



# CITY OF MERCED

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

## Minutes Tax Transparency Commission

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Monday, May 13, 2024

6:00 PM

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### A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair PIUSER called the Special Meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

### B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Piuser led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### C. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 - Member Douglas Piuser, Chair Douglas Piuser, Member Michael Harris, Member Anthony Aldana, Member Matthew Michael, and Member Cristina Garcia

**Absent:** 2 - Member Alane Quien, and Member Alison Kostecky

### D. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

### E. CONSENT CALENDAR

#### Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

**Aye:** 6 - Member Piuser, Chair Piuser, Member Harris, Member Aldana, Member Michael, and Member Garcia

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Member Quien, and Member Kostecky

#### E.1. **SUBJECT:** Annual Tax Transparency Commission Attendance Report

#### REPORT IN BRIEF

Yearly attendance report for the Tax Transparency Commission.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**Tax Transparency Commission** - Adopt a motion approving and filing the annual attendance report.

**This Consent Item was approved.**

**E.2.**                    **SUBJECT:** Tax Transparency Commission Minutes of February 13, 2024

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Tax Transparency Minutes from the meeting of February 13, 2024.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Tax Transparency Commission** - Adopt a motion approving and filing Tax Transparency Commission Minutes of February 13, 2024.

**This Consent Item was approved.**

**F. REPORTS**

**F.1.**                    **SUBJECT:** Measure C Revenue and Expense Reports - March 31, 2024

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Tax Transparency Commission** - Adopt a motion accepting as information only and/or providing staff with direction as a recommendation to Council.

Finance Officer Venus RODRIGUEZ gave a slideshow presentation on the Measure C revenue and expense report of March 31, 2024.

Commissioners and Mrs. RODRIGUEZ discussed details of food, cannabis, and transportation revenue.

**A motion was made by Member Harris, seconded by Member Michael, that this agenda item be approved as information only. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Member Piuser, Chair Piuser, Member Harris, Member Aldana, Member Michael, and Member Garcia

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Member Quien, and Member Kostecky

**F.2.**                    **SUBJECT:** New Measure C Ballot Presentation

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

New Measure C ballot presentation.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Tax Transparency Commission** - Adopt a motion accepting the presentation as information only.

Finance Officer Venus RODRIGUEZ gave a slideshow presentation of the new Measure C ballot.

Commissioners and Mrs. RODRIGUEZ discussed details of the percentage being allocated to different departments.

**A motion was made by Member Harris, seconded by Member Aldana, that this agenda item be approved as information only. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Member Piuser, Chair Piuser, Member Harris, Member Aldana, Member Michael, and Member Garcia

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Member Quien, and Member Kostecky

**F.3.**

**SUBJECT: Review City Manager Recommended Measure C Budget for 2024/2025 Fiscal Year - Revenue and Expenditures**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**Tax Transparency Commission** - Adopt a motion making a recommendation to the City Council regarding the proposed 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Budget.

Finance Officer Venus RODRIGUEZ gave a slideshow presentation on the City Manager's recommended fiscal year 2024-2025 Measure C budget.

Commissioners, Mrs. RODRIGUEZ, Deputy Director of Public Works Juan OLMOS, and City Manager Scott MCBRIDE discussed fund name, road coverage, details of the R Street project location, and pothole repairs on city roads.

Commission agreed to give recommendation to Council to approve the City Manager's recommended Measure C budget and that the ending balance of the previous discretionary funding could be used as it was intended for, such as fire, police, and roads.

**A motion was made by Member Harris, seconded by Member Michael, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Member Piuser, Chair Piuser, Member Harris, Member Aldana, Member Michael, and Member Garcia

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Member Quien, and Member Kostecky

**F.4.**

**SUBJECT: Measure Y Revenue and Expense Reports - March 31, 2024**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Tax Transparency Commission** - Adopt a motion accepting as information only and/or providing staff with direction as a recommendation to Council.

Finance Officer Venus RODRIGUEZ gave a slideshow presentation on the Measure Y revenue and expense report for March 31, 2024.

Commissioners and Mrs. RODRIGUEZ discussed the amount of years that we can accurately predict the baseline of Measure Y revenue.

**A motion was made by Member Harris, seconded by Member Aldana, that this agenda item be approved as information only. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Member Piuser, Chair Piuser, Member Harris, Member Aldana, Member Michael, and Member Garcia

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Member Quien, and Member Kostecky

**F.5.**

**SUBJECT: Review City Manager Recommended Measure Y Budget for 2024/2025 Fiscal Year - Revenue and Expenditures**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Tax Transparency Commission** - Adopt a motion making a recommendation to the City Council regarding the proposed 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Budget.

Finance Officer Venus RODRIGUEZ gave a slideshow presentation on the City Manager's recommended fiscal year 2024-2025 Measure Y budget.

Commissioners, Mrs. RODRIGUEZ, and Interim Fire Chief Casey WILSON discussed sponsorship for the Merced Zoo, history of fire station renovations, asbestos testing, and if the flooding event of 2023 affected any fire stations.

Commissioners agreed to give recommendation to Council to approve the City Manager's recommended Measure Y.

**A motion was made by Member Harris, seconded by Member Garcia, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Member Piuser, Chair Piuser, Member Harris, Member Aldana, Member Michael, and Member Garcia

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Member Quien, and Member Kostecky

**G. BUSINESS**

**G.1.**                    **SUBJECT:** Request to Add Item to Future Agenda

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Provides members of the Boards/Commissions to request that an item be placed on a future Boards/Commissions agenda for initial consideration by the Boards/Commissions.

Commissioner HARRIS requested a presentation on roads.

**G.2.**                    **SUBJECT:** Commission Comments

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Provides an opportunity for the Chair and/or Member(s) to make a brief announcement on any activity(ies) she/he has attended on behalf of the Commission 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.

Chair PIUSER thanked everyone for attending.

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

**Clerk's Note:** The Special Meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM.

**A motion was made by Member Harris, seconded by Member Michael, that this Regular Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Member Piuser, Chair Piuser, Member Harris, Member Aldana, Member Michael, and Member Garcia

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Member Quien, and Member Kostecky