



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, December 16, 2019

6:00 PM

A. CLOSED SESSION ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Pro Tempore Anthony Martinez, Mayor Mike Murphy, Council Member Kevin Blake, Council Member Jill McLeod, Council Member Matthew Serratto, Council Member Delray Shelton, and Council Member Fernando Echevarria

Absent: 0

B. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor MURPHY called the Closed Session to order at 5:00 PM.

B.1. **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.2. **SUBJECT:** CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION; McKinnon, et. al. v. City of Merced; Case No. 1:18-CV-01124-LJO-SAB; AUTHORITY: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

B.3. **SUBJECT:** CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION; Englert, et. al. v. City of Merced; Case No. 1:18-CV-01239-LJO-EPG; AUTHORITY: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Clerk's Note: Council adjourned from Closed Session at 5:57 PM.

C. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor MURPHY called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

C.1. Invocation - Lamar Henderson, All Dads Matter

The invocation was delivered by Maggie FUENTES Chaplain of the

Merced Police Department.

C.2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Council Member MCLEOD led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

D. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Pro Tempore Anthony Martinez, Mayor Mike Murphy, Council Member Kevin Blake, Council Member Jill McLeod, Council Member Matthew Serratto, Council Member Delray Shelton, and Council Member Fernando Echevarria

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. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk's Office received a letter from the UC Master Gardners regarding item J.3. Discussion on Restoring Laura's Fountain, copies were placed at the dais and are available for review in the Clerk's Office.

G. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Monica VILLA, Merced - spoke on an upcoming Homeless Memorial event.

H. CONSENT CALENDAR

Items H.6. Authorization to Accept a Monetary Donation from Monika and Michael Modest, in the Amount of \$25,000 and Approval of a Supplemental Appropriation in the Amount of \$25,000 from the Unreserved, Unencumbered General Fund Balance for the Renovation of the Merced Open Air Theater in Applegate Park and H.9. Adoption of Resolution Approving a Final Map for Subdivision No. 5357 for 2 Large Lots (Village 23A and B), Generally Located at the Northwest Corner of G Street and Farmland Avenue, within Bellevue Ranch North and Approval of the Subdivision Agreement for this Large Lot Subdivision; were pulled for separate consideration.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 0

H.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.

**H.2. SUBJECT: Information Only - Planning Commission Meeting
Minutes of September 18, 2019**

RECOMMENDATION

For information only.

This Consent Item was approved.

**H.3. SUBJECT: Information Only - Planning Commission Meeting
Minutes of October 23, 2019**

RECOMMENDATION

For information only.

This Consent Item was approved.

**H.4. SUBJECT: Information Only - Bicycle Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2019**

RECOMMENDATION

For information only.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.5.

SUBJECT: Approval of City Council/Public Financing and
Economic Development/Parking Authority Meeting Minutes of
November 18, 2019

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 November 18, 2019.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.7.

SUBJECT: Approval of a Supplemental Appropriation in the Amount
of \$4,500 in Fund 671-Facilities Maintenance for Gymnasium
Lights Replacement at the McComb's Youth Center

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of
\$4,500 in Fund 671-Facilities Maintenance for Gymnasium Lights
Replacement at the McComb's Youth Center

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving a supplemental appropriation from the unreserved,
unencumbered balance in Fund 671-Facilities Maintenance in the
amount of \$4,500 and appropriating the same in account
671-1119-532-25-00; and,

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

This Consent Item was approved.

H.8.

SUBJECT: Approval of Purchase of a Storage Area Network from
Headlands Associates in an Amount not to Exceed \$293,273

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving the purchase of a Storage Area Network from

Headlands Associates in the amount not to exceed \$293,273.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

- A. Awarding the RFP to Headlands Associates; and,
- B. Authorizing the City to issue purchase orders for the acquisition of data storage equipment and services in the amount not to exceed \$293,273; and,
- C. Authorizing the City Manager or the Assistant City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.10.

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Setting a Public Hearing for January 6, 2020 to Consider the Work and Expense Report and Any Protest or Objections Thereto for the Abatement Work Done for 636, 638 and 640 West Main Street (Abatement of Public Nuisance and Demolition of Building)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers setting a public hearing to hear the work and expense report for the abatement work done for 636, 638 and 640 West Main Street.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

- A. Adopting **Resolution 2019-80**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, setting a public hearing for January 6, 2020 to consider the work and expense report and any protests or objections thereto for the abatement work done for 636, 638 and 640 West Main Street; and,
- B. Receiving the work and expense report for the abatement work done for 636, 638, and 640 West Main Street for consideration at the January 6, 2020 public hearing.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.11.

SUBJECT: Authorization to Purchase a 5.06-Acre Property at the Northwest Corner of Childs Avenue and B Street from the County of Merced for \$1,080,000 for Purposes of Land Acquisition Towards

the Development and Construction of the "Childs and B Street"
Affordable Housing Project, Approval and Execution of a Purchase
and Sale Agreement with the County of Merced, and Approval and
Execution of Other Necessary Documents and Other Actions
Related to the Purchase

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers authorizing the purchase of land from the County of Merced for the purpose of developing affordable housing units for low-income households for the Childs Avenue and B Street Affordable Housing Project.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a Motion:

- A. Approving the purchase and sale agreement with County Merced to purchase the 5.06-acre parcel generally known as 1137 B Street at Assessor's Parcel Number 035-010-071 in the amount of \$1,080,000 using Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset funds held for low-income housing; and,
- B. Authorizing the City Manager or the Assistant City Manager to execute the Purchase and Sale Agreement with the County of Merced for the land purchase specified above; and,
- C. Authorizing the Finance Officer to make any necessary budget adjustments and issuance of funds; and,
- D. Authorizing any necessary and related actions or processes, including the establishment of an escrow account.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.12.

SUBJECT: Approval of Transfer and Appropriation of Funds for the
Police Headquarters Site # 2, Project #116040 in the Amount of
\$50,000.00 for Building Maintenance from Fund 047 Facilities -
Police (City) and Fund 057 Facilities - Police (Developer)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Transfers a total of \$50,000 in funds for building maintenance (electrical power, alarm services, and clean-up) of the former Merced Sun-Star site to Account 449-1001-627-65-00, Project #116040.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion transferring \$25,000 from Fund 047 Facilities-Police (City) and \$25,000 from Fund 057 Facilities - Police (Developer) and appropriating the same to Fund 449-1001-627-65-00, Project #116040 Police Headquarters #2.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.13.

SUBJECT: Award of Bid and Approval of Construction Contract with Witbro Inc. DBA Seal Rite Paving and Grading in the Amount of \$359,311 for a SB1 Funded Sidewalk Project at Various Locations. Project No. 119054 - Sidewalk Replacement Project Phase II

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers awarding a construction contract in the amount of \$359,311, funded by SB1, for Project No. 119054 - Sidewalk Replacement Project Phase II at various locations.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion awarding the bid for sidewalk replacement at various locations - Project 119054, to Witbro Inc. DBA Seal Rite Paving and Grading in the amount of \$359,311 and authorize the City Manager or the Assistant City Manager to execute the necessary documents and to approve change orders not to exceed 10% of the total contract.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.14.

SUBJECT: Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Technicon Engineering Services, Inc. for Materials Testing and Inspection Services for the Well No. 20 Pump Station Construction. Project No. 107033, in the Amount of \$36,622

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving an agreement for professional services, including materials testing and inspection services, for the new pump station construction at the new water supply Well No. 20 site at the intersection of Tyler Road and Mission Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving of a professional services agreement with Technicon

Engineering Services, Inc., for the Well No. 20 Pump Station Construction, Project 107033, in the amount of \$36,622; and,

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

This Consent Item was approved.

H.15.

SUBJECT: Approval of Reimbursement Agreement with Sater Oil International, LLC, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$88,750; Authorization to Use the Economic Development Opportunity Fund to Contribute Toward Public Storm Drain Improvements at the Intersection of South Parsons Avenue and East Childs Avenue in the Amount of \$88,750.00 and Approval of a Supplemental Appropriation from the Economic Development Opportunity Fund (Fund 074) in the Amount of \$88,875 to Fund the Reimbursement Agreement.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving a reimbursement agreement with Sater Oil International, LLC, to contribute toward the construction of public storm drainage facility improvements at the intersection of South Parsons Avenue and East Childs Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving a reimbursement agreement with Sater Oil International, LLC, in the amount not to exceed \$88,750; and,

B. Approving a supplemental appropriation from the unreserved, unencumbered balance of the Economic Development Opportunity Fund - 074 to account 074-2002-677.65-00, project 120055 in the amount of \$88,750 for payment to Sater Oil International, LLC., to contribute toward the construction of public storm drainage facility improvements at the intersection of South Parsons Avenue and East Childs Avenue; and,

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

This Consent Item was approved.

H.16.

SUBJECT: Approval of a Supplemental Appropriation in Fund 062 -Developer Capital Fee in the Amount of \$574,078 from Bellevue Ranch West Insurance Settlement, Including Interest and Transferring to Fund 450 - Streets and Signals Capital Improvement Fund for Completion of Landscaping Improvements Within the Bellevue Ranch Subdivision Area

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving a Supplemental Appropriation in Fund 062- Developer Capital Fee in the amount of \$574,078, previously received as settlement for uncompleted developer improvements in the Bellevue Ranch West Subdivision and subsequent accrued interest, transferring to Fund 450 - Streets and Signals Capital Improvement Fund and appropriating the same to be used for the completion of landscape and irrigation improvements in the Bellevue Ranch Subdivision Area.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion approving a Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of \$574,078 from Fund 062 - Developer Capital Fee, transferring to Fund 450 - Streets and Signals Capital Improvement Fund, and appropriating the same to 450-1104-637.65-00 Project 120053.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.17.

SUBJECT: Authorization to Waive the Competitive Bidding Requirements and Approval of Purchase of Four Budgeted Fleet Vehicles, Including One Caterpillar Articulating Loader from Holt of California for \$124,566.41, One 150HP Tractor from Garton Tractor for \$127,744.42, One Hydro-Excavator from Weco Industries, LLC, for \$439,598.92, One Flusher/Hydro-Excavator from Terry Equipment for \$449,332.26; Through Cooperative Purchasing Agreements with Sourcewell and HGAC

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers authorizing a waiver of competitive bidding requirement pursuant to Merced Municipal Code Section 3.04.210 to purchase four currently budgeted and Council approved fleet vehicles through the government procurement programs Sourcewell and HGAC

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 cooperative purchase agreements through Sourcewell and HGAC, two government procurement programs; and,
- B. Approving the purchase of one Caterpillar Articulating Loader in the amount of \$131,428.90 from Holt of California through Sourcewell contract #032515-CAT; and,
- C. Approving the purchase of one 150HP Tractor in the amount of \$127,744.42 from Garton Tractor through Sourcewell contract #021815-CNH; and,
- D. Approving the purchase of one Wet/Dry Hydro Excavator in the amount of \$439,598.92 from Weco Industries, LLC, through Sourcewell contract #122017-GPV; and,
- E. Approving the purchase of one Combination Sewer Cleaner (Flusher/Hydro-Excavator) in the amount of \$449,332.26 from Terry Equipment through HGAC contract # SC01-18 B030A; and,
- F. Authorizing the City Manager or the Assistant Manager to execute any necessary documents for the purchases specified above, the Finance Officer to make the appropriate budget adjustments and City Buyer to issue the Purchase Orders.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.6.

SUBJECT: Authorization to Accept a Monetary Donation from Monika and Michael Modest, in the Amount of \$25,000 and Approval of a Supplemental Appropriation in the Amount of \$25,000 from the Unreserved, Unencumbered General Fund Balance for the Renovation of the Merced Open Air Theatre Located in Applegate Park

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers accepting monetary donation of \$25,000 from Monika and Michael Modest and approving a supplemental appropriation from the unreserved, unencumbered General Fund balance for the renovation of the Merced Open Air Theatre in Applegate Park.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Accepting \$25,000 donation, increasing revenue account 671-1119-360.02-01 in the amount of \$25,000 and appropriating the same in account 671-1119-532.25-00 (supplies and services); and,

B. Approving a supplemental appropriation from the unreserved, unencumbered General Fund balance in the amount of \$25,000, transferring to Facilities Maintenance-Fund 671 and appropriating the same in account 671-1119-532-25-00 (supplies and services).

This item was pulled to highlight the donation.

Mayor MURPHY presented Monika and Michael MODEST a Certificate of Appreciation for their donation to renovate the Merced Open Air Theater.

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 0

H.9.

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Approving a Final Map for Subdivision No. 5357 for 2 Large Lots (Village 23 A and B), Generally Located at the Northwest Corner of G Street and Farmland Avenue, within Bellevue Ranch North, and Approval of the Subdivision Agreement for this Large Lot Subdivision

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers adopting a resolution approving a Final Map for Subdivision No. 5357 for 2 large lots (Village 23 A and B), generally located at the northwest corner of G Street and Farmland Avenue, within Bellevue Ranch North, and approval of the Subdivision Agreement for this large lot subdivision.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Adopting **Resolution 2019-83**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, approving the final subdivision map for the Bellevue Ranch North, Village 23A and 23B Large Lot Subdivision

(#5357); and,

B. Approving the subdivision agreement for Bellevue Ranch North Large Lots 23A & B; and,

C. Authorizing the City Manager or the Assistant City Manager to execute the subdivision agreement.

Mayor Pro Tempore MARTINEZ pulled this item to ask if the development will be a gated community.

Director of Development Services Scott MCBRIDE stated that the development will be a gated community.

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

Aye: 6 - Mayor Murphy, Council Member Blake, Council Member McLeod, Council Member Serratto, Council Member Shelton, and Council Member Echevarria

No: 1 - Mayor Pro Tempore Martinez

Absent: 0

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

I.1.

SUBJECT: Public Hearing - Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) to Consider the Issuance of Tax Exempt Bonds by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$32,000,000 for the Purpose of Financing or Refinancing the Acquisition, Construction, Improvement, and Equipping of the Childs and B St. Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Affordable Housing Project

REPORT IN BRIEF

Requests the City Council to conduct a TEFRA Public Hearing and consider adopting a resolution approving the issuance of bonds by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$32,000,000 on behalf of the Richman Group for the purpose of financing or refinancing the acquisition, construction, improvement, and equipping of the Childs and B St. TOD Affordable Housing Project. The City will not have any financial or legal obligations for the tax exempt status of the bonds, the debt service on the bonds, or for any other matter related to the proposed bonds.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Adopting **Resolution 2019-82**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, approving the issuance by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority of Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds for the Childs and B St. TOD Affordable Housing Project; and,

B. Authorizing the City Manager or the Assistant City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

Director of Development Services Scott MCBRIDE gave a brief presentation on the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act to Consider the Issuance of Tax Exempt Bonds for the Childs and B Street Project.

Mayor MURPHY opened and subsequently closed the Public Hearing at 6:25 PM due to lack of public comment.

Mayor Pro Tempore MARTINEZ and Mr. MCBRIDE discussed project timeline.

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 0

I.2.

SUBJECT: Public Hearing - Adoption of Resolution Accepting the Annual Report on Development Impact Fees for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 as Required By Government Code Section 66006(b)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers adopting a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced accepting the City's Annual Compliance Report for Development Impact Fees (AB 1600) as required by Government Code section 66006(b).

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Accepting the Annual Compliance Report for Development Impact Fees

for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 which contains the information required by California Government Code Section 66006(b); and,

B. Adopting **Resolution 2019-84**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, accepting the fiscal year 2018/2019 annual report and making findings related to unexpended developer deposits for public improvements as required by California Government Code Section 66001.

City Engineer Michael BELTRAN gave a slide show presentation on the AB 1600 Annual Report.

Mayor MURPHY opened and subsequently closed the Public Hearing at 6:61 PM due to a lack of public comment.

A motion was made by Council Member Blake, seconded by Council Member McLeod, to approve Resolution 2019-84 and the Annual Compliance Report for Development Impact Fees for Fiscal Year 2018/2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 0

J. BUSINESS

J.1. **SUBJECT:** Appointment to the Building and Housing Board of Appeals

REPORT IN BRIEF

Accept nomination to fill a Building and Housing Board of Appeals vacancy.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion accepting nomination and appointing Casey Steed to the Building and Housing Board of Appeals with a term ending date of July 1, 2020 and directing staff to continue recruitment for additional vacancies.

Assistant City Clerk John TRESIDDER gave a brief presentation on the Building and Housing Board of Appeals vacancy.

A motion was made by Council Member Echevarria, seconded by Council Member Blake, to appoint Casey Steed to the Building and Housing Board of Appeals. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 0

J.2.

SUBJECT: Council Member Serratto's Request to Discuss Community Park 42 (CP-42) and Request to Establish a Council Subcommittee to Strategize the Project

REPORT IN BRIEF

Council Member Serratto will discuss his plan to develop CP-42 pursuant to City Council Administrative Policies and Procedures C-1.

RECOMMENDATION

Provide staff direction for possible next steps.

Council Member SERRATTO gave a presentation discussing Community Park 42 (CP-42) and to establish a Council Sub-committee to strategize the project.

John CARLOS, Merced - asked about the location of CP-42.

Mayor MURPHY stated that CP-42 is located on the corner of Mission Avenue and Tyler Road.

A motion was made by Council Member Serratto, seconded by Council Member Blake, to establish a sub-committee containing Council Members Serratto, Echevarria, and Mayor Pro Tempore Martinez and report back at the February 18, 2020 City Council Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 0

J.3.

SUBJECT: Council Member Serratto's Request to Discuss Restoring Laura's Fountain and Request to Establish a Council Subcommittee to Strategize the Project

REPORT IN BRIEF

Council Member Serratto will discuss his plan to restore Laura's Fountain pursuant to City Council Administrative Policies and Procedures C-1.

RECOMMENDATION

Provide staff direction for possible next steps.

Council Member SERRATTO gave a presentation to discuss restoring Laura Fountain and to establish a Council sub-committee to strategize the project.

Council Member MCLEOD stated her support for the restoration of Laura Fountain.

Council Member ECHEVARRIA stated his support for the restoration of Laura Fountain and requested to add the history of the fountain to be displayed.

Council Member BLAKE stated his support for the restoration of Laura Fountain.

John CARLOS, Merced County Historical Society, Merced - gave Council a brief history of Laura Fountain.

Mike BICK, Merced County Historical Society, Merced - gave Council a brief history of the original location of the fountain.

Monica VILLA, Merced - spoke on the history of the fountain.

Sair LARA, Downtown Neighborhood Association, Merced - spoke on behalf of the Downtown Neighborhood Association in support of restoring the fountain.

Mayor MURPHY stated his support for the restoration of Laura Fountain.

A motion was made by Council Member Serratto, seconded by Council Member McLeod, to establish a sub-committee containing Council Members Serratto, McLeod, and Blake and to report back at the February 18, 2020 City Council Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 0

J.4.

SUBJECT: Selection of Town Hall Dates in North, Central and South Merced

REPORT IN BRIEF

Request that Council Select Dates for Town Halls in North, Central and South Merced.

RECOMMENDATION

Provide Staff With Dates for Three Town Hall Meetings.

Senior Management Analyst Mike CONWAY gave a brief presentation on the selection of the Town Hall Dates in the North, Central, and South side of Merced.

Council chose to hold the Town Hall Meetings on the following dates:

February 19, 2020 - Hoover Middle School
February 20, 2020 - Golden Valley High School
February 26, 2020 - Cruickshank Middle School

J.5.

SUBJECT: Selection of Mayor Pro Tempore

REPORT IN BRIEF

Selection of a Mayor Pro Tempore to a one-year term.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion appointing the Mayor's nominee as Mayor Pro Tempore of the City of Merced for a one-year term of office.

Mayor MURPHY discussed the appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore.

A motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Council Member Shelton, to appoint Council Member Serratto as the Mayor Pro Tempore. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Pro Tempore Martinez, Mayor Murphy, Council Member Blake, Council Member McLeod, Council Member Shelton, and Council Member Echevarria

No: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 1 - Council Member Serratto

J.6.

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.

Mayor Pro Tempore MARTINEZ requested an update on the Gateway Development.

J.7.

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 SHELTON reported on attending the Love Plus Graduation event, the S.K.I Karate Black Belt testing, and the Merced Lao Family General Vang Pao Birthday Celebration.

Mayor Pro Tempore MARTINEZ reported on attending a meeting with health department official from Merced Walks, meeting with health department officials regarding tobacco, the Christmas Parade, an art show at the Multicultural Arts Center, the League of California Cities dinner, meeting with the Youth Council, the Safti First bicycle giveaway, and the El Capitan High School pancake breakfast event.

Council Member SERRATTO reported on attending the Safti First bicycle giveaway and the Christmas Parade.

Mayor MURPHY reported on attending the El Capitan High School Choir performances, the Merced County Association of Realtors installation ceremony for Anna Newkirk, and the Safti First bicycle giveaway. He also spoke on upcoming events. He thanked Police Chief Chris Goodwin for his service.

Clerk's Note: Council adjourned back to Closed Session at 7:07 PM.

Clerk's Note: Council adjourned from to Closed Session at 7:59 PM. There was no report out of Closed Session.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: Council adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:00 PM.

A motion was made by Council Member Shelton, seconded by Council Member Blake, to adjourn the Regular Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 0