

CITY COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES
May 13, 2015

A. CLOSED SESSION ROLL CALL

Mayor Stanley Thurston, Mayor Pro Tempore Josh Pedrozo, Council Members Michael Belluomini, Kevin Blake, Tony Dossetti, Noah Lor, Mike Murphy

All Council Members were present, with the exception of Council Member LOR.

B. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor THURSTON called the Closed Session of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, to order at 5:04 p.m. The session adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNCIL – SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION: (1) Potential Case; AUTHORITY: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

C. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor THURSTON called the Adjourned Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Merced, California to order at 5:31 p.m.

D. ROLL CALL

Mayor Stanley Thurston, Mayor Pro Tempore Josh Pedrozo, Council Members Michael Belluomini, Kevin Blake, Tony Dossetti, Noah Lor, Mike Murphy

All Council Members were present, with the exception of Council Member LOR, who was absent, and Council Member DOSSETTI, who arrived at 5:33 p.m.

E. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

There was no report out of Closed Session.

F. REPORTS

1. Consideration and Confirmation of Emergency Water Meter Purchase

City Manager BRAMBLE briefed Council on the need to meet Governor Brown's new water mandates with the purchase of water meters. He stated a motion was needed to add this item to the agenda.

On a motion by Mayor Pro-Tem PEDROZO, seconded by Council Member BLAKE, a motion was made to make a determination that this item was an emergency item needing immediate action, and adopting **Resolution 2015-18** with amendments.

Clerk's Note: The motion passed with at 6-0 vote. Council Member LOR was absent.

G. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Revenue Forecast 2015-2016 and Five Year Financial Forecast

Finance Officer Brad GRANT made a presentation to Council regarding revenue estimates.

Council Members asked questions regarding revenue sources and fund balances. Finance Officer GRANT responded.

2. Overview of Budget and New Programs

City Manager John BRAMBLE made a presentation on a general overview of the proposed 2015-16 budget.

3. City Council Questions/Requests

Council Member BELLUOMINI asked for clarification on the possibility that industrial development would suffer from Governor Brown's water mandate. City Manager BRAMBLE answered.

Council Member BELLUOMINI asked about boosting recreation activities this summer. City Manager BRAMBLE answered.

4. Departmental Reviews

City Manager John BRAMBLE presented highlights from the proposed City Council budget, including a portion budgeted for Youth Council.

Michelle XIONG, Merced spoke about Youth Council issues.

Rev. Don RAMSEY, Merced spoke about Youth Council issues.

Caden LOR, Merced, spoke about Youth Council issues.

Andres REYES, Merced spoke about Youth Council issues.

City Council Members responded to comments made by members of the audience. Assistant to the City Manager Mike CONWAY also responded to comments made by members of the audience.

City Manager John BRAMBLE continued on to present highlights from the City Manager and City Clerk, Attorney, Finance and Economic Development department budgets.

Council Members asked questions about the status of current Economic Development projects. City Manager BRAMBLE responded. Economic Development Director Frank QUINTERO also responded to Council Member questions.

City Manager John BRAMBLE continued on to present highlights from the Recreation and Community Services.

Council Members asked questions about proposed new programs provided by the Recreation and Community Services department.

City Manager BRAMBLE and Assistant to the City Manager Mike CONWAY answered the Council's questions.

Kelly TURNER, Merced - asked about McNamara maintenance issues.

Michelle XIONG, Merced - spoke about youth programming.

City Manager John BRAMBLE continued on to present highlights from the Fire Department budget.

Fire Chief Shawn HENRY made a presentation on the proposed purchase of an Emergency Response Squad vehicle.

City Council Members asked questions related to fire engine brown-outs. Fire Chief HENRY responded to questions.

City Manager John BRAMBLE continued on to present highlights from the Development Services Department.

City Council Members asked questions related to forecasted development. City Manager John BRAMBLE and Development Services Director David GONZALVES answered the Council's questions.

City Manager John BRAMBLE continued on to present highlights from the Engineering department.

Council Members asked questions about the cost of Engineering projects. City Manager BRAMBLE answered the questions.

H. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no requests from audience members to speak.

I. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem PEDROZO, seconded by Council Member DOSSETTI to adjourn to Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. for an Adjourned Regular Meeting for budget discussions.

Clerk's Note: The vote passed 5-0 with Council Member BLAKE absent from the vote due to leaving at 6:15 p.m. and Council Member LOR who was absent. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.