



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 26, 2020

6:00 PM

Cruickshank Middle School Town Hall

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor MURPHY called the Town Hall Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Clerk's Note: The Town Hall Meeting was held at the Cruickshank Middle School Multi-Purpose Room located at 601 Mercy Avenue, Merced, CA 95340.

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

A.1. Pledge of Allegiance

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

B. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 0

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

Steve RYE, Merced - spoke on his opposition on the proposed North Merced Annexation. He spoke on his concerns for park maintenance, Rahilly Park restroom maintenance, bike path maintenance, lack of traffic control by Chenoweth Elementary School, funding for youth programs, and traffic control on Parsons Avenue and McKee Road.

Marylene RILEY, Merced - spoke on traffic issues at Bear Creek and Highway 59.

Bob TORRES, Merced - spoke on his concerns regarding litter and abandoned shopping carts throughout the city. He asked about adding benches and shelters at bus stops, upgrading street lights, and fixing streets.

Clifford DALE, Merced - spoke on adding an expressway to go across town, concerns regarding heavy traffic, and traffic issues on Highway 59.

Chris JENSEN, Merced - spoke on the block party trailer, park maintenance and landscaping needed, issues with landscaping subcontracting work, and lack of access to gymnasiums for youth sports. He also asked about Measure Y funding and the tax transparency committee.

Shirley FARR, Merced - spoke on issues at the dog park, street repairs on R Street to Buena Vista Drive, graffiti across from Hoover Middle School, updating Fahren's Park play equipment, and lack of landscaping and park maintenance.

Lisa KAYSER-GRANT, Merced - spoke on the Climate Action Plan, traffic and expressways.

Necola ADAMS, Merced - spoke on the need for a youth center in the Loughborough Neighborhood, community center for the youth, landscaping maintenance by Lasalle Drive, the M Street railroad crossing bump, and the lack of supermarkets in south Merced. He also suggested renaming south Merced to the SoMa District.

Kenny JAMES, Merced - spoke on the lack of restrooms at the Flanagan Park.

Allan GUILLAN, Merced - spoke on a vehicle violation and towing issue.

Preet BALI, Merced - asked about placing speed bumps on M Street and Barclay Way.

Mark COOK, Merced - spoke on sidewalk repairs on north and south Buena Vista Drive, debris in Black Rascal Creek, and street repairs. He asked about temporarily suspending his refuse service when he is out of town and adding a horseshoe pit by the dog park.

Paul VIZCARRA, Merced - spoke on the railroad maintenance on Santa Fe Drive and Snelling Road and the park hours.

Brenda, Merced - spoke on her concerns regarding railroad closures, the need for benches, lights, and shelters at bus stops. She also spoke on Measure Y funds transparency and youth services.

Merced Resident - spoke on fixing the alleyways on west 24th Street between K and Canal Street, west 12th and 13th Street between H and I Streets.

Allen BROOKS, Merced - asked about development in south Merced.

Sheryln RAWLS, Merced - spoke on an incident she had.

E. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council thanked everyone for attending the Town Hall Meeting.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: The Town Hall Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

A motion was made by Council Member Blake, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Serratto, to adjourn the Town Hall Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 0