



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, July 7, 2025

6:00 PM

A. CLOSED SESSION ROLL CALL

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

B. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor SERRATTO called the Closed Session to order at 5:05 PM.

Clerk's Note: Council Member XIONG arrived to Closed Session at 5:07 PM.

B.1. SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION City of Merced v. California Department of Fish and Wildlife, et al. MSC Case No. 23CV-03845 Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

B.2. SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation. One (1) potential case. Pursuant to California Government Code Section Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(2)

Clerk's Note: Council adjourned from Closed Session at 5:43 PM.

C. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor SERRATTO called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

C.1. Invocation - Monika Grasley, Lifeline CDC

The Invocation was delivered by Monika GRASLEY of the Lifeline CDC.

C.2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Planning Commissioner Jose DELGADILLO led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

D. ROLL CALL

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.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, the Public Financing and Economic Development Authority, and the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency. City Council members receive a monthly stipend of \$500.00 by Charter for sitting as the City Council; and the Mayor receives an additional \$100.00 each month as a part of the adopted budget and Resolution 2024-78. The members of the Parking Authority, the Public Financing and Economic Development Authority, and the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency receive no compensation.

E. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

There was no report.

F. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk's Note: Emails were received for the following agenda items and forwarded to Council prior to the meeting.

Public Comment: Jerry PEREZCHICA.

Agenda Item I.2.: Kelly RODRIGUEZ, Donene BERRY, Carol and Robert DINUZZO, Tom and Debbie CLENDENIN, Eric GONZALEZ, Linda FARNSWORTH SCHUTT, David and Kathy MILLER, and Steven STOUT.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

Aggie FREEMAN, Merced Sunrise Rotary Club, Merced - shared details of the Clothes for Kids event.

George, Garcia and Sons Construction Company, Merced - shared details of the restoration and boarding services that his company offers and spoke on the importance of rental insurance.

James REESE, Merced - shared details of upcoming Neighbor Unidos Community Cookout events.

Cindy KELLY, Merced - spoke on the grant funding that the Merced SPCA received to purchase equipment to save cat colonies in the case of a flood on Bear Creek.

Jean OKUYE, Merced - spoke on building houses far away from public

transportation and the importance of effective transportation.

Sharon LOHMAN, New Beginnings, Merced - shared details of a spay/neuter Clinic opening in Merced, details of future Vaccine Clinic events, and details of how they transport stray animals.

Curtis THOMAS, Merced - spoke in excitement of the General Plan Amendment and Downtown Station Plan project.

Merced County Supervisor Josh PEDROZO, Merced - shared details of the grants being accepted at the Merced County meeting and introduced new intern for Merced County Denorah MESQUITA.

Necola ADAMS, Merced - shared details of the upcoming Merced County Nut Festival event.

H. CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items H.5. Approval of the Third Amendment with California Public Policy Group for Legislative Advocacy and the Second Amendment with California Public Policy Group for Grant Writing Services for a Total Amount not to Exceed \$267,500, H.7. Request to Approve the Recreation and Parks Commission's Recommendation to Amending Service Agreements for Use of Central Youth Center by Restorative Justice League and Challenged Family Resource Center and Use of McNamara Youth Center by LifeLine CDC for an Additional Three-Year Term with the Potential to Extend Two Additional Years, not to Exceed 5 Consecutive Years, H.13. Approval to Waive the Competitive Bidding Requirements and Approve the Purchase of Parts, Equipment, and Supplies as Necessary for Public Works Maintenance and Operations Through June 30, 2026, and H.17. Approval to Purchase One (1) New Asphalt Zipper 480Xi Gen 8 with Accu-Trak Wheel Assist, and Necessary Attachment Equipment, from Asphalt Zipper in the Amount of \$296,577.94 for the Streets Division; were pulled for separate consideration.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

H.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.

H.2. **SUBJECT:** Information Only Contracts for the Month of June 2025

REPORT IN BRIEF

Notification of awarded Non-Public Works contracts under \$38,000 and of Public Works contracts under \$85,161.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.3. **SUBJECT:** Information Only - Traffic Committee Minutes of March 11, 2025

RECOMMENDATION

For information only.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.4. **SUBJECT:** Approval of City Council/Public Financing and Economic Development/Parking Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2025, and March 17, 2025

REPORT IN BRIEF

Official adoption of previously held meeting minutes.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council/Public Financing and Economic Development/Parking Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency - Adopt a motion approving the meeting minutes of March 3, 2025, and March 17, 2025.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.6.

SUBJECT: Approval of a Resolution Declaring the Infeasibility of Using Public Bidding to Purchase Certain Vehicles and Authorizing Limited Direct Purchases

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving a Resolution declaring the infeasibility of using Public Bidding to Purchase certain vehicles and authorizing limited direct purchases

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion approving **Resolution 2025-46**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, Declaring the Infeasibility of using Public Bidding to Purchase certain Vehicles and Authorizing Limited Direct Purchases.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.8.

SUBJECT: Approval of Street Closure Request #25-0016 by the Merced County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to Host a Vendor Fair Event (El Mercado), Located on N Street Between W. Main Street and W. 19th Street and a Western Portion of W. 18th Street, Between N Street and M Street, on Thursday, July 10, 2025, Thursday September 04, 2025, and Thursday November 06, 2025, All Dates From 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Consideration of a Request for a City of Merced Co-Sponsorship

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving a request by the Merced County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for the closure and use of City streets on Thursday, July 10, 2025, Thursday September 04, 2025, and Thursday, November 06, 2025, for a Vendor Fair Event (El Mercado). The request seeks approval to close N Street Between W. Main Street and W. 19th Street, and a western portion of W. 18th Street, between N Street and M Street, all dates from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The application also includes a request for City of Merced Co-Sponsorship.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving the street closure of N Street between W. Main Street

and W. 19th Street and a western portion of W. 18th Street, between N Street and M Street, on Thursday July 10, 2025, Thursday September 04, 2025, and Thursday, November 06, 2025, all dates from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; and,

Should the City Council decide to Co-Sponsor the Event

City Council - Adopt a motion:

B. Approving City of Merced Co-Sponsorship at an estimated \$2,085.60 per event, subject to the Conditions of Approval outlined in the Administrative Staff Report.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.9.

SUBJECT: Approval of an Agreement Between the City of Merced and the Merced Business Tourism Improvement District to Administer the Assessment Tax and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Agreement

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving the agreement between the City of Merced and the Merced Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) to administer the Assessment Tax and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving the agreement between the City of Merced and the Merced Tourism Business Improvement District to administer the Assessment Tax; and,

B. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.10.

SUBJECT: Approval of Additional Contingency in the Amount of \$9,160 for Additional Work Which is Reflected in Contract Change Order No. 2 with American Paving Co. for the G Street Bridge Rail Repair, Project No. CP230066

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving an increase to the contingency for additional work

to paint the east and west side of the bridge railing and all four streetlights along the G Street bridge in the amount of \$9,160 for Project No. CP230066 - G Street Bridge Rail Repair.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving the increase in the contingency in the amount of \$9,160.00 for Project No. CP230066 - G Street Bridge Rail Repair for the extra work reflected in Contract Change Order No. 2 with American Paving Company; and,

B. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.11.

SUBJECT: Approval to Waive the Competitive Bid Process to Award a Contract with Provost & Pritchard Engineering Group Inc., for Groundwater Monitoring and Municipal Well Sampling Services in the Amount of \$92,000

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving to waive the competitive bid process pursuant to Merced Municipal Code Section 3.04.210 and approving a contract with Provost & Pritchard Engineering Group, Inc. to perform groundwater sampling services to support the City's PCE environmental investigation for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Waiving the City's competitive bidding requirement as permitted by Merced Municipal Code Section 3.4.210; and,

B. Awarding a contract with Provost & Pritchard Engineering Group, Inc. for the one-year term to provide groundwater well and municipal well sampling services in the amount of \$92,000; and,

C. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.12.

SUBJECT: Approval of Consulting and Professional Services Contract with ControlPoint Engineering, Inc., for Software

Maintenance Services Related to the City's Water SCADA System
for a Three-Year Term, not to Exceed \$300,000 for the Initial Term
and the not to Exceed Amount of \$100,000 for the Optional One (1)
Year Extension

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving a three-year Consulting Agreement for software maintenance services and related tasks for the City's SCADA system not to exceed \$300,000 for the initial term.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving the Consulting and Professional Services Contract with ControlPoint Engineering, Inc., for a three-year term, for up to \$300,000 in the initial 3-year term and \$100,000 in the optional 1-year extension term; and,

B. Authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute the necessary documents.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.14.

SUBJECT: Award Bid to LEHR Upfitters for the Purchase of
Panasonic Toughbook Computers with Docking Stations for a Total
Cost of \$71,342.30

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers awarding bid to LEHR Upfitters for the purchase of Panasonic Toughbook Computers with Docking Stations for a Total cost of \$71,342.30.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Awarding the bid to LEHR Upfitters for Panasonic Toughbook Computers with Docking Stations for a total cost of \$71,342.30; and,

B. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents and the Purchasing Supervisor to issue the purchase order.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.15.

SUBJECT: First Amendment to Agreement for Landscape

Maintenance Services with Central Valley Lawnsapes in the Additional Amount of \$9,588 to Increase Service to Downtown Merced, for a Total Annual Contract Amount of \$371,148 for Maintenance of Various Maintenance Districts for the Contract Period Ending June 30, 2026

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving a First Amendment with Central Valley Lawnsapes in the additional amount of \$9,588 to provide weekly landscape maintenance services to the Downtown Maintenance District through June 30, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving a First Amendment to Agreement with Central Valley Lawnsapes in the additional amount of \$9,588, for a total not to exceed annual amount of \$371,148, to provide weekly landscape maintenance services at Downtown Maintenance District for the contract term ending June 30, 2026; and,

B. Authorizing the City Manager to execute any necessary documents and execute future contract amendments.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.16.

SUBJECT: First Amendment to Agreement for Landscape Maintenance Services with Green Horizon, Inc., for Turf Maintenance of all City-Owned Parks in an Additional Amount of \$19,680, for a Total Annual Contract Amount of \$333,840 for the Contract Period Ending June 30, 2026

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving a First Amendment with Green Horizon, Inc., for maintenance services at City-owned parks for an additional amount of \$19,680 to add services at Community Park 42 (CP-42) through June 30, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving a First Amendment to Agreement with Green Horizon,

Inc., in the additional amount of \$19,680, for a total not to exceed annual amount of \$333,840, to provide weekly landscape maintenance services at CP-42 for the contract term ending June 30, 2026; and,

B. Authorizing the City Manager to execute any necessary documents.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.18.

SUBJECT: Approval to Waive the Competitive Bid Process and Utilize Cooperative Procurement Contracts; Sourcewell Contract #121923, National IPA Contracts with Cobb County, GA Contract# 23-6692-02, Monterey County Office of Education CALSAVE Contract # 538902, Omnia Mesa Contract # 2024056-01-GOV with CDW-G in a not to Exceed Amount of \$500,000 in Fiscal Year 2025/2026

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving to waive the competitive bid process and utilize cooperative procurement contracts; Sourcewell Contract #121923, National IPA contracts with Cobb County, GA Contract# 23-6692-02, Monterey County Office of Education CALSAVE Contract # 538902, Omnia Mesa Contract # 2024056-01-GOV with CDW-G in a not to Exceed Amount of \$500,000 in Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving to waive the competitive bidding requirements as stated in Section 3.04.210 of the Merced Municipal Code due to cooperative purchasing; and,

B. Approving the use of Sourcewell Contract #121923; and,

C. Approving the use of National IPA contracts with Cobb County, GA contract# 23-6692-02; and,

D. Approving the use of Monterey County Office of Education CALSAVE contract #CALSAVE 538902; and,

E. Approving the use of Omnia Mesa Contract # 2024056-01-GOV; and,

F. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents; and,

G. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents for future contract amendments in motion B through E and contingent upon approval as to form by the City Attorney; and,

H. Authorizing the purchase of \$500,000 of technology solutions with contracts in motion B through E.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.19.

SUBJECT: Approval to Waive the Competitive Bid Process to Allow for the Cooperative Purchase with Competitively Bid Contract; County of Merced 2021 AMS FOCUS Agreement 2021092 051821 with AMS.net and MGT in a not to Exceed Amount of \$300,000 in Fiscal Year 2025/2026

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving to waive the competitive bid process to allow for the cooperative purchase with competitively bid contract; 2021 AMS FOCUS Agreement 2021092 051821 with AMS.net and MGT in a not to exceed amount of \$300,000 in Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Authorizing the waiver of the competitive bidding requirements as stated in Section 3.04.210 of the Merced Municipal Code for cooperative purchase; and,

B. Authorizing the use of 2021 AMS FOCUS Agreement 2021092 051821; and,

C. Authorizing the use of future contract amendment to 2021 AMS FOCUS Agreement 2021092 051821 if executed by the County of Merced and contingent upon approval as to form by the City Attorney; and,

D. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents; and,

E. Authorizing the purchase of goods through AMS.net or MGT in the amount not to exceed \$300,000 for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.20.

SUBJECT: Approval to Waive the Competitive Bid Process to Allow for the Cooperative Purchase with Competitively Bid Contracts; State of California Cooperative Agreement 1-24-70-19-11 , 1-24-70-19-19 , 1-24-70-19-25 , 1-22-70-31A , 1-22-70-31B , 1-22-70-31C , 1-22-70-37 , 1-23-70-04C, 1-21-70-04A , 1-21-70-08H , 1-21-70-08B Awarded to Vendors Entisys Solutions, Inc. dba e360, Ahead, Inc., dba Kovarus, Inc. in CA , Presidio Networked Solutions Group, LLC , Granite Data Solutions , Dell Marketing, L.P. , PC Specialists, Inc. dba Technology Integration Group (TIG) , CDW Government, LLC , UBEO Business Services , NWN Corporation in a not to Exceed Amount of \$300,000 in Fiscal Year 2025/2026

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approval to waive the competitive bid process to allow for the cooperative purchase with competitively bid contracts; State of California Cooperative Agreement 1-24-70-19-11 , 1-24-70-19-19 , 1-24-70-19-25 , 1-22-70-31A , 1-22-70-31B , 1-22-70-31C , 1-22-70-37 , 1-23-70-04C, 1-21-70-04A , 1-21-70-08H , 1-21-70-08B Awarded to Vendors Entisys Solutions, Inc. dba e360, Ahead, Inc., dba Kovarus, Inc. in CA , Presidio Networked Solutions Group, LLC , Granite Data Solutions , Dell Marketing, L.P. , PC Specialists, Inc. dba Technology Integration Group (TIG) , CDW Government, LLC , UBEO Business Services , NWN Corporation in a not to Exceed Amount of \$300,000 in Fiscal Year 2025/2026

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving to waive the competitive bidding requirements as stated in Section 3.04.210 of the Merced Municipal Code due to cooperative purchasing; and,

B. Approving the use of State of California Cooperative Agreement 1-24-70-19-11 (IT Hardware, Enterprise Technology - Exagrid/HPE); and,

C. Approving the use of State of California Cooperative Agreement 1-24-70-19-19 (IT Hardware, Enterprise Technology - Dell/Gigamon/Palo Alto); and,

D. Approving the use of State of California Cooperative Agreement

1-24-70-19-25 (IT Hardware, Enterprise Technology - Cisco/Commvault /Netscout/Netskope/PureStorage); and,

E. Approving the use of State of California Cooperative Agreement 1-22-70-31A (IT Hardware, PC Goods - Dell: Desktops, Thin/Zero Desktops, & Thin Laptops); and,

F. Approving the use of State of California Cooperative Agreement 1-22-70-31B (IT Hardware, PC Goods - Dell: Chromebooks, & Monitors); and,

G. Approving the use of State of California Cooperative Agreement 1-22-70-31C (IT Hardware, PC Goods - Dell: Laptops); and,

H. Approving the use of State of California Cooperative Agreement 1-22-70-37 (IT Hardware, PC Goods - Panasonic: Rugged Laptops); and,

I. Approving the use of State of California Cooperative Agreement 1-23-70-04C (IT Hardware, Plotters/Wide Format Printers (36" & 64")); and,

J. Approving the use of State of California Cooperative Agreement 1-21-70-04A (IT Hardware, Printers and MFD's (HP Desktops and MFD's); and,

K. Approving the use of State of California Cooperative Agreement 1-21-70-08H (IT Hardware, Rugged Tablets/Rugged 2-in-1 Devices, Panasonic); and,

L. Approving the use of State of California Cooperative Agreement 1-21-70-08B (IT Hardware, Tablets (Including Rugged)/2-in-1 Devices, Dell); and,

M. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents; and,

N. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents for future contract amendments in motion B through L and contingent upon approval as to form by the City Attorney; and,

O. Authorizing the purchase of up to \$300,000 for goods between vendors Entisys Solutions, Inc. dba e360, Ahead, Inc., dba Kovarus, Inc. in CA , Presidio Networked Solutions Group, LLC , Granite Data

Solutions , Dell Marketing, L.P. , PC Specialists, Inc. dba Technology Integration Group (TIG) , CDW Government, LLC , UBEO Business Services , NWN Corporation.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.21.

SUBJECT: Approval to Waive the Competitive Bid Process to Allow for the Cooperative Purchase with City of Mesa Omnia Partners Contract 20240506, State of Minnesota SourceWell Contract 121923, and Region 4 Texas Education Service Center Omnia Contract R240304 Awarded to Vendors SHI Internation and DLT solutions, in a not to Exceed Amount of \$150,000 in Fiscal Year 2025/2026

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving to waive the competitive bid process to allow for the Cooperative Purchase with City of Mesa Omnia Partners Contract 20240506, State of Minnesota SourceWell Contract 121923, and Region 4 Texas Education Service Center Omnia Contract R240304 Awarded to Vendors SHI Internation and DLT solutions, in a not to Exceed Amount of \$150,000 in Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

- A. Approving to waive the competitive bidding requirements as stated in Section 3.04.210 of the Merced Municipal Code due to cooperative purchasing; and,
- B. Approving the use of City of Mesa Omnia Partners Contract 20240506 with vendor SHI International; and,
- C. Approving the use of State of Minnesota SourceWell Contract 121923 with vendor SHI International; and,
- D. Approving the use of Region 4 Texas Education Service Center Omnia Contract R240304 with vendor DLT solutions; and,
- E. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents; and,
- F. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents for future contract amendments in motion B though D and contingent upon approval as to form by the City Attorney; and,

G. Authorizing the purchase of \$150,000 of technology solutions with contracts in motion B through D.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.22.

SUBJECT: Approval to Waive the Competitive Bid Process to Allow for the Cooperative Purchase with State of California Cooperative Agreements SLP-23-70-0025R (Adobe Software) , SLP-22-70-0276H (Akamai Software) , SLP-24-70-0132W (Cisco Software) , SLP-22-70-0151Z (Dell Software) , SLP-21-70-0027I (DocuSign Software) , SLP-24-70-0025X (Freshworks Software), SLP-25-70-0063E (GovOS Software) , SLP-25-70-0027U (OpenText Software) , SLP-22-70-0151Y (VMware Software) , SLP-25-70-0023U (Zerto Software) , SLP-25-70-0027W (Zscaler Software) , COOP 7-17-70-40-05.04 , 7-17-70-40-05.55 , 7-17-70-40-05.58, 7-17-70-40-05.41 , COOP 7-17-70-40-09 , COOP 7-17-70-40-01, 7-24-70-40-19 (NASPO ValuePoint Cloud Solution) Awarded to Vendors CDW Government, Savant Solutions Inc, Presidio Networked Group, Kovarus Inc, Taborda Solutions Inc, E360, AMS.net, SHI International, DLT Solutions, Insight Public Sector, in a not to Exceed Amount of \$250,000 in Fiscal Year 2025/2026

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving to waive the competitive bid process to allow for the Cooperative Purchase with State of California Cooperative Agreements SLP-23-70-0025R (Adobe Software) , SLP-22-70-0276H (Akamai Software) , SLP-24-70-0132W (Cisco Software) , SLP-22-70-0151Z (Dell Software) , SLP-21-70-0027I (DocuSign Software) , SLP-24-70-0025X (Freshworks Software), SLP-25-70-0063E (GovOS Software) , SLP-25-70-0027U (OpenText Software) , SLP-22-70-0151Y (VMware Software) , SLP-25-70-0023U (Zerto Software) , SLP-25-70-0027W (Zscaler Software) , COOP 7-17-70-40-05.04 , 7-17-70-40-05.55 , 7-17-70-40-05.58, 7-17-70-40-05.41 , COOP 7-17-70-40-09 , COOP 7-17-70-40-01, 7-24-70-40-19 (NASPO ValuePoint Cloud Solution) Awarded to Vendors CDW Government, Savant Solutions Inc, Presidio Networked Group, Kovarus Inc, Taborda Solutions Inc, E360, AMS.net, SHI International, DLT Solutions, Insight Public Sector, in a not to Exceed Amount of \$250,000 in Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

- A. Approving to waive the competitive bidding requirements as stated in Section 3.04.210 of the Merced Municipal Code due to cooperative purchasing; and,
- B. Approving the use of State of California Cooperative Agreement SLP-23-70-0025R (Adobe Software) with vendor CDW Government LLC; and,
- C. Approving the use of State of California Cooperative Agreement SLP-22-70-0276H (Akamai Software) with vendor Savant Solutions Inc; and,
- D. Approving the use of State of California Cooperative Agreement SLP-24-70-0132W (Cisco Software) with vendor Presidio Networked Group; and,
- E. Approving the use of State of California Cooperative Agreement SLP-22-70-0151Z (Dell Software) with vendor Kovarus Inc; and,
- F. Approving the use of State of California Cooperative Agreement SLP-21-70-0027I (DocuSign Software) with vendor Allied Network Solutions Inc; and,
- G. Approving the use of State of California Cooperative Agreement SLP-24-70-0025X (Freshworks Software) with vendor CDW Government LLC; and,
- H. Approving the use of State of California Cooperative Agreement SLP-25-70-0063E (GovOS Software) with vendor Taborda Solutions Inc; and,
- I. Approving the use of State of California Cooperative Agreement SLP-25-70-0027U (OpenText Software) with vendor Allied Network Solutions Inc; and,
- J. Approving the use of State of California Cooperative Agreement SLP-22-70-0151Y (VMware Software) with vendor Kovarus Inc; and,
- K. Approving the use of State of California Cooperative Agreement SLP-25-70-0023U (Zerto Software) with vendor e360; and,
- L. Approving the use of State of California Cooperative Agreement

SLP-25-70-0027W (Zscaler Software) with vendor Allied Network Solutions Inc; and,

M. Approving the use of State of California Cooperative Agreement 7-17-70-40-05.04, 7-17-70-40-05.55, 7-17-70-40-05.58, 7-17-70-40-05.41 And 7-17-70-40-05.10 (NASPO ValuePoint Cloud Solution) with vendors Allied Network Solutions Inc, AMS.net, CDW Government LLC, Presidio Networked Solutions Group, LLC, and SHI International; and,

N. Approving the use of State of California Cooperative Agreement 7-17-70-40-09 (NASPO ValuePoint Cloud Solution) with vendor DLT Solutions; and,

O. Approving the use of State of California Cooperative Agreement 7-17-70-40-01 (NASPO ValuePoint Cloud Solution) with vendor Insight Public Sector, Inc; and,

P. Approving the use of State of California Cooperative Agreement 7-24-70-40-19 (NASPO ValuePoint Cloud Solution) with vendor SHI International; and,

Q. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents; and,

R. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents for future contract amendments in motion B through P and contingent upon approval as to form by the City Attorney; and,

S. Authorizing the purchase of \$250,000 of technology solutions with contracts in motion B through P.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.23.

SUBJECT: Second Reading and Final Adoption of Ordinance Adding Section 17.32.105, "Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map", of the Merced Municipal Code

REPORT IN BRIEF

Second reading and final adoption adding section 17.32.105 of Merced Municipal Code adopting California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Fire Hazard Severity Zones Map.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council- Adopt a motion adopting **Ordinance 2578**, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, Adding Section 17.32.105, "Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map" to the Merced Municipal Code.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.5.

SUBJECT: Approval of the Third Amendment with California Public Policy Group for Legislative Advocacy and the Second Amendment with California Public Policy Group for Grant Writing Services for a Total Amount not to Exceed \$267,500

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving the Third Amendment with California Public Policy Group (CPPG) for legislative advocacy and the Second Amendment with CPPG for grant writing services for a total amount not to exceed \$267,000.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving a Third Amendment to Services Agreement with CPPG for legislative advocacy in an amount not to exceed \$201,000; and,

B. Approving a Second Amendment to Services Agreement with CPPG for grant writing services in an amount not to exceed \$66,500; and,

C. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

Mayor SERRATTO pulled this item at the request of Council Member HARRIS.

Council, Public Information Officer Jennifer FLACHMAN, and City Manager Scott MCBRIDE discussed details of the grant writing services that California Public Policy Group (CPPG) will perform, details of the grants applied for by the City, potentially obtaining an employee in the City that coordinates all grants, details of the grant writing process, and details of the CPPG's team working on grants.

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

H.7.

SUBJECT: Request to Approve the Recreation and Parks Commission's Recommendation to Amending Service Agreements for Use of Central Youth Center by Restorative Justice League and Challenged Family Resource Center and Use of McNamara Youth Center by LifeLine CDC for an Additional Three-Year Term with the Potential to Extend Two Additional Years, not to Exceed 5 Consecutive Years

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving the Recreation and Parks Commission's recommendation to amend service agreements for use of Central Youth Center by Restorative Justice League and Challenged Family Resource Center and use of McNamara Youth Center by LifeLine CDC for a Three-Year Term with the potential to extend two additional years for a not to exceed 5-year term.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

- A. Approving a service agreement with Restorative Justice League for youth programming at the Central Youth Center for a three-year term; and,
- B. Approving a service agreement with Challenged Family Resource Center for youth programming at the Central Youth Center for a three-year term; and,
- C. Approving a service agreement with Lifeline CDC for youth programming at the McNamara Youth Center for a three-year term; and,
- D. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

Mayor SERRATTO pulled this item at the request of Council Member DUPONT.

Clerk's Note: Council Member DUPONT recused himself due to the applicant being a client at his law firm.

Monika GRASLEY, Merced - gave a slideshow presentation on the services Lifeline CDC has given to the community at McNamara Community Center.

Clerk's Note: There was no Council discussion.

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

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 1 - Council Member Dupont

H.13.

SUBJECT: Approval to Waive the Competitive Bidding Requirements and Approve the Purchase of Parts, Equipment, and Supplies as Necessary for Public Works Maintenance and Operations Through June 30, 2026

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving to waive the City's competitive bidding requirements pursuant to Merced Municipal Code Section 3.04.210 and approving the purchase of various parts, equipment, and supplies for Public Works maintenance and operations for Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Waiving the City's competitive bidding requirement as permitted by Merced Municipal Code Section 3.4.210 for annual supplies and services; and,

B. Approving the purchase up to \$45,000 with Ag Trans Repair through June 30, 2026; and,

C. Approving the purchase up to \$100,000 with All-Phase Electric Supply through June 30, 2026; and,

D. Approving the purchase up to \$75,000 with AZCO Supply, Inc., through June 30, 2026; and,

E. Approving the purchase up to \$300,000 with Badger Meter through June 30, 2026; and,

F. Approving the purchase up to \$115,000 with Brisco Enterprises through June 30, 2026; and,

G. Approving the purchase up to \$140,000 with C&R Royal SVC, Inc. (NAPA Auto Parts) through June 30, 2026; and,

H. Approving the purchase up to \$100,000 with California Collision, Inc. through June 30, 2026; and,

I. Approving the purchase up to \$100,000 with Central Valley Trucking through June 30, 2026; and,

J. Approving the purchase up to \$50,000 with Dom's Electric/Merced Bearing through June 30, 2026; and,

K. Approving the purchase up to \$60,000 with Electric Drives, Inc. through June 30, 2026; and,

L. Approving the purchase up to \$80,000 with Evantec Supply through June 30, 2026; and,

M. Approving the purchase up to \$75,000 with Ewing Irrigation through June 30, 2026; and,

N. Approving the purchase up to \$100,000 with Ferguson through June 30, 2026; and,

O. Approving the purchase up to \$80,000 with Fisher Scientific through June 30, 2026; and,

P. Approving the purchase up to \$60,000 with Flo Line Technology Inc. through June 30, 2026; and,

Q. Approving the purchase up to \$75,000 with Flottweg Separation Technology through June 30, 2026; and,

R. Approving the purchase up to \$50,000 with Fresno Truck Center through June 30, 2026; and,

S. Approving the purchase up to \$300,000 with Golden State

Emergency Vehicle through June 30, 2026; and,

T. Approving the purchase up to \$105,000 with GP Norton through June 30, 2026; and,

U. Approving the purchase up to \$75,000 with Grainger through June 30, 2026; and,

V. Approving the purchase up to \$60,000 with Hach Company through June 30, 2026; and,

W. Approving the purchase up to \$100,000 with Harrison's Collision Repair through June 30, 2026; and,

X. Approving the purchase up to \$80,000 with Harvest Technology LLC through June 30, 2026; and,

Y. Approving the purchase up to \$50,000 with Holt of California through June 30, 2026; and,

Z. Approving the purchase up to \$200,000 with Horizon Distributors through June 30, 2026; and,

AA. Approving the purchase up to \$50,000 with Howk Well & Equipment Co Inc. through June 30, 2026; and,

AB. Approving the purchase up to \$200,000 with Hydrologics through June 30, 2026; and,

AC. Approving the purchase up to \$100,000 with Industrial Electrical Company through June 30, 2026; and,

AD. Approving the purchase up to \$75,000 with International Coatings through June 30, 2026; and,

AE. Approving the purchase up to \$170,000 with Interstate Truck Center through June 30, 2026; and,

AF. Approving the purchase up to \$250,000 with Jam Services through June 30, 2026; and,

AG. Approving the purchase up to \$100,000 with Jorgensen & Sons, Inc., through June 30, 2026; and,

AH. Approving the purchase up to \$125,000 with Kellogg's Supply through June 30, 2026; and,

AI. Approving the purchase up to \$100,000 with Martin Marietta Materials through June 30, 2026; and,

AJ. Approving the purchase up to \$60,000 with McAuley Motors through June 30, 2026; and,

AK. Approving the purchase up to \$75,000 with McCain Traffic Supply through June 30, 2026; and,

AL. Approving the purchase up to \$110,000 with Mclaughlin Waste Equipment through June 30, 2026; and,

AM. Approving the purchase up to \$100,000 with Meister Sealcoat & Supplies LLC through June 30, 2026; and,

AN. Approving the purchase up to \$150,000 with Merced Truck and Trailer through June 30, 2026; and,

AO. Approving the purchase up to \$80,000 with Municipal Maintenance Equipment through June 30, 2026; and,

AP. Approving purchases up to \$50,000 with Muniquip LLC through June 30, 2026; and,

AQ. Approving purchases up to \$70,000 with Nutrien Ag Solutions through June 30, 2026; and,

AR. Approving purchases up to \$80,000 with O'Reilly Auto Parts through June 30, 2026; and,

AS. Approving the purchase up to \$75,000 with Platt Electric Supply through June 30, 2026; and,

AT. Approving the purchase up to \$250,000 with PrivITation Consulting Corp through June 30, 2026; and,

AU. Approving the purchase up to \$110,000 with Ray Gaskin Service through June 30, 2026; and,

AV. Approving the purchase up to \$125,000 with Razzari Dodge through June 30, 2026; and,

AW. Approving the purchase up to \$75,000 with Razzari Ford through June 30, 2026; and,

AX. Approving the purchase up to \$60,000 with RDO Equipment Co through June 30, 2026; and,

AY. Approving the purchase up to \$90,000 with Rockwell Engineering & Equipment Co through June 30, 2026; and,

AZ. Approving the purchase up to \$50,000 with Ron Smith Buick through June 30, 2026; and,

BA. Approving the purchase up to \$100,000 with Ronny Martinez dba Premier Collision Center through June 30, 2026; and,

BB. Approving the purchase up to \$50,000 with Ruckstell CA Sales through June 30, 2026; and,

BC. Approving purchases up to \$250,000 with Schoettler Tire through June 30, 2026; and,

BD. Approving purchases up to \$70,000 with Shape Incorporated through June 30, 2026; and,

BE. Approving purchases up to \$60,000 with Smith & Loveless Inc. through June 30, 2026; and,

BF. Approving purchases up to \$100,000 with Southern Tire Mart through June 30, 2026; and,

BG. Approving the purchase up to \$80,000 with Stockton Tri through June 30, 2026; and,

BH. Approving the purchase up to \$100,000 with Target Specialty Products through June 30, 2026; and,

BI. Approving the purchase up to \$50,000 with TBA Auto Parts through June 30, 2026; and,

BJ. Approving the purchase up to \$85,000 with Tesco through June 30, 2026; and,

BK. Approving the purchase up to \$300,000 with Trojan Technologies

Group through June 30, 2026; and,

BL. Approving the purchase up to \$115,000 with USA Bluebook through June 30, 2026; and,

BM. Approving the purchase up to \$75,000 with West Coast Materials, LLC, through June 30, 2026; and,

BN. Approving the purchase up to \$85,000 with Wilbur-Ellis Company through June 30, 2026; and,

BO. Approving the purchase up to \$80,000 with Willie Electric Supply Co through June 30, 2026; and,

BP. Approving the purchase up to \$90,000 with YSI, Inc., through June 30, 2026; and,

BQ. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents; and,

BR. Authorizing the City Buyer to issue the Purchase Orders.

Mayor SERRATTO pulled this item at the request of Council Member HARRIS and Council Member DUPONT.

Clerk's Note: Council Member HARRIS stated he needed to recuse himself from Recommendation AJ and Council Member DUPONT stated he needed to recuse himself from Recommendations AH and AJ.

Clerk's Note: There was no Council discussion.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, seconded by Council Member Dupont, to approve all Recommendations except AH and AJ. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, seconded by Council Member Harris, to approve Recommendation AH. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

Recused: 1 - Council Member Dupont

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve Recommendation AJ. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

Recused: 2 - Council Member Dupont, and Council Member Harris

H.17.

SUBJECT: Approval to Purchase One (1) New Asphalt Zipper 480Xi Gen 8 with Accu-Trak Wheel Assist, and Necessary Attachment Equipment, from Asphalt Zipper in the Amount of \$296,577.94 for the Streets Division

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving the purchase of one (1) new Asphalt Zipper 480Xi Gen 8 with Accu-Trak Wheel Assist, and necessary attachment equipment, in the amount of \$296,577.94. Staff has identified the need to add this piece of equipment, which will assist in the Street Division's operation through the cost savings of a government procurement program (H-GAC).

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Waiving the City's competitive bidding requirement as permitted by Merced Municipal Code section 3.04.210 and authorizing the purchase to be made with a cooperative purchase agreement through H-GAC, a government procurement program; and,

B. Approving the purchase of one (1) new Asphalt Zipper 480Xi Gen 8 with Accu-Trak Wheel Assist, and Necessary Attachment Equipment in the amount of \$296,577.94 from Asphalt Zipper, through H-GAC contract #SM10-20 Street Maintenance Equipment; and,

C. Authorizing the City Manager to execute any necessary documents for the purchase specified above; and,

D. Authorizing the issuance of the Purchase Order, and approval of change orders not to exceed 10% of the total purchase price.

Mayor SERRATTO pulled this item at the request of City staff.

Public Works Manager - Internal Services Cosmo ORDUNEZ requested to move this item to the next scheduled Council meeting.

Clerk's Note: There was no Council discussion.

Clerk's Note: Council Member XIONG stepped out during the vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, to continue the item to the July 21st Council Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, and Council Member Smith

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Xiong

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

I.1.

SUBJECT: Public Hearing - General Plan Amendment #24-01, and Northeast Yosemite Specific Plan Amendment #6 ("Paulson Ranch"), Initiated by Stonefield Home, Inc., Property Owner. The General Plan Amendment Would Amend the Merced General Plan Transportation and Circulation Element by Modifying the City of Merced Circulation Plan (Figure 4.1) and All Associated Maps and Descriptions Throughout the General Plan, to Eliminate Destiny Drive (a Collector Road) From Going Through the Subject Site at 800 E. Cardella Road to Paulson Road (Extension). The Northeast Yosemite Specific Plan Amendment Would Modify the Design, Layout, and Circulation of the Residential Proposal Previously Approved for this Site. This Request Would Allow the Subdivision of Approximately 39.12 Acres into 104 Residential Lots (Mostly Between 6,000 and 7,000 Square Feet) and Additional Lots for a Storm Basing and Open Space; and the Subject Site is Generally Located on the South Side of E. Cardella Road, Approximately 1,900 Feet East of G Street

REPORT IN BRIEF

The subject site is an undeveloped 39.12-acre parcel located in northeast Merced at 800 E. Cardella Road, generally located on the south side of Cardella Road, approximately 1,900 feet east of G Street (Attachment 1). The General Plan Amendment is being requested to amend the City's General Plan Circulation Element (Figure 4.1 - Attachment 2 and 3) to eliminate the collector road of Destiny Drive that would go through the subject site at 800 E. Cardella Road to Paulson Road (extension). The Northeast Yosemite Specific Plan Amendment would modify the design, layout, and circulation of the specific plan previously approved for this site.

This request would allow the subdivision of approximately 39.12 acres into 104 single family lots (mostly between 6,000 and 7,000 square feet) that was approved by the Planning Commission on May 7, 2025 (Attachments 8 and 9). The scope of Council's action would not include the vesting tentative subdivision map for Paulson Ranch, but rather would be limited to the General Plan Amendment regarding an amendment to the City's Circulation Element/Plan (Figure 4.1), and an amendment to the Northeast Yosemite Specific Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion adopting **Resolution 2025-47, A**

Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, approving Northeast Yosemite Specific Plan Amendment #6, and approving General Plan Amendment #24-01 to amend the Merced General Plan Transportation and Circulation Element, which would modify the City of Merced's Circulation Plan (Figure 4.1) and all associated maps and descriptions throughout the General Plan to eliminate the portion of Destiny Drive going through 800 E. Cardella Road to Paulson Road (extension) and approving an Environmental Review #24-07 (Negative Declaration).

Clerk's Note: Council Member SMITH recused himself due to the applicant being a client at his law firm.

Acting Principal Planner Francisco MENDOZA gave a slideshow presentation on the General Plan Amendment #24-01 & Northeast Yosemite Specific Plan Amendment for the Paulson Ranch Subdivision with Stonefield Home, Inc.

Mayor SERRATTO opened the Public Hearing at 7:07 PM.

Rick MUMMERT, Applicant - shared the history of the Paulson Ranch project and biological constraints.

Mayor SERRATTO closed the Public Hearing at 7:08 PM.

Council Member XIONG briefly discussed affordable housing, having walkable areas, and more bicycle lanes.

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

Aye: 5 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, and Council Member Harris

No: 1 - Council Member Xiong

Absent: 0

Recused: 1 - Council Member Smith

I.2.

SUBJECT: Public Hearing - General Plan Amendment #24-02, Site Utilization Plan Revision #3 to Planned Development (P-D) #20, and Appeal of the Planning Commission's Denial of Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #1332, Site Plan #551, Minor Use Permit #24-13, and Environmental Review Checklist #24-25, Initiated by Eric Gonsalves, on Behalf of Yosemite 1380 LLC, Property Owner. The Approximate 8.05-Acre Subject Site is Generally Located on the Southwest Corner of East Yosemite Avenue and Parsons Avenue (1380 E. Yosemite Avenue and 3595 Parsons Avenue). The General Plan Amendment Would Change the General Plan Land Use Designation from Commercial Office (CO) to Business Park (BP) for 2.72 Acres and From Commercial Office (CO) to High Medium Density (HMD) Residential for the Remaining 4.48 Acres. The Site Utilization Plan Revision Would Change the Land Use Designation Within Planned Development (P-D) #20 from "Commercial Office" to "Self-Storage" for 2.72 Acres, and From "Commercial Office" to "Residential" for 4.48 Acres. The Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map Would Divide the Self-Storage from the Residential Lots and Create the 41 Residential Lots. The Site Plan Review Permit Would Allow the Development of a Self-Storage Facility (Approximately 500 Storage Units). The Minor Use Permit Would be for Interface Review to Allow Commercial Development Adjacent to or Across from a Low Density Residential (R-1-6) Zone

REPORT IN BRIEF

Request for City Council to consider approving or denying General Plan Amendment #24-02, and Site Utilization Plan Revision #3 to Planned Development (P-D) #20, and the appeal of the Planning Commission's

Denial of Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #1332, Site Plan #551, Minor Use Permit #24-13, and Environmental Review Checklist #24-25. The subject site is approximately 8.05 acres located at 1380 E. Yosemite Avenue, and 3595 Parsons Avenue. The applicant is requesting to develop a self-storage facility, and a gated residential subdivision with 41 lots.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

For Project Approval:

A. Adopting **Resolution 2025-__**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, approving Environmental Review #24-25 (Negative Declaration) for General Plan Amendment #24-02 for approximately 8.05 acres of land generally located on the southwest corner of East Yosemite Avenue and Parsons Avenue, and approving General Plan Amendment #24-02 for the same property changing the General Plan designation from Commercial Office (CO) to Business Park (BP) for 2.72 acres, and from Commercial Office (CO) to High Medium Density Residential (HMD) for the remaining 4.48-acres; and,

B. Introducing **Ordinance ____**, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, approving Site Utilization Plan Revision #3 to Planned Development #20 changing the land use designation from Commercial Office to Self Storage for 2.72 acres and to Residential for the remaining 4.48 acres for an approximate 8.05 acre- parcel generally located on the southwest corner of East Yosemite Avenue and Parsons Avenue; and,

C. Approving the Legislative Action Agreement and authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents; and,

D. Adopting **Resolution 2025 - __** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, approving the appeal of the Merced Planning Commission denial of Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #1332, Site Plan Review Permit #551 and Minor Use Permit #24-13.

City Council - Adopt a motion:

For Project Denial:

A. Adopting **Resolution 2025-__**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, denying Environmental Review #24-25

(Negative Declaration) and denying General Plan Amendment #24-02 and Site Utilization Plan Revision #3 to Planned Development #20; and,

B. Adopting a motion to deny **Ordinance ____**, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, approving Site Utilization Plan Revision #3 to Planned Development #20 changing the land use designation from Commercial Office to Self-Storage for 2.72 acres and to Residential for the remaining 4.48 acres for an approximate 8.05-acre parcel generally located on the southwest corner of East Yosemite Avenue and Parsons Avenue; and,

C. Denying the Legislative Action Agreement authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents; and,

D. Adopting **Resolution 2025-__**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, denying the appeal of the Merced Planning Commission denial of Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #1332, Site Plan Review Permit #551 and Minor Use Permit #24-13.

Clerk's Note: Council Member DUPONT recused himself due to the applicant being a client at his law firm.

Associate Planner Valeria RENTERIA gave a slideshow presentation on the General Plan Amendment #24-02 and the appeal of Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #1332.

Council and City Attorney Craig CORNWELL discussed the process of severing the Self Storage from the proposed project, details of the recommendations, and details of requesting changes of the project.

Mayor SERRATTO opened the Public Hearing at 7:21 PM.

Todd BENDER, Applicant - introduced the proposed project, spoke on the changes of hours of operation, and the reduction of density of the community.

Amanda GALLEGOS, Manager for Heritage, Merced - shared details of the Simply Storage units that she manages and the services that the storage unit provides to the surrounding neighborhood.

Mr. BENDER - spoke on the streetscape of the proposed single family homes and the dedication to the City.

Tom CLENDENIN, Spokesperson of Opposition Party, Merced - spoke in

opposition of the proposed project, the zone changing request, the issues that the storage location will bring, details of the proposed plans of the single family homes, the issues arising from the residents of Oakmont, shared details of how the project is incompatible with the City's General Plan, and the lack of community involvement for this project.

Steve STOUT, Merced - shared a personal story of finding a home in Merced for his family, asked Council to uphold the decision, and deny the appeal.

Carol DINUZZO, Merced - spoke on the long-term needs of the community, the zone change request of the proposed project, the growth of the City, and asked to place the needs of the community first.

Robert DINUZZO, Merced - spoke in opposition of the proposed project, details of the medical offices in Fresno and Clovis on Herndon Avenue, and asked to uphold the decision to deny the appeal for the community.

Dr. Lee BOESE, Merced - spoke in opposition of the proposed project, details of the impact on the homes surrounding the area, the infrastructure of the proposed project, and urged Council to vote carefully.

Kathy MILLER, Merced - spoke on the location of the proposed project, the growth of Merced, and asked to deny the item.

Marilyn SOBEL, Merced - spoke on the future development of Merced and the City should approve affordable homes being built.

Mr. BENDER, Merced - shared details of the proposed gated community, the trees along the neighborhood, and changes to the density of the homes.

Mr. CLENDENIN, Merced - spoke on the trees discussed by the applicant and asked that the applicant upholds the changes in response to the community and the Planning Commission.

Council, Mr. CLENDENIN, Mr. BENDER, Applicant Eric GONSALVES, and Legal Counsel for the Applicant Matt KEASLING discussed the reduction of home value due to the development, the amount of community meetings held for the proposed project, the decision to build a storage unit, the need for office spaces, adjusting the hours of operation of the storage unit, details of the homes being built, and a potential Homeowners Association (HOA) in place for the gated community. They also discussed

the price of the proposed homes, details of the sidewalk width, interest from medical providers for the existing zoning, the demand for more mini storage units, and the process of preserving the Redwood trees.

Mayor SERRATTO closed the Public Hearing at 8:32 PM.

Council, Mrs. RENTERIA, and Mr. CORNWELL discussed environmental findings of the proposed project, controlling the residency of homes buying a property, the regulations of HOAs, and details of other communities that are similar to the proposed community.

Clerk's Note: Council took a recess at 8:37 PM and reconvened at 8:51 PM.

Clerk's Note: Council Member SMITH disclosed that he has had conversations with Tom CLENDENIN, Dr. Lee BOESE, Deneen BERRY, and Robert DINUZZO.

Council discussed the medical offices for UC Merced, traffic study for the proposed property, details of the General Plan update, the housing along Herndon Avenue in Fresno, the decision made by the Planning Commission, details of gated communities, details of the desirability of the Oakmont neighborhood, details of the proposed project, details of the surrounding areas, the consequences of leaving the parcels undeveloped, and community engagement.

Council agreed to grant the appeal for the purpose of remanding it to the Planning Commission subject to the discussion held at the Council meeting and the developers proposed concessions. They also agreed to direct staff to organize a community meeting in the next 20 days.

Mr. CORNWELL stated, "The motion would be modifying the recommendation of the Planning Commission and amending to stay consistent with the code."

Council Member SMITH modified the motion to include Mr. CORNWELL's statement.

Clerk's Note: Assistant City Clerk Jennifer PARSLEY confirmed that there is not a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Resolution.

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

Aye: 4 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Harris, and Council Member Smith

No: 2 - Council Member DeAnda, and Council Member Xiong

Absent: 0

Recused: 1 - Council Member Dupont

J. ACTION ITEMS

J.1. SUBJECT: Selection of Logo for the General Plan Update and Downtown Station Area Plan

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers reviewing logos and selecting a logo prepared for the General Plan Update and Downtown Station Area Plan and selecting.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion selecting a logo from Option 1 or Option 2 for the branding of the General Plan Update and Downtown Station Area Plan.

Management Analyst Leah BROWN gave a slideshow presentation on the selection of the General Plan Update and Downtown Station Area Plan logo.

Council, Mrs. BROWN, and City Manager Scott MCBRIDE discussed if City staff received input from the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission, details of the proposed logos, the similarities of other City logos, Council's feedback on the proposed logos, giving direction to redesign the logo, details of the website for the project, potentially sending back to the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission, and including UC Merced in the logo.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, seconded by Council Member Dupont, to refer the logo to the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

J.2. SUBJECT: Request by the Tourism Business Improvement District Steering Committee to the City Council to Adopt the Slate of the Board

of Directors for the Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving the request from the Tourism Business Improvement District Steering Committee to adopt the slate of recommended hoteliers to the Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) Board of Directors. The appointed board members and officers will be able to proceed conducting the business of the TBID.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Appointing the following TBID Board Members; Robin Donovan, Chair, Sean Williams, Vice Chair, Tiffany Gomes, Secretary, Nitin Kumar, Treasurer; Vacant, Board Member; and,

B. Appointing a City Official to the TBID Board; and,

C. Directing the City Clerk to provide the Certified Minute Action to the TBID Board.

Economic Development Associate Amanda WILLIAMS briefly discussed the approval of the Board of Directors for the Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID).

Council and City Manager Scott MCBRIDE discussed the City official to appoint, appointing by position, the expertise of tourism, and a backup City official.

A motion was made by Council Member Harris, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, to appoint the Airport Manager as the City official to the TBID Board of Directors and if they are unable to serve, then delegate the authority to the City Manager. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

A motion was made by Council Member Harris, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, to approve Recommendations A and C. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, and Council Member Smith

No: 1 - Council Member Xiong

Absent: 0

J.3.

SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution to Apply for and Authorization to Accept if Awarded, the Environmental Enhancement & Mitigation Grant, not to Exceed \$750,000, from State of California Natural Resources Agency to Plant a Native, Drought Tolerant Urban Forest at General Vang Pao Park to Mitigate Environmental Impacts of the North Transit Hub, a Regional Transportation Facility (RTF)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers adopting a Resolution to apply for \$750,000 in grant funding from the State of California Natural Resources Agency for the development of an urban forest at General Vang Pao Park to mitigate environmental impacts to the area caused by the revised development of the North Transit Hub, a Regional Transportation Facility (RTF). Grant funds will be used to offset increased CO2 and required energy use in the area by establishing an urban forest made up of native, drought tolerant, trees at General Vang Pao Park. The grantor requires the adoption of a resolution in support of the City's grant application. Authorization is required by council to accept funding if awarded.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Adopting **Resolution 2025-45**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, Approving the Application for the Grant Funds for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) Program; and,

If awarded, Adopt a motion:

B. Authorizing the acceptance of the Environmental Enhancement & Mitigation Grant Funds, increasing revenue not to exceed \$750,000; and appropriating the same in Fund 5000-Parks and Community Services CIP; and,

C. Authorizing the use of pooled cash to cover the expenditures until Grant Funds are reimbursed; and,

D. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

Director of Parks and Community Services Chris JENSEN briefly discussed the adoption of a Resolution to approve and accept the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation grant for the General Vang Pao Park's landscape and irrigation plan.

Clerk's Note: There was no Council discussion.

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

J.4.

SUBJECT: Approval of Lease Agreement Amendment with the Boys and Girls Club of Merced County for Use of McCombs Youth Center for a Five-Year Term with the Potential to Extend an Additional Five Years

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers amending the current lease agreement for use of the McCombs Youth Center by the Boys and Girls Club of Merced County for a five-year term with the potential to extend an additional five years.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving amended service agreement with Boys and Girls Club of Merced County for youth programming at the McCombs Youth Center for a five-year term; and,

B. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

Director of Parks and Community Services Chris JENSEN gave a slideshow presentation on the proposed Lease Agreement with the Merced County Boys and Girls Club for the McCombs Youth Center.

Council and Mr. JENSEN discussed details of the Lease agreement.

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

J.5.

SUBJECT: Approval to Enter Professional Services Agreements with Merced City School District for up to \$197,474 for FY 2025-2026 to Scholarship 540 District Students in Youth Basketball and Youth Football

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving Professional Services Agreements with Merced City School District (MCSD) for the use of \$197,474 in Expanded Learning Opportunity Program funding to scholarship up to 540 students from MCSD to participate in Parks & Community Services Youth Basketball and Youth Flag Football programs.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving Professional Services Agreement with Merced City School District in amount of \$78,815 to scholarship up to 200 students in youth flag football; and,

B. Approving Professional Services Agreement with Merced City School District in amount of \$118,659 to scholarship up to 340 students in youth basketball; and,

C. Accepting funds from Merced City School District, increasing revenue in Fund 1018-Parks and Community Services, for an amount not to exceed \$99,985 and appropriating the same; and,

D. Authorize the use of pooled cash to cover expenditures until reimbursement is received; and,

E. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

Director of Parks and Community Services Chris JENSEN briefly discussed the Professional Services Agreements with Merced City School District to a scholarship to students in the Merced District for youth basketball and youth football.

Council Member DUPONT and Mr. JENSEN discussed pursuing the partnership with Weaver School District.

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

J.6.

SUBJECT: Approval to Apply for and Appropriate if Awarded, Grant Funding in an Amount Up to \$10,000 for FY 2025-2026 from Merced County First 5 to Support Various Children Oriented Special Events

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving to apply for grant funding and if awarded, appropriate grant funding in the amount up to \$10,000 from First 5 Merced County Mini Grants to support special events such as Gateway to Yosemite 5K/10K Walk/Run and Nightmare on Main Street Halloween Parade Kids Activity Zone.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving the Application for \$10,000 from First 5 of Merced County Mini Grants to support various children's activities

B. Accepting grant funds from First 5 Merced County Mini Grant and increasing revenue in Fund 1018-Parks and Community Service, up to the amount of \$10,000 if awarded; and,

C. Appropriating the same in Fund 1018-Parks and Community Service, Operating Materials, Services and Supplies if awarded; and,

D. Approving the use of pooled cash until reimbursement from the grant is received if awarded; and,

E. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents if awarded.

Director of Parks and Community Services Chris JENSEN briefly

discussed the approval and appropriation of grant funding from Merced County First 5 to support special events for the youth in the community.

Clerk's Note: There was no Council discussion.

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

K. BUSINESS

K.1. **SUBJECT:** Council Member Smith's Request to Discuss the Selection and Placement of Ceremonial Items

REPORT IN BRIEF

Council Member Smith's request to discuss the selection and placement of Ceremonial Items on the Council Agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

Provide direction to staff on the next steps.

Council Member SMITH briefly discussed the request to discuss the selection and placement and Ceremonial Matters.

Council, Public Information Officer Jennifer FLACHMAN, and City Manager Scott MCBRIDE discussed the requests for Ceremonial Matters, limiting Council requested Ceremonial Items, details of the letters of support provided to the public, the position of the Mayor compared to Council Members, including the letters of support in the CI report, details of the services provided to the City by a legislative advocacy group, and different agencies that request letters of support.

Council agreed to bring the Ceremonial Matters policy to the Ethics Subcommittee for discussion and to bring forward a redlined policy for adoption.

K.2. **SUBJECT:** Annual Appointments to the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission (One Ex-Officio)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Accept nominations to fill the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Accepting nominations and appointing individuals to serve as members of the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission (1 Ex-Officio); or,

B. Accepting nominations and appointing as many members as Council sees appropriate and directing staff to continue the recruitment of applicants.

Council discussed the vacancy and applicants for the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Dupont, to appoint Brie Wolf to the Ex-Officio seat on the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission for a partial-term ending on July 1, 2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

K.3.

SUBJECT: Annual Appointments to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, At-Large and One Ex-Officio)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Accept nominations to fill vacancies on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Accepting nominations and appointing individuals to serve as members of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, At-Large and One Ex-Officio); or,

B. Accepting nominations and appointing as many members as Council sees appropriate and directing staff to continue the recruitment of

applicants.

Council discussed the vacancies and applicants for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission.

A motion was made by Council Member Dupont, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, to re-appoint Dwight Ewing to the District 1 seat on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission for a second full-term ending on July 1, 2029. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

Clerk's Note: Council Member DEANDA was present during the vote but did not cast a vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Xiong, seconded by Council Member Smith, to refer District 2 and District 6 back to the Clerk's Office. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

Clerk's Note: Council Member DEANDA was present during the vote but did not cast a vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Harris, seconded by Council Member Dupont, to appoint Caroline Meraz to the District 3 seat on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission for a partial-term ending on July 1, 2027. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

Clerk's Note: Council Member DEANDA was present during the vote but did not cast a vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, to appoint Mylia Chambers to the District 4 seat on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission for a full-term ending on July 1, 2029. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

Clerk's Note: Council Member DEANDA was present during the vote but did not cast a vote.

A motion was made by Mayor Serratto, seconded by Council Member Harris, to re-appoint Peggy Hsu to the At-Large seat on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission for a second full-term ending on July 1, 2029. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

Council and City Attorney Craig CORNWELL briefly discussed moving forward without Council Member DEANDA casting a vote and the amount of Ex-Officio members that can be appointed at the meeting tonight.

Clerk's Note: Council Member DEANDA was present during the vote but did not cast a vote.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, seconded by Council Member Dupont, to appoint William Watkins to the Ex-Officio seat on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission for a full-term ending on July 1, 2028. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

K.4.

SUBJECT: Annual Appointments to the Personnel Board to Appoint One Board Nominated and One Council Appointed Individual

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers appointing one Employee nominated individual to the Personnel Board.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Appointing Phyllis Krego to serve as the Board Nominated member for the Personnel Board with a full term expiring on July 1, 2029; and,

B. Appointing a member to serve as the Council Appointed member for the Personnel Board; or,

C. Accepting nominations and appointing as many members as Council sees appropriate and directing staff to continue the recruitment of applicants.

Council discussed the vacancies and applicants for the Personnel Board.

Clerk's Note: Council Member DEANDA was present during the vote but did not cast a vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Dupont, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, to re-appoint Phyllis Krego to the Board Nominated seat on the Personnel Board for a first full-term ending on July 1, 2029. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

Clerk's Note: Council Member DEANDA was present during the vote but did not cast a vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Harris, seconded by Council Member Xiong, to appoint Melissa Rosales to the Council Appointed seat on the Personnel Board for a first full-term ending on July 1, 2029. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

K.5. **SUBJECT:** Annual Appointments to the Planning Commission (Districts 4 and 6)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Accept nominations to fill seats on the Planning Commission.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Accepting nominations and appointing individuals to serve as members of the Planning Commission (District 4 and 6); or,

B. Accepting nominations and appointing as many members as Council sees appropriate and directing staff to continue the recruitment of applicants.

Council discussed the vacancies and applicants for the Planning Commission.

Clerk's Note: Council Member DEANDA was present during the vote but did not cast a vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Harris, to re-appoint Conchita Swiggart to the District 4 seat on the Planning Commission for a first full-term ending on July 1, 2029. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

Brenda MORGUN, Merced - spoke on the application she submitted for the Planning Commission.

Clerk's Note: Council Member DEANDA was present during the vote but did not cast a vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Xiong, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, to appoint Jerry Vue to the District 6 seat on the Planning Commission for a first full-term ending on July 1, 2029. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 1 - Mayor Serratto

Absent: 0

K.6.

SUBJECT: Annual Appointments to the Recreation and Parks
Commission (Districts 2 & 5)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Accept nominations to fill seats on the Recreation and Parks Commission.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Accepting nominations and appointing individuals to serve as members of the Recreation and Parks Commission (Districts 2 and 5); or,

B. Accepting nominations and appointing as many members as Council sees appropriate and directing staff to continue the recruitment of applicants.

Council discussed the vacancies and applicants for the Recreation and Parks Commission.

Clerk's Note: Council Member DEANDA was present during the vote but did not cast a vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Dupont, to refer District 2 back to the Clerk's Office. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

Clerk's Note: Council Member DEANDA was present during the vote but did not cast a vote.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, seconded by Council Member Dupont, to re-appoint April Holloway to the District 5 seat on the Recreation and Parks Commission for a second full-term ending on July 1, 2029. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

K.7. **SUBJECT:** Annual Appointments to the Regional Airport Authority (3 Seats)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Accept nominations to fill three vacancies on the Regional Airport Authority.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Accepting nominations and appointing individuals to serve as members of the Regional Airport Authority (3 seats); or,

B. Accepting nominations and appointing as many members as Council sees appropriate and directing staff to continue the recruitment of applicants.

Council discussed the vacancies and applicants for the Regional Airport Authority.

Clerk's Note: Council Member DEANDA was present during the vote but did not cast a vote.

A motion was made by Mayor Serratto, seconded by Council Member Xiong, to appoint Shahid Sohail for a first full-term ending on July 1, 2029, re-appoint Cheryl Hirsch for a second full-term ending on July 1, 2029, and to appoint Delvina Johnson for a partial-term ending on July 1, 2026, to the seats on the Regional Airport Authority. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

K.8. **SUBJECT:** Annual Appointments to the Tax Transparency Commission (Districts 2 and 6)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Accept nominations to fill two (2) seats on the Tax Transparency Commission.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Accepting nominations and appointing individuals to serve as members of the Tax Transparency Commission (Districts 2 and 6); or,

B. Accepting nominations and appointing as many members as Council sees appropriate and directing staff to continue the recruitment of applicants.

Council discussed the vacancies and applicants for the Tax Transparency Commission.

Clerk's Note: Council Member DEANDA was present during the vote but did not cast a vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Dupont, to continue the District 2 appointments to the next Council meeting. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

Clerk's Note: Council Member DEANDA was present during the vote but did not cast a vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Xiong, seconded by Council Member Harris, to continue the District 6 appointments to the next Council meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

K.9.

SUBJECT: Appointments to the Citizen Advisory Focus Group for the General Plan Update and Downtown Station Area Plan with up to a Total of Fourteen (14) Members to be Appointed by Districts (District 1-6), One Member to be Appointed At-Large, and (One) Member from Each of the Six Commissions Previously Selected by the City Council

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers the appointment of individuals to the Citizen Advisory Focus Group of the General Plan and Downtown Station Area Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Accepting nominations and appointing one individual to each of the six City Council Districts, one individual to be appointed at-large, and one individual from each of six commissions previously defined by the City Council; or,

B. Accepting nominations and appointing as many members as Council sees appropriate and directing staff to continue the recruitment of applicants.

Cindy KELLY, Merced - introduced herself, shared details of her experience, and spoke on why she should be appointed.

Humberto SANDOVAL, Merced - introduced himself, shared his personal life experiences and spoke on why he should be appointed.

Council and Assistant City Clerk Jennifer PARSLEY discussed the vacancies and applicants for the Citizens Advisory Focus Group (CAFG), the process of appointing current Commissioners and Board Members, and deadline to fill the seats.

Clerk's Note: Council Member DEANDA was present during the vote but did not cast a vote.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, seconded by Council Member Dupont, to appoint April Holloway to the District 5 seat on the Citizens Advisory Focus Group. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member Harris, and Council Member Smith

No: 1 - Council Member Xiong

Absent: 0

Clerk's Note: Council Member XIONG made a motion to appoint Sabrina ABONG as the Recreation and Parks Commission representative. The motion failed for a lack of second.

Clerk's Note: Council Member DEANDA was present during the vote but

did not cast a vote.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, seconded by Council Member Harris, to appoint Joseph Bauer to the Recreation and Parks Commission seat on the Citizen Focus Advisory Group. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, and Council Member Harris

No: 2 - Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

Absent: 0

Clerk's Note: Council Member XIONG made a motion to appoint Sabrina ABONG as the Regional Airport Authority representative. The motion failed for lack of second.

Clerk's Note: Council Member DEANDA was present during the vote but did not cast a vote.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, seconded by Council Member Dupont, to appoint Cheryl Hirsch as the Regional Airport Authority seat for the Citizen Advisory Focus Group. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member Harris, and Council Member Smith

No: 1 - Council Member Xiong

Absent: 0

Clerk's Note: Council Member DEANDA was present during the vote but did not cast a vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Dupont, seconded by Council Member Harris, to appoint Curtis Thomas as the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission seat on the Citizen Advisory Focus Group. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

Clerk's Note: Council Member DEANDA was present during the vote but did not cast a vote.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, seconded by Council Member Dupont, to appoint Anthony Gonzalez as the Planning Commission seat to the Citizen Advisory Focus Group. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

Clerk's Note: Council Member DEANDA was present during the vote but did not cast a vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Dupont, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, to appoint Jeremiah Greggains to the District 1 seat on the Citizen Advisory Focus Group. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

Clerk's Note: Council Member DEANDA was present during the vote but did not cast a vote.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, seconded by Council Member Harris, to continue advertising District 2 and come back at a future Council Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

Clerk's Note: Council Member DEANDA was present during the vote but did not cast a vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Harris, seconded by Council Member Smith, to appoint Cynthia Kelly to the District 3 seat on the Citizen Advisory Focus Group. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

Clerk's Note: Council Member DEANDA was present during the vote but did not cast a vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, to appoint Tammy Johnson to the District 4 seat on the Citizen Advisory Focus Group. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

Clerk's Note: Council Member DEANDA was present during the vote but did not cast a vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Xiong, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, to appoint Humberto Sandoval to the District 6 seat on the Citizen Advisory Focus Group. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

Clerk's Note: Council Member DEANDA was present during the vote but did not cast a vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Dupont, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, to appoint Colton Dennis to the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission seat on the Citizen Advisory Focus Group. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

Clerk's Note: Council Member DEANDA was present during the vote but did not cast a vote.

A motion was made by Mayor Serratto, seconded by Council Member Harris, to appoint Alberto Escobedo to the Building and Housing Board of Appeals seat on the Citizen Advisory Focus Group. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

Clerk's Note: Council Member DEANDA was present during the vote but did not cast a vote.

A motion was made by Mayor Serratto, seconded by Council Member Dupont, to appoint Steve Maxey to the At-Large seat on the Citizen Advisory Focus Group. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

K.10. SUBJECT: Request to Add Item to Future Agenda

REPORT IN BRIEF

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

Clerk's Note: There were no future agenda items.

K.11. SUBJECT: City Council Comments

REPORT IN BRIEF

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

Clerk's Note: There were no Council comments.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 11:13 PM.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, seconded by Council Member Dupont, that this Regular Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0