



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

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

6:00 PM

Hoover Middle School Town Hall

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor MURPHY called the Town Hall Meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Clerk's Note: The Town Hall Meeting was held at the Hoover Middle School Gymnasium located at 800 E. 26th Street, Merced, CA 95340.

A.1. Pledge of Allegiance

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

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Mayor Mike Murphy, Mayor Pro Tempore Matthew Serratto, Council Member Fernando Echevarria, Council Member Anthony Martinez, Council Member Jill McLeod, and Council Member Delray Shelton

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kevin Blake

C. OPENING COMMENTS

C.1. Mike Murphy - Mayor

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

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Diana ODOM GUNN, Downtown Neighborhood Association, Merced - spoke in support for the proposed block party trailer. She also thanked Council for increasing Code Enforcement efforts. She suggested introducing an anti-blight Ordinance.

Nick GOMES, Merced - spoke on his concerns regarding parking for the Tioga Apartments.

Art GRANADO, Merced - spoke on his concerns with funding for street

repair. He asked about the flag he brought back from Afghanistan that he presented to the city and ordinances regarding lawn clippings in the streets.

Monika GRASLEY, Merced - thanked the community for their response to her organization's break-in.

Gary CONTE, Merced - spoke on the homeless issue around Bear Creek and the conditions of city streets. He also suggested adding trash bins and benches along the bike paths.

Sair LARA, Merced - spoke on issues with warming fires from the homeless at Applegate Park.

Cindy KELLY, Merced - thanked the Public Works Department for filling in a pothole within 48 hours. She also spoke on her concern with late night door to door solicitation.

Rod WEBSTER, Merced - asked about the Climate Action Plan.

Diana WESTMORELAND, Merced - spoke on issues with her neighbor's tree and the abundance of mistletoe plaguing trees.

E. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council thanked everyone for attending the Town Hall Meeting.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: The Town Hall Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Blake