



# 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

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Wednesday, October 4, 2017

6:00 PM

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#### A. STUDY SESSION ROLL CALL

Mayor MURPHY called the Study Session to order at 6:07 PM.

**Present:** 5 - Council Member Michael Belluomini, Council Member Anthony Martinez, Council Member Joshua Pedrozo, Council Member Matthew Serratto, and Mayor Mike Murphy

**Absent:** 2 - Mayor Pro Tempore Jill McLeod, and Council Member Kevin Blake

#### B. STUDY SESSION

##### SUBJECT: Study Session - Planning Commission Interviews

Assistant City Clerk John TRESIDDER stated that applicant Jeremy MARTINEZ would not be able to attend due to a work conflict, but that he would still like to be considered for one of the vacancies.

Planning Commission applicants answered a series of interview questions relating to Planning Commission roles and duties posed by City Manager Steve CARRIGAN, with follow-up questions by City Council.

Planning Commission applicants in attendance:

Sonia ALSHAMI, Mallory HULTGREN, Rick MCMILLION, and Emily SOUSA.

#### C. BUSINESS

##### SUBJECT: Appointments (2) - Planning Commission

##### REPORT IN BRIEF

Consider accepting nominations and appointing two applicants to the Planning Commission.

##### RECOMMENDATION

**City Council** - Adopt a motion accepting nominations and appointing two individuals to the Planning Commission with one term ending date of July

1, 2019 and one term ending date of July 1, 2021.

Council Members discussed the qualifications of the applicants and stated preferences to fill the two vacancies.

Council Member PEDROZO stated concern that two applicants did not show up to the interview and about the absence of two Council Members.

**A motion was made by Council Member Belluomini, seconded by Mayor Murphy, to appoint Jeremy Martinez to the Planning Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Martinez, Council Member Serratto, and Mayor Murphy

**No:** 1 - Council Member Pedrozo

**Absent:** 2 - Mayor Pro Tempore McLeod, and Council Member Blake

A motion was made by Council Member MARTINEZ to nominate Rick MCMILLION to the Planning Commission. The motion failed for a lack of second.

A motion was made by Council Member SERRATTO to nominate Daniel CARIS to the Planning Commission. The motion failed for a lack of second.

**A motion was made by Council Member Pedrozo, seconded by Council Member Belluomini, to appoint Sonia Alshami to the Planning Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 3 - Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Pedrozo, and Mayor Murphy

**No:** 2 - Council Member Martinez, and Council Member Serratto

**Absent:** 2 - Mayor Pro Tempore McLeod, and Council Member Blake

**Clerk's Note:** The appointment of Sonia ALSHAMI was deemed invalid post-meeting due to City of Merced Charter Section 702, which requires four affirmative votes for appointment to a City board or commission. Ms. ALSHAMI'S appointment was confirmed by a 7-0 vote of the Council at the Regular Meeting of November 6, 2017.

## D. ADJOURNMENT

**Clerk's Note:** The Study Session adjourned at 7:19 PM.

**A motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Council Member Pedrozo, to adjourn the Study Session. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Martinez, Council Member Pedrozo,  
Council Member Serratto, and Mayor Murphy

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Mayor Pro Tempore McLeod, and Council Member Blake