



# CITY OF MERCED

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

## Minutes Tax Transparency Commission

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Wednesday, May 14, 2025

6:00 PM

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### A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair PIUSER called the Special Meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

### B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### C. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 - Member Alison Kostecky, Member Cristina Garcia, Member Douglas Piuser, Member Amelia Johnson, Member Denise Murphy, and Member Eric Chu

**Absent:** 0

### D. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

### E. CONSENT CALENDAR

#### Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

**Aye:** 6 - Member Kostecky, Member Garcia, Member Piuser, Member Johnson, Member Murphy, and Member Chu

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

#### E.1.

**SUBJECT:** Annual Tax Transparency Commission Attendance Report

#### REPORT IN BRIEF

Yearly attendance report for the Tax Transparency Commission.

#### RECOMMENDATION

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

**This Consent Item was approved.**

**E.2.**                    **SUBJECT:** Tax Transparency Commission Minutes of November 12, 2024

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Tax Transparency Minutes from the meeting of November 12, 2024.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Tax Transparency Commission** - Adopt a motion approving and filing Tax Transparency Commission Minutes of November 12, 2024.

**This Consent Item was approved.**

**F. REPORTS**

**F.1.**                    **SUBJECT:** Measure C Revenue and Expense Reports - December 31, 2024, and March 31, 2025

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

Finance Officer Venus RODRIGUEZ gave a slideshow presentation on the Measure C revenue and expense reports.

Commissioners and Mrs. RODRIGUEZ discussed the drop in goods, details of changes to the quarter,

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

**Aye:** 6 - Member Kostecky, Member Garcia, Member Piuser, Member Johnson, Member Murphy, and Member Chu

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**F.2.**                    **SUBJECT:** Review City Manager Recommended Measure C Budget for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year - Revenue and Expenditures

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Tax Transparency Commission** - Adopt a motion making a recommendation to the City Council regarding the proposed 2025/2026 Fiscal Year Budget.

Finance Officer Venus RODRIGUEZ gave a slideshow presentation on the

Measure C budget for 2025-2026 as recommended by the City Manager.

Commissioners, Mrs. RODRIGUEZ, and City Manager discussed the old Measure C funding, details of the grinder that Public Works is requesting to purchase, the price of a fire truck, receiving the Fire Department's update presentation from the previous year, details of the new Measure C, and details of the proposed budget.

**A motion was made by Member Chu, seconded by Member Garcia, to recommend the proposed budget to Council. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Member Kostecky, Member Garcia, Member Piuser, Member Johnson, Member Murphy, and Member Chu

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**F.3.**

**SUBJECT:** Measure Y Revenue and Expense Reports - December 31, 2024, and March 31, 2025

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

Finance Officer Venus RODRIGUEZ gave a slideshow presentation on the Measure Y revenue and expense reports.

There were no Commissioner comments.

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

**Aye:** 6 - Member Kostecky, Member Garcia, Member Piuser, Member Johnson, Member Murphy, and Member Chu

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**F.4.**

**SUBJECT:** Review City Manager Recommended Measure Y Budget for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year - Revenue and Expenditures

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Tax Transparency Commission** - Adopt a motion making a recommendation to the City Council regarding the proposed 2025/2026 Fiscal Year Budget.

Finance Officer Venus RODRIGUEZ gave a slideshow presentation on the Measure Y budget for 2025-2026 fiscal year as recommended by the City Manager.

Commissioners, Mrs. RODRIGUEZ, Fire Chief Casey WILSON, Director of Recreation and Community Services Christopher JENSEN, and Police Captain Joey PEREZ discussed details of the items being purchased by the Fire Department, details of the sports complex, the revenue being generated from the Recreation and Community Services Department, and details of cannabis related police responses.

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

**Aye:** 6 - Member Kostecky, Member Garcia, Member Piuser, Member Johnson, Member Murphy, and Member Chu

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

## G. BUSINESS

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

#### **REPORT IN BRIEF**

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

Commissioner GARCIA requested an update on the Safe Streets Installation and the Roads Repavement Projects.

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

#### **REPORT IN BRIEF**

Provides an opportunity for the Chair and/or Member(s) to make a brief announcement on any activity(ies) she/he has attended on behalf of the Commission and to make a brief announcement on future community events and/or activities. The Brown Act does not allow discussion or action by the legislative body under this section.

## H. ADJOURNMENT

**Clerk's Note:** The Special Meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM.

**A motion was made by Member Murphy, seconded by Member Garcia, that this Special Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Member Kostecky, Member Garcia, Member Piuser, Member Johnson, Member Murphy, and Member Chu

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0