



CITY OF MERCED

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

Minutes Tax Transparency Commission

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

6:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair KOSTECKY called the Tax Transparency meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Member Alison Kostecky, Member Amelia Johnson, Member Denise Murphy, Member Felipe Rojas-Flores, and Member Harpreet Takhar

Absent: 2 - Member Cristina Garcia, and Member Eric Chu

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public to leave a comment.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

E.1. **SUBJECT:** Tax Transparency Commission Minutes of February 10, 2026

REPORT IN BRIEF

Tax Transparency Minutes from the meeting of February 10, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

Tax Transparency Commission - Adopt a motion approving and filing Tax Transparency Commission Minutes of February 10, 2026.

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

Aye: 5 - Member Kostecky, Member Johnson, Member Murphy, Member Rojas-Flores, and Member Takhar

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Member Garcia, and Member Chu

E.2. **SUBJECT:** Annual Tax Transparency Commission Attendance Report

REPORT IN BRIEF

Yearly attendance report for the Tax Transparency Commission.

RECOMMENDATION

Tax Transparency Commission - Adopt a motion approving and filing the annual attendance report.

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

Aye: 5 - Member Kostecky, Member Johnson, Member Murphy, Member Rojas-Flores, and Member Takhar

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Member Garcia, and Member Chu

F. ACTION ITEMS**F.1. SUBJECT: Measure C Revenue and Expense Reports -March 31, 2026****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 slide show presentation on the Measure C Revenue and Expense Reports - March 31, 2026.

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

Aye: 5 - Member Kostecky, Member Johnson, Member Murphy, Member Rojas-Flores, and Member Takhar

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Member Garcia, and Member Chu

F.2. SUBJECT: Review City Manager Recommended Measure C Budget for 2026/2027 Fiscal Year - Revenue and Expenditures**RECOMMENDATION**

Tax Transparency Commission - Adopt a motion making a recommendation to the City Council regarding the proposed 2026/2027 Fiscal Year Budget.

Finance Officer Venus RODRIGUEZ gave a slide show presentation on the City Manager Recommended Measure C Budget for 2026/2027 Fiscal Year.

Commissioners, Ms. RODRIGUEZ and City Engineer Darryl JORDAN, discussed boom truck features and capabilities and the budget shortfall anticipated within the five-year forecast.

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

Aye: 5 - Member Kostecky, Member Johnson, Member Murphy, Member Rojas-Flores, and Member Takhar

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Member Garcia, and Member Chu

F.3.

SUBJECT: Measure Y Revenue and Expense Reports -March 31, 2026

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 slide show presentation on the Measure Y Revenue and Expense Reports - March 31, 2026.

Commissioners, Ms. RODRIGUEZ and Deputy City Manager Frank QUINTERO spoke on the new cannabis store on Hotel Drive and the timeline for its opening.

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

Aye: 5 - Member Kostecky, Member Johnson, Member Murphy, Member Rojas-Flores, and Member Takhar

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Member Garcia, and Member Chu

F.4.

SUBJECT: Review City Manager Recommended Measure Y Budget for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year - Revenue and Expenditures

RECOMMENDATION

Tax Transparency Commission - Adopt a motion making a recommendation to the City Council regarding the proposed 2025/2026 Fiscal Year Budget.

Finance Officer Venus RODRIGUEZ gave a slide show presentation on the City Manager Recommended Measure Y Budget for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year.

Commissioners and Ms. RODRIGUEZ thanked Director of Parks and Community Services Christopher JENSEN and discussed the community seeing improvements, school relationships and opportunities, and the definition of ALS - Advanced Life Support.

Clerk's Note: Correction, the Budget discussed was for the 2026/2027 Fiscal Year.

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

Aye: 5 - Member Kostecky, Member Johnson, Member Murphy, Member Rojas-Flores, and Member Takhar

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Member Garcia, and Member Chu

G. REPORTS

G.1. **SUBJECT:** Update on Road Pavement Projects

REPORT IN BRIEF

Update on the City's Road Pavement Projects.

RECOMMENDATION

Information Only.

City Engineer Daryl JORDAN gave a presentation on the City's Road Pavement Projects.

Commissioners and Mr. JORDAN spoke on a timeline of other projects and the McKee road project.

Clerk's Note: This item was for information-only no formal vote was taken.

G.2. **SUBJECT:** Update on the Street Light Project

REPORT IN BRIEF

Update on the City's Street Light Project.

RECOMMENDATION

Information Only.

City Engineer Daryl JORDAN gave a presentation on the Street Light Project.

There was no discussion.

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

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.

Clerk's Note: There were no requests to add items to future agenda.

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.

Commissioner FLORES noted that he was initially seated in the wrong spot and confirmed that the initial motions were corrected.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: The Tax Transparency Meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM.

A motion was made by Member Murphy, seconded by Member Johnson, to adjourn the Tax Transparency Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Member KostECKy, Member Johnson, Member Murphy, Member Rojas-Flores, and Member Takhar

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Member Garcia, and Member Chu