



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, January 5, 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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Council thiab yuav yog ib feem ntawm cov ntaub ntawv khaws tseg thiab yuav raug hais raws li ib feem ntawm kev sau ntawv thov tuaj thiab kev sib hais ntawm cov txheej txheem. Txhua qhov email tau txais 1 PM ntawd yuav muab tso rau hauv Lub Nroog qhov website ntawm www.cityofmerced.gov/government/city-council/council-meetings. Txhua tsab ntawv uas tau txais tom qab 1 PM lawm yuav muab xa rau cov Nom Tswv City Council thiab yuav khaws tseg rau hauv cov ntaub ntawv cai.

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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. [26-056](#) **SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION City of Merced v. California Department of Fish and Wildlife, et al. MSC Case No. 23CV 03845 Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)**

C. CALL TO ORDER

C.1. Invocation - Lamar Henderson, Human Services Agency All Dads Matter

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. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

G. 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.

H. 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.

H.1. [26-027](#) **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.

H.2. [26-043](#) **SUBJECT: Information Only Contracts for the Month of December 2025**

REPORT IN BRIEF

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

H.3. [26-009](#) **SUBJECT: Introduction of Ordinance to Amend Section 15.32.080, "State Connection Regulations - Backflow Protection Apparatus (BPA)" of the Merced Municipal Code to Reflect the State of California Water Board's Regulatory Replacement of Title 17 with the Cross Connection Control Policy Handbook**

REPORT IN BRIEF

Introduction of Ordinance to amend Section 15.32.080, "State Connection Regulations - Backflow Protection Apparatus (BPA)," to comply with new regulations that require all water suppliers to follow the most recent version of the State of California Water Board's Cross Connection Control Policy Handbook, the regulatory document

used to create the City of Merced Water Division's Cross Connection Control Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion introducing **Ordinance 2586**, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, amending Section 15.32.080, "State Connection Regulations - Backflow Control Devices," of the Merced Municipal Code.

H.4. [26-040](#)

SUBJECT: Approval of the Transition of Public Meeting Livestreams from Facebook to YouTube

REPORT IN BRIEF

Approval of the transition of public meetings from Facebook to YouTube to ensure long term public access, improved accessibility features, and broader compatibility across devices, while continuing to utilize existing broadcast platforms.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion approving the transition of public meeting livestreams from Facebook to YouTube.

H.5. [26-039](#)

SUBJECT: Transfer a Strip of Land Situated at 626 West Main Street (APN 031-134-025) to the City of Merced

REPORT IN BRIEF

Authorizes the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Merced to transfer its interest in 626 West Main Street to the City of Merced for future development project.

RECOMMENDATION

Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving the transfer of real property situated at 626 West Main Street (APN 031-134-025) to the City of Merced; and,

B. Authorizing the Executive Director or Designee to execute the necessary documents.

H.6. [26-049](#)

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution of the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Merced Approving a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for July 1, 2026, Through June 30, 2027 (ROPS 26-27)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving and adopting a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule as the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Merced for July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, which is due to the Department of Finance by February 1, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency - Adopt a motion approving **Resolution SA 2026-01**, a Resolution of the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Merced approving a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 26-27) including Administrative Budget for July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

H.7. [26-037](#)

SUBJECT: Approving Central San Joaquin Valley Risk Management Authority Joint Powers Agreement as Amended and Restated

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving a Joint Powers Agreement as Amended and Restated with the Central San Joaquin Valley Risk Management Authority (CSJVRMA) to coordinate for the purpose of pooling funds to provide coverage for indemnification and defense and to purchase excess insurance for certain civil claims involving general liability.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Adopting **Resolution 2026-03**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, Approving Amendment to Joint Powers Agreement of the Central San Joaquin Valley Risk Management Authority.

B. Authorizing the execution of Joint Powers Agreement as Amended and Restated with CSJVRMA to amend the Agreement dated July 1, 1994, and as amended July 1, 2025.

C. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

H.8. [26-050](#)

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution to Amend the Pay Ranges for the Temporary Classifications of Lifeguard I, Lifeguard II, Pool Manager, Recreation Coordinator, Recreation Leader, and Recreation Specialist. Effective January 1, 2026, to Comply with State of California Minimum Wage Requirements

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers adopting a Resolution to authorize amendments to the Pay Ranges for the Temporary Classifications of Lifeguard I, Lifeguard II, Pool Manager, Recreation Coordinator, Recreation Leader, and Recreation Specialist effective January 1, 2026, to comply with State of California minimum wage requirements.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Adopting a **Resolution 2026-02**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, amending the salary range for the temporary classifications of Lifeguard I, Lifeguard II, Pool Manager, Recreation Coordinator, Recreation Leader, and Recreation Specialist; and,

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

H.9. [26-047](#)

SUBJECT: Approval of Street Closure Request and Use of City Owned Real Estate by the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Committee for the Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Community March and Celebration on January 19, 2026, West 24th Street from the West Entrance of the Amtrak Station to I Street, Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Martin Luther King Jr Way from West 24th Street to West Main Street and the Use of a Portion of Parking Lot #14 Located at 1739 Martin Luther King Jr. Way

REPORT IN BRIEF:

Authorizes the use and closure of West 24th Street from the West entrance of the Amtrak Station to I Street, Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Martin Luther King Jr. Way from West 24th Street to West Main Street and a portion of the City Parking Lot #14 located at 1739 Martin Luther King Jr. Way on Monday, January 19, 2026, to hold a march, parade and food preparation for the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Adopting a motion approving the street closures for the parade staging area and route: W 24th Street from the east side of the west entrance of Amtrak to "I" Street, Martin Luther King Jr Way from W 24th Street to W Main Street; and, City parking lot 14, only to include the two isles on the east side of parking lot; and,

B. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents;
and,

H.10. [25-1066](#)

SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution to Accept the Grant Award of \$112,026 from the California Department of Justice California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016 Proposition 56 Grant for the Police Department to Conduct the Following Operations on Overtime Status: Shoulder Tap Enforcement Operations, Minor Decoy Enforcement Operations, Retail License Inspections, and Officer Education

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers accepting grant funding from the California Department of Justice (CADOJ) offered to the Merced Police Department in the amount of \$112,026 from the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016 Proposition 56 Grant to conduct the following operations on overtime status: shoulder tap enforcement operations, minor decoy enforcement operations, retail license inspections, and officer education.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Adopting **Resolution 2026-05**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, to accept the grant funds in the amount of \$112,026 from the State of California Department of Justice, Office of Attorney General, Tobacco Law Enforcement Grant Program and approving the Memorandum of Understanding; and,

B. Accepting FY2025 State of California Department of Justice grant funds in the amount of \$112,026; and,

C. Approving increase in revenue in the amount of \$57,188 in Fund 1000-General Fund (Police Division) and appropriating the same for conducting the enforcement operations; and,

D. Authorizing the use of pooled cash until grant funds are reimbursed;
and,

E. Authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute the necessary documents.

H.11. [26-054](#)

SUBJECT: Consideration of the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 10.24 of the Merced Municipal Code to Prohibit

Pedestrian Crossings Outside of Crosswalks and Repealing Existing
Section 10.24.020.

REPORT IN BRIEF

The Ordinance proposes revisions to Chapter 10.24 of the Merced Municipal Code to expressly prohibit pedestrians crossing outside of crosswalks and repeal the City of Merced's existing prohibition against standing in the roadway in accordance with California law.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Introducing and approving the first reading of **Ordinance 2587**, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, Amending Chapter 10.24 of the Merced Municipal Code to prohibit pedestrian crossings outside of crosswalks and repeal the prohibition on standing in roadways; and,

B. Set the Ordinance for a second reading and adoption.

H.12. [26-055](#)

SUBJECT: Approval of the Finance Officer Employment Agreement Extension for a Term of Five Years and Certain Benefits and Terms of Condition of Employment

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers the approval of the Finance Officer Employment Agreement for an additional term of five years with certain benefits and terms of condition of employment.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion approving the Finance Officer Employment Agreement for an additional term of five years with benefits and terms of conditions of employment.

H.13. [26-052](#)

SUBJECT: A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute All Documents Necessary to Effectuate the Sale of the Real Property located at 415 W. 18th Street, Merced, California, commonly known as the Merced Federal Building ("Property")

REPORT IN BRIEF

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to (1) allow the United States, acting through the General Services Administration, to exercise its reversionary interest in

the property located at 415 W. 18th Street, Merced, California (APN 031-064-007), commonly known as the Merced Federal Building, and (2) facilitate the subsequent sale of the property to the Merced County Office of Education (“MCOE”).

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to allow the United States, acting through the General Services Administration, to exercise its reversionary interest in the property located at 415 W. 18th Street, Merced, California; and,

B. Adopting **Resolution 2026-04**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, approving the sale of the Merced Federal Building located at 415 w.18th street, Merced, California; and,

C. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to allow for the closing of escrow for the sale of the Property to Merced County Office of Education.

I. BUSINESS

I.1. [26-060](#)

SUBJECT: Council Member Smith’s Request to Discuss Council Policy C-8 Regarding Council Subcommittee’s

REPORT IN BRIEF

Council Member Smith’s request to discuss a Council Policy he drafted regarding Council subcommittees.

RECOMMENDATION

Provide direction to staff on the next steps.

I.2. [25-1076](#)

SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Revision of the City Council Policy for Distribution of City Awards and Other Forms of Recognition from the City Council

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers adopting a Resolution and the proposed revisions to the City Council Policy for Distribution of City Awards and Other Forms of Recognition from the City Council.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion adopting **Resolution 2026-01**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, Adopting City Council Policy C-2, Distribution of City Awards and Other Forms of Recognition from the City Council.

I.3. [26-025](#) **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.

I.4. [26-031](#) **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.

J. ADJOURNMENT