



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

Monday, April 2, 2018

6:00 PM

A. CLOSED SESSION ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Council Member Michael Belluomini, Council Member Anthony Martinez, Mayor Pro Tempore Jill McLeod, Council Member Joshua Pedrozo, Council Member Matthew Serratto, Mayor Mike Murphy, and Council Member Kevin Blake

Absent: 0

B. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor MURPHY called the Closed Session to order at 5:03 PM.

B.1. **SUBJECT:** CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2): (1) case

B.2. **SUBJECT:** CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS -- Agency Designated Representative: City Manager Steve Carrigan; Employee Organization: American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 57; Local 2703; International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1479; Merced Association of City Employees (MACE). AUTHORITY: Government Code Section 54957.6

B.3. **SUBJECT:** CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS -- Agency Designated Representative: City Manager Steve Carrigan; Unrepresented Management AUTHORITY: Government Code Section 54957.6

Clerk's Note: Council adjourned from Closed Session at 5:42 PM.

C. CALL TO ORDER

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

C.1. Invocation - Abdur Raqeeb Wali, Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

The invocation was delivered by Abdur Raqeeb WALI from the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

C.2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mayor MURPHY led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

D. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Council Member Michael Belluomini, Council Member Anthony Martinez, Mayor Pro Tempore Jill McLeod, Council Member Joshua Pedrozo, Council Member Matthew Serratto, Mayor Mike Murphy, and Council Member Kevin Blake

Absent: 0

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 and the Public Financing and Economic Development Authority. City Council members receive a monthly stipend of \$20.00 by Charter for sitting as the City Council; and the Mayor receives an additional \$50.00 each month as a part of the adopted budget and Resolution 1975-37. The members of the Parking Authority and the Public Financing and Economic Development Authority receive no compensation.

E. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

There was no report.

F. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

F.1. **SUBJECT:** Proclamation - Adult Education Day

REPORT IN BRIEF

Received by Steve Hobbs Merced Adult School Principal.

Mayor MURPHY presented Steve HOBBS, Principal at Merced Adult School the proclamation for Adult Education Day.

F.2. **SUBJECT:** Proclamation - Sexual Assault Awareness Month

REPORT IN BRIEF

Received by Chee Yang, Valley Crisis Center

Mayor MURPHY presented Chee YANG from Valley Crisis Center, the proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

G. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

H. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Shirley FARR, Merced - spoke on the Fahrens Park and dog park maintenance.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

Items I.7. Professional Services Agreement between the City of Merced and Merced Main Street Association in the Amount of \$60,000 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, I.11. Approval of an Update to the City's Investment Policy, I.12. Revenue Stabilization Fund Policy and Economic Development Opportunity Fund Policy, and I.14. Accept and Appropriate Donated Funds for Police K9 Unit; were pulled for separate consideration.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member Pedrozo, seconded by Council Member Blake, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Martinez, Mayor Pro Tempore McLeod, Council Member Pedrozo, Council Member Serratto, Mayor Murphy, and Council Member Blake

No: 0

Absent: 0

I.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.

I.2. **SUBJECT: Information-Only Contracts**

REPORT IN BRIEF

Notification of awarded Non-Public Works contracts under \$30,000 and of Public Works contracts under \$67,779.

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the authority delegated to the City Manager on behalf of the City by Article XI, Section 1109, of the Merced City Charter to execute Public Works contracts under the adjusted FY 2017-2018 threshold of

\$67,779.00, and Chapter 3.04.080 - 3.04.110 of the Merced Municipal Code to execute Non-Public Works contracts under the adjusted FY 2017-2018 threshold of \$30,000.00, the contracts listed on the attached table were entered into by the City.

This Consent Item was approved.

- I.3. **SUBJECT:** Information Only-Bicycle Advisory Commission Minutes of December 12, 2017

RECOMMENDATION

For information only.

This Consent Item was approved.

- I.4. **SUBJECT:** Information Only - Planning Commission Minutes of February 21, 2018

RECOMMENDATION

For information only.

This Consent Item was approved.

- I.5. **SUBJECT:** Traffic Committee Minutes of January 9, 2018

RECOMMENDATION

For information only.

This Consent Item was approved.

- I.6. **SUBJECT:** City Council/Public Financing and Economic Development/Parking Authority Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2018 and March 8, 2018

REPORT IN BRIEF

Official adoption of previously held meeting minutes.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council/Public Financing and Economic Development/Parking Authority - Adopt a motion approving the meeting minutes of March 5, 2018 and March 8, 2018.

This Consent Item was approved.

- I.8. **SUBJECT:** Resolution Implementing Local Business Preference

Policy

REPORT IN BRIEF

Resolution implementing a policy that allows for a 5% local preference when purchasing goods and services from vendors.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion adopting **Resolution 2018-18**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, adopting a Local Business Preference Policy.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.9.

SUBJECT: Approval of Two Agreements for Professional Services with Tait Environmental Services, Inc., for a Commodities Flow Study and a Community Risk Assessment Plan and Approval to Waive the Competitive Bidding Requirement Which May Be Waived For Professional Services

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving two agreements for professional services with Tait Environmental Services, Inc., for a Commodities Flow Study and a Community Risk Assessment Plan. The work will be paid for by Cal OES Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Program grant funds (\$55,000) that the City Council accepted on October 16, 2017. Also considers waiving the competitive bidding requirement as the work being performed is a professional service.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving a Professional Services Agreement for \$29,694 with Tait Environmental Services, Inc. for a Commodities Flow Study; and,

B. Approving a Professional Services Agreement for \$14,951 with Tait Environmental Services, Inc. for a Community Risk Assessment Plan; and,

C. Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirement pursuant to Merced Municipal Code section 3.04.210; and,

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

This Consent Item was approved.

I.10.

SUBJECT: Request to Set a Public Hearing for the 2018 Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Annual Action Plan

REPORT IN BRIEF

Request to set a Public Hearing for Monday, April 16, 2018, to consider the 2018 Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Annual Action Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion setting a Public Hearing for Monday, April 16, 2018, to consider the Housing and Urban Development Annual Action Plan.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.13.

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Grant Funding From the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Incentive Program

REPORT IN BRIEF

Consider the acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$86,749.65 from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) to reimburse the City for the purchase of electric vehicles.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

- A. Accepting the grant award and increasing the revenue budget in account 001-1002-324.02-00 by \$86,749.65; and,
- B. Appropriating the same to 001-1002-523.43-00; and,
- C. Approving the use of pooled cash until reimbursement from the grant is received; and,
- D. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.15.

SUBJECT: Street Closure for Youth Sports Parade

REPORT IN BRIEF

Street closure request for the Youth Sports Parade on Saturday, April

14, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION

Council - Adopt a motion approving the street closures of W. Main Street, from "G" Street to "O" Street, including side streets, and "O" Street from W. Main Street to W. 21st Street, as requested by Merced Golden Lions for the Youth Sports Parade on Saturday, April 14, 2018. Street closures will be from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., subject to the conditions outlined in the administrative report.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.16.

SUBJECT: Bellevue Ranch West, Village 12, Phase 1 - Final Map 5358

REPORT IN BRIEF

The City Council will consider approval of Final Map #5358, generally located at the southwest corner of M Street and Arrow Wood Drive (extended), and the Subdivision Agreement for Bellevue Ranch West, Village 12, Phase 1, along with a Deferred Improvement Agreement for a traffic signal and bike path.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving **Resolution 2018-16**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, approving the Final Subdivision Map for Bellevue Ranch West, Village 12, Phase 1 Subdivision (#5358); and,

B. Approving the Subdivision Agreement for Bellevue Ranch West, Village 12, Phase 1; and,

C. Approving the Deferred Improvement Agreement for the deferral of certain improvements related to Bellevue Ranch West, Village 12, Phase 1, between the City of Merced and Stonefield Home, Inc.; and,

D. Approving a Reimbursement Agreement between the City of Merced and Stonefield Home, Inc. for the installation of a traffic signal at Cardella Road and M Street as prescribed in Chapter 17.62 of the Merced Municipal Code and related Administrative Policy and Procedure A-32; and,

E. Authorizing the City Manager or the Assistant City Manager to execute the Subdivision Agreement, the Deferred Improvement

Agreement, and the Reimbursement Agreement.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.17.

SUBJECT: Bellevue Ranch West, Village 12, Phase 2 - Final Map 5359

REPORT IN BRIEF

The City Council will consider approval of Final Map #5359 for Bellevue Ranch West, Village 12, Phase 2, generally located at the southwest corner of M Street and Arrow Wood Drive (extended).

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving **Resolution 2018-17**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, approving the Final Subdivision Map for the Bellevue Ranch West, Village 12, Phase 2 Subdivision (#5359); and,

B. Approving the Subdivision Agreement for "Bellevue Ranch West, Village 12, Phase 2," between the City of Merced and Stonefield Home, Inc., (property owner); and,

C. Authorizing the City Manager or the Assistant City Manager to execute the Subdivision Agreement.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.18.

SUBJECT: Street Closure Request #18-05 for the Merced County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to Host the Second Annual Merced Cowboy/Vaquero 5-Kilometer and Kids' Half-Mile Runs

REPORT IN BRIEF

Consider a request for the use of City streets and Bob Hart Square on Saturday, May 19, 2018, for a 5K and Half-Mile runs.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion approving the street closures of W. Main Street (between H and Q Streets), Q Street (between W. Main and W. 19th Streets), W. 19th Street (between Q and O Streets) O Street (between W. 19th and W. 21st Streets), W. 21st Street (between O and Q Streets) Q Street (between W. 21st and W. 23rd Streets), W. 23rd Street (between Q and H Streets), H Street (between W. 23rd and

W. 21st Streets), W. 21st Street (between H and I Streets), I Street (between W. 21st and W. 19th Streets), W. 19th Street (between I and H Streets), H Street (between W. 19th and W. Main Streets), and the use of Bob Hart Square, as detailed in the staff report. The event will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2018, from 5:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (event time from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.), for the Merced Cowboy/Vaquero 5K and Kids' Half-Mile Runs, subject to the details and conditions outlined in the administrative staff report.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.19.

SUBJECT: Improvement Maintenance Agreement within State Highway Right of Way on Route 59 within the City of Merced for State Highway 59 Multi-Use Path Crossing Project 115047

REPORT IN BRIEF

Approves an agreement with the State of California, acting by and through the Department of Transportation, to establish terms and conditions for the City responsibility for the improvements placed within the State Highway right of way on State Route 59, constructed by the ATPL (045) State Highway 59 Multi-use Path Crossing Project 115047.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion approving the Improvement Maintenance Agreement, and authorizing the City Manager or Assistant City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.20.

SUBJECT: Amendment Modification Summary (E-76) for Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 1 Grant for the Construction Phase of the Highway 59 Multi-Use Pathway Crossing Project 115047

REPORT IN BRIEF

Consideration of acceptance and appropriation of \$834,000.00 in ATP Grant funding for the construction costs associated with the pedestrian crossing project on Highway 59 at the BNSF RR crossing.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Accepting grant revenue from ATP (Caltrans) for construction cost

associated with the pedestrian crossing project on Highway 59 at the BNSF RR crossing; increasing revenue account 450-1104-321-17-00, Proj 115047 in the amount of \$834,000; and,

B. Appropriating the same to account 450-1104-637-65-00- Project 115047 Highway 59 Multi Use Pathway Crossing; and,

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

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

This Consent Item was approved.

I.21.

SUBJECT: Agreement for Use of Easement with Porges Properties 1, LLC, a California Limited Company for a Proposed Prime Shine Car Wash on 16th Street

REPORT IN BRIEF

Consider approving the Agreement for Use of Easement with the property owner to allow certain private improvements, as specified in the attached agreement, to be installed on the existing City easement for a future development project.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion approving the Agreement for Use of Easement with Porges Properties 1, LLC, a California Limited Company; and, authorizing the City Manager or Assistant City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.22.

SUBJECT: Award Bid to Rolfe Construction Company for the B Street Sewer Main Replacement Project 116013

REPORT IN BRIEF

Consider awarding a construction contract to Rolfe Construction in the amount of \$811,785.00 for the replacement of sewer main along B Street.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Awarding the B Street Sewer Main Replacement Project 116013 to Rolfe Construction Company of Atwater, Ca, in the amount of \$811,785.00; and,

B. Authorizing the City Manager or Assistant City Manager to execute the necessary documents and to approve change orders not to exceed 10% of the total contract; and,

C. Authorizing the Finance Officer to make necessary budget adjustments.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.7.

SUBJECT: Professional Services Agreement between the City of Merced and Merced Main Street Association in the Amount of \$60,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

REPORT IN BRIEF

Agreement between the City of Merced and Merced Main Street Association to provide services to the Downtown Business Improvement Area during Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion approving an agreement with the Merced Main Street Association for Downtown Services for 2017-2018 in the amount of \$60,000.00, and authorizing the City Manager or Assistant City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

Council Member MARTINEZ pulled this item to request a staff report.

Economic Development Associate Karen BAKER and President of the Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce Manuel ALVARADO discussed the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Merced and Merced Main Street Association.

Council, Staff, and Mr. ALVARADO discussed the use of surplus funds, fundraising event funds, how funds are spent, the downtown double business tax, and cost of seasonal signage.

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

Aye: 7 - Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Martinez, Mayor Pro Tempore McLeod, Council Member Pedrozo, Council Member Serratto, Mayor Murphy, and Council Member Blake

No: 0

Absent: 0

I.11. SUBJECT: Approval of an Update to the City's Investment Policy

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving an update to the City's Investment Policy.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion adopting **Resolution 2018-22**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, adopting Investment Policy.

Council Member BELLUOMINI pulled this item to ask questions about the City's investment policies.

Council, Chandler Assets Portfolio Strategist Carlos OBLITES, and Staff discussed various investment percentages. They also discussed the reviewing and selling or retaining of securities, reviewing the investment portfolio, and notifying Council about any investment changes.

A motion to approve was made by Council Member PEDROZO that was seconded by Council Member BLAKE.

Council, Mr. OBLITES, and Staff continued their discussion on the City's Investment Policy.

Council Member BELLUOMINI requested to amend the motion to add in section 14 of the policy the following phrase: reporting major and critical incidence of non-compliance with this policy to the City Manager and the City Council.

Clerk's Note: Council Member PEDROZO declined to amend his motion.

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

Aye: 7 - Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Martinez, Mayor Pro Tempore McLeod, Council Member Pedrozo, Council Member Serratto, Mayor Murphy, and Council Member Blake

No: 0

Absent: 0

I.12. SUBJECT: Revenue Stabilization Fund Policy and Economic
Development Opportunity Fund Policy

REPORT IN BRIEF

Consider adopting the Revenue Stabilization Fund Policy and Economic Development Opportunity Fund Policy.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Adopting **Resolution 2018-19**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, adopting Revenue Stabilization Fund Policy; and

B. Adopting **Resolution 2018-20**, A Resolution of the City Council of the city of Merced, California, adopting Economic Development Opportunity Fund Policy.

Mayor MURPHY pulled this item to request a report.

Finance Officer Venus RODRIGUEZ gave a slide show presentation on the Revenue Stabilization Fund Policy and Economic Development Opportunity Fund Policy.

Council and Staff discussed the Trust 115 fund, revenue stabilization fund goal, the economic development opportunity fund dollar amount, and one time cost allocations. They also discussed percentage allocation for the different funds, CalPers, and financial advantage of putting money in different funds.

Leslie CATJO, Merced - asked about the business incentive program.

Ms. RODRIGUEZ stated that the busniess incentive program would be incorporated in one of the mentioned funds.

Assistant City Manager Stephanie DIETZ asked if Council would consider taking action on the economic development opportunity fund policy and coming back at a later date to take action on the Trust 115 Fund and the revenue stabilization fund policy.

A motion was made by Council Member Pedrozo, seconded by Council Member Blake, approving Resolution 2018-20 and to bring back the Revenue Stabilization Fund Policy at a later date. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Martinez, Mayor Pro Tempore McLeod, Council Member Pedrozo, Council Member Serratto, Mayor Murphy, and Council Member Blake

No: 0

Absent: 0

I.14. SUBJECT: Accept and Appropriate Donated Funds for Police K9 Unit

REPORT IN BRIEF

Accept private person donations from Mary Allison (\$100, unspecified), North Merced Rotary (\$1,000 for Safe Kids ID), John Bankson \$2,000 (for K9), and William/Jung Purcell (\$100, unspecified) and appropriate to specified accounts.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Accepting donations totaling \$3,200 for the Police Department and Police K9 Unit; and,

B. Increasing Police Revenue Account #001-1001-360.02-01, "Contributions and Donations," in the amount of \$3,200 and appropriating to expense accounts: \$1,000 to 001-1037-522.29-00 (Public Relations), and \$2,200 to 001-1027-522.29-00 (K9).

Council Member SERRATTO pulled this item to thank the donors for their generosity.

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

Aye: 7 - Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Martinez, Mayor Pro Tempore McLeod, Council Member Pedrozo, Council Member Serratto, Mayor Murphy, and Council Member Blake

No: 0

Absent: 0

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS

J.1. SUBJECT: Public Hearing - Repeal of Regional Transportation Impact Fee Ordinance

REPORT IN BRIEF

The City Council will consider the repeal of the Regional Transportation Impact Fee Ordinance (Merced Municipal Code Chapter 17.64).

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion introducing **Ordinance No. 2487**, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, Repealing Chapter 17.64 of the Merced Municipal Code relating to the Regional Transportation Impact Fees.

Planning Manager Kim ESPINOSA gave a slide show presentation on the Repeal of Regional Transportation Impact Fee (RTIF) Ordinance.

Council discussed the RTIF funds, how the funds are spent, and what would replace the RTIF.

Mayor MURPHY opened the Public Hearing at 7:35 PM and continued the Public Hearing to the May 7th meeting, pending the outcome of the Merced County Association of Governments Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Pedrozo, seconded by Council Member Blake, to continue the Public Hearing to the May 7th meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Martinez, Mayor Pro Tempore McLeod, Council Member Pedrozo, Council Member Serratto, Mayor Murphy, and Council Member Blake

No: 0

Absent: 0

K. REPORTS

K.1.

SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution for an Exemption to CalPERS 180-Day Wait Period to Hire a Temporary Dispatcher Pursuant to Government Code Sections 7522.56 and 21224

REPORT IN BRIEF

Adoption of a resolution approving the hiring of Lisa Linares as an extra-help retired annuitant to perform the duties of a Temporary Dispatcher under Government Code sections 7522.56 and 21224, effective April 5, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion adopting **Resolution 2018-21**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, approving an

exception to the CALPERS 180-day wait period pursuant to Government Code sections 7522.56 and 21224.

Interim Police Chief Chris GOODWIN gave a brief report on hiring a temporary dispatcher.

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

Aye: 7 - Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Martinez, Mayor Pro Tempore McLeod, Council Member Pedrozo, Council Member Serratto, Mayor Murphy, and Council Member Blake

No: 0

Absent: 0

K.2. SUBJECT: 2017 California Housing Legislative Update

REPORT IN BRIEF

Council Member Belluomini requested that staff provide the Council with a presentation on the 15 housing bills signed into law by Governor Brown in 2017. Staff has attached a detailed overview of the new housing legislation and will present a summary to the Council as requested.

Housing Supervisor Mark HAMILTON and Principal Planner Michael HREN gave a slide show presentation on the 2017 California Housing Legislative Update.

Council and Staff discussed the percentage of affordable housing, laws that allow the conversion of multi-family homes to duplexes, local accountability, and compliance.

K.3. SUBJECT: Acceptance of Ballot Proceeding Voting Results for the Northwood Village, East College Homes, Moss Landing, and Ridgeview Meadows Maintenance Districts; Approval of Annual Increase in Assessment Levy to the Moss Landing Maintenance District and Approval of No Increases to the Northwood Village, East College Homes and Ridgeview Meadows Maintenance Districts

REPORT IN BRIEF

Acceptance of ballot results on the proposed increase in annual assessment levy to property owners in the Northwood Village, East College Homes, Moss Landing, and Ridgeview Meadows Maintenance Districts. Approves an annual increase in assessment levy to the Moss Landing Maintenance District; subject to annual Consumer Price Index adjustments and approves no increase in annual assessment levies to Northwood

Village, East College Homes, and Ridgeview Meadows Maintenance Districts with the previous year's annual assessment remaining in effect.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

- A. Accepting assessment ballot proceeding results for the Northwood Village, East College Homes, Moss Landing, and Ridgeview Meadows Maintenance Districts; and,
- B. Approving annual increase in assessment levy to the Moss Landing Maintenance District; subject to annual Consumer Price Index adjustments; and,
- C. Approving no increase in annual assessment levies to Northwood Village, East College Homes, and Ridgeview Meadows Maintenance Districts with the previous year's annual assessment remaining in effect.

Director of Public Works Ken ELWIN gave a brief report on the ballot proceeding results.

Council and Staff discussed advancing the funds to begin work immediately, the ballot results, and providing more informative outreach to the public.

A motion was made by Council Member Blake, seconded by Council Member Pedrozo, to accept the assessment ballot proceeding results. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Martinez, Mayor Pro Tempore McLeod, Council Member Pedrozo, Council Member Serratto, Mayor Murphy, and Council Member Blake

No: 0

Absent: 0

K.4. SUBJECT: Sewer Master Plan Discussion

REPORT IN BRIEF

Seeks Council direction on finalizing the draft Sewer Master Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

Provide direction to staff on finalization of the draft Sewer Master Plan, provide approval to begin the CEQA environmental process, and direct staff to explore financing options to support the construction of the plan.

Assistant City Manager Stephanie DIETZ, Director of Public Works Ken

ELWIN, and Director of Community Development Scott MCBRIDE gave a slide show presentation on the Sewer Master Plan.

Council and Staff discussed financing options and phasing the Sewer Master Plan.

Richard HARRIMAN, Merced - spoke on the cost of phasing the Sewer Master Plan and requested a more detailed presentation.

Rick TELEGAN, Fresno - requested to have the presentation available online or emailed to him in advance. He also spoke on having an opportunity to review and discuss options for the Sewer Master Plan and suggested an ad hoc committee to discuss the Sewer Master Plan in more detail.

Council and Staff discussed assessment districts, phasing options and how it applies to the General Plan, annexation.

After the motion was made, Council and Staff continued their discussion on the environmental and construction impact in both phasing of the project and total project, and phasing options for the Sewer Master Plan, and policies.

A motion was made by Council Member Pedrozo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore McLeod, to have staff start the CEQA process and to start exploring finance options to support the plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Pro Tempore McLeod, Council Member Pedrozo, Council Member Serratto, Mayor Murphy, and Council Member Blake

No: 2 - Council Member Belluomini, and Council Member Martinez

Absent: 0

Clerk's Note: Council recessed at 9:13 PM and returned at 9:26 PM.

L. BUSINESS

L.1.

SUBJECT: Request to Discontinue all Work on an Ordinance for Meeting Decorum and Conduct

REPORT IN BRIEF

This item is in response to Council's request to have staff discontinue all work in drafting an ordinance regarding decorum and conduct at Council Meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion directing staff to discontinue all work related to a decorum and conduct ordinance for Council Meetings.

Mayor MURPHY and Interim City Attorney Jolie HOUSTON discussed discontinuing all work on an Ordinance for meeting decorum and conduct.

Speakers in favor of discontinuing the meeting decorum and conduct ordinance:

Claudia GONZALEZ, Winton
Marilyn MOCHEL, Merced
Victoria CASTILLO, Merced
Michael CLAIBORNE, Fresno
Sol RIVAS, Merced
Alejandro AVALOS, Merced
Reyna GABRIEL-PERALTA, Merced
Isai PALMA, Merced

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

Aye: 7 - Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Martinez, Mayor Pro Tempore McLeod, Council Member Pedrozo, Council Member Serratto, Mayor Murphy, and Council Member Blake

No: 0

Absent: 0

L.2. SUBJECT: City Council Downtown Subcommittee

REPORT IN BRIEF

This item is in response to Mayor Pro-Tempore McLeod's request to discuss the formation of a Council subcommittee to meet with other local municipalities with successful downtown areas.

RECOMMENDATION

Select Council subcommittee and direct staff as needed.

Clerk's Note: This item was moved to the April 16th meeting.

L.3. Request to Add Item to Future Agenda

There were no items added.

L.4. City Council Comments

Council Member MARTINEZ reported on attending the Weaver Middle School Band Crab Feed fundraiser and the Merced Academy Soccer Tournament. He also spoke about a new Welcome to Merced sign located in his district.

Mayor Pro Tempore MCLEOD reported on attending the plant sale at Merced College.

Council Member BELLUOMINI wished everyone a Happy Easter and Passover Season.

Council Member PEDROZO reported on attending the California League of Cities dinner, the Merced County Association of Governments meeting, water review rate study, and thanked Staff for their work preparing for possible Bear Creek flooding.

Mayor MURPHY reported on attending the High Speed Rail meeting, the Junior Leadership Merced Class Day and graduation, the Merced County Association of Governments meeting, the Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Authority meeting, a housing issue panel, the Merced Soccer Academy Tournament, the plant sale at Merced College, and the Mega Region meeting at the University of Phoenix. He also spoke about the Rose Garden, thanked Staff for the work they did for the Bear Creek flooding, and for fixing potholes.

M. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:58 pm.

A motion was made by Council Member Belluomini, seconded by Council Member Pedrozo, the Regular Meeting was adjourned in memory of Maggie Randolph. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council Member Martinez, Mayor Pro Tempore McLeod, Council Member Pedrozo, Council Member Serratto, Mayor Murphy, Council Member Blake, and Council Member Belluomini

No: 0

Absent: 0