



# 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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Monday, March 17, 2025

6:00 PM

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#### A. CLOSED SESSION ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Mayor Matthew Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Sarah Boyle, Council Member Darin Dupont, Council Member Ronnie DeAnda, Council Member Michael Harris, Council Member Shane Smith, and Council Member Fue Xiong

**Absent:** 0

#### B. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor SERRATTO called the Closed Session to order at 5:06 PM.

**B.1.** **SUBJECT:** CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant Exposure to Litigation. One (1) Potential Case. Pursuant to California Government Code Section § 54956.9(d) (2)

**B.2.** **SUBJECT:** CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION Jasso vs. City of Merced; WCAB Case Number FRE-ADJ 15524679; Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

**Clerk's Note:** Council adjourned from Closed Session at 5:48 PM.

#### C. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor SERRATTO called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Invocation - Pastor Felix Phil Jenkins, Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church

The Invocation was delivered by Pastor Felix JENKINS of the Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Veterans from the audience led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

#### D. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Mayor Matthew Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Sarah Boyle, Council Member Darin Dupont, Council Member Ronnie DeAnda, Council Member Michael Harris, Council Member Shane Smith, and Council Member Fue Xiong

**Absent:** 0

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

There was no report.

## F. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

F.1. **SUBJECT:** Tahitian Dance Performance

### REPORT IN BRIEF

A Tahitian dance performed by the South Pacific Dance Company.

The South Pacific Dance Company performed a Tahitian dance and shared details of the 44th Annual Kiki Raina Tahiti Fete event.

## G. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

G.1. **SUBJECT:** Proclamation - National Vietnam War Veterans Day

### REPORT IN BRIEF

Received by representatives from the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mayor SERRATTO and Council Member HARRIS presented the National Vietnam War Veterans Day Proclamation to Veterans and representative from the Daughters of the American Revolution.

## H. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

**Clerk's Note:** Emails were received for the following agenda item and forwarded to Council prior to the meeting.

Public Comment: Patrick BRYANT, Steven DONAHUE, Angela LARA, and Tim SELF.

## I. PUBLIC COMMENT

Aggie FREEMAN, President of the Rotary Club Merced Sunrise, Merced - shared details of the Merced Sunrise Fundraising event.

Marcus ARELLANO, Merced - shared details of the Scholastic Book Fair and spoke on the importance of literacy.

Michael WAY, Merced - spoke on Merced growing towards UC Merced and the city not having opportunities for degrees held at UC Merced.

Jeann OKUYE, Merced - spoke on community members reaching out to Council Members and not receiving communication and shared goals of a Council Member in Visalia.

Olajida OGUNMAKUYA, Merced - shared concerns of the lack of bicycle and pedestrian lanes in Merced.

Lena IVORY, Merced - spoke on the homeless issue in Merced.

Christina VALENTI-FELIX, Merced - spoke on the Julius Prevention Company building being deemed unsafe and shared details of her organization.

Dedra COOKS, Merced - spoke keeping the Julius Prevention Company building open and details of the Julius Prevention Company.

Public Information Officer Jennifer FLACHMAN, Merced - shared details of the Yosemite Avenue Roadway Project.

## J. CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items J.4. Acceptance of the 2024 General Plan Annual Report Summarizing the Status of the Merced Vision 2030 General Plan and the Steps Taken to Implement the General Plan Policies and Implementation Actions and Acceptance of the 2024 Housing Element Annual Progress Report Summarizing the City's Progress in Meeting the City's Share of Regional Housing Needs and the Goals and Policies of the Housing Element Including Number of Entitlements, Permits, and Certificates of Occupancy for All Housing Types and J.7. Approval of a Statement of Service with Park Planet, in the Amount of \$108,208.63, for a Measure Y Funded Project to Replace Playground Equipment at Dennis Chavez Memorial Park CP250044 and Diego Rivera Park CP250043; were pulled for separate consideration.

## Approval of the Consent Agenda

**A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, seconded by Council Member Dupont, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

### J.1. **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.

**This Consent Item was approved.**

### J.2. **SUBJECT:** Approval of NASPO ValuePoint Agreement #MA1502 CELLCO PARTNERSHIP, D.B.A. Verizon Wireless Amendments Number Four Through Eight for Wireless Data and Voice Services

#### **REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers approving a NASPO ValuePoint Agreement #MA1502 CELLCO PARTNERSHIP, D.B.A. Verizon Wireless Amendments Number Four Through Eight for Wireless Data and Voice Services.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

A. Waiving the City's competitive bidding requirement as permitted by Merced Municipal Code section 3.04.210 and authorizing the purchases to be made with a cooperative purchase agreement through NASPO ValuePoint, a government procurement program; and,

B. Approval of NASPO ValuePoint Agreement #MA1502 CELLCO

PARTNERSHIP, D.B.A Verizon Wireless Amendments Number Four Through Eight for Wireless Data and Voice Services; and,

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

**This Consent Item was approved.**

**J.3.**

**SUBJECT:** Approval to Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Ahead Inc Doing Business as Kovarus Inc for a Server and Storage Area Network System for \$306,453.22 with 5% Contingency in an Amount not-to-Exceed \$321,776 in Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Through the State of California's Cooperative Agreement 1-24-70-19-19-70-19H1

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers approving to authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Ahead Inc Doing Business as Kovarus Inc for a Server and Storage Area Network System for \$306,453.22 with 5% Contingency in a not to Exceed Amount of \$321,776 in Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Through the State of California's Cooperative Agreement 1-24-70-19-19-70-19H1.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving to waive the competitive bidding requirements as stated in Section 3.04.210 of the Merced Municipal Code due to the State of California's cooperative purchasing program; and,

B. Approving the use of State of California Cooperative Agreement 1-24-70-19-19 (Enterprise Technology); and,

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

D. Authorizing the Buyer to issue a Purchase Order with Ahead Inc Doing Business As Kovarus Inc in an amount not to exceed \$321,776 of technology solutions.

**This Consent Item was approved.**

**J.5.**

**SUBJECT:** Approval to Purchase Two 2025, Hybrid Engine, AWD,

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Toyota Sienna from Certified Toyota Dealership(s) with Funding  
from the Youth Community Access Grant Award for an Amount Not  
To Exceed \$102,764.00

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers approving to waive competitive bidding requirements and purchasing two 2025, Hybrid Engine, AWD, Toyota Sienna from certified Toyota Dealerships for a not to exceed amount of \$102,764.00 to meet deliverables for the Youth Community Access Grant.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

- A. Waiving the competitive bidding process for a direct purchase; and,
- B. Approving the purchase of two 2025 Hybrid, AWD, Toyota Sienna from a Certified Toyota Dealer(s) for an amount not to exceed \$102,764.00; and,
- C. Authorizing the Purchasing Supervisor to issue a Purchase Order and the City Manager to execute any other necessary documents.

**This Consent Item was approved.**

**J.6.**

**SUBJECT:** Approval of a Card-Lock Fuel Station Service Agreement and a Fuel Delivery Services Agreement with Van De Pol Enterprises, Inc., for the Term of July 1, 2025, Through June 30, 2027, with the Option to Extend for Three Additional One-Year Periods Through June 30, 2030

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers approving two separate multi-year service agreements with Van De Pol Enterprises, Inc., to provide fueling services for City vehicles for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027, with potential extension through June 30, 2030.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

- A. Approving a Service Agreements with Van De Pol Enterprises, Inc., to provide card-lock fueling services for City vehicles; and,
- B. Approving a Service Agreement with Van De Pol Enterprise, Inc., to

provide fuel delivery services to all City dispensing stations and various generator sites; and,

C. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents including executing option periods.

**This Consent Item was approved.**

**J.4.**

**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of the 2024 General Plan Annual Report Summarizing the Status of the Merced Vision 2030 General Plan and the Steps Taken to Implement the General Plan Policies and Implementation Actions and Acceptance of the 2024 Housing Element Annual Progress Report Summarizing the City's Progress in Meeting the City's Share of Regional Housing Needs and the Goals and Policies of the Housing Element Including Number of Entitlements, Permits, and Certificates of Occupancy for All Housing Types

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers accepting the 2024 General Plan Annual Progress Report and the 2024 Housing Element Annual Progress Report and allows the public an opportunity to provide oral testimony and written comments regarding the 2024 Housing Element Annual Progress Report for information only.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion accepting the 2024 General Plan Annual Report and the 2024 Housing Element Annual Progress Report for information only.

Mayor SERRATTO pulled this item at the request of resident Michael WAY.

Michael WAY, Merced - introduced the Housing Infrastructure Transit Coalition club from UC Merced, spoke on the housing shortage, and projects not using their space efficiently.

Mayor SERRATTO briefly spoke on transit methods and annexations in Merced.

**A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, seconded by Council Member Dupont, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 0

J.7.

**SUBJECT:** Approval of a Statement of Service with Park Planet, in the Amount of \$108,208.63, for a Measure Y Funded Project to Replace Playground Equipment at Dennis Chavez Memorial Park CP250044 and Diego Rivera Park CP250043

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers approving a Statement of Service with Park Planet for a Measure Y funded project to replace playground equipment at two parks in South Merced.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

A. Waiving the City's competitive bidding requirement as permitted by Merced Municipal Code section 3.04.210 for standardizing existing park equipment; and,

B. Approving a Statement of Service with Park Planet in the amount of \$108,208.63 for playground equipment at two (2) parks and approving change orders up to 10% of the contract price; and,

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

Mayor SERRATTO pulled this item at the request of city staff.

**Clerk's Note:** Council Member DEANDA recused himself due to the proximity of his home.

**Clerk's Note:** There was no Council discussion.

**A motion was made by Council Member Dupont, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**Recused:** 1 - Council Member DeAnda



## K. ACTION ITEMS

- K.1. **SUBJECT:** Adoption of a Resolution to Approve the Multi-Jurisdictional Local Road Safety Plan and Approval of Environmental Review #25-06 Statutory Exemption for Feasibility and Planning Studies Pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15262

### REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers adopting a resolution to approve the Multi-Jurisdiction Local Road Safety Plan and approving Environmental Review #25-06 - Statutory Exemption for Feasibility and Planning Studies Pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15262.

### RECOMMENDATION

**City Council** - Adopt a motion adopting **Resolution 2025-16**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, adopting the Multijurisdictional Local Road Safety Plan.

Principal Planner Jonnie LAN and Principal Planner from merced County Association of Governments Meg PRINCE gave a slideshow presentation of the Local Roadway Safety Plan with the City of Merced and Merced County Association of Governments.

Council, Mrs. LAN, Police Chief Steve STANFIELD, Ms. PRINCE, and City Manager Scott MCBRIDE discussed details of the collision profiles, collision data from the Merced Police Department, details of the Multi-Jurisdictional Local Road Safety Plan, policy changes, and the approval process of the agenda item.

Michael WAY, Merced - spoke on the Local Road Safety Plan, details of bicycle lanes, and the safest types of bicycle lanes.

Council and Mrs. LAN discussed the feasibility of the Multi-Jurisdictional Local Road Safety Plan, details of traffic enforcement, funding for road improvement, minimizing speed limits on different streets, details of the Traffic Committee, and details of the Feasibility and Planning Studies for roads.

**A motion was made by Council Member Harris, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**K.2.**

**SUBJECT:** Administering Agency Amendment Modification Summary (E-76) for a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Grant CML-5085(060) for Use of \$80,896 in Post-Programming CMAQ Carryover Apportionment to Supplement the Construction Phase Funding for Project No. CP220064 - Sidewalks Along Parkwest Street and McGregor Street

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers accepting \$80,896 in Post-Programming CMAQ Carryover Apportionment for construction of sidewalks on Parkwest Street between Woodward Avenue and Windsor Avenue; McGregor Street between Home Avenue and Stuart Drive; Windsor Avenue between Parkwest Street and South R Street, Woodward Avenue between Parkwest Street and South R Street, and Home Avenue between Parkwest Street and McGregor Street.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

A. Accepting Post-Programming CMAQ Carryover Apportionment funds in the amount of \$80,896; and,

B. Approving a budget amendment increasing revenue in Fund 5005-Street and Signal CIP in the amount of \$80,896 and appropriating the same to Project No. CP220064 for costs associated with the construction of sidewalks on Parkwest Street, McGregor Street, Windsor Avenue, Woodward Avenue, and Home Avenue; and,

C. Approving the use of pooled cash until reimbursement is received from the grant; and,

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

Senior Engineer Rick MADDUX briefly discussed the acceptance of Post-Programming CMAQ Carryover Apportionment funds for Project Number CP220064.

**Clerk's Note:** There was no Council discussion.

**Clerk's Note:** Recommendation A and B required five affirmative votes from Council.

**A motion was made by Council Member Harris, seconded by Council Member Dupont, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**K.3.**

**SUBJECT:** Approval to Increase Revenue from the California Office of Emergency Services in the Amount of \$38,000 and Appropriate the Same in the General Fund for the Existing Contract with Forensics Nurse Specialist of Nor CA (FNSNC), LLC for a not to Exceed Amount of \$76,000 for Specialized SART Exams Through August 1, 2025

#### **REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers approving an increase in revenue from the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) in the amount of \$38,000 and appropriating the same in the General Fund for the existing contract with Forensics Nurse Specialist of Nor CA (FNSNC), LLC for a not to exceed amount of \$76,000 for specialized SART exams through August 1, 2025.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving an increase in revenue in the amount of \$38,000 from the California Office of Emergency Services and appropriating the same in the General Fund to continue the contract for local forensic exam services for victims and suspects involved in sexual assault investigations; and,

B. Approving up to \$76,000 with Forensic Nurse Specialists through August 1, 2025; and,

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

Police Chief Steve STANFIELD briefly discussed the actions that the Merced Police Department takes for victims of sexual assault, details of the current agreement with Forensics Nurse Specialist of Nor CA, and details of a future long-term agreement for sexual assault victims.

**Clerk's Note:** There was no Council discussion.

**Clerk's Note:** Recommendation A required five affirmative votes from Council.

**A motion was made by Council Member Dupont, seconded by Council Member Harris, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**K.4.**

**SUBJECT:** Approval to Accept Revenue from an Insurance Claim and Appropriate \$1,401,256.94 for the Sun Star Building and Approve a Statement of Service with CVE Demolition for \$211,775 Plus 20% Contingency

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers approving a partial proof of loss payment from McLarens Property Insurance Company for the claim submitted to Alliant Property Insurance for damages caused by the August 27, 2024, structure fire to the Merced Sun Star Building.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

A. Ratifying the Emergency Declaration due to the fire of the Sun Star Building; and,

B. Approving the Partial Proof of Loss Sworn Statement; and,

C. Accepting, Increasing Revenue in the amount of \$1,401,256.94 and appropriating the same in Fund 5004 Public Safety CIP; and,

D. Ratifying Waiving Competitive Bidding due to the Emergency Declaration and approving a Statement of Services with CVE Demolition to demolish the Merced Sun Star building for \$211,775 plus 20% contingency for a not to exceed amount of \$254,130; and,

E. Approving the use of pooled cash until reimbursement from the insurance claim has been received; and,

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

G. Allowing the Finance Officer to accept and appropriate future funds received from the insurance claim.

Senior Engineer Rick MADDUX and Deputy City Manager Frank QUINTERO discussed the approval to accept funding from an insurance claim for the Sun Star Building and the approval of a Statement of Services with CVE demolition.

Council, City Manager Scott MCBRIDE, and Mr. QUINTERO discussed the process of ratifying the Emergency Declaration and historical items inside the building.

**Clerk's Note:** Recommendation C and G required five affirmative votes from Council.

**A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, seconded by Council Member Harris, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

## L. REPORTS

**L.1.****SUBJECT: Housing Successor Agency Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

### **REPORT IN BRIEF**

Annual Report summarizing Housing Successor activity for the City of Merced (City) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 per Senate Bill (SB) 341 (DeSaulnier 2013-14), which requires the City to prepare an annual report on the City's compliance with housing successor requirements imposed by Health and Safety Code (HSC) Section 34176.1(f).

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Receive and file the Housing Successor Agency Annual

Report for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Management Analyst Leah BROWN gave a slideshow presentation on the Housing Successor Agency Annual Report.

**Clerk's Note:** There was no Council discussion.

**A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Dupont, that this agenda item be approved as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

## M. BUSINESS

### M.1. **SUBJECT:** Appointments to the Planning Commission (District 4)

#### REPORT IN BRIEF

Accept nominations to fill a seat on the Planning Commission.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

A. Accepting nominations and appointing an individual to serve as a member of the Planning Commission (District 4); or,

B. Directing staff to continue the recruitment of applicants.

Council discussed the vacancy and applicants for the Planning Commission.

**A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Dupont, to appoint Conchita Swiggart to the District 4 seat on the Planning Commission for a partial-term ending on July 1, 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

### M.2. **SUBJECT:** Appointments to the Recreation and Parks Commission

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(District 3)

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Accept nominations to fill a seat on the Recreation and Parks Commission.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

A. Accepting nominations and appointing an individual to serve as a member of the Recreation and Parks Commission (District 3); or,

B. Directing staff to continue the recruitment of applicants.

Council discussed the vacancy and applicants for the Recreation and Parks Commission.

**A motion was made by Council Member Harris, seconded by Council Member Dupont, to appoint Sabrina Abong to the District 3 seat on the Recreation and Parks Commission for a partial-term ending on July 1, 2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, and Council Member Smith

**No:** 3 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, and Council Member Xiong

**Absent:** 0

**M.3.**

**SUBJECT:** Appointments to the Tax Transparency Commission  
(Districts 3 and 4)

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Accept nominations to fill the Districts 3 and 4 seats on the Tax Transparency Commission.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

A. Accepting nominations and appointing individuals to serve as members of the Tax Transparency Commission (Districts 3 and 4); or,

B. Accepting nominations and appointing as many members as Council sees appropriate and directing staff to continue the recruitment of applicants.

Council discussed the vacancies and applicants for the Tax Transparency Commission.

A motion was made by Council Member Harris, seconded by Council Member Smith, to appoint Denise Murphy to the District 3 seat on the Tax Transparency Commission for a full-term ending on July 1, 2028. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Harris, to appoint Eric Chu to the District 4 seat on the Tax Transparency Commission for a partial-term ending on July 1, 2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**M.4.** **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.

**Clerk's Note:** No future items were added.

**M.5.** **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.

Council Member SMITH shared an update on the residents and the living conditions of the Brookdale Gardens apartments.

Council Member HARRIS shared a Proclamation he wrote for Mayor SERRATTO for participating in the HinCapie Bicycle Race.



Mayor SERRATTO shared details of the HinCapie Bicycle Race.

Council Member DUPONT reported on attending the HinCapie Bicycle Race event, touring the PG&E Diablo Canyon Power Plant, and several Subcommittee meetings.

Mayor Pro Tempore BOYLE reported on attending the HinCapie Bicycle Race event, the Police Swear-In Ceremony, the Bob Hart Square Ceremony, the official opening of Hola Cafecito, and thanked all City staff.

Mayor SERRATTO reported on attending several schools for Read Across America Week, and congratulated all local High Schools and UC Merced basketball teams.

## N. ADJOURNMENT

Police Chief Steve STANFIELD spoke on the passing of a previous Merced Police Explorer Abraham BUSTOS and requested Council to adjourn the meeting in his honor.

**Clerk's Note:** The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

**A motion was made by Council Member Dupont, seconded by Council Member Harris, that this Regular Meeting be adjourned in the memory of Abraham Bustos. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Boyle, Council Member Dupont, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Harris, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0