



# 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

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Monday, July 16, 2018

6:00 PM

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#### A. CALL TO ORDER

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

A.1. Invocation - Al Schaap, Gateway Church

The invocation was delivered by Al SCHAAP from Gateway Church.

A.2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

City Manager Steve CARRIGAN led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

#### B. ROLL CALL

**Clerk's Note:** Mayor Pro Tempore MCLEOD arrived at 6:05 PM.

**Present:** 7 - Council Member Michael Belluomini, Council Member Anthony Martinez, Mayor Pro Tempore Jill McLeod, Council Member Joshua Pedrozo, Council Member Matthew Serratto, Mayor Mike Murphy, and Council Member Kevin Blake

**Absent:** 0

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 \$20.00 by Charter for sitting as the City Council; and the Mayor receives an additional \$50.00 each month as a part of the adopted budget and Resolution 1975-37. The members of the Parking Authority and the Public Financing and Economic Development Authority receive no compensation.

#### C. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

#### D. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

D.1. Presentation by the City of Merced Fire Department

Fire Captain Dwayne YOUNG spoke about the new fire trucks the City of Merced Fire Department received.

## E. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Jorge GARIBAY, Merced - spoke on the continuing issue at his neighborhood park.

Annissa FRAGOSO, Merced - spoke on changing the parking spaces downtown to accommodate for handicap parking.

## F. CONSENT CALENDAR

Item F.2. City Council/Public Financing and Economic Development/Parking Authority Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2018 was pulled for separate consideration.

### Approval of the Consent Agenda

**A motion was made by Council Member Pedrozo, seconded by Council Member Belluomini, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Martinez, Mayor Pro Tempore McLeod, Council Member Pedrozo, Council Member Serratto, Mayor Murphy, and Council Member Blake

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

### F.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.**

### F.3. **SUBJECT: City-Owned Real Property Exclusive Use Request #18-10 (Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce), for Use of Bob Hart Square, to Include the Service of Alcohol**

#### REPORT IN BRIEF

The Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce requests the use of Bob

Hart Square for their Vino and Tapas Tasting fundraiser event, to include the service of alcohol, on Saturday, October 6, 2018, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion approving the exclusive use of Bob Hart Square Park on Saturday, October 6, 2018, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for the Vino and Tapas Tasting fundraising event (including the service of alcohol); subject to the conditions outlined in the administrative report.

**This Consent Item was approved.**

**F.4.**

**SUBJECT:** Contract for Summer Camp Services with Boys and Girls Club of Merced

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers approving an agreement with Boys and Girls Club of Merced to provide summer camp services in the amount of \$20,000 for FY 2018-19.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion approving the agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Merced in the amount of \$20,000 to provide summer camp services; and, authorizing the City Manager or Assistant City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

**This Consent Item was approved.**

**F.5.**

**SUBJECT:** Contract for 3-Year Lease for McCombs Youth Center with Boys and Girls Club of Merced

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers approving a 3-year lease agreement with The Boys and Girls Club of Merced for the McCombs Youth Center for \$35,000 per Fiscal Year.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion approving the 3-year lease agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Merced; and, authorizing the City Manager or Assistant City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

This Consent Item was approved.

**F.6.**                    **SUBJECT: Accept and Appropriate Donated Funds from Yes on Measure Y Committee**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Accept and appropriate donated funds in the amount of \$24,000 from the “Yes on Measure Y Committee”. The funds will be used to support shelter improvements at the Applegate Zoo and to make facility repairs at Rahilly, McNamara and Joe Herb parks.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

A. Accepting the donation of \$24,000 from “Yes on Measure Y Committee” to support Applegate Zoo shelter improvements and facility repairs at Rahilly, McNamara and Joe Herb parks; and,

B. Increasing revenue account 424-1201-360-02-01 in the amount of \$24,000 and appropriating the same in account 424-1201-647-65-00, Project 119010 - Projects to be Determined.

This Consent Item was approved.

**F.7.**                    **SUBJECT: Second Reading an Ordinance Establishing an Arts and Culture Advisory Commission for the City of Merced**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Second reading of previously introduced ordinance.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion adopting **Ordinance 2489**, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, adding Chapter, 2.54 “Arts and Culture Advisory Commission,” to the Merced Municipal Code.

This Consent Item was approved.

**F.2.**                    **SUBJECT: City Council/Public Financing and Economic Development/Parking Authority Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2018**

**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 June 18, 2018.

Council Member BELLUOMINI pulled this item to request an amendment to the minutes.

**A motion was made by Council Member Belluomini, seconded by Council Member Blake, that this agenda item be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Martinez, Mayor Pro Tempore McLeod, Council Member Pedrozo, Council Member Serratto, Mayor Murphy, and Council Member Blake

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**G. REPORTS**

**G.1.**

**SUBJECT:** Selection of Child's Avenue Sidewalk Project Layout and Authorization to Submit a Cal Trans Active Transportation Program - Cycle 4 Grant Application

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

City Staff will provide an update to the City Council on the evaluation of layout options for the installation of a sidewalk on Child's Avenue and request permission to apply for a Cal Trans Active Transportation Program - Cycle 4 grant.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion selecting the preferred layout for the Childs Avenue Sidewalk Project and authorizing staff to submit a Cal Trans Active Transportation Program - Cycle 4 Grant Application.

Principal Planner Michael HREN and Deputy Director of Public Works Steven SON gave a slide show presentation on the Selection of Child's Avenue Sidewalk Project Layout.

Council and staff discussed bike lanes, project timeline, impact on property owners, and the length of the sidewalk for both the north and south side of Child's Avenue. They also discussed project cost, resident outreach, and the level of partnership with the County and the Merced Irrigation District.

Council Member BELLUOMINI had questions about the calculations of the project.

Mr. Son stated he would review his calculations to ensure they are correct.

Mayor Pro Tempore requested staff to review the calculations and to receive the data.

**A motion was made by Council Member Martinez, seconded by Council Member Serratto, to direct staff to develop the sidewalk on the south side on Childs Avenue and to apply for the grant. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Martinez, Mayor Pro Tempore McLeod, Council Member Pedrozo, Council Member Serratto, Mayor Murphy, and Council Member Blake

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**G.2.**

**SUBJECT:** Report on Water Rate Study by Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Presentation of the Water Rate Study results and recommended changes to water service charges, water connection charges, and related services.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Provide direction to staff on options and recommendations presented by Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., for preparation of the draft report.

Stantec Consultant Mark HILDEBRAND gave a slide show presentation on the Water Rate Study.

Council and Mr. HILDEBRAND discussed water allocation for different seasons, water customers outside City limits, water line size and cost, and capital facility charge for industrial industries to other cities.

Council Member BELLUOMINI requested information on industrial hook-up cost.

Mayor MURPHY requested information on the monthly charge for the 3-4 inch meters, the median annual residential usage current cost and proposed cost.

Council directed staff to bring this item back to include comparison for commercial connection fees, capital cost, City comparison of one-inch connection cost, and annual cost current and proposed changes to the August 20th Council Meeting.

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

## H. BUSINESS

### H.1. SUBJECT: Appointment - Regional Airport Authority

#### REPORT IN BRIEF

Consider appointing Rafael Velarde to the Regional Airport Authority.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**City Council** - Adopt a motion appointing Rafael Velarde to serve as a member of the Regional Airport Authority, to a seat with a term expiration of July 1, 2021, and directing the Clerk's Office to continue recruitment for any vacancies on the Regional Airport Authority.

**A motion was made by Council Member Belluomini, seconded by Council Member Blake, to appoint Rafael Velarde to the Regional Airport Authority. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Martinez, Mayor Pro Tempore McLeod, Council Member Pedrozo, Council Member Serratto, Mayor Murphy, and Council Member Blake

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

### H.2. SUBJECT: Appointments (2) - Citizens' Oversight Committee - Measure C

#### REPORT IN BRIEF

Accept recommendation to fill Citizens' Oversight Committee - Measure "C" vacancies.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**City Council** - Adopt a motion accepting recommendation from the Citizens' Oversight - Measure "C" Committee and appointing one individual to the Southern District to serve as a member of the Committee and one individual to the Northern District to serve as a member of the

Committee.

**A motion was made by Council Member Blake, seconded by Council Member Pedrozo, to appoint Michelle Lee and Glenn Davis to the Citizens' Oversight Committee - Measure C. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Martinez, Mayor Pro Tempore McLeod, Council Member Pedrozo, Council Member Serratto, Mayor Murphy, and Council Member Blake

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**H.3.**

**SUBJECT:** Designation of Voting Delegate and Alternates for the 2018 League of California Cities Annual Conference - Annual Business Meeting, September 12 - September 14, 2019, Long Beach, CA

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

To expedite the conduct of business at this important policy-making meeting, each City Council is asked to designate a voting representative and two alternates who will be present at the meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion designating one voting delegate and two alternate voting delegates to the League of California Cities Annual Conference General Business Meeting, scheduled for Friday afternoon, September 14, 2018 in Long Beach, CA.

**A motion was made by Council Member Pedrozo, seconded by Council Member Blake, to designate Council Member Belluomini as Voting Delegate with Council Member Pedrozo as the first alternate and City Manager Steve Carrigan as the second alternate. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Martinez, Mayor Pro Tempore McLeod, Council Member Pedrozo, Council Member Serratto, Mayor Murphy, and Council Member Blake

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**H.4.**

**SUBJECT:** Selection of Date for Planning Commission Interviews

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Available dates for a Special Meeting to conduct Planning Commission interviews are July 24, 25, 26, 30, 31 and August 2, 3.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion selecting a date for holding Planning Commission Interviews and confirming a 6 PM start time.

Council discussed a date to hold the Planning Commission Interviews.

**A motion was made by Council Member Pedrozo, seconded by Council Member Blake, to hold the Planning Commission Interviews on July 30th at 5:30 PM. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Martinez, Mayor Pro Tempore McLeod, Council Member Pedrozo, Council Member Serratto, Mayor Murphy, and Council Member Blake

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

H.5. Request to Add Item to Future Agenda

Council Member SERRATTO requested to add an item on an ethics ordinance for a meeting in September.

Council Member BELLUOMINI requested to add an item on Industrial Area #7 next step for the August 20th meeting.

Interim City Attorney Jolie HOUSTON requested to add an item to discuss combining the Citizens' Oversight Committee - Measure C and the Measure Y Committee to the August 20th meeting.

H.6. City Council Comments

Council Member MARTINEZ reported on attending the swearing-in ceremony of the Police Chief.

Council Member SERRATTO reported on attending the swearing-in ceremony of the Police Chief. He also spoke an article about the Rose Garden.

Council Member BELLUOMINI reported on attending the swearing-in ceremony of the Police Chief and the Italian Families event at the County Museum.

Council Member PEDROZO reported on attending the swearing-in ceremony of the Police Chief and the open engine event.

Mayor MURPHY reported on attending the swearing-in ceremony of the Police Chief, the recognition ceremony for the owner of Sam's Cafe for 28

years of business, the Integrated Regional Water Management Authority meeting, and the Bitwise Industries conference. He also gave an update on the Ferguson Fire.

## I. ADJOURNMENT

**Clerk's Note:** The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

**A motion was made by Council Member Blake, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore McLeod, to adjourn the Regular Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Martinez, Mayor Pro Tempore McLeod, Council Member Pedrozo, Council Member Serratto, Mayor Murphy, and Council Member Blake

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0