



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, March 13, 2023

5:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor SERRATTO called the Special Meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

A.1. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mayor SERRATTO led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Mayor Matthew Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Bertha Perez, Council Member Jesse Ornelas, Council Member Sarah Boyle, Council Member Ronnie DeAnda, and Council Member Shane Smith

Absent: 1 - Council Member Fue Xiong

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 and the Public Financing and Economic Development Authority. City Council members receive a monthly stipend of \$400.00 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 2020-86. The members of the Parking Authority and the Public Financing and Economic Development Authority receive no compensation.

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Laura HURTADO, Merced - spoke on the cinder wall in the County jurisdiction blocking drainage and asked Council for assistance.

Shirley SIMMS, Merced - spoke on flood incident and being scammed by a company that came to fix her house without her consent.

Darla DIAZ, Merced - shared more information of the scamming incident that occurred with previous speaker, Shirley SIMMS.

Rick WENDLING, Merced - asked to receive response from Council regarding housing agenda item at previous Council Meeting and spoke on State Government funds.

D. BUSINESS

- D.1. **SUBJECT:** Adoption of Resolution 2023-20 Confirming the Existence of a Local Emergency Within the Territorial Limits of the City of Merced as Proclaimed by the Director of Emergency Services on March 9, 2023 Pursuant to Merced Municipal Code Section 8.20.070

REPORT IN BRIEF

Asking the City Council to Declare a State of Emergency Due to Severe Storms and Potential Flooding.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion adopting **Resolution 2023-20**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, confirming the existence of a local emergency

City Manager Stephanie DIETZ gave a brief description of Resolution 2023-20.

Council and Mrs. DIETZ discussed the anticipated flood on Bear Creek, sunset date for state of emergency, and timeline for ratification.

Victoria ESPINOZA, Merced - spoke on fraud and scams taking place in the Shadowbrook Apartment Complex and North Bear Creek area and the meetings to assist residents that were impacted by the floods.

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

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Perez, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, and Council Member Smith

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Xiong

E. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: The Special Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

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

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Perez, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, and Council Member Smith

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Xiong