



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, February 27, 2018

6:00 PM

Rivera Town Hall

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor MURPHY called the Town Hall Meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Clerk's Note: The Town Hall Meeting was held at Rivera Middle School, 945 Buena Vista Drive, Merced, CA.

A.1. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Council Member Michael Belluomini, Council Member Anthony Martinez, Council Member Joshua Pedrozo, Council Member Matthew Serratto, Mayor Mike Murphy, and Council Member Kevin Blake

Absent: 1 - Mayor Pro Tempore Jill McLeod

C. OPENING COMMENTS

C.1. Mike Murphy - Mayor

Mayor MURPHY welcomed everyone to the Town Hall and had the Council Members introduce themselves.

Clerk's Note: Mayor Pro Tempore MCLEOD arrived at 6:09 PM.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Daryl LAMKEY - spoke on homelessness and Veteran homelessness.

Randy LANE - spoke on rent control.

Ruth WAX - spoke on improving the neighborhood Moraga Park with more lighting, bark, and replacing dead trees.

Janice PHENIS - spoke on improving the dog park by watering the dead

grass and trees, removing the foxtails and stickers, and needs more lighting. She also spoke on the increase of homeless people parking in the parking lot area and camping across the creek.

Dave TATUM - spoke on the homeless problem and safer streets and parks.

Justin HICKS - spoke on fundamental infrastructure and connecting the community.

MaryAnne REYNOLDS - spoke on ICE Agents presence.

Lisa KAYSER-GRANT - spoke on developing an oversight committee for projects and long term water conservation.

Landon LYNCH - spoke on the homeless at Applegate Park, BB Guns sold to kids, increase animal control, and developing a Homeless Program.

Olivia LYNCH - spoke on the homeless problem and mental health issues.

Jim GREENWOOD - spoke on improvements to the parks and more funding for Recreation and Parks.

Ysenia CURIEL - spoke on the lack of shading areas at the parks, access to bathrooms at the parks, citizen's police academy, more funding for Recreation and Parks, and collaborating with UC Merced for youth programs.

Chris JENSEN - spoke on the cannabis tax usage and park improvements.

Sherily FAR - spoke on improvements at Fahrens park and improvements at the dog park. She asked about Yard Masters maintenance responsibilities and if there are future plans to build condos or townhouses.

Karla SEIJAS - spoke on creating a veterans resource center. She also asked to reevaluate the number of homeless veterans.

Ron COOK - spoke on parks improvements, City policy for long term

homeless encampment at Applegate Park, and increasing funding to the parks.

Lanie GLADWIN - spoke on creek cleanups, who to contact about creek cleanups, and trash cans at bus stops and unfinished bus stops.

Marilyn MOCHELL - spoke on cannabis tax and youth marijuana prevention.

Kristin THOMAS - spoke on Merced Police response time.

Kevin HAMMON - spoke on blight in the community, transparency and communication, how the community can help the city, citizen's academy class, marketing outreach, updates from Chief of Police, and partnering with animal control and different communities.

Alejandro CORRILLO - spoke on disposal site on Yosemite Avenue.

E. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council thanked everyone for attending the Town Hall Meeting.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: Council adjourned from the Town Hall Meeting at 8:02 PM.