



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, January 27, 2020

6:00 PM

Joint Meeting With City of Merced Planning Commission

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor MURPHY called the Special Joint Study Session to order at 6:02 PM.

A.1. Pledge of Allegiance

Planning Commission Vice-Chair Mary CAMPER led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

B. ROLL CALL

Planning Commissioners Present:

Stephanie BUTTICCI
Jose DELGADILLO
Robert DYLINE
Samuel RASHE
Dorothea WHITE
Vice-Chair Mary CAMPER
Chair Michael HARRIS

Present: 5 - Council Member Anthony Martinez, Mayor Mike Murphy, Council Member Jill McLeod, Mayor Pro Tempore Matthew Serratto, and Council Member Delray Shelton

Absent: 2 - Council Member Kevin Blake, and Council Member Fernando Echevarria

B.1. Clerk Announcement - Members of the public who wish to speak at this Special Meeting will be limited to comments on the agenda item. The Mayor will call for public comment at the appropriate time and speakers will be given 3 minutes each for their comments. State law prohibits the City Council or Planning Commission from acting at this meeting on any matter raised during the comment period.

C. STUDY SESSION

C.1. **SUBJECT: Study Session to Discuss the North Merced Annexation
Feasibility Study**

REPORT IN BRIEF

Provides the City Council and Planning Commission an overview of the process involved in the North Merced Annexation Feasibility Study being conducted.

RECOMMENDATION

For information and discussion

Mayor MURPHY explained the format of the meeting.

City Manager Steve CARRIGAN gave a brief explanation on the format of the meeting.

EMC Planning Group Representative Ron SISSEM and Planning Manager Kim ESPINOSA gave a slide show presentation on the North Merced Annexation Feasibility Study.

Council, Commissioners, Mr. SISSEM, Ms. ESPINOSA, and Director of Development Services Scott MCBRIDE discussed UC Merced land uses, UC Merced growth rate, UC Merced expanding property, and feasibility study. They also discussed the advantages and disadvantages of annexing UC Merced, sewer capacity, connection fees and timing.

Diane FUENTES, Merced - spoke in opposition of the North Merced Annexation.

Mary HAYGOOD, Merced - spoke in opposition of the North Merced Annexation.

Joel MOSES, Merced - asked about including the cost provisions on who pays for the improvements in the sewer master plan and master plans in place for water and storm drains. He also suggested special legislation regarding non-contiguous annexation.

Anna NEWKIRK, Merced - spoke on behalf of a client in favor of the North Merced Annexation.

Kara PARLE, Merced - spoke in opposition of the North Merced Annexation.

Stephen PECK, Merced - spoke on behalf of the Virginia Smith Trust

property and their efforts to tailor their plans according to UC Merced.

Jerry CALLISTER, Merced - spoke on the property located across from UC Merced and the businesses that are interested in it.

Michael BELLUOMINI, Merced - spoke in support of extending Cardella Road and development of the University Community Plan.

Eric MOORE, Merced - spoke on assesment districts and campus parkway.

Alfredo ORTEGA, Merced - spoke in opposition of the North Merced Annexation.

Council and Commissioners discussed slowing growth, focusing on infill, annexing towards UC Merced, and forming county islands.

Merced County Local Agency Formation Commission Executive Officer Bill NICHOLSON spoke on County and City islands.

Mayor Pro Tempore SERRATTO and Mr. NICHOLSON discussed annexation.

Council, Commissioners, and Mr. MCBRIDE discussed responsible growth, out-of-boundary agreements, impact on ground water sustainability, housing for students, building towards the UC, and the Bellevue Ranch corridor capacity.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: The Special Joint Study Session Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Clerk's Note: All Planning Commissioners were in favor of adjournement.

A motion was made by Council Member McLeod, seconded by Council Member Shelton, to adjourn the Special Joint Study Session Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Council Member Martinez, Mayor Murphy, Council Member McLeod, Mayor Pro Tempore Serratto, and Council Member Shelton

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Absent: 2 - Council Member Blake, and Council Member Echevarria