



# 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

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Monday, October 3, 2016

7:00 PM

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#### A. CLOSED SESSION ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 - Mayor Stanley P. Thurston, Mayor Pro Tempore Joshua Pedrozo, Council Member Michael Belluomini, Council Member Kevin Blake, and Council Member Tony Dossetti

**Absent:** 2 - Council Member Noah Lor, and Council Member Mike Murphy

#### B. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor THURSTON called the Closed Session to order at 6:31 PM.

##### B.1.

**SUBJECT:** CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS - Property: 725 West 18th Street, Merced, CA; Agency Negotiator: Frank Quintero, Director, Economic Development; Negotiating Parties: City of Merced and Fluetsch and Busby Insurance; Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment.

**Clerk's Note:** Council adjourned from Closed Session at 7:00 PM.

#### C. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor THURSTON called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

C.1. Invocation - Mary Hoffman, Congregation Etz Chaim

The Invocation was delivered by Mary HOFMANN from Congregation Etz Chaim.

C.2. Pledge of a Allegiance to the Flag

#### D. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 - Mayor Stanley P. Thurston, Mayor Pro Tempore Joshua Pedrozo, Council Member Michael Belluomini, Council Member Kevin Blake, Council Member Tony Dossetti, and Council Member Mike Murphy

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Noah Lor

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 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 Public Financing and Economic Development Authority receive no compensation.

## **E. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

There was no report.

## **F. CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

### **F.1.                   SUBJECT: Proclamation - Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

#### **REPORT IN BRIEF**

Received by a representative of the Valley Crisis Center.

Mayor THURSTON presented the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation to Chee YANG from the Valley Crisis Center.

### **F.2.                   SUBJECT: Proclamation - Fire Prevention Month**

#### **REPORT IN BRIEF**

Accepted by Merced Fire Captain Jim Evans.

Council Member BLAKE presented the Fire Prevention Month Proclamation to Fire Captain Jim EVANS.

### **F.3.                   SUBJECT: Proclamation - Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

#### **REPORT IN BRIEF**

Accepted by Merced Fire Captain Morgan Madruga.

Council Member DOSSETTI presented the Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation to Fire Captain Morgan MADRUGA. He also presented Carina DAVIS with a Certificate of Appreciation for her efforts in raising money for Breast Cancer Research.

## **G SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

### **G.1. Continuum of Care Update - Dr. Joe Colletti**

Dr. Joe COLLETTI gave a slide show presentation on ending chronic homelessness.

City Manager Steve CARRIGAN spoke on the fight to end homelessness.

Mayor THURSTON asked about health and mental health services by the County Mental Health Department.

Mr. COLLETTI explained that there will be services for the homeless and more people on the streets to help.

Mayor Pro Tempore PEDROZO asked about homeless veterans.

Carol BOWMAN from the United Way discussed the decrease in homeless veterans and the efforts to lower the number of homeless veterans and the process they have in place to provide services.

Cathy SMITH from Sierra Saving Grace spoke on the projects that they are working on.

#### **H. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The Clerk's office did not receive any written petitions and communications.

#### **I. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Necola ADAMS, Merced - spoke on the vandalism of her campaign signs.

#### **J. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Item J.8. 2015 Urban Water Management Plan was pulled for separate consideration.

#### **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Pedrozo, seconded by Council Member Dossetti, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Thurston, Mayor Pro Tempore Pedrozo, Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Blake, Council Member Dossetti, and Council Member Murphy

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Lor

**J.1.**

**SUBJECT:** Information Only-Planning Commission Minutes of July 20, 2016

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

For information only.

This Consent Item was approved.

- J.2.**                    **SUBJECT:** Information Only - Merced Regional Airport Authority  
Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2016

**RECOMMENDATION**

For information only.

This Consent Item was approved.

- J.3.**                    **SUBJECT:** Information-Only Contracts

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Notification of awarded Non-Public Works contracts under \$29,000 and of Public Works contracts under \$65,204.

**AUTHORITY**

Pursuant to the authority delegated to the City Manager on behalf of the City by Article XI, Section 1109, of the Merced City Charter to execute Public Works contracts under the adjusted FY 2016-2017 threshold of \$65,204.00, and Chapter 3.04.080 - 3.04.110 of the Merced Municipal Code to execute Non-Public Works contracts under the adjusted FY 2016-2017 threshold of \$29,000.00, the contracts listed on the attached table were entered into by the City.

This Consent Item was approved.

- J.4.**                    **SUBJECT:** City Council/Public Financing and Economic  
Development/Parking Authority Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2016  
and September 6, 2016.

**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 March 3, 2016 and September 6, 2016.

This Consent Item was approved.

- J.5.**                    **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.**

**J.6.**

**SUBJECT:** 2016 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Accept grant award for reimbursement of bulletproof vest expenses.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$15,120 in grant funds to account 001-1002-522.29-00 for 50% of the costs associated with the purchase of bulletproof vests; and,

B. Accepting and increasing the revenue budget in the amount of \$15,120 in account 001-1002-324.37-00 for the grant award amount; and,

C. Authorizing the use of pooled cash to cover the appropriation until grant funds are reimbursed.

**This Consent Item was approved.**

**J.7.**

**SUBJECT:** 2016 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Consider accepting a grant award in the amount of \$51,649 to fund part-time personnel, equipment, and travel/training.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

A. Accepting the grant and increasing the revenue budget in account 050-1025-321.17-00 by \$51,649, and appropriating the same to Fund

050; and,

B. Approving the use of pooled cash until reimbursement is received from the grant; and,

C. Authorizing the Police Department and the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

**This Consent Item was approved.**

**J.9.**

**SUBJECT:** First Amendment to Professional Services Agreement with Interwest Consulting Group for Building and Planning Services

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

City Council will consider approving the First Amendment to Professional Services Agreement with Interwest Consulting Group for building and planning services.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving the First Amendment for Professional Services with Interwest Consulting Group, Inc., to provide as needed building and planning services for an additional amount of \$85,000.00; and,

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

C. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the above agreement.

**This Consent Item was approved.**

**J.10.**

**SUBJECT:** First Amendment to Agreement for Professional Services with Mott MacDonald, LLC.

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Proposed First Amendment to Agreement for Professional Services with Mott MacDonald because of ownership and name change.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a Motion to approve the First Amendment to Agreement for Professional Services to Reflect the Change of Ownership and Name to Mott MacDonald, LLC, A Delaware Limited Liability Company; and authorize the City Manager to Execute the

Necessary Documents.

This Consent Item was approved.

J.11.

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Approval of an Amended Salary Range for Assistant City Manager

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers Amending the Salary Range for the Assistant City Manager

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion approving **Resolution 2016-51**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced Amending the Salary Range for the Classification of Assistant City Manager.

This Consent Item was approved.

J.8.

**SUBJECT:** 2015 Urban Water Management Plan

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Recommend approving a professional services agreement with Carollo Engineers to prepare an update for the Department of Water Resources 2015 Urban Water Management Plan

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a motion approving:

A. An agreement with Carollo Engineers in the amount of \$40,500 for professional engineering services to prepare the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan, as required under the Water Code Section 10610; and

B. Authorize the City Manager to sign the necessary documents.

Council Member BELLUOMINI pulled this item and asked who will run the meetings or make presentations, whether there would be a cost increase if the timeline is extended, and the time schedule for the Urban Water Management Plan.

Director of Public Works Ken ELWIN explained that the consultants will be presenting the agendas for the meetings and requesting information from staff. Mr. ELWIN explained that there will not be a cost increase if the timeline is extended; only if there is a task change. Mr. ELWIN explained

that the timeline for the Urban Water Management Plan will be determined by the number of comments that are received and how long it will take to research and evaluate the comments.

**A motion was made by Council Member Belluomini, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Pedrozo, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Thurston, Mayor Pro Tempore Pedrozo, Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Blake, Council Member Dossetti, and Council Member Murphy

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Lor

## K. PUBLIC HEARINGS

### K.1. **SUBJECT:** Continued Public Hearing - Merced Fire Department User Fees

#### **REPORT IN BRIEF**

The Merced Fire Department is requesting to continue this Public Hearing to the October 17, 2016 meeting.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion continuing the Public Hearing to the October 17, 2016 meeting.

Mayor THURSTON opened the Public Hearing at 7:52 PM.

Cesar JOHNSON, Merced - spoke on lowering the firework booth fees for non-profit.

John CARLISLE, Merced - spoke on the firework booth fees.

Mayor THURSTON closed the Public Hearing at 8:00 PM.

**A motion was made by Council Member Blake, seconded by Council Member Murphy, to continue the Public Hearing to the October 17th meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Thurston, Mayor Pro Tempore Pedrozo, Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Blake, Council Member Dossetti, and Council Member Murphy

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Lor

## L. REPORTS



**L.1.                    SUBJECT: Maintenance Districts - Assessment Ballot Proceeding Processes**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Detail the necessary steps required to conduct an assessment ballot hearing to obtain property owners' approval to increase special benefit assessments, rebuild Fund operating reserve balances, and allow for annual consumer price index adjustments on properties within identified Maintenance Districts.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Accept Report for Information Only.

Director of Public Works Ken ELWIN discussed the maintenance districts assessment ballot proceeding process.

Council Members discussed the ballot timeline for the underfunded districts and which maintenance districts should be voted on first.

Deputy Finance Officer Teri ALBRECHT discussed the cashflow for the districts.

**Clerk's Note:** Mayor THURSTON recused himself from voting on the Oakmont #2 Maintenance District because he lives in that district.

**A motion was made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Pedrozo, for Oakmont #3 Maintenance District to go out to ballot. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Pro Tempore Pedrozo, Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Blake, Council Member Dossetti, and Council Member Murphy

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Lor

**Abstain:** 1 - Mayor Thurston

**A motion was made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Pedrozo, for Mansionette and Campus North Maintenance Districts to go out to ballot. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Thurston, Mayor Pro Tempore Pedrozo, Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Blake, Council Member Dossetti, and Council Member Murphy

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Lor

## **M. BUSINESS**

### **M.1. Request to Add Item to Future Agenda**

There were no items added to a future agenda.

### **M.2. City Council Comments**

Mayor Pro Tempore PEDROZO spoke on the Breast Cancer Awareness shirts from the Merced Fire Department and encouraged everyone to attend the pancake breakfast on October 8th.

Council Member MURPHY reported attending the Merced Feast Event.

## **N. ADJOURNMENT**

**Clerk's Note:** The meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

**A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Pedrozo, seconded by Council Member Murphy, to adjourn the Regular Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Thurston, Mayor Pro Tempore Pedrozo, Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Blake, Council Member Dossetti, and Council Member Murphy

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Lor