



CITY OF MERCED

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

Minutes Tax Transparency Commission

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

6:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair KOSTECKY called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Member Alison Kostecky, Member Cristina Garcia, Member Amelia Johnson,
Member Denise Murphy, and Member Eric Chu

Absent: 0

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

E. **SUBJECT:** Tax Transparency Commission Minutes of May 14, 2025

REPORT IN BRIEF

Tax Transparency Minutes from the meeting of May 14, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

Tax Transparency Commission - Adopt a motion approving and filing
Tax Transparency Commission Minutes of May 14, 2025.

Clerk's Note: There was no Commissioner discussion.

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

F. ACTION ITEMS

F.1. **SUBJECT:** Measure C Revenue and Expense Reports - June 30, 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 Measure C revenue and expense report for June 30, 2025.

Commissioners and Mrs. RODRIGUEZ discussed how restaurants closing affect Measure C, revenue from businesses in the City, tracking general consumer goods in the City, and meetings held with consultants that track revenue.

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

Aye: 5 - Member Kostecky, Member Garcia, Member Johnson, Member Murphy, and Member Chu

No: 0

Absent: 0

F.2.SUBJECT: Measure Y Revenue and Expense Reports - June 30, 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 Measure Y revenue and expense report for June 30, 2025.

Commissioners, Mrs. RODRIGUEZ, and City Manager Scott MCBRIDE discussed the retail operators opening and details of the Commercial Cannabis process.

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

Aye: 5 - Member Kostecky, Member Garcia, Member Johnson, Member Murphy, and Member Chu

No: 0

Absent: 0

G. REPORTS

G.1.SUBJECT: Update on the Safe Streets Project

REPORT IN BRIEF

Update on the City's Safe Streets Project.

RECOMMENDATION

Information Only.

Senior Engineer Rick MADDUX gave a slideshow presentation on the Safe Streets Project.

Commissioners and Mr. MADDUX discussed the timeline of the project, the process of prioritizing light replacements, and areas where lights were not installed.

Clerk's Note: There was no formal vote taken, item was for information only.

G.2.

SUBJECT: Update on Road Pavement Projects

REPORT IN BRIEF

Update on the City's Road Pavement Projects.

RECOMMENDATION

Information Only.

Senior Engineer Rick MADDUX gave a slideshow presentation on road pavement projects.

Commissioners, Mr. MADDUX, Chief of Police Steven STANFIELD, and City Manager Scott MCBRIDE discussed the usage of the grinder at Public Works, the fiberoptic lines being placed in Merced by RACE, the safety aspect of directional changes, the process of road projects that are "in design" status, timeline for regional projects, updates on the Highway 59 Project, and the cost of the Bridge Replacement project.

Clerk's Note: There was no formal vote taken, item was for information only.

H. BUSINESS

H.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.

Deputy City Clerk Alejandra MEDINA stated that the Selection of Chair will be on the next Tax Transparency Commission agenda.

Clerk's Note: There was no future items added.

H.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.

Clerk's Note: There were no Commissioner comments.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM.

A motion was made by Member Chu, seconded by Member Johnson, that this Regular Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Member Kostecky, Member Garcia, Member Johnson, Member Murphy, and Member Chu

No: 0

Absent: 0