



# 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, May 18, 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 5:00 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.** [26-434](#)      **SUBJECT:** CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS Agency Designated Representatives: City Manager Scott McBride, City Attorney Craig Cornwell, Finance Officer Venus Rodriguez, Deputy City Manager Frank Quintero, Human Resources Manager Suzanne Fierro, LCW Legal Representative Che Johnson; Employee Organization: Merced Police Non-Sworn Association. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6
- B.2.** [26-441](#)      **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)
- B.3.** [26-443](#)      **SUBJECT:** CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION Richter vs. City of Merced, WCAB Case No. ADJ20002314 Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
- B.4.** [26-442](#)      **SUBJECT:** CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION De Jong vs. City of Merced, WCAB Case No. ADJ19023878 Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

## C. CALL TO ORDER

Invocation - Pastor Ceasar Johnson, Christian Life Center Merced

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

## D. ROLL CALL

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. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

F.1. [26-328](#)      **SUBJECT: Project Update from RACE Communications**

### REPORT IN BRIEF

Jim Miller, Government Affairs Race Communications, will be sharing an update on the RACE Communications project.

F.2. [26-382](#)      **SUBJECT: Merced Arts Festival Presentation**

### REPORT IN BRIEF

Patricia Pratt and Earvin Mendoza, from Urbanist Collective, will be presenting on the Merced Arts Festival.

F.3. [26-402](#)      **SUBJECT: Merced Fire Department Advanced Life Support (ALS) Update, Recognition of National EMS Week 2026, and Presentation of Clinical Excellence Awards**

### REPORT IN BRIEF

In recognition of National EMS Week 2026, Battalion Chief Mickey Brunelli will provide an update on the status of the Merced Fire Department's Advanced Life Support (ALS) program and recognize Paramedic Field Training Officers for their clinical excellence and contributions to its advancement.

## G. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

G.1. [26-371](#)      **SUBJECT: Proclamation - Bike Month**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Received by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission.

**H. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**I. 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.

**J. 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.

**J.1.**    [26-429](#)            **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.

**J.2.**    [26-102](#)            **SUBJECT:** Consider Approving the Consulting and Professional Services Contracts for On-Call Consultants for Planning, Environmental, and Project Support Consulting Services

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Recommend approving multiple Consulting and Professional Services Contracts for on-call Consultants to assist with Planning, Environmental, and Project Support Consulting Services.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

- A. Approving a Consulting and Professional Services Contract with Cupples Keller Design; and,
- B. Approving a Consulting and Professional Services Contract with EMC Planning Group, Inc.; and,
- C. Approving a Consulting and Professional Services Contract with Environmental Science Associates; and,
- D. Approving a Consulting and Professional Services Contract with GHD, Inc.; and,
- E. Approving a Consulting and Professional Services Contract with Helix Environmental Planning; and,
- F. Approving a Consulting and Professional Services Contract with JB Anderson; and,
- G. Approving a Consulting and Professional Services Contract with BKF, Inc.; and,
- H. Approving a Consulting and Professional Services Contract with Page & Turnbull; and,
- I. Approving a Consulting and Professional Services Contract with Precision Civil Engineering, Inc.; and,
- J. Approving a Consulting and Professional Services Contract with Provost and Pritchard; and,
- K. Approving a Consulting and Professional Services Contract with QK, Inc.; and,
- L. Approving a Consulting and Professional Services Contract with Rincon; and,
- M. Approving a Consulting and Professional Services Contract with Site Lab Urban Studio; and,
- N. Authorizing the City Attorney to make minimal administrative changes if necessary; and,
- O. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreements.

- J.3. [26-378](#) **SUBJECT: Approval to Purchase One (1) New Ford F-350 Work Truck from Rush Truck Centers in the Amount of \$110,743.57, Plus a 10% Contingency (\$11,074.36), for a Total not to Exceed Amount of \$121,817.93 as an Addition for the Water Division**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers approving the purchase of one new work truck for the Water Division in the amount of \$110,743.57, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$121,817.93, utilizing the cost savings government procurement program (Sourcewell). The purchase of the new vehicle will support the newly established Lead Instrumentation Technician position, improve operational efficiency, enhance reliability, and reduce maintenance costs.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

- A. Approving to waive the City's competitive bidding requirement as permitted by Merced Municipal Code section 3.04.210 and authorizing the purchase to be made with a cooperative purchase agreement through Sourcewell, a government procurement program; and,
- B. Approving the purchase of one new Ford F-350 work truck in the amount of \$110,743.57 from Rush Truck Centers, through Sourcewell contract # 032824-RTG; and,
- C. Authorizing the City Manager to execute any necessary documents for the purchase specified above and the City Purchasing Supervisor to issue the Purchase Order(s), and approval of change orders not to exceed 10% (\$11,074.36) of the total purchase price.

- J.4. [26-414](#) **SUBJECT: Approval of City Council Administrative Policy and Procedure C-9, Legislative Body Reasonable Accommodation for Remote Participation at Meetings Subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

An administrative policy consistent with the recent legislative updates to California's Ralph M. Brown Act ("Brown Act") to allow for members of the City of Merced's legislative bodies with disabilities to participate in meetings remotely as a reasonable accommodation for consideration and adoption by the City Council.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving **Resolution 2026-22**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, Adopting Administrative Policy and Procedure C-9, Legislative Body Reasonable Accommodation Policy for Remote Participation at Meetings Subject to the Brown Act; and,

B. Authorizing the City Manager to undertake any necessary steps to enact Policy C-9.

**J.5.** [26-337](#)

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of a Resolution Approving Final Map #5431 for Bellevue Ranch North, Village 24A, Subdivision for 10 Single-Family Lots, Generally Located West of G Street, North of Pacific Loon Court, and the Approval of the Subdivision Agreement for the Bellevue Ranch North, Village 24A Subdivision

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers approving Final Map #5431 for 10 single-family lots, located west of G Street, north of Pacific Loon Court, and the subdivision agreement for Bellevue Ranch North, Village 23A, Subdivision.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving **Resolution 2026-24**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, approving the Final Map Tract No. 5431 Bellevue Ranch North, Village 24A; and,

B. Approving the Subdivision Agreement for Bellevue Ranch North, Village 24A; and,

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

**K. 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.

**K.1.** [26-406](#)

**SUBJECT:** Public Hearing - Request to Open and Continue the

Scheduled Public Hearing, Receipt of Final Public Comment, and Final Review and Approval of the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2026 Annual Action Plan to the June 1, 2026, City Council Meeting, Including Approval and Award of Funding for Projects and Activities Listed in the Draft Final Plan

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Due to the unfinalized status of the 2026 project list and related text sections of the Draft 2026 U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Annual Action Plan, as well as recalculations in progress of final HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program available funds after the April 6, 2026, Council authorization of a conditional funding commitment to an affordable housing project, the Housing Division requests City Council open the scheduled public hearing and continue it to the June 1, 2026, City Council meeting, to allow staff additional time to work out final project and budget details.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Open a Public Hearing, Accept any Public Comment from Interested Residents in Attendance, and Continue the Public Hearing and the Final Review and Approval of the 2026 Annual Action Plan to the June 1, 2026, City Council Meeting.

**K.2.** [26-409](#)

**SUBJECT:** Public Hearing - Site Plan Review Permit #26-0018 and Minor Use Permit #26-0030 Initiated by Eric Gonsalves, on Behalf of Yosemite 1380 LLC, Property Owner. The Project Site is a 3.19-Acre Portion of a 5.7-Acre Parcel. The Subject Site is Generally Located on the South Side of East Yosemite Avenue Approximately 460 Feet West of Parsons Avenue (1380 E. Yosemite Avenue). This Request would Allow the Development of a Self-Storage Facility (Approximately 500 Storage Units) at a Site Zoned Planned Development #20 (P-D #20) and Designated Business Park in the General Plan

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Staff recommends that this item be continued to the City Council meeting of June 1, 2026, to allow staff additional time to conduct research.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion to continue this item to the City Council meeting of June 1, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., or soon thereafter, in the City Council of Chambers.

**K.3.** [26-413](#)

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of an Urgency Ordinance Extending a Temporary

Moratorium on Street Closure Encroachment Permits Pursuant to  
California Government Code Section 65858

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Consider adopting an urgency ordinance extending a temporary moratorium on the approval, issuance, processing, or appeal of street closure encroachment permits under Merced Municipal Code Section 12.42 and other administrative policies, for a period of ten months and 15 days, while allowing limited administrative approvals under defined criteria. This extension will provide the City time to further evaluate and implement a comprehensive regulatory framework governing street closures to ensure public safety, coordination, and consistency in application with the City's focus on the nature of the special event going forward.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

A. Adopting **Ordinance 2592**, an urgency ordinance of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, Extending for a Period of Ten Months and Fifteen Days, Pursuant to California Government Code 65858, a Temporary Moratorium on Street Closures; and

B. Directing staff to continue to study this issue and return with proposed amendments to the Merced Municipal Code to establish a comprehensive framework governing street closures, focusing on the nature of the special event, including distinctions between parades, community events, and other uses of the public right-of-way.

**L. REPORTS**

L.1. [26-400](#)

**SUBJECT:** Direction on the Process for Remote Participation to be in  
Compliance with Senate Bill (SB) 707

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Staff will provide an overview of the function and use of remote public participation to be in compliance with SB 707 and request Council direction on process.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Discuss and provide direction to staff for further implementation and planning purposes.

L.2. [26-433](#)      **SUBJECT:** Potential City of Merced Energy Efficiency Upgrade Projects

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Report on potential energy efficiency energy upgrade projects for various city facilities.

**RECOMMENDATION**

City Council to accept the report and provide comments and suggestions to staff on potential next steps.

L.3. [26-424](#)      **SUBJECT:** Review and Discussion Regarding the City of Merced Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Review of the City Manager's proposed FY 2026-27 Budget.

**RECOMMENDATION**

For information and discussion only.

**M. BUSINESS**

M.1. [26-404](#)      **SUBJECT:** Mayor Pro Tempore Boyles Request to Discuss America's 250th Birthday and California's 150th Birthday

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Mayor Pro Tempore Boyles request to discuss America's 250th Birthday and California's 150th Birthday.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Provide direction to staff on the next steps.

M.2. [26-430](#)      **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.3. [26-431](#)      **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**