



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 4, 2025

6:00 PM

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

Regular Meeting at 6:00 PM

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A. CALL TO ORDER

A.1. Invocation - Shahid Sohail, Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

A.2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

B. ROLL CALL

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. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

C.1. [25-703](#) **SUBJECT:** Presentation from the City of Merced Fire Department on Independence Day Holiday Response and Fireworks Enforcement

REPORT IN BRIEF

Merced Fire Department and Merced Police Department worked together to enforce the City of Merced Ordinance on fireworks. Chief Wilson will make a brief presentation on the public inputs and enforcement results. The presentation will include a summary of response activity for the 4th of July.

D. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

D.1. [25-648](#) **SUBJECT:** Certificate of Recognition for the 2010 Girls NPL Team for Merced United for being the Clubs First National Premier League Level

Team - Requested By Mayor Serratto

REPORT IN BRIEF

Accepted by the 2010 Girls NPL Team from Merced United.

D.2. [25-647](#)

SUBJECT: Proclamation - National Health Center Week

REPORT IN BRIEF

Received by representatives from the Golden Valley Health Centers.

E. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

F. 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.

G. 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.

G.1. [25-656](#)

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.

G.2. [25-713](#)

SUBJECT: Information Only Contracts for the Month of July 2025

REPORT IN BRIEF

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

Public Works contracts under \$85,161.

G.3. [25-719](#)

SUBJECT: Approval of City Council/Public Financing and Economic Development/Parking Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes of April 7, 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 April 7, 2025.

G.4. [25-680](#)

SUBJECT: Approval to Purchase One (1) New Asphalt Zipper 420X-173H Gen 8 with Accu-Trak Wheel Assist, and Necessary Attachment Equipment, from Asphalt Zipper in the Amount of \$237,955.15 for the Streets Division

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving the purchase of one (1) new Asphalt Zipper 420X-173H Gen 8 with Accu-Trak Wheel Assist, and necessary attachment equipment, in the amount of \$237,955.15. Staff has identified the need to add this piece of equipment, which will assist in the Street Division's operation through the cost savings of a government procurement program (H-GAC).

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Waiving 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 H-GAC, a government procurement program; and,

B. Approving the purchase of one (1) new Asphalt Zipper 420X-173H Gen 8 with Accu-Trak Wheel Assist, and Necessary Attachment Equipment, in the amount of \$237,955.15 from Asphalt Zipper, through H-GAC contract #SM10-20 Street Maintenance Equipment; and,

C. Authorizing the City Manager to execute any necessary documents for the purchase specified above; and,

D. Authorizing the issuance of the Purchase Order, and approval of change orders not to exceed 10% of the total purchase price.

G.5. [25-684](#)

SUBJECT: Approval of Additional Contingency in the amount of \$185,910 for Additional Streetlights for the Safe Streets Streetlight Retrofit, Project Number CP230002

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving proposed Change Order 2 with Tennyson Electric LLC, for additional contingency in the amount of \$185,910 for Project Number CP230002 - Safe Streets Streetlight Retrofit.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving proposed Change Order 2 with Tennyson Electric LLC, for additional contingency funding in the amount of \$185,910, for a total contingency amount of \$404,660 which is approximately 37% of the original contract amount; and,

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

G.6. [25-621](#)

SUBJECT: Approval of an Order Form for Lease and Subscription Based Technology Arrangement (SBITA) Management Software with Fifth Asset, Inc. DBA DebtBook in the Amount of \$49,500 Over Three Years with an Option to Extend for Two Additional One-Year Terms

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving an Order Form for lease and SBITA management software with Fifth Asset, Inc. DBA DebtBook, in the amount of \$16,500 annually for an additional three years totaling \$49,500 with an option to extend for two additional one-year terms through waiving a competitive bidding requirement pursuant to the City's Municipal Code.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Waiving a competitive bidding requirement as stated in Section 3.04.210 of the Merced Municipal Code due to established use and operation efficiency; and,

B. Approving an Order Form for lease and SBITA management software with Fifth Asset, Inc. DBA DebtBook, in the amount of \$16,500 annually for three years totaling \$49,500; and,

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

G.7. [25-682](#)

SUBJECT: Approval of a Legal Service Agreement for Bond Counsel and Disclosure Counsel with Jones Hall LLP

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving the Legal Service Agreement with Jones Hall LLP to provide Bond and Disclosure Counsel services.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving a Legal Service Agreement with Jones Hall LLP for Bond and Disclosure Counsel services; and,

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

G.8. [25-696](#)

SUBJECT: Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the City of Merced and Merced City School District (MCSD) 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 Merced City School District and the City of Merced to provide Police Services at the District's schools with two (2) School Resource Officers (SRO).

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; and,

B. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding.

G.9. [25-704](#)

SUBJECT: Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Between the City of Merced and Merced Community College District (MCCD) for Police Services at the College for a Term of Three Years, Fiscal Years 2025 - 2028

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving an MOU between the Merced Community College District and the City of Merced to provide Police Services at the College with a Police Lieutenant or Police Sergeant.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Merced and Merced Community College District to provide police services at the College; and,

B. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement.

G.10. [25-675](#)

SUBJECT: Consideration of the First Reading 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

Considers introducing 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:

A. Introducing **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; and,

B. Setting the Ordinance for a second reading and adoption.

G.11. [25-712](#)

SUBJECT: Second Reading and Final Adoption of an Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map by Rezoning Approximately 5.0 Acres of Land Generally Located on the South Side of East Childs

Avenue, Approximately 780 Feet East of Coffee Street, from
Neighborhood Commercial to Low Density Residential

REPORT IN BRIEF

Second reading and final adoption of an Ordinance amending the official Zoning Map by rezoning approximately 5.0 acres of land generally located on the south side of East Childs Avenue, approximately 780 feet east of Coffee Street, from Neighborhood Commercial (C-N) to Low Density Residential (R-1-5).

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion approving **Ordinance 2579**, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, amending the official Zoning Map by rezoning approximately 5.0 acres of land generally located on the south side of East Childs Avenue, approximately 780 feet east of Coffee Street, from Neighborhood Commercial (C-N) to Low Density Residential (R-1-5).

H. ACTION ITEMS

H.1. [25-714](#)

SUBJECT: Authorization to Accept and Appropriate \$14,344 in Grant Funds From the FY2023 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) for the Merced Police Department to Purchase Three (3) Helicopter Helmets

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers acceptance of grant funding from the FY2023 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) for the Merced Police Department in the amount of \$14,344.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

- A. Accepting FY 2023 SHSGP grant funds in the amount of \$14,344; and,
- B. Approving increase in revenue in the amount of \$14,344 in Fund 1000-General Fund (Police Division) and appropriating the same to purchase three (3) helicopter helmets; and,
- C. Authorizing the use of pooled cash until grant funds are reimbursed; and,
- D. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

H.2. [25-721](#)

SUBJECT: Award Bid to Juarez Brothers General Engineering, Inc., for Santa Fe Strip Park Sidewalk Yosemite to Black Rascal, Project Number CP220021, and the Santa Fe Strip Park Speed Table Project CP230004, in the Amount of \$519,879.33

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers awarding a Construction Contract to Juarez Brothers General Engineering, Inc, in the amount of \$519,879.33 for the Santa Fe Strip Park Sidewalk Yosemite to Black Rascal and Santa Fe Strip Park Speed Table, Project Numbers CP220021 & CP230004.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Awarding the Construction Contract for Santa Fe Strip Park Sidewalk Yosemite to Black Rascal, Projects CP220021 & CP230004, to Juarez Brothers General Engineering, Inc, in the amount of \$519,879.33; and,

B. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents and to approve change orders not to exceed 15% of the total contract.

H.3. [25-679](#)

SUBJECT: Accepting Grant Funding in the Amount of \$1,000 for FY 2024-2025 from Merced County First 5- Community Engagement Event Sponsorship Program for Free Fundamental Baseball Clinics for T-Ball

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers accepting grant funding in the amount of \$1,000 from First 5 Merced County Fundamental Baseball Clinic for T-Ball to expand no cost recreational programming to youth.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Accepting grant funds from First 5 Merced County in the amount of \$1,000; and,

B. Approval to increase revenue in Fund 1018-Parks and Community Service, Contribution Account in the amount of \$1,000; and,

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

- H.4. [25-690](#) **SUBJECT:** Reconsider Selection of Logo for the Merced General Plan Update and Downtown Station Area Plan

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers reviewing new logos and selecting a logo prepared for the Merced General Plan Update and Downtown Station Area Plan

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion selecting a logo or logos from options for the branding of the Merced General Plan Update and Downtown Station Area Plan.

I. BUSINESS

- I.1. [25-717](#) **SUBJECT:** Mayor Serratto's Request to Discuss a Food Vendor Ordinance

REPORT IN BRIEF

Mayor Serratto's request to discuss a food vendor ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION

Provide direction to staff on the next steps.

- I.2. [25-718](#) **SUBJECT:** Council Member Smith's Request to Discuss How Goals and Priorities and the Town Halls Should Be Organized with the Budget Process and Exploring Options for a Biennial Budget Cycle

REPORT IN BRIEF

Council Member Smith's request to discuss how Goals and Priorities and Town Halls should be organized with the budget process and exploring options for a biennial budget cycle.

RECOMMENDATION

Provide direction to staff on the next steps.

- I.3. [25-657](#) **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.

- I.4. [25-658](#) **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.

J. ADJOURNMENT