



CITY OF MERCED

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

Minutes Tax Transparency Commission

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

6:00 PM

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