



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, November 20, 2017

6:00 PM

A. CLOSED SESSION ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 0

B. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor MURPHY called the Closed Session to order at 5:01 PM.

B.1.

SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS -- Agency Designated Representative: City Manager Steve Carrigan; Employee Organization: American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 57; Local 2703; International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1479; Merced Association of City Employees (MACE). AUTHORITY: Government Code Section 54957.6

B.2.

SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS -- Agency Designated Representative: City Manager Steve Carrigan; Unrepresented Management AUTHORITY: Government Code Section 54957.6

Clerk's Note: Council adjourned from Closed Session at 5:47 PM.

C. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor MURPHY called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

C.1. Invocation - Reverend Mike Hull, Christian Life Center

The invocation was delivered by Reverend Mike HULL from Christian Life Center.

C.2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mayor MURPHY led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. ROLL CALL

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

E. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

There was no report.

Mayor MURPHY stated that item L.1. Authorization to Issue Refunding Bonds for Community District No. 2005-1 (Bellevue Ranch West) of the City of Merced (Improvement Area No. 1) would be heard prior to the Public Hearing section of the agenda. He also stated that any Consent items pulled for separate consideration would be heard directly before the Business section of the agenda.

Interim City Attorney Jolie HOUSTON stated that an urgency item to adopt a resolution to designate the Fire Chief signing authority on a State grant application would need to be added to the agenda due to it becoming known after posting of the agenda.

A motion was made by Council Member Belluomini, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, to amend the agenda adding an urgency item authorizing the Fire Chief to sign grant paperwork to be submitted to the State of California. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 0

F. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

F.1. **SUBJECT: Proclamation - Small Business Saturday**

REPORT IN BRIEF

Accepted by Robert Matsuo - President of the Main Street Association

Mayor MURPHY presented Robert MATSUO the Small Business Proclamation.

G. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

G.1. SUBJECT: Sister City Presentation

REPORT IN BRIEF

Theresa Cesar, Hearts Afire Foundation, will give a presentation on Merced's Sister City, Somoto, Nicaragua.

RECOMMENDATION

For Information Only

Theresa CESAR, Hearts Afire Foundation, gave a slide show presentation on Merced's Sister City, Somoto, Nicaragua.

H. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk's Office received letters from Tinetti Realty, Will SKAARUP, and Mark YANDOW for items listed on the agenda and placed them on the dais.

I. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chris GIESY, Atwater - spoke on the bus stop and bus shelter at Walmart.

Rachelle ABRIL, Merced - spoke on the MOJO program.

Yadira HERNANDEZ, Merced Youth Council Member - spoke on the Youth Council Park Cleanup and the condition of the park.

J. CONSENT CALENDAR

Items J.5. City Council/Public Financing and Economic Development/Parking Authority Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2017, October 10, 2017, and October 16, 2017, J.9. Land Use Determination #17-01 - Finding of Public Convenience or Necessity to Allow Beer and Wine Sales for Off-Site Consumption for Madira Land Convenience Store Located at 1340 W. Olive Avenue, Suite #102, and J.14. Award a Construction Contract to FBD Vanguard Construction, Inc., in the Amount of \$114,628.88 for the Community Development Block Grants South Merced ADA Ramps, Project No. 117007, were pulled for separate consideration.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 0

J.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.

J.2. **SUBJECT:** Information Only-Bicycle Advisory Commission Minutes of August 22, 2017

RECOMMENDATION

For information only.

This Consent Item was approved.

J.3. **SUBJECT:** Information Only-Site Plan Review Committee Minutes of August 24, 2017

RECOMMENDATION

For information only

This Consent Item was approved.

J.4. **SUBJECT:** Information Only-Site Plan Review Committee Minutes of October 19, 2017

[RECOMMENDATION

For information only.

This Consent Item was approved.

J.6.

SUBJECT: Annual Christmas Parade 2017

REPORT IN BRIEF

Street Closure to hold the Annual Christmas Parade on December 2, 2017.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion approving the street closures of East Main Street, from "G" Street to Cedar Avenue and West Main Street, from "G" to "O" Streets, including side streets from Cedar Avenue to "O" Street, as requested by the Active 20-30 Club of Merced 53 for the 2017 Christmas Parade and Craft Fair on Saturday, December 2, 2017. Street closures will be from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; subject to the conditions outlined in the administrative report.

This Consent Item was approved.

J.7.

SUBJECT: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) ASOS, BUEC, RTR Rack Space Lease

REPORT IN BRIEF

Approve a 20-year lease from October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2036, at the Merced Regional Airport between the City of Merced and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion approving the lease agreement with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and authorizing the City Manager or Assistant City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

This Consent Item was approved.

J.8.

SUBJECT: Renewal of Lease Agreement with Symple Equazion for McNamara Park Community Center Building

REPORT IN BRIEF

Requesting approval for renewal of contract with Symple Equazion for afterschool programming at McNamara Park Community Center.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion approving the contract renewal with Symple Equazion for afterschool programming at McNamara Park Community Center.

This Consent Item was approved.

J.10.

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation from the Unappropriated Reserves of the Fahrens Park Maintenance District (\$15,685) and Bellevue Ranch East Community Facilities District (\$10,485) for Cinderblock Wall Replacement in the Fahrens Park and Bellevue Ranch East Special Assessment Districts

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving supplemental budget appropriations to cover replacement of sections of the perimeter cinderblock walls in the Fahrens Park and Bellevue Ranch East Special Assessment Districts.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion approving supplemental appropriations of funds from the Unappropriated Reserves of the Fahrens Park Maintenance District (Fund 122) in the amount of \$15,685 and Bellevue Ranch East Community Facilities District, (Fund 164) in amount of \$10,485, to cover costs to replace sections of the perimeter cinderblock sound wall.

This Consent Item was approved.

J.11.

SUBJECT: Agreement for Landscape Vegetation Replacement and Irrigation Repair with Odyssey Landscaping Company, Inc., for the Quail Creek, Silverado, Davenport Ranch, Compass Point and Provance Special Districts and Supplemental Budget Appropriations

REPORT IN BRIEF

Consider awarding an agreement to Odyssey Landscaping Company, Inc., for Phase 1 of the landscape vegetation replacement and irrigation repair project in drought impacted Special Assessment Districts, and approving supplemental budget appropriations to cover the work.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving an Agreement for Professional Services with Odyssey Landscaping Company, Inc., in the amount of \$155,745, for Landscape Vegetation Replacement and Irrigation Repair at Various Special Districts; and,

B. Authorizing the City Manager and Assistant City Manager to approve future contract amendments not to exceed 10% of the contract value; and,

C. Approving a supplemental appropriation of funds from the unappropriated reserves in the amount of \$155,745 in the following Special Assessment Districts: from Quail Creek (\$8,200), Silverado (\$6,520), Davenport Ranch (\$29,235), Compass Pointe (\$76,254), and Provance (\$35,536) and approving future supplemental budget appropriations to cover the cost of the amendments; and,

D. Authorizing the City Manager and Assistant City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

This Consent Item was approved.

J.12.

SUBJECT: Award Contract to Rincon Consultants, Inc. for Environmental Compliance Services for the Well Site #3 Tank Removal, Project No. 117047

REPORT IN BRIEF

Consider awarding a contract in the amount of \$41,740 to Rincon Consultants, Inc. to prepare an Environmental Impact Report for the proposed removal of the Well 3 water storage tank at 511 West 12th Street.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Awarding a contract for the proposed Well 3 water tank removal environmental impact report to Rincon Consultants, Inc., in the amount of \$41,740; and,

B. Authorizing the City Manager or Assistant City Manager to execute

the necessary documents.

This Consent Item was approved.

J.13.

SUBJECT: Set Public Hearing on December 18, 2017, for
Assembly Bill 1600 Annual Report

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers setting a public hearing for the annual review of the estimated cost of identified public improvements, the continued need for those improvements, and a reasonable relationship between such need and impacts for which the development fees are charged.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion adopting **Resolution 2017-56**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, establishing a date when the final annual report of development fees will be available for public review, and setting a public hearing thereon for December 18, 2017.

This Consent Item was approved.

L. REPORTS

Clerk's Note: This item was moved up in the agenda.

L.1.

SUBJECT: Authorization to Issue Refunding Bonds for Community
Facilities District No. 2005-1 (Bellevue Ranch West) of the City of
Merced (Improvement Area No. 1)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Consider Refunding Bonds for Bellevue Ranch West.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Acting as the Legislative Body of Community Facilities District No. 2005-1 (Bellevue Ranch West) of the City of Merced, adopt a motion:

A. Adopting **Resolution 2017-58**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, acting as the legislative body of Community Facilities District No. 2005-1 (Bellevue Ranch West) of the City of Merced authorizing the Issuance of Community Facilities District No. 2005-1 (Bellevue Ranch West) of the City of Merced, 2017 Special Tax Refunding Bonds (Improvement Area No. 1) in the aggregate principal amount not to

exceed \$6,500,000, authorizing the sale of such bonds upon certain terms and conditions, approving an Official Statement, approving the execution and delivery of a Fiscal Agent Agreement, an Escrow Agreement, a Bond Purchase Agreement and a Continuing Disclosure Agreement, and authorizing the execution of necessary documents and certificates and related actions: and,

B. Authorizing the City Manager or Assistant City Manager or Interim City Attorney or Interim Finance Officer to execute necessary documents, certificates and related actions: and,

C. Authorizing the Interim Finance Officer to make necessary budget adjustments.

Interim Finance Officer Venus RODRIGUEZ gave a presentation on bonds for Community Facilities District No 2005-1 (Bellevue Ranch West).

Council Member BELLUOMINI asked about the fees that the City will have to pay regarding the bonds.

Ms. RODRIGUEZ stated that the fees are an estimate and the actual fees would be determined once the bonds have been issued.

Tom JOHNSON, Fieldman, Rolapp and Associates - clarified the fees that the City will have to pay.

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 0

K. PUBLIC HEARINGS

K.1.

SUBJECT: Introduction of Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance to Adopt Regulations for Commercial Cannabis Businesses and Cultivation of Cannabis for Personal Use in the City of Merced

REPORT IN BRIEF

The City Council will hold a public hearing and consider the introduction of an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance to adopt regulations for

Commercial Cannabis Businesses and cultivation of cannabis for personal use in the City of Merced.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

Adopting a Categorical Exemption and Introducing **Ordinance No. 2480** that would allow commercial cannabis businesses, including dispensaries/retail sales, deliveries, cultivation, manufacturing, distribution, and testing, in various zones of the City and would also adopt regulations regarding the cultivation of cannabis for personal use in residential zones:

“An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, Replacing 20.44.170 (“Medical Marijuana and Cultivation”); Amending Section 20.10.020 and Table 20.10-1 (“Commercial Zoning Districts”), and Amending Section 20.12.020 and Table 20.12-1 (“Industrial Zoning Districts”) of the Merced Municipal Code; and Adding Land Use Table 20.44-1 to Regulate All Commercial Cannabis Activities and Cultivation for Personal Use in the City of Merced.”

The Planning Commission recommended that Land Use Table 20.44-1 be modified to allow cannabis dispensaries/retail sales in the Light Industrial (I-) zone. This is not reflected in the Draft Ordinance at Attachment 15, so if the City Council agrees, that will need to be addressed in the motion.

Planning Manager Kim ESPINOSA and Principal Planner Michael HREN gave a slide show presentation on the amendment of the zoning ordinance to adopt regulations for commercial cannabis for personal use.

Council and staff discussed distance from schools for dispensaries, Commercial Neighborhood Zones, volatile manufacturing, product and sign displays, security requirements, and appeals process for dispensaries.

Mayor MURPHY discussed taking the ordinance to the people along with a ballot measure.

Mayor MURPHY opened the Public Hearing at 8:12 PM.

Zach DRIVON, Stockton - spoke on the cannabis ordinance.

Susan BOUSCAREN, Merced - encouraged Council to consider local

businesses having first priority if they meet the criteria.

Rex PETERSEN, Delhi - spoke on the high permit fees.

Luke BRUNER, San Francisco - spoke on the issue of setbacks and local control.

Will SKAARUP, Eureka - spoke on a tax measure.

Stephen COTTO, Merced - spoke on the job opportunities that cannabis would bring to the City.

Mark YANDOW, Merced - encouraged adding Neighborhood Commercial to the ordinance.

Ron ROBERTS, Oakdale - spoke on the tax measure and the cannabis industry.

Mike WARDA, Turlock - spoke on expanding cannabis business in the light industrial zone.

Jared DELELLO, Los Angeles - spoke on the misconception of the term "volatile" and cannabis products.

Ben HARRIS, Merced - spoke on expanding the zoning to Neighborhood Commercial.

Glen MORRIS, Merced - spoke on cannabis revenue in Colorado.

Dwight LARKS, Merced - spoke on allowing dispensaries downtown.

Mayor MURPHY closed the Public Hearing at 8:45 PM.

Council Member SERRATTO requested to add the Watson Advisement terminology.

Council unanimously agreed to add the Watson Advisement terminology to the ordinance.

Mayor MURPHY asked about possible issues with volatile manufacturing in the light industrial zones.

Development Services Director Scott MCBRIDE stated that volatile manufacturing would be considered an appropriate use in the light

industrial zones.

Council unanimously agreed to add volatile manufacturing to the light industrial zones.

Mayor MURPHY asked about dispensaries in the light industrial zones.

Ms. ESPIINOSA stated that the Planning Commission recommended allowing dispensaries in the light industrial zones.

Council Member BELLUOMINI stated his opposition to allow retail in the light industrial zones.

Council Member MARTINEZ stated that if dispensaries were in the light industrial zones, distance from schools would not be an issue.

Ms. ESPINOSA stated that there are very few schools in the light industrial zones.

Council agreed to allow dispensaries in the light industrial zones, with the exception of Council Member BELLUOMINI.

Council Member BELLUOMINI stated his opposition to allowing recreational and adult-use dispensaries in the light industrial zones and suggested expanding the zoning to commercial neighborhood and commercial office zones.

Council Member MCLEOD asked about supporting data that shows dispensaries increase crime.

Ms. ESPINOSA stated that staff has not done any studies to analyze crime related to dispensaries.

Council agreed to expand adult-use areas to neighborhood commercial zones and commercial office zones.

Council discussed the distance of dispensaries from schools.

A majority of Council was in favor of the 600-foot distance from schools, with the exception of Mayor MURPHY, Council Member BELLUOMINI and Council Member SERRATTO.

Council Member MCLEOD asked what areas other than schools have distance guidelines.

Ms. ESPINOSA confirmed the State's definition of protected areas and distance guidelines associated with those areas.

SCI Consultant Neil HALL further discussed the distance guidelines.

Mr. CARRIGAN encouraged Council to reconsider the distance for dispensaries from schools to be 1,000 feet and to keep it consistent with the distance for tobacco sales.

Mayor MURPHY posed the question on distance from schools a second time.

A majority of Council was in favor of the 1,000-foot distance from schools, with the exception of Mayor Pro Tempore BLAKE, Council Member MCLEOD, and Council Member MARTINEZ.

Council discussed taking the ordinance and a tax measure to the voters.

Ms. ESPINOSA explained the potential timeline the ordinance would go into effect, placing the tax measure on the ballot, and actual implementation of issuing permits to applicants.

Ms. HOUSTON stated that a discussion of a tax measure should be addressed as a future agenda item.

A majority of Council was not in favor of a ballot measure to enact the ordinance, with the exception of Mayor MURPHY, Mayor Pro Tempore BLAKE, and Council Member BELLUOMINI.

Council continued to discuss a ballot measure to enact the ordinance.

Mr. HALL discussed the sale and use tax and also gave examples of what other cities have done.

Council Member PEDROZO stated he did not want to delay the ordinance until the next election.

A motion was made by Council Member Pedrozo, seconded by Council Member Martinez, to approve the first reading of the ordinance with Council directed amendments. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Council Member Martinez, Council Member McLeod, Council Member Pedrozo, Council Member Serratto, and Mayor Pro Tempore Blake

No: 2 - Council Member Belluomini, and Mayor Murphy

Absent: 0

Clerk's Note: Council took a recess at 9:47 PM and reconvened at 10:00 PM. Council resumed discussion on the items pulled from the Consent Calendar at this time.

Clerk's Note: Council Member PEDROZO left the meeting at 9:47 PM.

J.5.

SUBJECT: City Council/Public Financing and Economic Development/Parking Authority Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2017, October 10, 2017, and October 16, 2017

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 October 4, 2017, October 10, 2017, and October 16, 2017.

Council Member BELLUOMINI pulled this item to suggest a language change to the October 16th minutes.

A motion was made by Council Member Belluomini, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, to approve this item with the amendments to the October 16th Meeting Minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Martinez, Council Member McLeod, Council Member Serratto, Mayor Murphy, and Mayor Pro Tempore Blake

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Pedrozo

J.9.

SUBJECT: Land Use Determination #17-01 - Finding of Public Convenience or Necessity to Allow Beer and Wine Sales for Off-Site Consumption for Madira Land Convenience Store Located at 1340 W. Olive Avenue, Suite #102

REPORT IN BRIEF

This report provides options for the City Council to consider in making a Finding of Public Convenience or Necessity (PCN), as required by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to allow the sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption for Madira Land Convenience Store,

located at 1340 W. Olive Avenue, Suite #102.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion approving the Finding of Public Convenience or Necessity to allow the issuance of a Type 20 Alcohol License (allows the sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption) for Madira Land Convenience Store located at 1340 W. Olive Avenue, Suite #102.

Council Member BELLUOMINI pulled this item to ask about an approved site plan for another grocery store that was also approved for liquor sales. He stated his concern of the overconcentration of liquor sales in the area and his opposition to this item.

Planning Manager Kim ESPINOSA clarified that the site plan review of another grocery store did not include the sale of alcohol.

Director of Economic Development Frank QUINTERO explained that the application for the grocery store was pulled and no longer under consideration.

Council Member SERRATTO stated his support for this item.

Mayor MURPHY asked about the square foot limitations.

Ms. ESPINOSA stated that under 20,000 square feet, businesses require an approval.

Ravinder Pal SINGH, Madira Land Convenience Store Owner - discussed his business operations.

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

Aye: 5 - Council Member Martinez, Council Member McLeod, Council Member Serratto, Mayor Murphy, and Mayor Pro Tempore Blake

No: 1 - Council Member Belluomini

Absent: 1 - Council Member Pedrozo

J.14.

SUBJECT: Award a Construction Contract to FBD Vanguard Construction, Inc., in the Amount of \$114,628.88 for the Community Development Block Grants South Merced ADA Ramps, Project No. 117007

REPORT IN BRIEF

Consider awarding a construction contract in the amount of \$114,628.88 for the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) South Merced ADA Ramps Project in Merced.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Awarding the base bid for the CDBG South Merced ADA Ramps Project 117007 to FBD Vanguard Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$114,628.88;

B. Authorizing the City Manager or Assistant City Manager to execute the necessary documents and to approve change orders not to exceed 10% of the total contract;

C. Authorizing the Interim Finance Officer to make necessary budget adjustments to fund this project.

Council Member BELLUOMINI pulled this item to state his concern about local preference.

Interim City Attorney Jolie HOUSTON stated that she would draft a memo regarding local preference. She further explained the Charter Policy of awarding contracts.

Council Member BELLUOMINI asked about the bid breakdown from the low bidder.

Deputy Director of Public Works Steven SON explained that the fees listed in the breakdown were listed at the discretion of the bidder.

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

Aye: 6 - Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Martinez, Council Member McLeod, Council Member Serratto, Mayor Murphy, and Mayor Pro Tempore Blake

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Pedrozo

Clerk's Note: Council discussed the urgency item to adopt a resolution to designate the Fire Chief signing authority on State grant paperwork. The

title of Resolution 2017-62 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED,
CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF TO EXECUTE THE
CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 GRANT ASSURANCES AGREEMENT

**A motion was made by Council Member Belluomini, seconded by Mayor Pro
Tempore Blake, to adopt the resolution. The motion carried by the following
vote:**

Aye: 6 - Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Martinez, Council Member McLeod,
Council Member Serratto, Mayor Murphy, and Mayor Pro Tempore Blake

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Pedrozo

M. BUSINESS

M.1. Request to Add Item to Future Agenda

Council Member BELLUOMINI requested to add a local preference
agenda item to the December 18th agenda.

Mayor MURPHY requested to add the nomination of a Mayor Pro Tempore
for the December 18th meeting.

M.2. City Council Comments

Mayor Pro Tempore BLAKE reported on attending the funeral of Dr.
Napoleon WASHINGTON.

Council Member MARTINEZ reported on attending the Veteran's Day
Parade and the Band Review.

Council Member BELLUOMINI reported on attending the funeral for Dr.
Napoleon WASHINGTON, the Veteran's Day Memorial Bridge Ceremony,
singing at the Veteran's Day Parade, and the closing ceremony at the Field
of Honor at Merced College.

Mayor MURPHY reported on attending a meeting with the Director of
Housing from Sacramento, the Measure V Committee Meeting, reading to
students at St. Paul Lutheran School, Dr. Napoleon WASHINGTON's
funeral, the Veteran's Bridge Ceremony, the El Capitan Basketball
Fundraiser, being interviewed by the 8th grade Weaver School journalism
class, the ceremony for the City of Honor in Fresno, the Merced County
Association of Governments Meetings, meeting with the Leadership

Merced Program Members, and Omer Brawley's funeral.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 10:33 PM.

A motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, to adjourn the Regular Meeting in honor of Omer Brawley. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Martinez, Council Member McLeod, Council Member Serratto, Mayor Murphy, and Mayor Pro Tempore Blake

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Pedrozo