



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

Thursday, February 11, 2021

5:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor SERRATTO called the Virtual Town Hall Meeting to order at 5:39 PM.

A.1. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Council Member ECHEVARRIA led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

B. ROLL CALL

- Present:** 6 - Mayor Matthew Serratto, Council Member Fernando Echevarria, Council Member Delray Shelton, Council Member Bertha Perez, Council Member Jesse Ornelas, and Council Member Sarah Boyle
- Absent:** 1 - Mayor Pro Tempore Kevin Blake

B.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.

C. OPENING COMMENTS

All Council Members welcomed the public and thanked them for participating virtually in the meeting and the survey.

C.1. Matt Serratto - Mayor

Mayor SERRATTO briefly explained the process and reasons the City Council holds yearly Town Hall Meetings.

City Manager Stephanie DIETZ, City Attorney Phaedra NORTON, and Finance Officer Venus RODRIGUEZ introduced themselves for those attending virtually.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

City Manager DIETZ gave a presentation that reviewed the public survey

that was available on the City's website prior to the Virtual Town Hall Meetings, discussed the results of the survey, and how the City would use the information to improve services and help the Council set budget priorities.

Council and Ms. DIETZ reviewed questions submitted via the survey and fielded questions through the City's social media. Comments, questions and topics included senior services, City infrastructure responsibilities, Code Enforcement services, ways to communicate issues to City staff, railway quiet zones, downtown revitalization, City partnerships with other agencies, potential new businesses, Covid-19 vaccinations, bike lanes in Merced, and affordable housing and homeless issues.

E. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council and Ms. DIETZ gave brief closing comments and thanked the residents.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The Virtual Town Hall Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

A motion was made by Council Member Ornelas, seconded by Council Member Perez, that the meeting be adjourned.. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Council Member Echevarria, Council Member Shelton, Council Member Perez, Council Member Ornelas, and Council Member Boyle

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Pro Tempore Blake