



# CITY OF MERCED

City Council Chamber  
Merced Civic Center  
2nd Floor  
678 W. 18th Street  
Merced, CA 95340

## Minutes

### City Council/Public Finance and Economic Development Authority/Parking Authority

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Monday, June 3, 2024

6:00 PM

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#### A. CLOSED SESSION ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Mayor Matthew Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Bertha Perez, Council Member Jesse Ornelas, Council Member Sarah Boyle, Council Member Ronnie DeAnda, Council Member Shane Smith, and Council Member Fue Xiong

**Absent:** 0

#### B. CLOSED SESSION

Council Member BOYLE called the Closed Session to order at 5:03 PM.

**Clerk's Note:** Mayor Pro Tempore PEREZ arrived to Closed Session at 5:05 PM, Mayor SERRATTO arrived to Closed Session at 5:06 PM, and Council Member XIONG arrived to Closed Session at 5:15 PM.

- B.1.** SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION Reiner v. City of Merced, et al., Case Number 18CV-03052 Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
- B.2.** SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS -- Agency Designated Representatives: City Manager Scott McBride, Deputy City Manager Frank Quintero, Finance Officer Venus Rodriguez, Human Resources Manager Suzanne Fierro, LCW Legal Representative Che Johnson, and LCW Legal Representative Michael Jarvis; Employee Organizations: Merced Police Officers' Association (MPOA) and Merced Association of Police Sergeants (MAPS). AUTHORITY: Government Code Section 54957.6
- B.3.** SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS -- Agency Designated Representative(s): City Manager Scott McBride, Deputy City Manager Frank Quintero, Finance Officer Venus Rodriguez, Human Resources Manager Suzanne Fierro, LCW Legal Representative Che Johnson, and LCW Legal Representative Michael Jarvis; Employee Organizations: American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 57 and Merced Association of City Employees (MACE). AUTHORITY: Government Code Section 54957.6

**B.4.** SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS -- Agency Designated Representatives: City Manager Scott McBride, Deputy City Manager Frank Quintero, Finance Officer Venus Rodriguez, Human Resources Manager Suzanne Fierro, LCW Legal Representative Che Johnson, and LCW Legal Representative Michael Jarvis; Unrepresented Management AUTHORITY: Government Code Section 54957.6

**B.5.** SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS -- Agency Designated Representatives: City Manager Scott McBride, Deputy City Manager Frank Quintero, Finance Officer Venus Rodriguez, Human Resources Manager Suzanne Fierro, LCW Legal Representative Che Johnson, and LCW Legal Representative Michael Jarvis; Employee Organizations: International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1479. AUTHORITY: Government Code Section 54957.6

**Clerk's Note:** Council adjourned from Closed Session at 5:51 PM.

## C. CALL TO ORDER

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

C.1. Invocation - Pastor Ceasar Johnson, Christian Life Center Merced

The Invocation was delivered by Pastor Ceasar JOHNSON of the Christian Life Center Merced.

C.2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Pastor Ceasar JOHNSON led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

## D. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Mayor Matthew Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Bertha Perez, Council Member Jesse Ornelas, Council Member Sarah Boyle, Council Member Ronnie DeAnda, 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 and the Public Financing and Economic Development Authority. City Council members receive a monthly stipend of \$400.00 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 2020-86. The members of the Parking Authority and the Public Financing and Economic Development Authority receive no compensation.

## E. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

There was no report.

## F. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

F.1.                    **SUBJECT: Proclamation - Pride Month**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Received by representatives of the CalPride Valle Central.

Mayor SERRATTO presented the Pride Month Proclamation to representatives of the CalPride Valle Central.

F.2.                    **SUBJECT: Proclamation - Juneteenth**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Received by Allen Brooks, NAACP President.

Mayor SERRATTO presented the Juneteenth Proclamation to representatives of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

F.3.                    **SUBJECT: Proclamation - Lowrider Holiday**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Received by representatives of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor SERRATTO presented the Lowrider Holiday Proclamation to representatives of the Lowrider Community.

F.4.                    **SUBJECT: Proclamation - "All Dads Matter" Month**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Received by Lamar Henderson of the Human Services Agency, All Dads Matter.

Mayor SERRATTO presented the "All Dads Matter" Month Proclamation to representatives of the Human Services Agency, All Dads Matter program.

## G. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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

Oral Communications: Angela LARA.

Agenda Item K.2.: Carolyn ROGINA.

## H. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Ashley Marie SUAREZ, Merced - spoke on details of the Senate Bill 244 Analysis and water/sewer connections to unincorporated areas.

Nomtsia and Nalee, Hmong Hlub, Merced - spoke on details of the Hmong Day event.

Steve ROUSSOS, Neighbors Unidos, Merced - shared details of the project Neighbors Unidos and meeting locations.

Coreen CAMPOS, Neighbors Unidos, Merced - spoke on working with Council and shared Neighbors Unidos' charter and values.

Japjeet SINGH, Neighbors Unidos - shared details of Neighbors Unidos, getting involved with local government, and the increase in price of gas.

Necola ADAMS, Merced - spoke on details of the Jazz Festival.

Patricia MEIDEL, Merced - shared details of Neighbors Unidos.

James REESE, Merced - shared details of Neighbors Unidos.

Susan GROMALA, Merced - shared details of Neighbors Unidos.

Michael ESPINOZA, Merced - shared details of Neighbors Unidos.

Armando PILOTA, Merced - spoke on violations on his property, the price of a bill to monitor the properties, and asked the City of Merced to conduct an audit on the project.

Mayor SERRATTO referred Mr. PILOTA to the City Attorney Craig CORNWELL.

Dominic MILANO, Merced - spoke on economic development opportunities in Merced and the employment rate in neighboring cities.

Leah BROWN, Merced - spoke on the public review period of the MultiJurisdictional Housing Element.

## I. CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items I.4. Information Only - Traffic Committee Minutes of March 5, 2024, I.8. Adoption of a Resolution to Display the Pride Flag at Bob Hart Square for the Month of June 2024 per City Council Policy C-7, I.10.

Approval to Waive the Competitive Bidding Requirements and Approval of a Five (5) Year Term Photo Enforcement Services Agreement with Verra Mobility for Automated Photo Enforcement Technology in an Amount of \$126,000 Annually, I.11. Rescind a Previously Approved Land Lease Agreement with Holding Pattern, LLC for Development of a Private Hangar on Approximately 10,000 Square Feet of Land at the Merced Yosemite Regional Airport and Approve a Proposed Land Lease Agreement with Holding Pattern, LLC, for a 70 x 70 Portion of the Subject Site to Build a 60' by 60' Hangar at the Merced Yosemite Regional Airport, I.15. Approval of Street Closure Request #24-11 by the Annissa Fragoso to Host the Merced Lowrider Holiday Celebration, Located on West Main Street Between M Street and K Street, and Canal Street Between Main Street and West 18th Street, Including Bob Hart Square on Sunday, June 23, 2024, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., I.16. Approval of an Agreement for Professional Services with De Novo Planning Group for Environmental Services in the Amount of \$348,610 and a Deposit and Reimbursement Agreement with MCYL1, LLC, Relating to the Annexation of the Yosemite Lake Village Project to the City of Merced in the Amount of \$383,471, I.18. Adoption of a Resolution Approving Final Map #5408 for the Large Lot Mapping of Bellevue Ranch North Villages 21 - 36, for 35 Lots, Generally Located North of Bellevue Road, West of G Street; were pulled for separate consideration.

Council discussed moving Agenda Item I.8. to be heard between Agenda Items L.1. and L.2.

**A motion was made by Mayor Serratto, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Perez, to move Agenda Item I.8. to be heard between Agenda Items L.1. and L.2. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**No:** 2 - Council Member Ornelas, and Council Member Xiong

**Absent:** 0

### **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

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

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Serratto, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Pro Tempore Perez

**I.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.**

**I.2. SUBJECT: Information Only Contracts for the Month of May 2024**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Notification of awarded Non-Public Works contracts under \$37,000 and of Public Works contracts under \$84,338.

**This Consent Item was approved.**

**I.3. SUBJECT: Information Only - Boards and Commissions Annual Attendance Reports**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Annual attendance review conducted with results filed with the City Clerk's Office.

**RECOMMENDATION**

For information only.

**This Consent Item was approved.**

**I.5. SUBJECT: Information Only - Site Plan Review Minutes of February 15, 2024 and March 28, 2024**

**RECOMMENDATION**

For information only.

**This Consent Item was approved.**

**I.6. SUBJECT: Information Only - Planning Commission Minutes of January 17, 2024, February 21, 2024, April 3, 2024, and April 17, 2024**

**RECOMMENDATION**

For information only.

**This Consent Item was approved.**

I.7.

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Resolutions to Call for a General Municipal Election for the Mayor and Three Members of the City Council by District on November 5, 2024, to be Consolidated with the Presidential General Election to be Conducted by the County of Merced

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers approving Resolutions calling a November 5, 2024, General Municipal Election for the Mayor and three members of the City Council by district and requesting the County Board of Supervisors consolidate the City's election with the Presidential General Election being held on the same date.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

A. Adopting **Resolution 2024-56**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, calling a General Municipal Election for the election of the Mayor and three members of the City Council at the General Municipal Election to be held on November 5, 2024; and,

B. Adopting **Resolution 2024-57**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, requesting that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Merced, California provide for the consolidation of a General Municipal Election with the Presidential General Election to be held on November 5, 2024, direct the filing a Notice of Election with the Registrar of Voters, submit an Incumbent List and Terms of Office, provide that candidate's statements are to be paid by candidate, and determine that a coin toss is the tie-breaking method; and,

C. Directing the City Manager/City Clerk and the City Attorney's Office to execute documents appropriate to carry out the tasks necessary for the General Municipal Election and to take actions related thereto.

**This Consent Item was approved.**

I.9.

**SUBJECT:** Approval to Waive the Competitive Bidding Requirements by Utilizing a Piggyback Contract with US Digital

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Designs (USDD) Using the National Purchasing Partners (NPPGov) Contract in an Amount not to Exceed \$510,979.38 for the Purchase, Installation, and Maintenance of a New Fire Station Emergency Alerting System (\$442,826.35) Plus a 10% Contingency (\$44,282.64) Plus an Annual Maintenance Fee of \$23,870.39; Approval of a \$12,770.00 One-Time Cost with Tyler Technologies, Inc. to Accommodate the Upgrade to the Fire Station Emergency Alerting System and Approval of a \$1,848.00 Amendment to an Existing Maintenance Agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc. of Which the Annual Maintenance Agreement will be Incorporated into the Future Agreement) for a Total Contracted Amount of \$913,985.91 with Tyler Technologies

#### **REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers approving to waive the City's competitive bidding requirement pursuant to Merced Municipal Code Section 3.04.210 and using a piggyback contract with US Digital Designs using the National Purchasing Partners (NPPGov) Contract No. 2020 for the purchase, installation, and maintenance of a new fire station emergency alerting system (\$442,826.35) plus a 10% contingency (\$44,282.64) plus an annual maintenance fee of \$23,870.39 for a total cost not to exceed \$510,979.38 with USDD; Approval of a \$12,770.00 One-Time cost and a One-Time maintenance fee of \$1,840.00 amendment to an existing agreement for a total agreement amount of \$913,985.91 with Tyler Technologies. The maintenance fee is being considered One-Time as the agreement sunsets on 06/30/25 and will be renegotiated at that time.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

- A. Waiving the City's competitive bidding requirement as permitted by Merced Municipal Code Section 3.04.210 for cooperative purchasing through NPPGov Contract #PS20350; and,
- B. Authorizing the purchase of a replacement fire station alerting system for one (1) dispatch center and five (5) fire stations with a total price not to exceed \$510,979.38 (Purchase, installation, and maintenance of \$442,826.35, 10% Contingency \$44,282.64, Annual Maintenance fee of \$23,870.39) with USDD; and,
- C. Approving Amendment #10 to the original contract with Tyler



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Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$12,770.00 (one-cost) authorizing Tyler Technologies, Inc. to provide encoder interface installation between US Digital Design and the Tyler Technologies Computer Aided Dispatch system and a one-time maintenance fee (will be recurring, but is being considered one-time due to contract sunsetting on 06/30/25 and contract will be renegotiated in 07/01/25) with Tyler Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$1,848.00; total contracted amount not to exceed \$913,985.91 and,

D. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents and to approve change orders including 10% contingency not to exceed \$510,979.38 (USDD); and,

E. Authorizing the Finance Officer to make the necessary budget adjustments, and the City Purchasing Supervisor to issue the Purchase Order/Change Order(s).

**This Consent Item was approved.**

**I.12.**

**SUBJECT: Approval of On-Call Municipal Well Services Contracts with Arsenal Well Drilling, Inc., Layne Christensen Company, and Shannon Pump Company for a Three-Year Term not to Exceed a Combined \$500,000 Annually, With an Optional One (1) Year Extension, for a Total Amount not to Exceed \$1,500,000 for the Initial Term**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers approving a three-year On-Call Municipal Well Services Contract with Arsenal Well Drilling, Inc., Layne Christensen Company, and Shannon Pump Company, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 annually, for response, evaluation, recommendation, and supply of materials and labor for emergency repairs and planned maintenance projects, on an as-needed basis, at various City of Merced municipal wells.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving On-Call Municipal Well Services Contracts with Arsenal Well Drilling, Inc., Layne Christensen Company, and Shannon Pump Company, for a three-year term, with an optional one-year extension, in a combined amount not to exceed \$500,000 annually; and,

B. Authorizing the Finance Officer to make the necessary budget

adjustments; and,

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

**This Consent Item was approved.**

**I.13.**

**SUBJECT: Approval to Waive the Competitive Bidding Requirements, Approving and Ratifying the Purchase of Parts, Equipment, and Supplies as Necessary for Public Works Maintenance and Operations Through June 30, 2024**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers approving to waive the City's competitive bidding requirements pursuant to Merced Municipal Code Section 3.04.210, approving and ratifying the purchase of various parts, equipment, and supplies for Public Works maintenance and operations for Fiscal Year 2023/2024.

**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 and ratifying the purchase up to \$90,000 with C&R Royal SVC, Inc. (NAPA Auto Parts) through June 30, 2024; and,

C. Approving and ratifying the purchase up to \$60,000 with Ennis-Flint, Inc., through June 30, 2024; and,

D. Approving and ratifying the purchase up to \$70,000 with Holt of California through June 30, 2024; and,

E. Approving and ratifying the purchase up to \$160,000 with Interstate Truck Center through June 30, 2024; and,

F. Approving and ratifying the purchase up to \$70,000 with Jorgensen & Sons, Inc., through June 30, 2024; and,

G. Approving and ratifying the purchase up to \$60,000 with Municipal Maintenance Equipment through June 30, 2024; and,

H. Approving and ratifying the purchase up to \$120,000 with PrivITation Consulting Corp through June 30, 2024; and,

I. Approving and ratifying the purchase up to \$55,000 with Razzari Ford through June 30, 2024; and,

J. Approving and ratifying the purchase up to \$60,000 with Wille Electric Supply Co through June 30, 2024; and,

K. Approving and ratifying the purchase up to \$55,000 with YSI, Inc., through June 30, 2024; and,

L. Authorizing the City buyer to issue the purchase orders; and,

M. Authorizing the Finance Officer to make the necessary budget adjustments; and,

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

**This Consent Item was approved.**

**I.14.**

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Additional Contingency in the Amount of \$35,144.66 for Additional Work Which is Reflected in the Final Change Order #5 with Rolfe Construction Inc. for G Street Improvements - Childs Ave to 13th Street, Project No. CP170039 to Close out the Project

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers approving an increase to the contingency in the amount of \$35,144.66, for Project No. CP170039 - G Street Improvements, Childs Ave to 13th Street, and Approving Change Order #5 with Rolfe Construction Inc. This increase will be the final increase to close out the project.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving Change Order 5 with Rolfe Construction Inc. with an increase in contingency of \$35,144.66 for a total contract contingency amount of \$438,281.76, which is approximately 17.314% of the original contract amount; and,

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

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

**This Consent Item was approved.**

I.17.

**SUBJECT:** Approval of a Services Agreement with Rincon Consultants, Inc., for Planning and Environmental Review Services Related to the Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element not to Exceed \$109,909

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers approving a Services Agreement with Rincon Consultants, Inc. for planning and environmental review services related to the Multijurisdictional Housing Element that is not to exceed \$109,909.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving the Services Agreement with Rincon Consultants, Inc. not to exceed the cost of \$109,909; and,

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

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

**This Consent Item was approved.**

I.19.

**SUBJECT:** Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Subsection (B) of Section 1.10.030, and Amending Subsection (B) and Adding Subsection (C) to Section 1.10.150; of the Merced Municipal Code Regarding the Administrative Citations Program

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers introducing an Ordinance amending subsection (B) of Section 1.10.030 to limit the pre-citation cure time for non-building, plumbing electrical or zoning violations and amending subsection (B) and adding subsection (C) to Section 1.10.150 providing a mechanism to transfer real property without releasing nuisance abatement liens that have not been satisfied.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

A. Introducing and approving the first reading of **Ordinance No. 2563**, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, Amending Sections 1.10.030, "Correction Notice and Administrative Citation Issuance Procedures," and 1.10.150, "Administrative Fee; Satisfaction Of Lien" of the Merced Municipal Code; and,

B. Set the Ordinance for a second reading and adoption.

**This Consent Item was approved.**

**I.4.**

**SUBJECT:** Information Only - Traffic Committee Minutes of March 5, 2024

**RECOMMENDATION**

For information only.

Mayor SERRATTO pulled this item at the request of resident Ashley Marie SUAREZ.

Ashley Marie SUAREZ, Merced - spoke on raising awareness to the Traffic Committee and details of the P and 15th Street intersection.

Council and City Manager Scott MCBRIDE discussed the role of the Traffic Committee and the Canal and Childs Avenue project funding source.

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

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Perez, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, and Council Member Xiong

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Smith

**I.10.**

**SUBJECT:** Approval to Waive the Competitive Bidding Requirements and Approval of a Five (5) Year Term Photo Enforcement Services Agreement with Verra Mobility for Automated Photo Enforcement Technology in an Amount of \$126,000 Annually

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers waiving the City's competitive bidding requirements pursuant to Merced Municipal Code Section 3.04.210 and approving a

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Five (5) Year Term Photo Enforcement Services Agreement with Verra Mobility for the implementation, training and annual maintenance of photo enforcement technology for use by the Merced Police Department in the amount of \$126,000 annually.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

A. Considers waiving the City's competitive bidding requirements pursuant to Merced Municipal Code Section 3.04.210 based on sole source; and,

B. Approving a Photo Enforcement Services Agreement with Verra Mobility for the installation, implementation, training, and annual maintenance of automated photo enforcement technology for two approaches at one time but up to 20 approaches throughout the City in the amount of \$126,000 annually; and,

C. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Agreement and any amendments; and,

D. Authorizing the Finance Officer to make the necessary budget adjustments.

Mayor SERRATTO pulled this item at the request of Council Member XIONG and resident Diana Odom GUNN.

Council and Police Lieutenant Leone PINTABONA discussed details of the intersection placement and the income through violation fees.

Diana Odom GUNN, Downtown Neighborhood Association, Merced - urged Council to approve the cameras due to traffic concerns.

Council discussed the issues of drivers running red lights and improving traffic safety.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Perez, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

I.11.

**SUBJECT:** Rescind a Previously Approved Land Lease Agreement with Holding Pattern, LLC for Development of a Private Hangar on Approximately 10,000 Square Feet of Land at the Merced Yosemite Regional Airport and Approve a Proposed Land Lease Agreement with Holding Pattern, LLC, for a 70 x 70 Portion of the Subject Site to Build a 60' by 60' Hangar at the Merced Yosemite Regional Airport

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers cancelling a previous Lease Agreement (30-year term with a 15-year option) with Holding Pattern, LLC for use of approximately 10,000 square feet located on the Merced Yosemite Regional Airport for development of a private aircraft hangar, and consider the terms contained in a new Land Lease Agreement using 4,900 square feet to build a 60' by 60' private aircraft hangar (30-year term with a 15-year option). If approved, the hangar would be constructed on a portion of Assessor Parcel Number 059-420-056.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

- A. Rescinding the previous Land Lease Agreement with Holding Pattern, LLC, for a use of approximately 10,000 square feet located on the Merced Yosemite Regional Airport (APN 059-420-056); and,
- B. Approving the terms of the new Land Lease Agreement with Holding Pattern, LLC, for 4,900 square feet (portion of APN 059-420-056); and,
- C. Applying the previously paid rent from the rescinded land lease to the new lease for the construction of a 60' by 60' hangar; and,
- D. Authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute the necessary documents and make minor adjustment to the Land Lease Agreement as needed (not effecting the leasing price)

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

Council and Deputy City Manager Frank QUINTERO discussed details of Recommendation C, water pressure issues, and clarification on funding allocation.

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

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Perez, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, and Council Member Smith

**No:** 1 - Council Member Xiong

**Absent:** 0

**I.15.**

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Street Closure Request #24-11 by the Annissa Fragoso to Host the Merced Lowrider Holiday Celebration, Located on West Main Street Between M Street and K Street, and Canal Street Between Main Street and West 18th Street, Including Bob Hart Square on Sunday, June 23, 2024, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers approving a request by Annissa Fragoso for the closure and use of City streets and Bob Hart Square on Sunday, June 23, 2024, for the Merced Lowrider Holiday Celebration. The request seeks approval to close West Main Street, between M Street and K Street, Canal Street between Main Street and West 18th Street, and includes Bob Hart Square from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion approving the street closure of West Main Street between M Street and K Street, Canal Street between Main Street and West 18th Street, and the use of Bob Hart Square on Sunday, June 23, 2024, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mayor SERRATTO pulled this item at the request of resident Annissa FRAGOSO.

Annissa FRAGOSO, Merced - shared details on the Lowrider Holiday Celebration and encouraged the public to attend.

**Clerk's Note:** There was no Council discussion.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Perez, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0



**I.18.**                    **SUBJECT:** Adoption of a Resolution Approving Final Map #5408 for the Large Lot Mapping of Bellevue Ranch North Villages 21 - 36, for 35 Lots, Generally Located North of Bellevue Road, West of G Street

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers adopting a Resolution approving of a Final Map #5408 for 35 large lots, generally located north of Bellevue Road, West of G Street.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion approving **Resolution 2024-59**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, Approving the Bellevue Ranch North Villages 21 - 36 (Final Map#5408).

**Clerk's Note:** Agenda Item I.18. was moved to be heard before Agenda Item I.16. on the Consent Calendar.

Mayor SERRATTO pulled this item at the request of Council Member SMITH and resident Ashley Marie SUAREZ.

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

Ashley Marie SUAREZ, Merced - spoke on zoning the area as low income housing, develop deed restricted units, and details of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation.

**Clerk's Note:** There was no Council discussion.

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

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Perez, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, and Council Member DeAnda

**No:** 1 - Council Member Xiong

**Absent:** 0

**Recused:** 1 - Council Member Smith

**I.16.**                    **SUBJECT:** Approval of an Agreement for Professional Services with

De Novo Planning Group for Environmental Services in the Amount of \$348,610 and a Deposit and Reimbursement Agreement with MCYL1, LLC, Relating to the Annexation of the Yosemite Lake Village Project to the City of Merced in the Amount of \$383,471

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers approving a Professional Services Agreement with De Novo Planning Group in the amount of \$348,610 to perform environmental services for the annexation to the City of Merced of the Yosemite Lake Village project (734 acres generally located at the northeast corner of G Street and Old Lake Road) as well as additional properties for a total of 1,171 acres, and entering into a Deposit and Reimbursement Agreement with MCYL1, LLC., in the amount of \$383,471 to fund the De Novo contract and to reimburse for City staff time to manage the contract.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

- A. Waiving a competitive bid for a professional service.
- B. Approving an Agreement for Services with De Novo Planning Group in the amount of \$348,610 to perform environmental services for the annexation of the Yosemite Lake Village project to the City of Merced; and,
- C. Approving a Deposit and Reimbursement Agreement with MCYL1, LLC, in the amount of \$383,471 to cover the cost of the consultant contract (\$348,610) and staff time (\$34,861) for the administration of the environmental review process and contract; and,
- D. Approving an increase of revenue in the amount of \$348,610 to Fund 3000-Development Services-Other Revenue Developers account line and \$34,861 to the Fund 3000-Development Services-EIR Management Fee account line; and appropriating \$348,610 to the Professional Services account line for payment to De Novo Planning Group; and,
- E. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents; and,
- F. Authorizing the Finance Officer to make the necessary budget adjustments.

**Clerk's Note:** Agenda Item I.16. was moved to be heard after Agenda Item I.18. on the Consent Calendar.

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

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

**Clerk's Note:** There was no Council discussion.

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

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Perez, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, and Council Member Xiong

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**Recused:** 1 - Council Member Smith

## J. PUBLIC HEARINGS

### J.1.

**SUBJECT:** Public Hearing - Introduction and Preliminary Review of Proposed Expenditures of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Funds for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, to be Included in the Draft U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2024 Annual Action Plan; and Receipt of Public Comment During a Public Hearing

#### REPORT IN BRIEF

Introduction and Review of Preliminary Program Year 2024 proposed project funding and related expenditures of Federal funding for inclusion in the Draft HUD 2024 Annual Action Plan; and Public Hearing to provide the Public an opportunity to comment.

#### RECOMMENDATION

##### City Council -

A. Conduct a Public Hearing to receive public comment regarding the anticipated funding, proposed projects, priority community needs, proposed distribution of Federal funding, and other related topics that will be considered for inclusion in the final draft of the 2024 Annual Action Plan;

and,

B. Discuss and provide comment, if any, on staff recommendations regarding the anticipated funding, proposed projects, priority community needs, proposed distribution of Federal funding, and other related topics to be included in the final draft of the 2024 Annual Action Plan; and,

C. Discuss and provide direction to staff regarding prioritization of the Public Service project funding requests over the allowed 15% Public Services Cap, and other potential community service project funding awards to be included in the Final Draft of the 2024 Annual Action Plan at the Final Public Hearing on July 15, 2024.

Housing Supervisor Kim NUTT gave a slideshow presentation on the 2024 Annual Action Plan.

Council, Ms. NUTT, and City Manager Scott MCBRIDE discussed the amount of funds Sierra Saving Grace receives, the worth of the homes owned by Sierra Saving Grace, and details of the Walking By Faith project.

Mayor SERRATTO opened the Public Hearing at 7:47 PM and subsequently closed the Public Hearing at 7:47 PM due to lack of public comments.

Council, Mr. MCBRIDE, and Ms. NUTT discussed funding options for the housing projects listed, details of the loans from Sierra Saving Grace, details of the applicants, properties purchased by Sierra Saving Grace, property management organizations, the timeline of choosing housing project proposals.

**A motion was made by Mayor Serratto, seconded by Council Member Ornelas, to direct staff to come up with other options or alternatives for the amounts of \$511,938, \$290,958, and \$803,728. Also, to leave the amount of \$150,000 to Habitat for Humanity Merced/Stanslaus County and the amount of \$153,565 to HOME CHDO - Required Reserve. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Perez, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

Council, Ms. NUTT, and Mr. MCBRIDE discussed in depth details and scopes of all public services project proposals, funding allocation options

for all public service projects, Calvary Assembly's conflict of interest, rental assistance, tenant mediation, not funding enough to project proposals, and offering the opportunity to modify work plans.

Council agreed to fund \$40,000 to Sierra Saving Grace Homeless Project, \$30,000 to Harvest Time, \$25,000 Healthy House Within a MATCH Coalition, \$25,000 to Project Sentinel, \$30,000 to LifeLine Community Development Corp (CDC), \$10,000 to Merced Calvary Assembly of God Church, and \$24,685 to Walking by Faith Ministries International.

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

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Pro Tempore Perez, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, and Council Member Xiong

**No:** 2 - Mayor Serratto, and Council Member Smith

**Absent:** 0

**Clerk's Note:** Council took a recess at 8:29 PM and reconvened at 8:40 PM.

**J.2.**

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of Resolution to Approve the Multi-Jurisdictional Merced County Regional Active Transportation Plan and Approval of Environmental Review #24-18 Statutory Exemption for Feasibility and Planning Studies Pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15262

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers adopting a resolution to approve the Multi-Jurisdiction Merced County Active Transportation Plan and approving Environmental Review #24-18 - Statutory Exemption for Feasibility and Planning Studies Pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15262.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion adopting **Resolution 2024-60**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, Adopting a Statutory Exemption Per the California Environmental Quality Act and the Merced County Association of Governments Multi-Jurisdictional Merced County Regional Active Transportation Plan.

Principal Planner Jonnie LAN gave a slideshow presentation on the Multi-Jurisdictional Merced County Regional Active Transportation Plan

(ATP).

Council and Mrs. LAN discussed details of the maps attached to the report.

Mayor SERRATTO opened the Public Hearing at 8:53 PM and subsequently closed the Public Hearing at 8:54 PM due to lack of public comments.

Council, Mrs. LAN, City Manager Scott MCBRIDE, and Consultant Carrie MCNICKEL discussed details of the bike lanes in South Merced, right of way constraints, meetings with Leadership Counsel, safety concerns, details of the bike lanes for two colleges, the county-wide efforts for bicyclists, and the importance of safe bike lanes in heavy traffic areas.

**Clerk's Note:** Council took a recess at 9:11 PM and reconvened at 9:17 PM.

Council discussed the proposed Merced County ATP and previous comments.

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

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Perez, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, and Council Member Smith

**No:** 1 - Council Member Xiong

**Absent:** 0

**J.3.**

**SUBJECT: Public Hearing to Allow the Interested Public an Opportunity to Provide Input on the Content of the City Council, Public Financing and Economic Development Authority, Parking Authority, and Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Merced Fiscal Year 2024-25 Proposed Budget and After Hearing all Comments Continue the Public Hearing to June 17, 2024**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Public Hearing to afford the interested public an opportunity to provide input on the content of the 2024-25 City Council, Public Financing and Economic Development Authority, Parking Authority, and Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Merced Proposed Budget.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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**City Council/Public Financing and Economic Development  
Authority/Parking Authority/Successor Agency to the**

**Redevelopment Agency of the City of Merced** - It is recommended that the City Council/Authorities/Successor Agency conduct the Public Hearing and provide direction to the City Manager on the content of the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget; and adopt a motion continuing the Public Hearing to the June 17, 2024, Council Meeting.

Finance Officer Venus RODRIGUEZ gave a slideshow presentation on the City Manager's proposed annual budget for fiscal year 2024/2025.

Mayor SERRATTO opened the Public Hearing at 9:47 PM.

Ashley Marie SUAREZ, Merced - spoke on removing the South Merced Industrial Park study due to pollution, transparency of the employment study, and details of funding for South Merced projects.

Mayor SERRATTO closed the Public Hearing at 9:50 PM.

**Clerk's Note:** There was no Council discussion.

**Clerk's Note:** There was no formal vote taken, this Public Hearing will be continued to the June 17th Council meeting.

## K. REPORTS

### K.1.

**SUBJECT:** Report to Allow for Public Input on the Various Maintenance Districts' Engineer's Reports and Budgets for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 During the Public Meeting

#### REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers public input on the various Maintenance Districts' budgets during the public meeting, without taking action on the determination of assessment levy until the close of the Public Hearing scheduled for Monday, June 17, 2024.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**City Council** - Adopt a motion seeking public input on the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Maintenance Districts' budgets, without taking action until the Public Hearing is closed on June 17, 2024.

Deputy Director of Public Works Juan OLMOS gave a slideshow presentation on the Maintenance Districts fiscal year 2024/2025 Engineer's report and budget.

Council and Mr. OLMOS discussed the maintenance districts map, details of the budget summaries, budget changes by district, and areas with reduction of services.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Perez, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**K.2.**

**SUBJECT:** Report for Discussion on Preliminary Annexation Application #24-01 for LWH Farms, LLC, 1,186 Acres at the Northeast Corner of Yosemite Avenue and Lake Road

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

The City Council will be asked to evaluate Preliminary Annexation Application #24-01 LWH Farms, LLC, 1,186+ acres of mixed-use development mostly at the northeast corner of Yosemite and Lake Roads.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion indicating general support for an official annexation application being processed for the LWH Farms project.

Principal Planner Jonnie LAN gave a slideshow presentation on the LWH Farms, LLC property annexation, pre-application #24-01.

Council, Mrs. LAN, and City Manager Scott MCBRIDE discussed the pre-annexation project, the UC Merced annexation, and details of the pre-annexation process.

Ashley Marie SUAREZ, Merced - spoke on the monetary impact of the project and supporting existing communities.

Council discussed existing communities, the annexation of UC Merced, the impact of this project to the University, affordable housing, housing development, and lack of student housing.

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



**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Perez, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**K.3.**

**SUBJECT:** Report for Discussion on Preliminary Annexation Application #23-01 for Annexation of Property Near the Northeast Corner of South G Street and Cone Avenue for Surjit Purewal, Applicant

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

The City Council will be asked to evaluate Preliminary Annexation Application #23-01 for an annexation project, 5.9 acres of proposed Low Medium Density Residential (R-2), for the development of for-sale duplexes on the north side of Cone Avenue, east of South G Street.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion indicating general support for an official annexation application being processed for the proposed annexation project submitted by Surjit Purewal.

Principal Planner Jonnie LAN gave a slideshow presentation on the Cone Annexation pre-application #23-01.

Council and City Manager Scott MCBRIDE discussed natural boundaries of the annexation, details of the potential issues regarding the annexation, and the decision of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo).

Ashley Marie SUAREZ, Merced - spoke on the needs of existing communities in South Merced within the City's sphere of influence.

Council and Mr. MCBRIDE discussed for the process of asking the applicant to include more area, providing connections to unincorporated areas not yet annexed, conversations with Leadership Counsel, assistance from Merced County, and support of affordable housing.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Perez, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

**No:** 0

Absent: 0

## L. BUSINESS

L.1. **SUBJECT:** Council Member Xiong's Request to Discuss the Feasibility of an In-House Graffiti Abatement

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Council Member Xiong's request to discuss the feasibility of an in-house graffiti abatement.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Provide direction to staff on the next steps.

Council Member XIONG discussed the request for the feasibility of an in-house graffiti abatement.

Council and City Manager Scott MCBRIDE discussed the cost of set-up, ongoing work, supplies, and city staff wages, the amount of graffiti for a single person, and grant opportunities.

**Clerk's Note:** There was no formal vote taken.

L.8. **SUBJECT:** Adoption of a Resolution to Display the Pride Flag at Bob Hart Square for the Month of June 2024 per City Council Policy C-7

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers adopting a Resolution to display the Pride Flag in Bob Hart Square for the month of June 2024 per the City Council Policy C-7.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion approving **Resolution 2024-61**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, authorizing the display of the Commemorative Flag on the City flagpole in Bob Hart Square for the month of June 2024.

**Clerk's Note:** Council made a motion to move Agenda Item L.8. to be heard between Agenda Items L.1. and L.2.

Mayor SERRATTO pulled this item at the request of various residents.

**Clerk's Note:** The following speakers appeared in person.

Eric DOSS, Merced - asked Council to continue support and to keep the

revenue in the City.

Mahealani LAROSA, Merced - urged Council to raise the Pride flag and shared details of the Pride community.

Mel ALEXANDRA, Merced - expressed support to raise the Pride flag in the park and shared details of the Pride community.

Jared JARVIS, Merced - spoke in support of raising the Pride flag.

Kymm COSTA, Merced - spoke on the history of the Pride flag being raised.

Miriam BARLOW, Merced - spoke in support of the LGBTQ+ community and shared a personal story.

Valor SMALLWOOD, Merced - spoke on the history of the Pride flag being raised.

Jess ROE, Merced - spoke on the representation of the Pride flag.

Amanda DAY, Merced - spoke on wanting Merced to be a welcoming city to the community.

Kelsey LOPEZ, Merced - spoke on the support from the community.

Jesse CRUZ, Merced - spoke on the community involvement for the Pride flag.

Marcos GARCIA-OJEDA, Merced - expressed support on raising the Pride flag and shared details of the Pride flag.

Ale PULIDO, Merced - spoke on Merced being a diverse community and hopes Merced continues raising the Pride flag.

Maeve MCCORMICK, Merced - spoke in support of raising the Pride flag and shared a personal story.

Fabiola, Merced - spoke on the welcoming community in Merced.

Emily BAUER, Merced - urged Council to raise the Pride flag in support of the LGBTQ+ community.

Sam FELLOWS, Merced - spoke in support of raising the Pride flag and

shared details of the flag.

Jessica LEE, Merced - urged Council to continue support of raising the Pride flag.

Jennifer COSTA, Merced - spoke in support of raising the Pride flag.

Alejandro CORTES, Merced - urged Council to raise the Pride flag, spoke on the budget for police, and for a cease fire.

Jerod MOORE, Merced - spoke in support of raising the Pride flag.

**Clerk's Note:** The following comments were received via voicemail.

Terry RUSCOE, Merced - shared concerns of the display of the flag.

Merced Resident - expressed support of the Agenda Item for the community.

Merced Resident - spoke in opposition on flying the flag and shared support to only fly the United States and California flag.

Merced Resident - spoke on other holidays not flying a flag and suggested only flying the flag for one day.

Karen ORONG, Merced - spoke in opposition of flying the Pride flag.

Matthew HANSEN, Merced - spoke in support of flying the Pride flag.

Alan WALKER, Merced - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag.

Paul LADD, Merced - spoke in opposition on flying the flag and shared support to only fly the United States and California flag.

Merced Resident - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag, requested Council to deny the request, and asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7.

James RABUSE, Merced - spoke in opposition of flying the LGBTQ Flag in the City of Merced.

Clara THORNTON, Merced - asked Council to vote against raising a flag for one group of people.

Merced Resident - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag, requested

Council to deny the request, and asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7.

Stephanie FAHL, Merced - spoke in opposition the Pride flag over Bob Hart Square and military flags not being flown.

Sarah JOHNSON, Merced - spoke in opposition of the Pride flag being displayed and stated only the American flag should be flown.

Inez MORALES, Merced - spoke in opposition of flying the Pride flag at Bob Hart Square.

Lonnie PAUL, Merced - spoke in opposition of the Pride flag being displayed and stated only the American flag should be flown.

Merced Resident - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag, requested Council to deny the request, and asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7.

John GUZMAN, Merced - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag, requested Council to deny the request, and asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7.

Merced Resident - spoke in opposition of the Pride flag being flown at Bob Hart Square and stated that only the American flag should be flown.

Jesse TAYLOR, Merced - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag, requested Council to deny the request, and asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7.

John FISHER, Merced - spoke in opposition of flying the gay flag.

Krystal CAMPOS, Merced - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag, requested Council to deny the request, and asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7.

Joel DORMAN, Merced - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag, requested Council to deny the request, and asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7.

Jay THOMAS, Merced - requested Council to deny the request and asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7.

Davine TAYLOR, Merced - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag, requested Council to deny the request, and asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7.

Anita MEDEIROS, Merced - spoke in preference to not fly the gay Pride flag for the month of June.

Stephen TAYLOR, Merced - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag, requested Council to deny the request, and asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7.

Merced Resident - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag, requested Council to deny the request, and asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7.

Cindy RODRIGUEZ, Merced - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag, requested Council to deny the request, and asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7.

Thomas VALENCIA, Merced - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag, requested Council to deny the request, and asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7.

Jean JOHNSON, Merced - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag, requested Council to deny the request, and asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7.

Merced Resident - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag, requested Council to deny the request, and asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7.

Deborah COWDEN, Merced - spoke in opposition of adding the gay flag to the flagpole.

Ester SALADO, Merced - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag, requested Council to deny the request, and asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7.

Jessica GOBLER, Merced - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag, requested Council to deny the request, and asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7.

Shawn HESS - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag and asked Council to deny the request.

Merced Resident - spoke in support of straight pride.

Merced Resident - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag, requested Council to deny the request, and asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7.

Rick WENDLING, Merced - spoke in opposition of flying the Pride flag and asked Council to refuse flying the flag.

Merced Resident - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag, requested Council to deny the request, and asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7.

Monica MALDONADO, Merced - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag, requested Council to deny the request, and asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7.

Karen ASHER, Merced - asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7, spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag, and requested Council to deny the request.

Kate UPTON, Merced - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag, requested Council to deny the request, and asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7.

Paul TAYLOR, Merced - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag, requested Council to deny the request, and asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7.

Ronny MARTINEZ, Merced - spoke in opposition of the flag that is being raised and shared his opinion.

Evan DOSS, Merced - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag, requested Council to deny the request, and asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7.

Mandy MOSS, Merced - spoke on her rights and asked Council to consider taking it down.

Serena MARTINEZ, Merced - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag, requested Council to deny the request, and asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7.

Martha GUZMAN, Merced - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag, requested Council to deny the request, and asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7.

Jollie DENHAM, Merced - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag, requested Council to deny the request, and asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7.

Melanie POLLEN, Merced - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag, requested Council to deny the request, and asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7.

Heather PHAN, Merced - requested Council to deny the request, asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7, and spoke in opposition of Consent Item I.8.

David MACLACHLAN, Merced - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag, requested Council to deny the request, and asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7.

Gary DENHAM, Merced - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag, requested Council to deny the request, and asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7.

Ann BAGGOTT, Merced - voted no on the request.

Merced Resident - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag, requested Council to deny the request, and asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7.

Alicia, Merced - asked Council to vote no on raising the Pride flag.

Katrina, Merced - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag, requested Council to deny the request, and asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7.

Krista CASIAS, Merced - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag, requested Council to deny the request, and asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7.

Geraldine RODRIGUEZ, Merced - spoke in opposition of raising the Pride flag, requested Council to deny the request, and asked to revise Administrative Policy C-7.

Jack MOBLEY, Merced - expressed opposition to Consent Item I.8. to fly the LGBTQ flag.

**Clerk's Note:** The following speaker appeared in person.

Colton DENNIS, Merced - spoke on the flags raised around the City of Merced, previous actions to raise the Pride flag, and stated the LGBTQIA community matters.



Council Member BOYLE encouraged organizations to come forward with their flag requests.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Perez, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**L.2. 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.

Mayor Pro Tempore PEREZ stated to vote for progressive people.

**L.3. 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.

Council Member ORNELAS reported on attending a panel meeting with the Attorney General regarding community violence.

Mayor Pro Tempore PEREZ stated being proud of Council for making the right decision.

Council Member SMITH gave a shout out to Colton DENNIS and stated he will be attending the Rules Committee.

Council Member BOYLE reported on attending the Fire Academy Graduation ceremony.

Mayor SERRATTO congratulated Fire Chief WILSON for the Fire Academy Graduation ceremony and Police Chief STANFIELD for a successful police operation.

## M. ADJOURNMENT

**Clerk's Note:** The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 AM.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Perez, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0