



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

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

5:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor THURSTON called the Adjourned Regular Meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

A.1. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Stanley P. Thurston, Mayor Pro Tempore Joshua Pedrozo, Council Member Michael Belluomini, Council Member Kevin Blake, Council Member Tony Dossetti, Council Member Noah Lor, and Council Member Mike Murphy

Absent: 0

C. Interviews of High Speed Rail Consultants

Council requested that only the current firm being interviewed be in the room.

Frank QUINTERO, Economic Development Director - gave a brief overview of the interview process.

Marcus TUCKER, High Speed Rail Coordinator - laid out the guidelines and timeframes to be used during the interviews.

1. AECOM

Members of AECOM in attendance - Alan FOLKS, Jeff GORMAN, Bill ANDERSON, and Gene ENDICOT.

The AECOM team gave a slide presentation on their qualifications and experience with the design and planning of a high speed rail station.

Council asked follow-up clarifying questions for items not covered in the presentation.

The AECOM team responded to the questions.

Clerk's Note: Mayor Thurston called for a 5 minute recess.

2. Hatch Mott Macdonald

Members of Hatch Mott McDonald in attendance - Kara STROM, Richard DAVIES, Laurelei CAVEL, Eric BANGHART, Richard LEE, and Jason MOODY.

The Hatch Mott McDonald team gave a slide presentation highlighting their qualifications and experience with the design and planning of a high speed rail station.

Council asked follow-up clarifying questions for items not covered in the presentation.

The Hatch Mott McDonald team responded to the questions.

Clerk's Note: Mayor Thurston called for a 5 minute recess.

3. Opticos

Members of Opticos Design in attendance - Stephan PELLEGRINI, Josh MEYER, Lisa WISE, Mika SETI, Jeff TUMBLIN, Jim DAMPOVICH, and Matt MATTOX.

The Opticos Design team gave a slide presentation highlighting their qualifications and experience with the design and planning of a high speed rail station.

Council asked follow-up clarifying questions for items not covered in the presentation.

The Opticos Design team responded to the questions.

Clerk's Note: Mayor Thurston called for a 5 minute recess.

D. BUSINESS

D.1. Council Direction to Complete Contract Document with High Speed Rail Consultant

Mayor THURSTON gave an overview of his ratings for the five required items presented by each firm. He requested that City Manager BRAMBLE read the names of the ad-hoc committee that originally rated the firms.

City Manager BRAMBLE read the committee list.

Mayor THURSTON stated his full support for the decision of the committee to award the contract to Opticos Design.

Council Member BLAKE stated that he liked the firms that had an engineer on staff. He voiced support for Hatch Mott McDonald.

Mayor Pro-Tempore PEDROZO felt that having a local connection was important to have. He voiced his support for Hatch Mott McDonald.

Council Member BELLUOMINI stated that AECOM and Opticos were very close competitors. He voiced a preference for AECOM as a first choice.

Council Member LOR appreciated the difficult decision that needed to be made. He favored Hatch Mott McDonald.

Council Member DOSSETTI stated appreciation to the firms for coming back for a second time.

Council Member MURPHY went through his criteria for judging the firms. He stated his support for AECOM.

A motion was made by Mayor Thurston, seconded by Council Member Belluomini, to award the High Speed Rail Planning Contract to AECOM. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Murphy, and Mayor Thurston

No: 4 - Council Member Blake, Council Member Dossetti, Council Member Lor, and Mayor Pro-Tempore Pedrozo

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Pedrozo, seconded by Council Member Lor, to award the High Speed Rail Planning

Contract to Hatch Mott McDonald. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Pro-Tempre Pedrozo, Council Member Lor, Council Member Dossetti, Council Member Blake, and Council Member Murphy

No: 2 - Mayor Thurston and Council Member Belluomini

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

E. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: The meeting adjourned at 9:39 pm.

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Thurston, Mayor Pro Tempore Pedrozo, Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Blake, Council Member Dossetti, Council Member Lor, and Council Member Murphy

No: 0

Absent: 0