



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

Monday, February 7, 2022

6:00 PM

A. CLOSED SESSION ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Matthew Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Kevin Blake, Council Member Fernando Echevarria, Council Member Delray Shelton, Council Member Bertha Perez, Council Member Jesse Ornelas, and Council Member Sarah Boyle

Absent: 0

B. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor SERRATTO called the Closed Session to order at 5:03 PM.

B.1. **SUBJECT:** CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - INITIATION OF LITIGATION Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4): (1) Case.

B.2. **SUBJECT:** CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant Exposure Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9: (1) Potential Case Regarding the Northern Portion of the Arbor Walkway

Clerk's Note: Council Member ORNELAS recused himself from this item due to the proximity of his work to this location.

B.3. **SUBJECT:** CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9, Name of Case: City of Merced v. Trivedi, et al, Merced County Superior Court Case No. 21CV-01741

Clerk's Note: Council adjourned from Closed Session at 5:56 PM.

C. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor SERRATTO called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

C.1. Invocation - Pastor Joel Dorman, First Baptist Church Merced

The invocation was delivered by Pastor Joel DORMAN from First Baptist Church Merced.

C.2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

D. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Matthew Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Kevin Blake, Council Member Fernando Echevarria, Council Member Delray Shelton, Council Member Bertha Perez, Council Member Jesse Ornelas, and Council Member Sarah Boyle

Absent: 0

D.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.

E. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

There was no report.

F. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

F.1. SUBJECT: Proclamation - Black History Month

REPORT IN BRIEF

Received by the NAACP President, Allen Brooks.

Council Member SHELTON presented the Black History Month Proclamation to members of the NAACP.

F.2. SUBJECT: Recognition of the El Capitan High School Girls Varsity Soccer Team

REPORT IN BRIEF

A certificate will be received by the 2021/2022 CCC Champions, El Capitan High School Girls Varsity Soccer Team.

Council Member SHELTON presented certificates of recognition to members of the El Capitan High School girls soccer team.

G. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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

Item J.1. - Tina RAMOS, Antoine HUBBARD, Ariana MARMOLEJO, and Guadalupe AGUILAR.

H. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Fernando AGUILERA, Merced - spoke about the Merced Albion SC youth soccer team winning a state tournament.

Fernando, Merced - spoke about the Merced Albion SC youth soccer team.

Josh PEDROZO, Merced - introduced the new Merced County CEO.

Raul MENDEZ, Merced - introduced himself to the Council as the new Merced County CEO.

Michelle ALLISON, Merced - spoke briefly about Charlie HUDDLESTON.

Alex ESCALANTE, Merced - spoke about trash service for his home business.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

Items I.5. Authorization of Signing Authority for City Bank Accounts and Local Agency Investment Fund and I.10. Approval of Street Closure Request #22-01 by the Merced County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to Host a Farmers Market Event (El Mercado) Bimonthly, Located on W. Main Street Between M and K Streets, Canal Street Between Main Street and W. 18th Street, Including Bob Hart Square on Thursday, March 3, May 5, July 7, September 1, and November 3, 2022, from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Approval of a Request for a City of Merced Sponsorship; were pulled for separate consideration.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, Council Member Echevarria, Council Member Shelton, Council Member Perez, Council Member Ornelas, and Council Member Boyle

No: 0

Absent: 0

I.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.

I.2.

SUBJECT: Information-Only Contracts for the Month of January 2022

REPORT IN BRIEF

Notification of awarded Non-Public Works contracts under \$34,000 and of Public Works contracts under \$76,875.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.3.

SUBJECT: Approval of City Council/Public Financing and Economic Development/Parking Authority Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2022

REPORT IN BRIEF

Official adoption of previously held meeting minutes.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council/Public Financing and Economic Development/Parking Authority - Adopt a motion approving the meeting minutes of January 3, 2022.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.4.

SUBJECT: Accept and File Community Facilities District (CFD) Nos. 2003-1 (Bellevue Ranch East), 2003-2 (Services), 2005-1 (Bellevue Ranch West), 2006-1 (Moraga of Merced) Annual Disclosure Reports for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

REPORT IN BRIEF

The continuing annual disclosure reports contain certain CFD information required to be filed annually by the City per Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) rule 15c2-12(b) and Government Code

sections 50075-50077 and 53410-53412.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion accepting and filing the CFD Annual Disclosure Reports for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for CFD Nos. 2003-1 (Bellevue Ranch East), 2003-2 (Services), 2005-1 (Bellevue Ranch West), 2006-1 (Moraga of Merced).

This Consent Item was approved.

I.6.

SUBJECT: Approval to Waive the Competitive Bidding Requirements and Approval of an Agreement for the Purchase of Weather-Based Irrigation Controllers with Horizon Distributors, Inc., in the Amount of \$155,927.76, as Part of the Department of Water Resources Proposition 1 Grant Awarded to the Merced Irrigation District (MID) on Behalf of the Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Authority

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers waiving the City's competitive bidding requirements pursuant to Merced Municipal Code Section 3.04.210 and approving an agreement for the purchase of weather-based irrigation controllers.

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,
- B. Approving an Agreement for the Purchase of Goods with Horizon Distributors, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$155,927.76; and,
- C. Authorizing the City Manager or the Deputy City Manager, to execute the necessary documents.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.7.

SUBJECT: Approval to Waive the Competitive Bidding Requirements, and Approval of Agreements for Supplies and Services for the Purchase of Irrigation Parts and Related Supplies/Materials with Ewing Irrigation Products, Inc., in the Amount not to Exceed \$50,000, Vehicle Parts and Repair Services with Golden State Emergency Vehicle Service, Inc., in the Amount not to Exceed \$80,000, Road Materials with Jim Brisco Enterprises,

Inc., in the Amount not to Exceed \$85,000, and Signal Lights/Parts with Western Systems, Inc., in the Amount not to Exceed \$75,000, with the Contracts' Terms Ending June 30, 2022

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers waiving the City's competitive bidding requirements pursuant to Merced Municipal Code Section 3.04.210 and approving four (4) separate Supply and Service Agreements for the purchase of vehicle parts and repair services, herbicides and related application equipment, as well as agricultural chemicals.

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,
- B. Approving an Agreement for Supplies and Services with Ewing Irrigation Products, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$50,000; and,
- C. Approving the Agreement for Supplies and Services with Golden State Emergency Vehicle Service, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$80,000; and,
- D. Approving the Agreement for Supplies and Services Jim Brisco Enterprises, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$85,000; and,
- E. Approving the Agreement for Supplies and Services Western Systems, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$75,000; and,
- F. Authorizing the City Manager or the Deputy City Manager, to execute the necessary documents.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.8.

SUBJECT: Approval to Waive the City's Competitive Bidding Requirements and Approval of a Supplies and Services Agreement with Kemira Water Solutions, Inc., for the Purchase of Chemicals for the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant, Including Ferric Chloride at a Unit Cost of \$1,084.46 per Dry Ton and Poly Aluminum Chloride (PAC) at a Unit Cost of \$.98 per Pound, with a Contract Term Ending June 30, 2022

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers waiving the City's competitive bidding requirements and approving a Supplies and Services Agreement with Kemira Water Solutions, Inc., to purchase ferric chloride and poly aluminum chloride for use at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Waiving the City's competitive bidding requirement as permitted by Merced Municipal Code Section 3.04.210 for an annual supplies and service agreement; and,

B. Approving a Supplies and Services Agreement with Kemira Water Solutions, Inc., for the purchase of ferric chloride and poly aluminum chloride through June 30, 2022; and,

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

This Consent Item was approved.

I.9.

SUBJECT: Approval to Waive the City's Competitive Bidding Requirements and Approval of a Supplies and Services Agreement with Jenfitch, Inc., for the Purchase of Chemicals for the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant, Including Poly Aluminum Chloride (PAC) at a Unit Cost of \$.95 Per Pound, with a Contract Term Ending June 30, 2022

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers waiving the City's competitive bidding requirements and approving a Supplies and Services Agreement with Jenfitch, Inc., to purchase poly aluminum chloride for use at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Waiving the City's competitive bidding requirement as permitted by Merced Municipal Code Section 3.04.210 for an annual supplies and service agreement; and,

B. Approving a Supplies and Services Agreement with Jenfitch, Inc.,

for the purchase of poly aluminum chloride through June 30, 2022; and,

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

This Consent Item was approved.

I.11.

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Approving Final Map 5392 (Cypress Terrace 7, Phase E) for 32 Single-Family Lots, Generally Located South of Gerard Avenue, West of M Street, and the Approval of the Subdivision Agreement for Cypress Terrace 7, Phase E

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers the approval of Final Map #5392 for 32 single-family lots, generally located south of Gerard Avenue, west of M Street, and the Subdivision Agreement for Cypress Terrace 7, Phase E.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving **Resolution 2022-02**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, approving the Final Subdivision Map for the Cypress Terrace 7, Phase E Subdivision (#5392); and,

B. Approving the Subdivision Agreement for Cypress Terrace 7, Phase E; and,

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

This Consent Item was approved.

I.12.

SUBJECT: Award a Bid to AG Towing for the Merced Police Department Evidence and City Vehicle Tow Service

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers awarding of a bid to AG Towing for the Merced Police Department Evidence and City Vehicle Tow Service Agreement with service term from December 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion awarding the bid to AG Towing and

approving the Merced Police Department Evidence and City Vehicle Tow Service Agreement and authorizing the City Manager or Deputy City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.13.

SUBJECT: Approval of the Purchase of VHF Radios and Accessories for the Fire Department Utilizing State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) Funding From FY19 and FY20 in a not to Exceed Amount of \$54,600 and Approval to Waive the Competitive Bidding Requirement

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers authorizing the purchase of 25 new Bendix King BKR5000 wildland portable radios and accessories for use in the wildland firefighting environment in an amount not to exceed \$54,600 and waiving the competitive bidding requirements for the purchase.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Waiving the competitive bidding requirements, as stated in Section 3.04.210 of the Merced Municipal Code due to standardization; and,

B. Accepting \$33,000 of Fiscal Year 2019 SHSGP grant funds and \$21,600 of Fiscal Year 2020 SHSGP funds to account 001-0901-324.02 Other State Grants; and,

C. Appropriating \$54,600 to account 001-0901-522.26-00 Supplies and Services / Other Equipment O & M to purchase the portable radios and accessories and,

D. Authorizing the City to purchase requested radio equipment through 49er Communication for equipment costs not to exceed \$54,600; and,

E. Authorizing the use of pooled cash to cover the appropriation until grant funds are reimbursed; and,

F. Authorizing the City Manager or Deputy City Manager to execute any necessary contracts or documents needed related to this report.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.14.

SUBJECT: Authorization for the Fire Department to Submit a Grant

Application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fiscal Year 2021 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant Program to Fund Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors, Fall Prevention Kits, and Emergency Preparedness Kits with an Estimated Total Project Cost of \$315,000 with FEMA Providing 90% of the Project Cost and the City Providing the 10% Local Match

REPORT IN BRIEF

Authorizing the Fire Department to submit a grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fiscal Year 2021 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant Program to fund a combination smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector supplies, a fall prevention kit for the elderly, and emergency preparedness kits with an estimated total project cost of \$315,000 with FEMA providing 90% of the project cost and the City providing the 10% local match.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fiscal Year 2021 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Program with an estimated total project cost of \$315,000 with FEMA providing 90% of the project cost and the city providing the 10% local match.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.15.

SUBJECT: Approval of a Side Letter Agreement with Merced Fire Fighters, Local #1479 (Fire) with a Term of January 18, 2022 Through April 1, 2022 Adopting General Order 22-002, COVID-19 Staffing Reduction Guidelines

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving a Side Letter Agreement with Merced Fire Fighters, Local #1479 (Fire) with a term of January 18, 2022 through April 1, 2022, adopting General Order 22-002, COVID-19 Staffing Reduction Guidelines.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion approving a Side Letter Agreement with International Fire Fighters Association Local #1479; and affirming the City Manager's approval of General Order 22-002, COVID-19 Staffing Reduction Guidelines.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.16.

SUBJECT: Second Reading and Final Adoption of an Ordinance to Approve Zone Change #428, Initiated by MCP, LLC, Property Owner, Involving a Zone Change From Low-Density Residential (R-1-6) to Medium-Density Residential with an Urban Residential Zoning Overlay (R-3-2/UR) for Four 0.22-Acre Parcels Located at 565, 575, 601, and 609 Q Street

REPORT IN BRIEF

Second reading of a previously introduced ordinance for a Zone Change from Low Density Residential (R-1-6) to Medium Density Residential with an Urban Residential Overlay (R-3-2/UR) for four 0.22-acre parcels located at 565, 575, 601, and 609 Q Street.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion adopting **Ordinance 2536**, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, amending the official Zoning Map by rezoning approximately 0.88 acres of land generally located on the west side of Q Street, directly south of West 6th Street, from Low-Density Residential (R-1-6) to Medium-Density Residential (R-3-1.5) with Urban Residential (UR) Overlay.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.5.

SUBJECT: Authorization of Signing Authority for City Bank Accounts and Local Agency Investment Fund

REPORT IN BRIEF

Consider granting the City's Officers signing authority for City bank accounts and Local Agency Investment Fund.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council/Public Financing and Economic Development Authority/Parking Authority - Adopt a motion:

- A. Adopting **Resolution 2022-05**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, authorizing signature of City checks; and,
- B. Adopting **Resolution 2022-06**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, authorizing investment of City of Merced

monies in Local Agency Investment Fund; and,

C. Adopting **Resolution PFA 2022-01**, a Resolution of the City of Merced Public Financing and Economic Development Authority authorizing signature of Authority checks; and,

D. Adopting **Resolution PFA 2022-02**, a Resolution of the City of Merced Public Financing and Economic Development Authority authorizing investment of City of Merced monies in Local Agency Investment Fund; and,

E. Adopting **Resolution PA 2022-01**, a Resolution of the Parking Authority of the City of Merced, California, authorizing signature of Parking Authority checks; and,

F. Adopting **Resolution PA 2022-02**, a Resolution of the Parking Authority of the City of Merced, California authorizing investment of City of Merced monies in Local Agency Investment Fund.

Mayor SERRATTO pulled this item due to a request from the public.

Fue XIONG, Merced - spoke about public banks.

Finance Officer Venus RODRIGUEZ clarified the item on the agenda.

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, Council Member Echevarria, Council Member Shelton, Council Member Perez, Council Member Ornelas, and Council Member Boyle

No: 0

Absent: 0

I.10.

SUBJECT: Approval of Street Closure Request #22-01 by the Merced County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to Host a Farmers Market Event (El Mercado) Bimonthly, Located on W. Main Street Between M and K Streets, Canal Street Between Main Street and W. 18th Street, Including Bob Hart Square on Thursday, March 3, May 5, July 7, September 1, and November 3, 2022, from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Approval of a Request for a City of Merced Sponsorship

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving a request by the Merced County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for the closure and use of City streets and Bob Hart Square on Thursday, March 3, May 5, July 7, September 1, and November 3, 2022, for a bimonthly Farmers Market Event (El Mercado). The request seeks approval to close W. Main Street, between M and K Streets, Canal Street between Main Street and W. 18th Street, including Bob Hart Square from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The application also includes a request for City of Merced Sponsorship.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion approving the street closure of W. Main Street between M and K Streets, Canal Street between Main Street and W. 18th Street, and the use of Bob Hart Square on Thursday, March 3, May 5, July 7, September 1, and November 3, 2022, from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., and City of Merced Sponsorship, subject to the details and conditions outlined in the Administrative Staff Report.

Mayor SERRATTO pulled this item due to a request from the public.

Anissa FRAGOSO, Merced County Hispanic Chamber - spoke about the upcoming series of Mercado events being held downtown.

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, Council Member Echevarria, Council Member Shelton, Council Member Perez, Council Member Ornelas, and Council Member Boyle

No: 0

Absent: 0

Clerk's Note: Agenda item K.1. was heard prior to J.1. due to a statutory requirement that J.1. be heard at a predetermined time of 7:00 PM.

K.1.

SUBJECT: Review, Discussion and Direction Regarding Cost Sharing Agreement with Daniel R. Martin Family Foundation, Inc. and the City of Merced to Fund a Third Zookeeper at Applegate Zoo for Three Years

REPORT IN BRIEF

Review, discuss and provide staff direction regarding a Cost Sharing Agreement between the Daniel R. Martin Family Foundation, Inc. and the

City of Merced for the funding of a third zookeeper at Applegate Zoo for a three-year duration.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Provide staff direction on pursuing the Cost Sharing Agreement between the Daniel R. Martin Family Foundation, Inc. and the City of Merced, for the funding of a third zookeeper for three years.

Recreation and Parks Director Christopher JENSEN gave a brief report on a proposal by the Daniel R. Martin Foundation to fund a third full time Zookeeper at the Applegate Park Zoo.

Council and City Manager Stephanie DIETZ discussed the need for the extra staff, funding after the agreement expires, the cost of benefits, and the possibility of adding multiple part time staff members instead of a single full time employee.

Council directed staff to speak with the grantor about the grant stipulations.

Clerk's Note: No formal Council action or vote was taken on this item.

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS

J.1.

SUBJECT: Public Hearing (to be Heard at 7:00PM) to Receive a Report from Staff on the Redistricting Process and Permissible Criteria to be Considered to Review Maps Recommended by the Redistricting Advisory Committee and Submitted Draft Maps from the Public for Consideration

REPORT IN BRIEF

Public Hearing to inform the City Council and the public on the redistricting process and permissible criteria to be considered to review maps recommended by the Redistricting Advisory Committee and submitted draft maps from the public for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Review the two (2) recommended draft maps by the Redistricting Advisory Committee and draft maps submitted by the Public and continue the Public Hearing to March 7, 2022.

Jeff TILTON with National Demographics Corporation gave a slideshow presentation on the redistricting process and permissible criteria to be considered to redraw the Council District Map based off of the 2020 Census data, discussed the meetings held by the Redistricting Advisory

Committee, and presented the maps submitted for Council consideration.

Mayor SERRATTO opened the Public Hearing at 7:11 PM.

Ryan HELLER, Chair of the Redistricting Advisory Committee - spoke about the meetings held, the public participation, and the narrowing of the map selection by the committee for submission to the Council.

Clerk's Note: The following comments were received via voicemail.

Carlos VEGA, Merced - spoke about communities of interest and expressed support for Map 106.

Alyaa TORRES, Merced - expressed support for Map 106.

Tina FLORES, Merced - spoke on her community of interest and expressed support for Map 106.

Yaheida CARAS, Merced - expressed support for Map 106.

Ariana MARMOLEJO, Merced - spoke in support of Map 106.

Clerk's Note: The following speakers appeared in person.

Diana ODUM-GUNN, Downtown Neighborhood Association - spoke in support of keeping downtown neighborhoods together.

Michael BELLUOMINI, Merced - expressed support for Map 203.

Mayte AGUILAR, Merced - spoke in support of Map 106.

Crisentema GALLARDO - expressed support for Map 106.

Sheng XIONG, Leadership Council - expressed support for Map 106.

Mayor SERRATTO closed the Public Hearing at 7:44 PM.

Council discussed the map submissions and thanked those that commented and submitted maps.

Clerk's Note: Council recessed at 7:57 PM and reconvened at 8:02 PM.

A motion was made by Council Member Perez, seconded by Council Member Echevarria, to release the names of those that submitted maps. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Council Member Echevarria, Council Member Perez, and Council Member Ornelas

No: 4 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, Council Member Shelton, and Council Member Boyle

Absent: 0

J.2.

SUBJECT: Public Hearing and Potential Introduction of Ordinance to Update the City's Public Facilities Financing Plan and Impact Fee Program and Adoption of a Resolution Amending the Administrative Policy Implementing the Fees

REPORT IN BRIEF

The City Council will hold a public hearing and consider introduction of an Ordinance regarding the comprehensive update of the City's Public Facilities Financing Plan and Impact Fee Program along with the Repeal of the Park Quimby Act Fees and adoption of a resolution amending the Administrative Policy implementing the Fees.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Introducing **Ordinance 2537**, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, amending Chapter 17.62, "Public Facilities Impact Fees," And Repealing Chapter 17.38 "Park and Recreation Facilities Fee" And Chapter 18.40, "Park Dedication," of the Merced Municipal Code; and,

B. Adopting **Resolution 2022-07**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, amending Administrative Policy and Procedure A-32 regarding Public Facilities Impact Fees.

Planning Manager Kim ESPINOSA gave a presentation to the Council on an update to the City's Public Facilities Financing Plan and Impact Fee Program.

Mayor SERRATTO opened the Public Hearing at 8:18 PM

Sheng XIONG, Merced - questioned the reason to repeal the park fees.

Ms. ESPINOSA clarified the fees being collected and the reason to add the park fees to the Public Facilities Fees.

Lynn WHITE, Merced - asked about retail fees.

Ms. ESPINOSA clarified retail and single family home fees.

Mayor SERRATTO closed the Public Hearing at 8:23 PM.

Council briefly discussed the need for the fees.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, seconded by Council Member Ornelas, to introduce Ordinance 2537 and adopt Resolution 2022-07. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, Council Member Echevarria, Council Member Shelton, Council Member Perez, Council Member Ornelas, and Council Member Boyle

No: 0

Absent: 0

K. BUSINESS

K.2.

SUBJECT: Mayor Serratto's Request to Discuss Restoring Laura Fountain - Update

REPORT IN BRIEF

Mayor Serratto will discuss the plan to restore Laura Fountain pursuant to City Council Administrative Policies and Procedures C-1.

RECOMMENDATION

Provide staff direction for possible next steps.

Mayor SERRATTO updated the Council on the efforts to fundraise to help restore Laura Fountain and asked to discuss the City's funding portion at the mid-year budget update.

Finance Officer Venus RODRIGUEZ briefly discussed different funding sources that could be used.

Council and Ms. RODRIGUEZ discussed the various funding sources and agreed to add to the mid-year budget update.

Clerk's Note: No formal action or vote was taken on this item.

K.3.

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 ECHEVARRIA requested a future agenda item to discuss commercial truck parking in his district.

City Manager Stephanie DIETZ stated that this item could be handled administratively unless an ordinance change was warranted.

Council Member ORNELAS asked for reports about the youth sports vouchers the business start up program be given at the City Council Strategic Planning Session.

K.4.

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 ECHEVARRIA commented on the upcoming McNamara Park cleanup and advocated for the SPCA.

Council Member ORNELAS commented on attending the recent Recreation and Parks Commission meeting and commented on the Golden Valley High School Wrestling Team performance and local boxer Rene MARTINEZ winning an amateur title.

Mayor SERRATTO commented on the upcoming Town Hall Meetings, upcoming park cleanups, and the recent count of homeless individuals.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, seconded by Council Member Shelton, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, Council Member Echevarria, Council Member Shelton, Council Member Perez, Council Member Ornelas, and Council Member Boyle

No: 0

Absent: 0