



# CITY OF MERCED

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

## Minutes Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission

---

Thursday, April 18, 2024

5:30 PM

---

### A. CALL TO ORDER

**Clerk's Note:** The Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission meeting was called to order at 5:34PM.

### B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### C. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 - Member Anthony Aldana, Member Belinda Burnett, Vice Chair Dorothea White, Chair James Sanders, and Member Nadine Villafana  
**Absent:** 2 - Member Jennifer McQueen, and Member Maria Diaz

### D. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

### E. REPORTS

#### E.1.

**SUBJECT:** Review of the Roles and Responsibilities of the Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission in Accordance with Section 402 of the Merced City Charter

#### REPORT IN BRIEF

Review of the City of Merced Charter Section and the roles and responsibilities of the commission.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Information-Only

Assistant City Clerk Jennifer LEVESQUE gave a slide show presentation on the Commission's Roles and Duties.

**Clerk's Note:** There was no Commission discussion.

### F. BUSINESS

#### F.1.

**SUBJECT:** Selection of a New Chair and Vice Chair

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Yearly selection of Chair and Vice Chair.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission** - Adopt a motion selection a new Chair and Vice Chair.

Commissioner SANDERS nominated himself as Chair of the Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission.

**A motion was made by Chair Sanders, seconded by Burnett, to appoint Commissioner Sanders as Chair of the Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Member Aldana, Member Burnett, Vice Chair White, Chair Sanders, and Member Villafana

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Member McQueen, and Member Diaz

Commissioner WHITE nominated herself for Vice-Chair of the Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair White, seconded by Chair Sanders, to appoint Commissioner White as Vice-Chair of the Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Member Aldana, Member Burnett, Vice Chair White, Chair Sanders, and Member Villafana

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Member McQueen, and Member Diaz

**Clerk's Note:** Commission took a break at 5:44PM to rearrange seating for the new Chair and Vice-Chair and reconvened the meeting at 5:45PM.

**G. PUBLIC HEARING**

G.1.

**SUBJECT:** Review and Discussion of the Current Stipend for the Mayor and City Council Members and Discussion and Recommendations, if any, Regarding the Appropriate Stipend for the Mayor and City Council Members

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Discussion of the current stipend and any suggested changes and review of process.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Continue the discussion of the Council stipend to the next Public Hearing meeting.

Commissioners and Assistant City Clerk Jennifer LEVESQUE discussed Council's current stipend, past Council stipend, other Cities Council stipend, time study, and if an impact of potential catastrophic economic downfall occurred what would happen.

Chair SANDERS opened the Public Hearing at 5:54PM and subsequently closed the Public Hearing at 5:55PM due to lack of public comment.

**Clerk's Note:** Commission had no further discussion.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair White, seconded by Aldana, to continue the Public Hearing and have staff look at the calendar to for best availability of the next meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Member Aldana, Member Burnett, Vice Chair White, Chair Sanders, and Member Villafana

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Member McQueen, and Member Diaz

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

**Clerk's Note:** The Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission meeting was adjourned at 5:58PM.

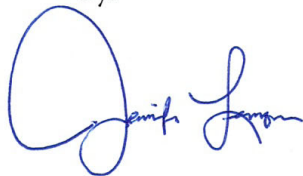
**A motion was made by Aldana, seconded by Villafana, to adjourn the Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Member Aldana, Member Burnett, Vice Chair White, Chair Sanders, and Member Villafana

**No:** 0

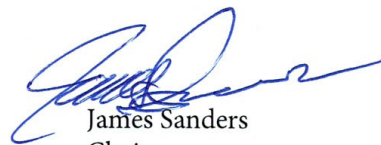
**Absent:** 2 - Member McQueen, and Member Diaz

By:



Jennifer Levesque  
Assistant City Clerk

Approved:



James Sanders  
Chair