



# 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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Thursday, January 30, 2025

5:30 PM

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#### A. CITY DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

City staff held a City Department Information Open House for the public from 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM.

#### B. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tempore BOYLE called the Town Hall Meeting to order at 6:19 PM.

##### B.1. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Council led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

#### C. ROLL CALL

**Clerk's Note:** Mayor SERRATTO arrived to the Town Hall Meeting at 6:22 PM.

**Present:** 7 - Mayor Matthew Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Sarah Boyle, Council Member Darin Dupont, Council Member Ronnie DeAnda, Council Member Michael Harris, Council Member Shane Smith, and Council Member Fue Xiong

**Absent:** 0

#### D. OPENING COMMENTS

##### D.1. Matthew Serratto - Mayor

Mayor SERRATTO briefly explained the process and reasons the City Council holds yearly Town Hall Meetings.

All Council Members introduced themselves, welcomed the public, and thanked them all for attending.

#### E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Necola ADAMS, Merced - spoke on issues and dangers of pan handlers and suggested an ordinance for pan handling.

Merced Resident - spoke on the City's position on Grants Pass, challenges of maintenance with parks and trails, public safety, and shared concerns of traffic, illegal parking, and illegal dirt bikes on city streets.

Dee, Merced - spoke on the food pantry by the Methodist Church, possibly coordinating a location for a truck loading dock to assist the food pantry, and asked if the City will become a sanctuary city.

Merced Resident - shared concerns of street safety, speed limits in neighborhoods, spoke on considering street designs to reduce speed, and the lack of bicycle lanes.

Marcus, Merced - spoke on the Tutoring Center he runs providing information regarding immigration to parents and shared details of sanctuary cities.

Representative of Senator PADILLA, Merced - suggest for residents to visit Senator PADILLA's website for more information on sanctuary cities.

Merced Resident - shared concerns of the speeding and traffic issues at 21st Street between Glen Avenue and G Street, and spoke on making speed limit postings more visible.

## F. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Members gave a brief closing comment and thanked those in attendance and for their input.

## G. ADJOURNMENT

**Clerk's Note:** The Town Hall Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM. Council wished their thoughts and prayers to the victims of the plane crash.