



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/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency

Monday, March 4, 2024

6:00 PM

A. CLOSED SESSION ROLL CALL

- Present:** 6 - Mayor Matthew Serratto, Council Member Jesse Ornelas, Council Member Sarah Boyle, Council Member Ronnie DeAnda, Council Member Shane Smith, and Council Member Fue Xiong
- Absent:** 1 - Mayor Pro Tempore Bertha Perez

B. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor SERRATTO called the Closed Session to order at 5:04 PM.

Clerk's Note: Council Member BOYLE arrived to Closed Session at 5:10 PM.

- B.1.** **SUBJECT:** CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS -- Agency Designated Representatives: City Manager Scott McBride, Deputy City Manager Frank Quintero, and Finance Officer Venus Rodriguez; Employee Organizations: Merced Police Officers' Association (MPOA) and Merced Association of Police Sergeants (MAPS). AUTHORITY: Government Code Section 54957.6
- B.2.** **SUBJECT:** CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS -- Agency Designated Representative(s): City Manager Scott McBride, Deputy City Manager Frank Quintero, and Finance Officer Venus Rodriguez; Employee Organizations: American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 57 and Merced Association of City Employees (MACE). AUTHORITY: Government Code Section 54957.6
- B.3.** **SUBJECT:** CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS -- Agency Designated Representatives: City Manager Scott McBride, Deputy City Manager Frank Quintero, and Finance Officer Venus Rodriguez; Unrepresented Management AUTHORITY: Government Code Section 54957.6
- B.4.** **SUBJECT:** CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS -- Agency

Designated Representatives: City Manager Scott McBride, Deputy City Manager Frank Quintero, and Finance Officer Venus Rodriguez; Employee Organizations: International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1479. AUTHORITY: Government Code Section 54957.6

- B.5.** SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -- EXISTING LITIGATION; Paul Thompson v. City of Merced; Workers Compensation Case No. FRE-ADJ 16217417; AUTHORITY: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
- B.6.** SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -- EXISTING LITIGATION; Lisa Cascia v. City of Merced; Workers Compensation Case No. FRE-ADJ 16369256; AUTHORITY: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
- B.7.** SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -- EXISTING LITIGATION; Daniel Dabney v. City of Merced; Workers Compensation Case Nos. FRE-ADJ 17129221, FRE-ADJ 17134919, FRE-ADJ 2131689 and FRE-ADJ 12482372; AUTHORITY: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
- B.8.** SUBJECT: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION - Title: City Manager; Authority: Government Code Section 54957
Clerk's Note: Council adjourned from Closed Session at 5:59 PM.

C. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor SERRATTO called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

C.1. Invocation - Monika Grasley, Lifeline Community Development Corp

The Invocation was delivered by Lamar HENDERSON from the All Dads Matter.

C.2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Lamar HENDERSON led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

D. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Mayor Matthew Serratto, Council Member Jesse Ornelas, Council Member Sarah Boyle, Council Member Ronnie DeAnda, Council Member Shane Smith, and Council Member Fue Xiong

Absent: 1 - Mayor Pro Tempore Bertha Perez

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, the Public Financing and Economic Development Authority, and the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency. City Council members receive a monthly stipend of \$400.00 by Charter for sitting as the City Council; and the Mayor receives an additional \$100.00 each month as a part of the adopted budget and Resolution 2020-86. The members of the Parking Authority, the Public Financing and Economic Development Authority, and the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency receive no compensation.

E. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

There was no report.

F. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

F.1. **SUBJECT:** Proclamation - International Women's Day

REPORT IN BRIEF

Received by Susan Walsh from the League of Women Voters of Merced County.

Mayor SERRATTO presented the International Women's Day Proclamation to Rhonda BATSON of various community groups in Merced, Annissa FRAGOSO of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, See LEE of the Boys and Girls Club, Deana TRAINOR of various community groups in Merced, Susan WALSH of the League of Women Voters, Janet KASPER of the United Way, Felicia GRAY of the Human Services Agency, and Ms. GONZALEZ of the Catholic Charities of Merced.

F.2. **SUBJECT:** Proclamation - Gateway Quilters' Guild

REPORT IN BRIEF

Received by a representative from the Gateway Quilters' Guild.

Mayor SERRATTO and Council Member BOYLE presented the Gateway Quilters' Guild Proclamation to representatives of the Gateway Quilters' Guild.

G. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk's Note: Emails were received for the following agenda item and forwarded to Council prior to the meeting.

Oral Communications: Jeffrey CARTER and Kathy DONAHUE.

H. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk's Note: The following comment was received via voicemail.

Fernando ECHEVARRIA, Merced - spoke on the allegations of Brown Act violations and Council Member DEANDA.

Clerk's Note: The following comment was received via call-in.

Steve DONAHUE, Merced - spoke on the public comment procedures.

Clerk's Note: The following speakers appeared in person.

Rick WENDLING, Merced - spoke on the definition of affordable housing and the relationship of Drivers Licenses and Voter Registration.

Bob DAVENPORT, Merced - spoke on a recent power outage causing water contamination on Black Rascal creek and County/City connections.

Aggie FREEMAN, Merced Sunrise Rotary, Merced - spoke on details of the Wall that Heals event.

Glenn GALMAN, Merced Sunrise Rotary, Merced - spoke on details of the Wall that Heals event.

Arturo MARTINEZ, Merced - spoke on fostering tourism and the Economic Development of the City.

Mayor SERRATTO directed Mr. MARTINEZ to speak to Deputy City Manager Frank QUINTERO.

Gloria SANDOVAL, Merced - spoke on the Israel and Gaza conflict and a Resolution calling for a cease fire.

Priya LAKIREDDY, Merced City School District Board Member, Merced - honored women in the community and spoke on the lack of stop signs on 11th Street and D Street around Don Stowell School.

Mayor SERRATTO directed Mrs. LAKIREDDY to speak to the Engineering Department.

Dalinda SAICH, Principal of Don Stowell School, Merced - spoke on a safe

crossing in front of the school.

Christan SANTOS, Representative of Congressman John DUARTE, Merced - wished everyone a Happy Women's Day, spoke on the future of the University of California, Merced, health care accessibility, and shared details of the Bipartisan Lower Cost More Transparency Act.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items I.6. Approval of an Instructional Services Agreement Amendment with the Merced Community College District to Provide Credit Fire Class for Students Aspiring a Future or Advancement in the Fire Professions and I.9. Approval of City-Owned Real Property Use Request #24-04 by the Merced Main Street Association for the Use of Bob Hart Square Park to Host Their Fundraising Event, "Pizza and Pints" Which Includes the Serving of Alcohol, on Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; were pulled for separate consideration.

Clerk's Note: Agenda Item I.10. Adoption of a Resolution Approving Final Map #5405 for Capella Terrace Subdivision for 45 Single-Family Lots, Generally Located on the West Side of S. Coffee Street, 300 Feet North of E. Gerard Avenue and the Approval of the Subdivision Agreement for the Capella Terrace was moved to be heard after Public Hearings.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Pro Tempore Perez

I.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.

I.2. **SUBJECT:** Information Only Contracts for the Month of February 2024

REPORT IN BRIEF

Notification of awarded Non-Public Works contracts under \$37,000 and of Public Works contracts under \$84,338.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.3. **SUBJECT:** Information Only - Tax Transparency Commission Minutes of November 14, 2023

RECOMMENDATION

For information only.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.4. **SUBJECT:** Approval of City Council/Public Financing and Economic Development/Parking Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2023

REPORT IN BRIEF

Official adoption of previously held meeting minutes.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council/Public Financing and Economic Development/Parking Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency - Adopt a motion approving the meeting minutes of June 5, 2023.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.5. **SUBJECT:** Approval to Waive the Competitive Bidding Requirement to Allow for the Purchase of Standardized Equipment and Approval of Software Subscription Amendment with FreshWorks, Inc with a not to Exceed Amount of \$15,443 in Fiscal Year 23/24

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving to waive the competitive bidding requirement pursuant to Merced Municipal Code section 3.04.210 for purchase and the approval of the software subscription with FreshWorks, Inc for \$15,443 for fiscal year 23/24 with a total not to exceed amount to FreshWorks of \$86,326.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

- A. Approving to waive the competitive bidding requirements as stated in Section 3.04.210 of the Merced Municipal Code pursuant to an annual service or supply agreement; and,
- B. Approving a software subscription amendment with Fresh works Inc. for an Information Technology Service Management software of \$15,443 for fiscal year 23/24; and,
- C. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents; and,
- D. Authorizing the Finance Officer to make the necessary budget adjustments.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.7.

SUBJECT: Approval of Public Facilities Impact Fee Credit/Reimbursement Agreement with 2980 East Yosemite, LLC, for Improvements on Yosemite Avenue and Lake Road in the Amount of \$727,523.68

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving Reimbursement of Public Facilities Impact Fees (PFFP) to 2980 East Yosemite, LLC in the amount of \$727,523.68 for the cost of constructing a portion of roadway and installing a traffic signal on Yosemite Ave and Lake Road.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

- A. Approving the Public Facilities Impact Fee Credit/Reimbursement

Agreement with 2980 East Yosemite, LLC for the work performed to install a traffic signal and roadway improvements on Yosemite Avenue and Lake Road; and,

B. Approving a Supplemental Appropriation from the unreserved, unencumbered fund balance in Fund 3505 Facilities-Roadways Developer in the amount of \$219,062.45, transfer to Fund 5005-Streets and Signals CIP and appropriating the same in Fund 5005, project CP240059; and,

C. Approving a Supplemental Appropriation from the unreserved, unencumbered fund balance in Fund 3506 Facilities-Traffic Signal Developer in the amount of \$508,461.23, transfer to Fund 5005-Streets and Signals CIP and appropriating the same in Fund 5005, project CP240059; and,

D. Authorizing the Finance Officer to make the necessary budget adjustments; and,

E. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.8.

SUBJECT: Approval of Allocation of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Program Resources and Approval of Associated Subrecipient Agreements with Harvest Time (\$61,660) and Project Sentinel (\$51,385) for the Respective Programs Approved with the Adopted 2023 Annual Action Plan

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving and authorization of Program Year 2023-24 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Subrecipient Agreements with Harvest Time in the amount of \$61,660; and Project Sentinel in the amount of \$51,385.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving a Subrecipient Agreement for the program identified in the 2023 Annual Action Plan using Fiscal Year 2023-24 CDBG funds with Harvest Time in the amount of \$61,660 for the "Food 4 You"

Program; and,

B. Approving a Subrecipient Agreement for the program identified in the 2023 Annual Action Plan using Fiscal Year 2023-24 CDBG funds with Project Sentinel in the amount of \$51,385 for the “Tenant/Landlord Counseling Services” Program; and,

C. Authorizing the City Manager to execute, and if necessary, direct staff to make non-material modifications to the agreements described above and as attached, and all associated documents and exhibits; and,

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

This Consent Item was approved.

I.6.

SUBJECT: Approval of an Instructional Services Agreement Amendment with the Merced Community College District to Provide Credit Fire Class for Students Aspiring a Future or Advancement in the Fire Professions

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving an Instructional Services Agreement amendment with the Merced Community College District to provide credit fire classes for students aspiring a future or advancement in the fire professions. The current agreement does not allow college credit for training hours documented by fire personnel on a daily basis. This agreement would allow fire personnel to enroll in Fire Technology-24 and receive additional credit along with those classes listed in exhibit A.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving an Instructional Services Agreement with the Merced Community College District to provide credit fire classes for students aspiring a future or advancement in the fire professions; and,

B. Authorizing the Finance Officer to make the necessary budget adjustments; and,

C. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

Mayor SERRATTO pulled this item at the request of resident Rick WENDLING.

Rick WENDLING, Merced - asked for clarification of the financial arrangements for the fire classes.

Fire Chief Derek PARKER discussed details of the agreement and financial plan.

Clerk's Note: There was no Council discussion.

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

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Pro Tempore Perez

I.9.

SUBJECT: Approval of City-Owned Real Property Use Request #24-04 by the Merced Main Street Association for the Use of Bob Hart Square Park to Host Their Fundraising Event, "Pizza and Pints" Which Includes the Serving of Alcohol, on Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving a request by the Merced Main Street Association to allow the exclusive use of Bob Hart Square Park on Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for their "Pizza and Pints" fundraiser event, to include the serving of alcohol.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving the exclusive use of Bob Hart Square Park on Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for a "Pizza and Pints" gourmet pizza and local microbrewery beer sampling event, allowing the serving of alcohol; subject to the conditions outlined in the administrative report; and,

B. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to ensure compliance with the approved conditions.

Mayor SERRATTO pulled this item at the request of a Merced resident.

Clerk's Note: The following comment was received via voicemail.

Noah EDMUND, Merced - spoke in support of the Pizza N' Pints event and shared details of the event.

Clerk's Note: There was no Council discussion.

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

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Pro Tempore Perez

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS

J.1.

SUBJECT: Public Hearing to Consider the Annexation of Certain Property into Community Facilities District (CFD) No. 2003-2 (Services), Calling and Holding a Special Election for Annexation No. 25 into CFD No. 2003-2 (Services; Canvassing the Results of the Election Held within Annexation No. 25 of Said District, and Annexing Annexation No. 25 to Said District and Authorizing the Levy of a Special Tax Within Said Annexation No. 25. Annexation No. 25 Consists of Approximately 28.10 Acres of Land Generally Located on the East Side of G Street, Approximately 800 Feet North of Merrill Place

REPORT IN BRIEF

Hold a public hearing and election for annexation into Community Facilities District No. 2003-2 (Services) for the approximately 28.10 acres of land generally located on the east side of G Street, approximately 800 feet north of Merrill Place.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Holding a Public Hearing on the annexation of certain property into the CFD and the levy of special taxes; and,

B. Adopting **Resolution 2024-29**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, acting as the Legislative Body of the Community Facilities District No. 2003-2 (Services) of the City of Merced determining the validity of prior proceedings, calling special election related to Annexation No. 25; and,

C. Holding an election; and,

D. Adopting **Resolution 2024-30**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced acting as the Legislative Body of the Community Facilities District No. 2003-2 (Services) of the City of Merced canvassing the results of the election held within Annexation No. 25 of said District; and,

E. Adopting **Resolution 2024-31**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced acting as the Legislative Body of the Community Facilities District No. 2003-2 (Services) of the City of Merced, annexing Annexation No. 25 to said district and authorizing the levy of a special tax within said Annexation No. 25.

Senior Planner Francisco MENDOZA gave a presentation on an area being annexed into the Community Facilities District 2003-2 (Services) and briefly described the process.

Mayor SERRATTO opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 PM and subsequently closed the Public Hearing at 7:06 PM due to lack of public comments.

Clerk's Note: There was no Council discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Ornelas, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve Resolution 2024-29. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Pro Tempore Perez

Assistant City Clerk Jennifer LEVESQUE opened the ballot and

announced that the ballot was in favor of annexation into the CFD.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Ornelas, approving Resolution 2024-30 and Resolution 2024-31. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Serratto, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, and Council Member Smith

No: 1 - Council Member Xiong

Absent: 1 - Mayor Pro Tempore Perez

J.2.

SUBJECT: Public Hearing to Consider the Annexation of Certain Property into Community Facilities District (CFD) No. 2003-2 (Services), Calling and Holding a Special Election for Annexation No. 26 into CFD No. 2003-2 (Services; Canvassing the Results of the Election Held within Annexation No. 26 of Said District, and Annexing Annexation No. 26 to Said District and Authorizing the Levy of a Special Tax Within Said Annexation No. 26. Annexation No. 26 Consists of Approximately 10 Acres of Land Generally Located on the West Side of Coffee Street, Approximately 300 Feet of North Gerard Avenue

REPORT IN BRIEF

Hold a public hearing and election for annexation into Community Facilities District No. 2003-2 (Services) for the approximately 10 acres of land generally located on the west side of Coffee Street, approximately 300 feet of North Gerard Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Holding a Public Hearing on the annexation of certain property into the CFD and the levy of special taxes; and,

B. Adopting **Resolution 2024-32**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, acting as the Legislative Body of the Community Facilities District No. 2003-2 (Services) of the City of Merced determining the validity of prior proceedings, calling special election related to Annexation No. 26; and,

C. Holding an election; and,

D. Adopting **Resolution 2024-33**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced acting as the Legislative Body of the Community Facilities District No. 2003-2 (Services) of the City of Merced canvassing the results of the election held within Annexation No. 26 of said District; and,

E. Adopting **Resolution 2024-34**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced acting as the Legislative Body of the Community Facilities District No. 2003-2 (Services) of the City of Merced, annexing Annexation No. 26 to said district and authorizing the levy of a special tax within said Annexation No. 26.

Senior Planner Francisco MENDOZA gave a presentation on an area being annexed into the Community Facilities District 2003-2 (Services) and briefly described the process.

Mayor SERRATTO opened the Public Hearing at 7:15 PM and subsequently closed the Public Hearing at 7:15 PM due to lack of public comments.

Clerk's Note: There was no Council discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Ornelas, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve Resolution 2024-32. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Pro Tempore Perez

Assistant City Clerk Jennifer LEVESQUE opened the ballot and announced that the ballot was in favor of annexation into the CFD.

A motion was made by Council Member Ornelas, seconded by Council Member Smith, approving Resolution 2024-33 and Resolution 2024-34. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Serratto, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, and Council Member Smith

No: 1 - Council Member Xiong

Absent: 1 - Mayor Pro Tempore Perez

Reports

Clerk's Note: Agenda Item I.10. was moved to be heard as a Report Item after the Public Hearing items.

I.10.

SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution Approving Final Map #5405 for Capella Terrace Subdivision for 45 Single-Family Lots, Generally Located on the West Side of S. Coffee Street, 300 Feet North of E. Gerard Avenue and the Approval of the Subdivision Agreement for the Capella Terrace

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers adopting a Resolution approving the Final Map #5405 for 45 single-family lots, located on the west side of S. Coffee Street, approximately 300 feet north of E. Gerard Avenue, and approving the Subdivision Agreement for the Capella Terrace Subdivision.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

- A. Adopting **Resolution 2024-28**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, approving the Final Subdivision Map for the Capella Terrace Subdivision (#5405); and,
- B. Approving the Subdivision Agreement for the Capella Terrace Subdivision; and,
- C. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

Clerk's Note: Agenda Item I.10. was moved to be heard as a Report Item after the Public Hearing items.

City Manager Scott MCBRIDE and Senior Planner Francisco MENDOZA briefly discussed the reasoning behind moving the agenda item to a report item and the timeline of the project.

Council Member XIONG expressed his opposition of new development without affordable housing.

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

Aye: 5 - Mayor Serratto, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, and Council Member Smith

No: 1 - Council Member Xiong

Absent: 1 - Mayor Pro Tempore Perez

K. BUSINESS

K.1. **SUBJECT:** Continued Appointments to the Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission to Appoint District One (1)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers the appointment of an individual to the Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion accepting nominations and appointing one individual to the District 1 seat of the Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission.

Council discussed the vacancy and applicants for the Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission.

A motion was made by Council Member Ornelas, seconded by Council Member Boyle, to appoint Nadine Villafana to the District 1 seat on the Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Pro Tempore Perez

K.2. **SUBJECT:** Discussion on Attendance for the 2024 League of California Cities City Leaders Summit, April 17 - April 19, 2024, Sacramento, CA

REPORT IN BRIEF

The event offers opportunities for city officials to meet with state lawmakers and advocate for cities' top priorities, as well as participate in peer-to-peer discussions and in-depth educational sessions.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion designating members of the City Council to the League of California Cities City Leaders Summit, scheduled for April 17 - April 19, 2024, in Sacramento, CA.

Council, City Manager Scott MCBRIDE, and Senior Management Analyst Jennifer FLACHMAN discussed the League of California Cities Annual Conference, the need to assign a voting delegate, the itinerary, the deadline, fees, and discussing the attendance without Council approval.

Clerk's Note: There was no formal vote taken, item was for information only.

K.3. **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.

Clerk's Note: No future items were added.

K.4. **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 BOYLE reported on attending the Italo's Ladies Night Out event, the Strategic Planning Session, the Mural painting at the Merced Zoo, the cycling event, the 75th Hornitos Enchilada event, the D Street Homeless Shelter event, a Voter Integrity Dinner, and reminded everyone to go out and vote.

Council Member SMITH encouraged everyone to go out and vote and to continue working on roads.

Council Member XIONG reported on attending the vigil for Nex BENEDICT.

Council Member ORNELAS reported on attending the UC Merced Basketball tournaments.

Council Member DEANDA spoke on his health.

Mayor SERRATTO thanked everyone for their work, reminded everyone that budget is coming, attended the Weaver School's performance of Moana Jr., and Fiddler on the Roof.

Council Member BOYLE gave a shoutout to the High School and College students for attending the Council Meetings.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.

A motion was made by Council Member Ornelas, seconded by Council Member Boyle, that this Regular Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Serratto, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Boyle, Council Member DeAnda, Council Member Smith, and Council Member Xiong

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Pro Tempore Perez