



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

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

6:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor MURPHY called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

A.1. Invocation - Spencer Bolter, Young Life

The invocation was delivered by Spencer BOLTER from Young Life.

A.2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mayor Pro Tempore BLAKE led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 0

B.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.

C. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

C.1. SUBJECT: Proclamation - Patriot Week

Mayor MURPHY presented the Proclamation for Patriot Week.

D. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

E. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Water Conservation Specialist Leah BROWN, Merced - spoke on a new program the Public Works Department is launching.

Kelly PHILLIPS, Symple Equazion, Merced - spoke on an unpaid invoice from a Youth Council event.

Rochelle ABRIL, Merced - spoke on the road conditions by Tenaya Middle School and a traffic ticket she received.

Bruce METCALF, Merced Rescue Mission - spoke about a family who received a house purchased through the Community Development Block Grant.

Fernando AGUILERA, Merced Soccer Academy - thanked the City for the opportunities given to the Merced Soccer Academy.

Rosa BARRAGAN, Merced Soccer Academy - spoke on the successes and partnerships of the Merced Soccer Academy.

Maria HERNANDEZ, Merced Soccer Academy - spoke on the programs the Merced Soccer Academy offers.

Axel RAMIREZ, Merced Soccer Academy - spoke on the success of the Merced Soccer Academy.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

Items F.2. Information-Only Contracts, F.4. Notice of Vacancies (2) - Planning Commission, and F.8. Merced City School District Contract for Police Services, were pulled for separate consideration.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 0

F.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.

F.3.

SUBJECT: City Council/Public Financing and Economic Development/Parking Authority Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2017

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 August 7, 2017.

This Consent Item was approved.

F.5.

SUBJECT: Set a Public Hearing for the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Set a public hearing for Monday, September 18, 2017, to consider the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion setting a public hearing for Monday, September 18, 2017, to consider the Housing and Urban Development Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

This Consent Item was approved.

F.6.

SUBJECT: Accept and Appropriate Grant Funds from Pacific Gas and Electric for Leadership Merced Class 30's Project "Paint the Town"

REPORT IN BRIEF

Accept and appropriate grant funds (\$3,000.00) from Pacific Gas and

Electric to be used for a downtown Merced beautification art project led by Leadership Merced Class 30's class project "Paint the Town".

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Accepting the grant funds totaling \$3,000.00 from Pacific Gas and Electric into Fund 001-2006-360.02-00 Contributions and Donations; and

B. Appropriating the same to Fund 001-2006-572.17-00 (Merced Visitor Services) to be used for the "Paint the Town" art beautification project, via the agreement between "Paint the Town" and the City of Merced; and,

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

This Consent Item was approved.

F.7.

SUBJECT: 2017 California Office of Traffic Safety Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant

REPORT IN BRIEF

Consider the acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$120,000 from the California Office of Traffic Safety STEP Grant to reimburse the City for traffic enforcement operations conducted on overtime.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Accepting the grant award and increasing the revenue budget in account 035-1016-324.01-02 by \$120,000; and,

B. Appropriating the same to Fund 035-Police Office of Traffic Safety Grant Fund; 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.

F.2. SUBJECT: Information-Only Contracts

REPORT IN BRIEF

Notification of awarded Non-Public Works contracts under \$29,000 and of Public Works contracts under \$65,204.

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 threshold of \$65,204.00, and Chapter 3.04.080 - 3.04.110 of the Merced Municipal Code to execute Non-Public Works contracts under the adjusted threshold of \$29,000.00, the contracts listed on the attached table were entered into by the City.

Council Member BELLUOMINI pulled this item to ask about the Chabin Concepts contracts.

Director of Economic Development Frank QUINTERO explained the difference between the three contracts with Chabin Concepts.

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 0

F.4. SUBJECT: Notice of Vacancies (2) - Planning Commission

REPORT IN BRIEF

Requests direction for filling two vacancies on the Planning Commission.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion directing staff to notice vacancies (2) on the Planning Commission, due to the resignation of William Baker and the term completion of Kurt Smoot, and to seek applicants for the position, with an application deadline of September 30, 2017.

Council Member BELLUOMINI pulled this item to suggest advertising the Planning Commission vacancies in the regular section of the newspaper.

Council Member SERRATTO discussed the quality of applicants from the last vacancies.

Council Member PEDROZO discussed reaching out to the organizations that Council Members are a part of to advertise vacancies. He also spoke on the cost of advertising in the newspapers.

Mayor Pro Tempore BLAKE suggested utilizing the City's Facebook.

A motion was made by Council Member Belluomini, seconded by Council Member Pedrozo, to utilize social media to advertise the Planning Commission vacancies. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 0

F.8.

SUBJECT: Merced City School District Contract for Police Services

REPORT IN BRIEF

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Merced Police Department and the Merced City School District (MCSD) for police services in the District's four middle schools.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Merced and the Merced City School District to provide police services in the District's four middle schools; and,

B. Authorizing the City Manager or Assistant City Manager to execute the agreement; and,

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

This item was pulled by a member from the public.

Police Chief Norm ANDRADE gave a brief presentation on the Merced City School District contract for Police Services.

Gloria SANDOVAL, Merced - requested that Council not pass this item and spoke about her opposition to officers on campus.

Chief ANDRADE spoke about officers on campus building relationships.

Marilyn MOCHEL, Merced - spoke on providing students with emotional and mental health help.

Chief ANDRADE discussed the mental health training that resource officers and police officers receive.

Council Member PEDROZO stated his support of schools having resource officers.

Council Member BELLUOMINI spoke about the City being proactive and preventing kids from joining gangs.

Council Member MARTINEZ asked about the number of officers provided for the middle schools. He also spoke on the importance of schools providing resource officers and bridging the gap between officers and the public.

Mayor Pro Tempore BLAKE discussed the role of resource officers and the new expectations of them. He stated his support for this item.

Council Member SERRATTO spoke about the opportunity for the resource officer to get to know the students and the community.

Council Member MCLEOD asked about the process if issues were to happen.

Chief ANDRADE discussed the processes the School District and Police Department go through in order to resolve any issues.

Mayor MURPHY stated his support for providing resource officers in middle schools.

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 0

G. REPORTS

G.1. SUBJECT: Create Honorary Historic Neighborhood District for Ragsdale Neighborhood

REPORT IN BRIEF

Consider creating an Honorary Historic Neighborhood District for the Ragsdale Neighborhood in Central Merced.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion approving **Resolution 2017- 45, A** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, approving the Ragsdale Subdivision honorary neighborhood residential historic district designation.

Assistant to the City Manager Mike CONWAY gave a presentation on creating the Honorary Historic Neighborhood District for the Ragsdale Neighborhood.

Gloria CONLIN, Downtown Neighborhood Association, Merced - spoke on the request to designate the Ragsdale Neighborhood for the Honorary Historic Neighborhood District.

Mary CAMPER, Merced - spoke on her family history in Merced and her support for the designation of the Ragsdale Neighborhood for the Honorary Historic Neighborhood District.

Mary HOFMANN, Merced - spoke on her family's history living in the Ragsdale neighborhood. She also stated her support for the designation of the Ragsdale Neighborhood for the Honorary Historic Neighborhood District.

Sarah LIM, Merced Historical Society - stated her support for the designation of the Ragsdale Neighborhood for the Honorary Historic Neighborhood District.

Mayor MURPHY stated his support for this item.

Council Member MARTINEZ asked about the criteria for future neighborhoods.

Mayor Pro Tempore BLAKE stated his support for this item and

commended the Downtown Neighborhood Association for all their hard work.

Council Member PEDROZO spoke on the Downtown Neighborhood Association's meeting that was held in regards to the Ragsdale Neighborhood. He also stated his support for this item.

Council Member BELLUOMINI stated his support for this item. He also spoke on the uniqueness of the neighborhood.

Council Member MCLEOD stated her support for this item. She also spoke on the meeting the Downtown Neighborhood Association had and the number of community members who attended.

Council Member SERRATTO stated his support for this item and the community.

City Manager Steve CARRIGAN stated his support for this item and discussed developing criteria for future honorary historic neighborhoods.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, seconded by Council Member Pedrozo, to adopt Resolution 2017-45. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 0

H. BUSINESS

H.1. **SUBJECT:** City Council Subcommittee Update on Entry Sign Contest

REPORT IN BRIEF

This item is in response to the City Council Subcommittee's request to discuss an update on entry signs into the City.

RECOMMENDATION

For Information only.

Council Member BELLUOMINI gave a brief presentation updating the Council on the Entry Sign Contest and discussed bringing the final results of the contest back to the October 16th meeting.

Council Member PEDROZO asked if bringing the contest results back on

October 16th would give the subcommittee enough time to pick a winner.

Assistant City Manager Stephanie DIETZ suggested bringing the results of the Entry Sign Contest to the November 6th meeting.

H.2.

**SUBJECT: City Council Position on League of California Cities
Resolutions**

REPORT IN BRIEF

Provides direction to the City's official League of California Cities voting delegate on two proposed League Resolutions.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion stating the City's position on each of the two proposed League Resolutions and directing the City's official League voting delegate to cast votes as such at the League's Annual Business Meeting on Friday, September 15, at the Sacramento Convention Center.

Council Member BELLUOMINI asked about the Emergency Medical Resolution and who oversees the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency.

Fire Chief Michael WILKINSON explained that the Emergency Medical Resolution is to clarify the government code and the Emergency Medical Services Act for dispatch authority. He also explained that the Merced County Health Department oversees the EMS Agency.

Mayor Pro Tempore BLAKE asked if the Fire Department gets reimbursement from Riggs Ambulance when responding to a call.

Chief WILKINSON confirmed that the Fire Department does get reimbursed.

Rick MCMILLION, Merced - asked if Riggs Ambulance was part of the EMS Agency.

A motion was made by Council Member Belluomini, seconded by Council Member McLeod, for the City to support the resolutions at the League of California Cities Conference. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 0

H.3. Request to Add Item to Future Agenda

Council Member BELLUOMINI requested to add a quarterly report of the budget and priorities for the October 16th meeting.

H.4. City Council Comments

Council Member MARTINEZ reported on attending the transportation event and the casino opening event. He also spoke on the development of new businesses on Parsons and Childs as well as the Merced Mall area.

Council Member PEDROZO reported on attending the 4-H and Farm Bureau 100-year Celebration, the 90th Anniversary Celebration of Our Lady of Mercy School, the transportation event, and the casino opening event.

Mayor MURPHY spoke on the M Street bridge repair and the development of the downtown area. He reported on attending the transportation event and the Chamber of Commerce breakfast. He also judged a chilli cookoff at the Atwater Bible Church, and was a speaker at the Merced County Legal Professional Association meeting.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

A motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, that the Regular Meeting be adjourned in memory of Steven Baker. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 0