



CITY OF MERCED

Meeting Agenda

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

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

Monday, April 6, 2026

6:00 PM

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

Closed Session at 5:00 PM/Regular Meeting at 6:00 PM

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A. CLOSED SESSION ROLL CALL

B. CLOSED SESSION

The legislative body shall provide the public with an opportunity to address the body on any item described in Closed Session [Government Code Section 54954.3(a)].

B.1. [26-282](#) **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)**

B.2. [26-283](#) **SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS Agency Designated Representatives: City Manager Scott McBride, City Attorney Craig Cornwell, Finance Officer Venus Rodriguez, Deputy City Manager Frank Quintero, Human Resources Manager Suzanne Fierro, LCW Legal Representative Che Johnson; Employee Organization: Merced Police Non-Sworn Association. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6**

C. CALL TO ORDER

C.1. Invocation - Monika Grasley, LifeLine CDC

C.2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

D. ROLL CALL

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

F. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

F.1. [26-194](#) **SUBJECT: Proclamation - National Donate Life Month**

REPORT IN BRIEF

Received by Leo Hernandez of the Donor Network West.

F.2. [26-267](#) **SUBJECT: Certificate of Recognition to Members of the Merced Special Olympics for Achievement**

REPORT IN BRIEF

Received by members of the Merced Special Olympic.

G. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public who wish to speak on any matter not listed on the agenda may speak during this portion of the meeting and will be allotted 3 minutes. The Mayor may propose a further limit to the time available for all speakers at the discretion of the City Council, in order to accommodate as many speakers as possible. State law prohibits the City Council from acting at this meeting on any matter raised during the public comment period. Members of the public who wish to speak on a matter that is listed on the agenda will be called upon to speak during discussion of that item.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

Adoption of the Consent Calendar may be made by one motion of the City Council, provided that any Council member, individual, or organization may request removal of an item from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration. If a request for removal of an item from the Consent Calendar has been received, the item will be discussed and voted on separately.

I.1. [26-208](#) **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.

I.2. [26-233](#)

SUBJECT: Information Only Contracts for the Month of March 2026

REPORT IN BRIEF

Notification of awarded Non-Public Works contracts under \$39,000 and of Public Works contracts under \$87,278.

I.3. [26-234](#)

SUBJECT: Approval of Service Agreement with ABS Direct, Inc for Printing and Mailing Services Through June 30, 2027

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving a Service Agreement with ABS Direct, Inc through June 30, 2027, to align with the completion of Tyler Technologies conversion and implementation of all modules.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving Service Agreement with ABS Direct, Inc in the not to exceed amount of \$605,000; and,

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

I.4. [26-189](#)

SUBJECT: Approval of a First Amendment to Services Agreement with Phase II Systems for the Section 115 Post Employment Benefit Trust Administered by Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) to Fund the City's Pension Benefits

REPORT IN BRIEF

Requests approval of a First Amendment to Services Agreement with Phase II Systems, doing business as "Public Agency Retirement Services" and "PARS" for administrative services as Trust Administrator for pre-funding pension obligations.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion approving the First Amendment to

Services Agreement with Phase II Systems, doing business as “Public Agency Retirement Services” and “PARS” for administrative services as Trust Administrator for pre-funding pension obligations and authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute the necessary documents.

I.5. [26-216](#)

SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution Setting a Public Meeting for Monday, June 1, 2026, and a Public Hearing for Monday, June 15, 2026, Regarding Maintenance Districts Engineer’s Reports and Budgets - Fiscal Year 2026/2027

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers adopting a Resolution to set a public meeting for Monday, June 1, 2026, to address the proposed Engineer’s Reports and Budgets and a formal public hearing for Monday, June 15, 2026, before a determination is made on the level of assessment to approve.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion adopting **Resolution 2026-11**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, approving Engineer’s Reports on Maintenance Districts and setting a public meeting and a public hearing thereon.

I.6. [26-275](#)

SUBJECT: Authorizing a Letter of Conditional Commitment Reservation of up to \$1,756,934 of the City’s U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Funding to Linc Housing Towards Construction of an Affordable Rental Housing Project

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers authorizing a conditional commitment reservation letter to be signed by the City Manager and issued to Linc Housing, developer of the future “I Street, Merced” Apartments, a 54-unit affordable housing project to be located over five combined parcels (pending lot merger) for up to \$1,756,934 of the City’s 2021, 2022, and 2023 allocations of HUD HOME funds.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Authorizing a Conditional Commitment Reservation letter to be provided to developer Linc Housing, for the pending 54-unit affordable housing project, for up to \$1,756,934 of the City’s HUD HOME funding; and,

B. Authorizing the City Manager to execute and issue the subject conditional commitment reservation letter, including any revised letter due to any necessary and minor changes to the reservation amount or other administrative reasons, and all related documents.

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Members of the public who wish to speak on public hearings listed on the agenda will be heard when the Public Hearing is opened, except on Public Hearing items previously heard and closed to public comment. After the public has commented, the item is closed to further public comment and brought to the Council for discussion and action. Further comment will not be received unless requested by the Council.

J.1. [26-179](#) **SUBJECT:** Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of a Resolution to Update and Establish User and Regulatory Fees for the Development Services Departments Effective July 1, 2026

REPORT IN BRIEF

Public hearing and adopt a resolution updating and establishing various user and regulatory fees for the Development Services Departments effective July 1, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion adopting **Resolution 2026-10**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, Updating and Establishing Various User and Regulatory Fees.

K. ACTION ITEMS

K.1. [26-186](#) **SUBJECT:** Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Precision Civil Engineering, Inc. in the Amount of \$246,587.65, and a Deposit and Reimbursement Agreement with Tavares 2015 Trust in the Amount of \$271,245.82, for the Preparation of an Environmental Report to Facilitate the Annexation (Annexation-25-0003) of 37 Parcels, Approximately 366 Acres

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving a Professional Services Agreement with Precision Civil Engineering, Inc., along with a Reimbursement Agreement with Tavares 2015 Trust, for the preparation of an environmental document to annex 366 acres into the City of Merced for future development. The subject site is located on the northeast corner of East Mission Avenue and

Tyler Road.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving the Deposit and Reimbursement Agreement with Tavares 2015 Trust, a California Limited Partnership, in the amount of \$271,245.82 to cover the cost of the consultant contract (\$246,587.65) and staff time (\$24,658.17) for the administration of the environmental review process; and,

B. Approving the Professional Services Agreement with Precision Civil Engineering in the amount of \$246,587.65 for preparation of an environmental document for the annexation of approximately 366 acres into the City of Merced; and,

C. Approving an increase of revenue in the amount of \$246,588 to Fund 3000-Development Services, Developer Capital Fee and appropriating the same to Professional Services for payment to Precision Civil Engineering; and,

D. Approving an increase of revenue in the amount of \$24,659 to account Fund 3000-Development Services, Cost Recovery; and,

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

L. REPORTS

L.1. [26-268](#)

SUBJECT: Presentation and Discussion of Senate Bill 707 Overhaul of the Ralph M. Brown Act ("Brown Act")

REPORT IN BRIEF

Staff will provide an overview of the legal changes to the Brown Act as a result of the passage of Senate Bill 707 in 2025 and their impact on the City.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Discuss and provide direction to staff for further implementation and planning purposes.

L.2. [26-269](#)

SUBJECT: Update on Essential Air Service and Other Projects at the Merced Yosemite Regional Airport

Report in Brief

Presentation regarding updates on Essential Air Service, transition from Advanced Air to Contour Airlines, opening of the new terminal, and other tasks at the Merced Yosemite Regional Airport.

RECOMMENDATION

Information only-no action required.

L.3. [26-203](#)

SUBJECT: Presentation on the 2025 Police Department Crime Statistics, Update on Real Time Information Center (RTIC), Blue Light Camera Program and NIBIN Program

REPORT IN BRIEF

Captain Perez to provide a presentation on the 2025 statistical crime data as well as a brief overview of CompStat. In addition, Lt. Haygood and Lt. Salyers will provide updates on the RTIC, Blue Light Camera program and the NIBIN program.

RECOMMENDATION

For information only.

M. BUSINESS

M.1. [26-278](#)

SUBJECT: Appointment to the Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission to Fill the District 3 Vacancy

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers the appointment of Cynthia Kelly to the Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission District 3 Vacancy.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion accepting the nomination and appointing to Cynthia Kelly to fill District 3 vacancy to the Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission.

M.2. [26-209](#)

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.

M.3. [26-210](#)

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.

N. ADJOURNMENT