing at River Oaks, Phase 6 Subdivision (# 5428); and,

B. Approving the Subdivision Agreement for the Crossing at River Oaks, Phase 6 Subdivision; and,

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

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

Clerk's Note: Council Member SMITH recused himself due to the applicant being a client at his law firm.

Clerk's Note: Mayor SERRATTO stated that Council will hear Agenda Items F.13. and F.14. together.

Clerk's Note: There was no Council discussion.

Clerk's Note: Council made a motion for Agenda Items F.13. and F.14. together.

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

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

Recused: 1 - Council Member Smith

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

G.1. **SUBJECT: Public Hearing to Allow the Interested Public an Opportunity to Provide Input on the Content of the City Council, Public Financing and Economic Development Authority, Parking Authority, and Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Merced Fiscal Year 2025-26 Proposed Budget and After Hearing all Comments Continue the Public Hearing to June 16, 2025**

REPORT IN BRIEF

Public Hearing to afford the interested public an opportunity to provide input on the content of the 2025-26 City Council, Public Financing and Economic Development Authority, Parking Authority, and Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Merced Proposed Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council/Public Financing and Economic Development Authority/Parking Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Merced - It is recommended that the City Council/Authorities/Successor Agency conduct the Public Hearing and provide direction to the City Manager on the content of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget; and adopt a motion continuing the Public Hearing to the June 16, 2025, Council Meeting.

Finance Officer Venus RODRIGUEZ gave a slideshow presentation on the City Manager's proposed annual budget for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Council and Mrs. RODRIGUEZ discussed details of the changes to the Police Department's personnel, details of the arts funding, details of the Measure C funding, the potential of moving positions from the Fire and Police Departments to be funded by Measure C, details of CalPERS, details of Trust 115, details of the Public Works enterprise fund summary, details of the rate study, and details of the new Measure C fund.

Mayor SERRATTO opened the Public Hearing at 7:31 PM.

Eddie RODRIGUEZ, Merced - spoke on the open-call Request for Proposal (RFP) for local artists and encouraged a contribution to the arts budget to help the community.

Hugo CASTRO-PONCE, Merced - spoke in opposition of amending the housing policy to fund the deficit, shared support for re-prioritizing affordable housing, and implementing a Rental Registry or Inspection Program in the City.

Ana QUINTANA-CEJA, Merced - spoke in support of investing in a Rental Registry/Inspection Program, a Home Rehabilitation Program, Homebuyer Assistance Programs, South Merced projects, and suggested re-allocating a percentage of Measure Y to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Maria CALDERON, Merced - shared concerns of the water, sewage, contaminated wells, and the roads on South P Street in South Merced.

Robert RODRIGUEZ, Merced - shared details of his living situation and spoke on the management in his apartment complex.

Andrea URIBE, Merced - spoke on investing in road and bicycle lane improvements, an updated South Merced Plan, and projects in South Merced.

Ashley Marie SUAREZ, Merced - urged the City to engage more with the community for input on the proposed annual budget, encouraged the City to establish a Rental Registry/Inspection Program, to invest in mobile home parks, and expand the First-Time Homebuyer Program.

Curtis THOMAS, Merced - spoke on the funding being used to create the General Plan Amendment of the City and requested the City publish a value-per-acre analysis.

Colton DENNIS, Merced - advocated for the Parks and Recreation Department and the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission to receive funding in the annual budget.

Mayor SERRATTO closed the Public Hearing at 7:57 PM.

Clerk's Note: Council took a recess at 7:57 PM and reconvened at 8:07 PM.

Council, Mrs. RODRIGUEZ, Fire Chief Casey WILSON, Chief of Police Steven STANFIELD, and City Manager Scott MCBRIDE discussed withholding funding from the new Measure C Fund, potentially fully funding public safety positions, defining public safety in the City, funding what community members are requesting, details of the SAFER Grant staffing funds, and allocating funding from the General Plan to the Measure C Fund. They also discussed details of applying for the economic hardship waiver for the SAFER Grant, details of the proposed budget, details of the School Resource Officers funded by the Police Department, details of grant opportunities for the Police Department, details of both Measure C funding sources, management positions in the City, and details of the Reserve Fund.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Dupont, to use Measure C to fund the one firefighter position that is proposed to be frozen. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, and Council Member Smith

No: 1 - Council Member Xiong

Absent: 0

Council, Mr. MCBRIDE, and Mr. STANFIELD discussed details of the previously frozen positions in the Police Department and details of the current changes of positions.

Clerk's Note: The General Fund tab presented during the Council Meeting via PowerPoint lists the following positions: Lead Dispatcher, Community Services Officer, additional Police Officer (total of 4), and one Dispatcher.

A motion was made by Council Member Harris, seconded by Council Member Smith, to fund every item listed under the General Fund tab and use Measure C as the funding mechanism. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, and Council Member Smith

No: 2 - Mayor Serratto, and Council Member Xiong

Absent: 0

Council, Mrs. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. MCBRIDE, and City Attorney Criag

CORNWELL discussed exploring funding options for the Zookeeper position, allocating funds to the arts, details of the General Fund, details of the Reserve Fund policy, details of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, the administrative services provided for in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, the City's calculation of 30% being set aside from the General Fund Reserve, and exploring options to reduce the General Fund Reserve policy.

A motion was made by Council Member Harris, seconded by Council Member Dupont, for exploration of the reduction of the General Fund Reserve policy. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

Council briefly discussed details of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

A motion was made by Council Member Dupont, seconded by Council Member Harris, changing policy Affordable Housing Trust Fund for administrative services for Affordable Housing Projects. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, and Council Member Smith

No: 1 - Council Member Xiong

Absent: 0

Council, Mrs. RODRIGUEZ, and Mr. MCBRIDE discussed the funding source of the full-time Zookeeper position and details of the Parks and Recreation department's funding cuts.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, to retain full-time Zookeeper position, pending funds being available. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, and Council Member Smith

No: 1 - Council Member Xiong

Absent: 0

Council and Mr. MCBRIDE discussed the allocation of funds to art projects

and community funding.

A motion was made by Council Member Harris, seconded by Council Member Xiong, to allocate \$75,000 to Arts Projects. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

Council, Mr. MCBRIDE, and Management Analyst Sarah KNOESTER discussed details of past Community Funding applicants and support for allocating \$30,000.

A motion was made by Council Member Xiong, seconded by Council Member Harris, to allocate \$30,000 for Community Funding. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, and Council Member Xiong

No: 2 - Council Member Dupont, and Council Member Smith

Absent: 0

Council, Mrs. RODRIGUEZ, and Mr. MCBRIDE discussed the proposed park fitness equipment, Measure Y funding, details of current sidewalk and road projects, and the requirements for Measure C-Roads funding.

A motion was made by Council Member Harris, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, to continue the Public Hearing to the June 16th Council meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 1 - Council Member DeAnda

Absent: 0

H. ACTION ITEMS

Clerk's Note: Council took a recess at 9:43 PM and reconvened at 9:54 PM.

H.1. SUBJECT: Report to Allow for Public Input on the Various Maintenance

Districts' Engineer's Reports and Budgets for Fiscal Year 2025/2026
During the Public Meeting

REPORT IN BRIEF

Staff is requesting to receive public input on the budgets for various Maintenance Districts during the public meeting but defers any action on the assessment levy determination until the close of the Public Hearing scheduled for Monday, June 16, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion seeking public input on the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Maintenance Districts' budgets, without taking action until the Public Hearing is closed on June 16, 2025.

Deputy Director of Public Works Juan OLMOS gave a slideshow presentation on Maintenance Districts Engineer's reports and budget for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Council and Mr. OLMOS discussed details of the Auto Center district, options for a low maintenance and low water conversion, and potentially posting the schedule for service online.

A motion was made by Council Member Harris, seconded by Council Member Dupont, seeking public input without taking action until the Public Hearing is closed on June 16, 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

H.2.

SUBJECT: Authorization of Use of South Merced Funding from General Fund of \$350,000 and Economic Development Opportunity Funding of \$154,291 Towards the Completion of Stephen Leonard Youth Center Up to an Amount not to Exceed \$504,291, Transferring to and Appropriating Within Fund 5000-Parks and Community Services Capital Improvement Project (CIP)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers authorizing the use of South Merced Investment funding and Economic Development Opportunity Funds in an amount not to exceed up to \$504,291 to complete construction and increase the safety, security and utility of Stephen Leonard Youth Center. The Department of Parks &

Community Services and Development Services is requesting Council direction on work to be added and the matching allocation of funding from the South Merced project allocated in the General Fund and Economic Development Opportunity Funding to address the unforeseen costs and prioritized work to complete the buildings restoration.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving the allocation of \$350,000 from the General Fund CP240001 South Merced Improvement transferring to Fund 5000-Park and Community Service CIP and appropriating the same to CP230052 Stephen Leonard Building Repair; and,

B. Approving a supplemental appropriation from the unencumbered, unreserved fund balance of Fund 1017- Economic Development Opportunity in the amount of \$154,291, transferring to Fund 5000-Park and Community Service CIP and appropriating the same to CP230052 Stephen Leonard Building Repair.

City Surveyor Joe CARDOSO gave a slideshow presentation on the authorization of use of South Merced Funding from General Fund towards the completion of Stephen Leonard Youth Center.

Council, Mr. CARDOSO, City Manager Scott MCBRIDE, Deputy City Manager Frank QUINTERO, and Chief of Police Steven STANFIELD discussed the various uses of the Stephen Leonard Youth Center location, details on the accepted uses for the Economic Development Fund, potentially replacing the graffiti coating with a mural, the recommendation from the South Merced Subcommittee, details of the Graffiti Abatement Agreement, engaging with the community to use South Merced funds, and time-sensitive updates on the project.

Clerk's Note: This Agenda Item required five affirmative votes from Council.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Dupont, to approve the \$350,000 allocation from the South Merced Fund for the work presented, \$29,000 from the Economic Development Fund for the divider, and with instructions to come back with a stronger proposal for the remainder for potential consideration from the Economic Development Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, and Council Member Smith

No: 1 - Council Member Xiong

Absent: 0

H.3.

SUBJECT: Authorization to Accept and Appropriate \$12,585 in Grant Funds From the FY2023 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) for the Merced Police Department to Purchase a Solution to Assist in Radio Inadequacies that Exist Within Our Current Radio System

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers authorizing to accept grant funding from the FY2023 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) for the Merced Police Department in the amount of \$12,585.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Accepting FY 2023 SHSGP grant funds in the amount of \$12,585, increase revenue, appropriating the same in Expense Fund 1000-General Fund (Police Division); and,

B. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents; and,

C. Authorizing the use of pooled cash until grant funds are reimbursed.

Chief of Police Steven STANFIELD briefly discussed the authorization to accept and appropriate grant funds from the fiscal year 2023 State Homeland Security Grant Program and details of the purchase to assist in radio inadequacies for the Merced Police Department.

Clerk's Note: There was no Council discussion.

Clerk's Note: This Agenda Item required five affirmative votes from Council.

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

- H.4. **SUBJECT:** Accept and Appropriate Merced County Funding in the Amount of \$14,428 and Approve a Subrecipient Agreement with Merced Multicultural Arts Center for a Lighting System Upgrade Project in a not to Exceed Amount of \$14,428

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving the acceptance and appropriation of Merced County funding in the amount of \$14,428 and authorizing a subrecipient agreement with the Merced Multicultural Arts Center (MAC) for a lighting system upgrade project, in an amount not to exceed \$14,428. Execution of the subrecipient agreement is contingent upon the City receiving the funds from the County.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving the acceptance of Merced County funding in the amount of \$14,428, increasing revenue and appropriating the same in General Fund 1000; and,

B. Approving a subrecipient agreement with Merced Multicultural Arts Center in a not to exceed amount of \$14,428; contingent upon receipt of funds from Merced County; and,

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

City Manager Scott MCBRIDE briefly discussed the acceptance and appropriation of Merced County funding and to approve a Subrecipient Agreement with Merced Multicultural Arts Center.

Colton DENNIS, Merced - shared details of the lighting equipment that is in need of updates at the Multicultural Arts Center.

Merced County Supervisor Josh PEDROZO - highlighted the projects funded by the Merced County funding and thanked the City on their partnership on the Multicultural Arts Center project.

Clerk's Note: This Agenda Item required five affirmative votes from Council.

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

H.5.

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Approving the Administering Agency State Program Supplement No. F040 and Agreement Summary (E-76) for a Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Program (CMAQ) Grant CML-5085(063), (Project No. CP250076), CMAQ Multi-Use Path on Community College Drive and Yosemite Avenue Project, for the Use of \$84,103 in CMAQ Grant Funding for Preliminary Engineering

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers a resolution approving a California Department of Transportation Program Supplement for the use of \$84,103 in CMAQ Grant funding for Preliminary Engineering for the Multi-Use Path on Community College Drive and Yosemite Avenue Project.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

- A. Adopting **Resolution 2025-32**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, approving Federal-Aid Projects Program Supplement Agreement No. F040; and,
 - B. Accepting CMAQ grant funds in the amount of \$84,103 for preliminary engineering costs associated with the design of the Multi-Use Path on Community College Drive and Yosemite Avenue Project; and,
 - C. Increasing revenue and appropriating the same in Fund 5005-Street and Signal CIP; and,
 - D. Approving the use of pooled cash until reimbursement is received from the grant; and,
 - E. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.
- City Surveyor Joe CARDOSO and City Manager Scott MCBRIDE briefly discussed the acceptance of Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Program funds for Project Number CP250076.

Council Member SMITH briefly shared the importance of this project for the

students at Cruickshank Middle School.

Clerk's Note: This Agenda Item required five affirmative votes from Council.

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

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

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, and Council Member Smith

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Xiong

H.6.

SUBJECT: Accepting and Appropriating Grant Funding in the Amount of \$750 for FY 2024-2025 from United States Tennis Association Northern California Operating Materials, Services and Supplies (Tennis Rackets, Balls)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers accepting and appropriating grant funding in the amount of \$750 from USTA for H.I.T.S. (Honesty, Integrity, Teamwork, Sportsmanship) tennis equipment grant.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Accepting \$750 grant funds from United States Tennis Association Northern California in Fund 1018-Parks & Community Service; and,

B. Increasing contribution revenue in the amount of \$750 and appropriating the same to Operating Materials, Services and Supplies in Fund 1018-Parks and Community Services; and,

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

Deputy City Manager Frank QUINTERO briefly discussed the acceptance of grant funds from United States Tennis Association for tennis equipment.

Clerk's Note: There was no Council discussion.

Clerk's Note: This Agenda Item required five affirmative votes from

Council.

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

H.7.

SUBJECT: Approval of the City Council FY 2025/26 Goals and Priorities to Include Fiscal Stability, Public Safety, Future Planning, Economic Development, Pedestrian Safety, Affordable Housing, Capital Projects, Governance, and Parks & Community Services

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers adopting the City Council FY 2025/26 Goals and Priorities to include Fiscal Stability, Public Safety, Future Planning, Economic Development, Pedestrian Safety, Affordable Housing, Capital Projects, Governance, and Parks & Community Services.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion approving the City Council FY 2025/26 Goals and Priorities to include Fiscal Stability, Public Safety, Future Planning, Economic Development, Pedestrian Safety, Affordable Housing, Capital Projects, Governance, and Parks & Community Services.

City Manager Scott MCBRIDE gave a presentation on the City Council fiscal year 2025-2026 Goals and Priorities.

Council and Mr. MCBRIDE discussed the conversations held to create the Goals and Priorities being presented and details of the Goals and Priorities.

A motion was made by Council Member Harris, seconded by Mayor Serratto, to approve as is. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, and Council Member Smith

No: 1 - Council Member Xiong

Absent: 0

I. REPORTS

I.1. **SUBJECT:** City Attorney Office's Presentation on Receivership
Activities for Fiscal Year 24-25

REPORT IN BRIEF

The City Attorney has prepared to present an update on substandard properties that have been submitted to his office for review and enforcement.

City Attorney Craig CORNWELL gave a slideshow presentation on the receivership activities of fiscal year 2024-2025.

Council and Mr. CORNWELL discussed details of receivership fees and the timeframe of the receivership process.

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

J. BUSINESS

J.1. **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.

Council Member SMITH requested to discuss the Goals and Priorities, Town Hall process, and a potential two-year budget cycle at the first Council meeting in August, this request was seconded by Council Member HARRIS. He also requested to discuss Ceremonial Matters and letters of support at the first Council Meeting in July, this request was seconded by Council Member DUPONT.

J.2. **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 HARRIS reported on attending the Merced County Officers of the Year Dinner and the Merced Firefighters Scholars event.

Mayor SERRATTO thanked everyone for attending the Joe Herb Park clean-up day.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 11:41 PM.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, seconded by Council Member Dupont, that this Regular Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0