



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, February 6, 2017

7:00 PM

A. CLOSED SESSION ROLL CALL

Clerk's Note: Council Member MCLEOD arrived at 5:57 PM.

Present: 7 - Mayor Mike Murphy, Mayor Pro Tempore Kevin Blake, Council Member Joshua Pedrozo, Council Member Michael Belluomini, Council Member Anthony Martinez, Council Member Jill McLeod, and Council Member Matthew Serratto

Absent: 0

B. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor MURPHY called the Closed Session to Order at 5:46 PM.

B.1. **SUBJECT:** CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: 1 Case

B.2. **SUBJECT:** PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION - Title: City Manager; Authority: Government Code Section 54957

B.3. **SUBJECT:** PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION - Title: Finance Officer; Authority: Government Code Section 54957

Clerk's Note: Council adjourned from Closed Session at 6:59 PM.

C. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor MURPHY called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

C.1. Invocation - Lamar Henderson, Human Services Agency (All Dad's Matter)

The invocation was delivered by Lamar HENDERSON from the Human Services Agency (All Dad's Matter).

C.2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

D. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Mike Murphy, Mayor Pro Tempore Kevin Blake, Council Member Joshua Pedrozo, Council Member Michael Belluomini, Council Member Anthony Martinez, Council Member Jill McLeod, and Council Member Matthew Serratto

Absent: 0

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 - Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month**

REPORT IN BRIEF

Received by Director Chee Yang and Volunteer Coordinator Sophie Kanabay of the Valley Crisis Center.

Council Member SERRATTO presented the Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month Proclamation to Director Chee YANG and Volunteer Coordinator Sophie KANABAY of the Valley Crisis Center.

G. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

G.1. Update on False Alarm Ordinance - Marvin Dillsaver

Marvin DILLSAVER gave an update on the False Alarm Ordinance.

H. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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

I. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Ron COOK, Merced Garden Club, Merced - spoke about the rose garden at Applegate Park.

Reverend RAMSEY, Atwater - spoke on the Valentine's Day Dance event.

J. CONSENT CALENDAR

Items J.6. Community Facilities District (CFD) Annual Reports, J.8. Supplemental Budget Appropriation - Northwood Village Maintenance District, J.9. Award Bid to Viking Construction Company, Inc., for the M and G Street Bridges at Bear Creek Project 108026, J.12. Vacation #16-01 - Setting a Public Hearing for February 21, 2017, to Vacate a 2.18-Acre Storm Drain Basin and a 0.95-Acre Storm Drain Easement, J.13. Amendment to Professional Services Agreements with Interwest Consulting Group, CSG Consultants Inc., and 4-LEaf Inc. for Building Services, J.15. Support Assembly Bill No. 1 and Senate Bill No. 2, and J.17. Second Reading - Ordinance No. 2469 "Regulated Communications in City Procurement Process" Adding Chapter 3.06 to the Merced Municipal Code were pulled for further consideration.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 0

J.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.

J.2.

SUBJECT: City Council/Public Financing and Economic Development/Parking Authority Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2016 and January 3, 2017.

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 December 19, 2016 and January 3, 2017.

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: Information Only - Recreation and Parks Commission Minutes from November 28, 2016

REPORT IN BRIEF

For Information Only

This Consent Item was approved.

J.5.

SUBJECT: Information Only - Planning Commission meeting Minutes of November 9, 2016

RECOMMENDATION

For information only.

This Consent Item was approved.

J.7.

SUBJECT: Joint Funding Agreement with Merced Irrigation District for Local Share for Additional Work on Groundwater-Surface Water Interaction Model for the Merced Groundwater Basin

REPORT IN BRIEF

Consideration of an agreement with Merced Irrigation District (MID) for an amendment to the contract for the Merced Water Resources Model in the amount of \$173,773.50; a jointly funded agreement with Merced Irrigation District, which will be partially reimbursed from cost shares of other groundwater users collaborating on the future Groundwater Sustainable Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion approving the expenditure of \$173,773.50 for the Merced Water Resources Model, authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents, and the Finance Officer to make the necessary budget adjustments.

This Consent Item was approved.

J.10.

SUBJECT: Professional Services Agreement with Quincy Engineering, Inc., for Engineering Construction Services for the M and G Street Bridges at Bear Creek Project 108026

REPORT IN BRIEF

Consider approving an agreement in the amount of \$180,887.06 for specialized bridge engineering construction services for the M and G Street Bridges over Bear Creek Project.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion approving the Professional Services Agreement with Quincy Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$180,887.06; and, authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

This Consent Item was approved.

J.11.

SUBJECT: Administering Agency Program Supplement and Amendment Modification Summary (E-76) for a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Grant for Sidewalk Infill on Oleander Avenue, CML-5085(043), Project 114050

REPORT IN BRIEF

Consider a resolution approving a California Department of Transportation Program Supplement for the use of \$53,853 in CMAQ Grant funding for construction costs associated with sidewalk infill on Oleander Avenue, bounded by Alexander Avenue and Olive Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

- A. Adopting **Resolution 2017-06**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, Approving Federal-Aid Projects Program Supplement Agreement No. 024-N1; and
- B. Accepting and appropriating \$53,853 in grant funds from CMAQ for construction costs associated with sidewalk infill on Oleander Avenue; and,
- C. Transferring matching funds of \$6,977 from Street and Signal CIP Fund 450-1104-637.65-00-Projects to be Determined to 450-1104-637.65-00-114050; and,
- D. Approving the use of pooled cash until reimbursement is received from the grant; and,
- E. Authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the necessary documents.

This Consent Item was approved.

J.14.

SUBJECT: Reimbursement Agreement with California High Speed Rail Authority for Technical Review

REPORT IN BRIEF

Proposed Reimbursement Agreement with the California High Speed Rail Authority to reimburse the City for staff costs associated with reviewing plans necessary to construct the Merced segment and Downtown Station. Amount of the Agreement shall not exceed \$55,000.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

- A. Adopting **Resolution 2017-09**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, approving a reimbursement agreement with the California High Speed Rail Authority for reimbursement of costs related to the review of technical studies, legal documents, and design plans for the high speed rail project; and,
- B. Authorizing the City of Merced to enter into a Reimbursement Agreement with the California High Speed Rail Authority for Technical

Review not to exceed \$55,000; 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.

J.16.

SUBJECT: Second Reading - Ordinance No. 2472 Dealing with
Limited Time Parking Lots, On-Street Disabled Persons Parking, No
Parking Zones, and Four-Way Stop Intersections

REPORT IN BRIEF

Second reading of previously introduced Ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion adopting **Ordinance 2472**, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, Amending Sections 10.28.215 "Limited Time Parking Lots-Two Hours", 10.28.230 "No Parking Zones", 10.28.275 "Disabled Persons-On-Street Parking", 10.28.380 "Stop Intersections Designated" of the Merced Municipal Code.

This Consent Item was approved.

J.6.

SUBJECT: Community Facilities District (CFD) Annual Reports

REPORT IN BRIEF

Specific sections of the California Government Code require annual reporting for special tax measures and local bond measures. Each year, City staff prepares the Community Facilities District Annual Reports, which summarizes the financial activity of the CFD and certifies that use of funds is consistent with the purpose of the CFD. These reports are required to be filed with the Agency's governing board annually.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion accepting and filing the reports with the City Clerk.

Council Member BELLUOMINI pulled this item to ask for clarification on the surplus funds and the ability to spend them within the CFD.

Director Brad GRANT explained that if the money was above and beyond the reserve fund, the money could be spent within the district.

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 0

J.8.

SUBJECT: Supplemental Budget Appropriation - Northwood Village Maintenance District

REPORT IN BRIEF

Consider authorizing a supplemental budget appropriation to cover installation of landscape irrigation system and the re-seeding of the associated park strip lawn.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion approving a supplemental budget appropriation from the unappropriated reserves of the Northwood Village Maintenance District, in the amount of \$2,000, to cover installation of landscape irrigation system and the re-seeding of park strip lawn.

Council Member SERRATTO pulled this item to ask if there are any plans for drought-friendly alternatives.

Director of Public Works Ken ELWIN stated that the City's long term goal is to look into more drought tolerant landscaping.

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 0

J.9.

SUBJECT: Award Bid to Viking Construction Company, Inc., for the M and G Street Bridges at Bear Creek Project 108026

REPORT IN BRIEF

Consider awarding a construction contract in the amount of \$2,716,573.00 for the repair of the M and G Street bridges over Bear Creek.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Awarding the bid for the M and G Street Bridges at Bear Creek Project 108026, to Viking Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$2,716,573.00; and,

B. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents and to approve change orders not to exceed 15% of the total contract.

Mayor MURPHY pulled this item to discuss authorizing change orders exceeding 10 percent.

Interim City Engineer Theron ROSCHEN explained the issues that arise when having to do a change order on a project and the time constraints that follow when having to bring the change order to the Council for approval.

Council Member MARTINEZ asked what was the likelihood of exceeding the 10 percent of the total contract.

Mr. ROSCHEN explained that it would be difficult to tell because of the uniqueness of the project. He also offered to communicate information about the development of the project.

Council Member SERRATTO asked about safeguards protecting taxpayers money.

Mr. ROSCHEN discussed hiring an engineering inspection firm and the staff's job to ensure the project being performed is reasonable.

Mayor Pro Tempore BLAKE stated his support for the 15 percent in change orders.

Council Member PEDROZO stated his support for the 15 percent in change orders.

Mayor MURPHY offered a compromise to have a discussion before the change order reaches 10 percent of the original contract.

Interim City Attorney Jolie HOUSTON stated that the Council can first vote on awarding the contract to Viking Construction, then vote on the percentage limit of change orders.

A motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Council Member Pedrozo, to award the bid to Viking Construction Company. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Murphy, Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Martinez, Council Member McLeod, Council Member Pedrozo, Council Member Serratto

No: 0

Absent: 0

A motion was made by Mayor MURPHY to cap the change orders at 10 percent, but failed due to lack of a second.

Council Member SERRATTO stated his support for the 15 percent in change orders.

A motion was made by Council Member Pedrozo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, to approve staff's recommendation of change orders not exceeding 15 percent. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, Council Member Pedrozo, Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Martinez, Council Member McLeod, and Council Member Serratto

No: 1 - Mayor Murphy

Absent: 0

J.12.

SUBJECT: Vacation #16-01 - Setting a Public Hearing for February 21, 2017, to Vacate a 2.18-Acre Storm Drain Basin and a 0.95-Acre Storm Drain Easement

REPORT IN BRIEF

Sets a public hearing for February 21, 2017, to vacate a 2.18-acre storm drain basin and a 0.95-acre storm drain easement, generally located east of G Street and approximately 390 feet north of Yosemite Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion adopting Resolution 2017-05 a

Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, declaring its intention to vacate a 2.18-acre storm drain basin and a 0.95-acre storm drain easement generally located east of G Street and approximately 390 feet north of Yosemite Avenue (Vacation #16-01) setting time and place for public hearing.

Council Member BELLUOMINI pulled this item to ask about landscaping the drainage basin in the Mansionette Maintenance District.

Associate Planner Julie NELSON stated that there will be landscaping installed around the basin, but will be deferred until the development at Yosemite and G occurs.

Director of Public Works Ken ELWIN explained that the landscaping can not be installed until there is more development in the area.

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 0

J.13.

SUBJECT: Amendments to Professional Services Agreements with Interwest Consulting Group, CSG Consultants Inc., and 4-Leaf Inc. for Building Services

REPORT IN BRIEF

The City Council will consider approving amendments to Professional Services Agreements with three consultants for planning and building services.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving the 2nd Amendment to the Agreement for Professional Services with Interwest Consulting Group, Inc., to provide as needed building services in an amount not to exceed an additional \$80,000; and,

B. Approving the 1st Amendment to the Agreement for Professional Services with CSG Consultants, Inc., to provide as needed building

services in the amount not to exceed an additional \$25,000; and,

C. Approving the 1st Amendment to the Agreement for Professional Services with 4-Leaf, Inc., to provide as needed building services in the amount not to exceed an additional \$5,000; and,

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

E. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the above agreements.

Council Member BELLUOMINI pulled this item to ask about hiring permanent employees to increase capacity in the Inspection Services Division vs. contract employees.

City Manager Steve CARRIGAN stated that if the number of building permits continue to rise, then a full-time employment opportunity will be presented to the Council.

Clerk's Note: Council Member PEDROZO was not at the dais at the time of the vote.

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

Aye: 6 - Mayor Murphy, Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, Council Member Belluomini, Council Member Martinez, Council Member McLeod, and Council Member Serratto

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Pedrozo

J.15.

SUBJECT: Support Assembly Bill No. 1 and Senate Bill No. 1

REPORT IN BRIEF

Seeking Council support of AB 1 (Frazier) and SB 1 (Beall) that would provide a new transportation funding plan for the state.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council- Adopt a motion supporting AB 1 and SB 1 and directing staff to produce letters of support and other materials to reflect the City's position.

Clerk's Note: This item was pulled to be moved to a future agenda.

J.17.

SUBJECT: Second Reading - Ordinance No. 2469 "Regulated

Communications in City Procurement Process” Adding Chapter
3.06 to the Merced Municipal Code

REPORT IN BRIEF

Second reading of previously introduced Ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion adopting **Ordinance 2469**, an Ordinance of the City Council for the City of Merced, California adding Chapter 3.06, regulated communications in City procurement process to the Merced Municipal Code.

Council Member SERRATTO pulled this item to ask for input from people and to move this item to a later Council meeting.

Greg HOSTETLER, Merced - spoke against the proposed Ordinance.

Doug FLUETSCH, Merced - spoke against the proposed Ordinance.

Robert DYLINA, Merced - spoke against the proposed Ordinance.

Stan THURSTON, Merced - spoke in favor of the proposed Ordinance.

Council Member MARTINEZ asked whether Council doing their own research proposals would be undercutting City Staff.

Mayor MURPHY explained that the research the Council would do is to form an opinion and also discussed the safeguards that are in place.

Council Member PEDROZO stated his opposition for the proposed Ordinance.

Council Members and Interim City Attorney discussed clarifying the limitations with the communication between Council Members and proposers, agents acting on behalf of the proposer, and citizens.

City Manager Steve CARRIGAN discussed the Ordinance and stated that only two cities in California have adopted this Ordinance.

Council Members further discussed the communication section of the proposed Ordinance.

A motion was made by Council Member Belluomini, seconded by Council Member Serratto, that this agenda item be continued to the March 6th meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, Council Member Belluomini, Council Member McLeod, and Council Member Serratto

No: 3 - Mayor Murphy, Council Member Pedrozo, and Council Member Martinez

Absent: 0

Clerk's Note: Council took a break at 8:52 PM and returned to the Regular Meeting at 9:04 PM.

K. PUBLIC HEARINGS

K.1. **SUBJECT:** Public Hearing Assessment Ballot Proceeding - Oakmont #3, Campus North, and Mansionette Maintenance Districts

REPORT IN BRIEF

Consider conducting a public hearing to hear public testimony regarding proposed assessment increases, and continue hearing to allow staff sufficient time to tally the ballots, and report the results at the February 21, 2017 Council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Conducting a Public Hearing for the Oakmont #3, Campus North, and Mansionette Maintenance Districts to allow for public testimony on proposed assessment increases; and,

B. Continuing Public Hearing until Tuesday, February 21, 2017, to allow staff sufficient time to tally the ballots and report the results at the February 21, 2017, City Council Meeting.

Director of Public Works Ken ELWIN gave a presentation on the assessment ballot proceeding.

Interim City Attorney Jolie HOUSTON explained that the public can submit their ballots until the close of the Public Hearing tonight, the Assessment District Public Hearing will be closed and then the matter continued to the February 21st meeting.

Council Member PEDROZO asked about the prevailing wage issue.

Ms. HOUSTON confirmed that the maintenance district would be subjected

to prevailing wage.

Mayor Pro Tempore BLAKE discussed a fairness issue pertaining to the Mansionette District.

Mayor MURPHY opened the Public Hearing at 9:31 PM.

Larry SMITH, Merced - asked questions in regards to the Mansionette District.

Richard EASON, Merced - spoke against the proposed fee increase for the Campus North Maintenance District.

Mayor MURPHY closed the Public Hearing at 9:44 PM.

Council Member BELLUOMINI discussed looking at this process as a learning experience.

A motion was made by Council Member Pedrozo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, that this matter be continued to the February 21, 2017 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 0

L. REPORTS

L.1.

SUBJECT: Locating Merced's Next Industrial Park

REPORT IN BRIEF

At the January 3, 2017 Council meeting, Staff was directed to bring back a report on Industrial Land Use.

RECOMMENDATION

For Information Only.

Director of Economic Development Frank QUINTERO gave a presentation on industrial park.

President and CEO of Chabin Concepts, Audrey TAYLOR gave a slide show presentation on Future Regional Industrial Park Development.

Council Member MARTINEZ asked about the strengths and weakness in Sectors 6 and 7 described in the presentation.

Ms. TAYLOR explained the 13 factors they used to compare the two sectors.

Council Member BELLUOMINI asked what advantage was to be gained by partnering with the County. He also asked about the water weakness in Sector 6 and City boundary constraints on future annexation.

Mr. QUINTERO explained the advantages of partnering with the County is in the planning stages and speeds up the annexation portion of the project as well as leverages funding for the project.

Ms. TAYLOR explained the weakness in Sector 6 for water service. She also explained the potential to extend Sector 7, while Sector 6 is a pocket of the land that can't be expanded.

Council Member BELLUOMINI asked about freeway access on Sectors 6 and 7.

Ms. TAYLOR explained that both Sector 6 and 7 have freeway access.

Council Member MARTINEZ discussed the residents position on where the industrial park should go.

John ANDREWS, Merced - spoke on the Merced Interchange as the location of the potential industrial park.

Ronda BOHNER, Merced - spoke on Sector 6 as the location of the potential industrial park.

Larry SMITH, Merced - spoke on the Mission Interchange and Highway 99 as the location of the potential industrial park.

Pamela ANDREWS, Merced - spoke on Sector 6 as the location of the potential industrial park.

M. BUSINESS

M.1.

SUBJECT: Council Member Belluomini's Request to Discuss City Entry Signs

REPORT IN BRIEF

This item is in response to Council Member Belluomini's request to discuss entry signs into the City.

RECOMMENDATION

It is requested Council give staff direction on this item.

Council Member BELLUOMINI gave a presentation on City entry signs. He suggested general locations and sizes for the signs.

Council Member PEDROZO suggested a discussion with Council before reaching out to the public.

Council Member MARTINEZ stated his support for the entry signs without the service clubs' logos on the sign.

Mayor Pro Tempore BLAKE stated his support for the entry signs and suggested a possible arch sign on 16th Street similar to Modesto's Downtown sign.

Larry SMITH, Merced - spoke on having signs with service clubs' logos as well as a Welcome to Merced arch.

Rich MILLER, Merced - spoke on having a more subtle way to display the service clubs and suggested that the sign should say something compelling of this town.

Mayor MURPHY stated his support for the entry signs.

Council Member SERRATTO stated his support for the entry signs but also his concern for cost and priorities. He also suggested a possible mural for Highway 99.

A motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Council Member Belluomini, to form an Ad-Hoc Committee to include Council Members Belluomini, Blake, and Martinez. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 0

M.2. Request to Add Item to Future Agenda

Council Member MARTINEZ requested to add an item to discuss awarding scholarships to Merced High School Districts Seniors for the March 6th

meeting.

Council Member BELLUOMINI requested to add an item to discuss the creation of railroad quiet zones for the March 20th meeting.

Council Member PEDROZO requested an update on the water meters for the February 21st meeting.

Council Member SERRATTO requested to add an item to discuss infill incentive zones.

Mayor MURPHY discussed a priority meeting for the items that are being added.

M.3. City Council Comments

Council Member BELLUOMINI stated he received a letter from John RUSSELCURRY regarding access to the arcade at the Multicultural Arts building.

Council Member PEDROZO reported on attending the Joe Herb Park cleanup with the Youth Council. He also discussed the rail crossing closures and congratulated Merced High School's Academic Decathlon Team for winning the competition for the 9th year in a row.

Council Member MARTINEZ congratulated the City Staff, the Mayor, and everyone involved in the State of the City Address. He reported on attending the Youth Council park cleanup and he also discussed the Wizard of Oz play performed by the Weaver School District.

Council Member MCLEOD stated she received numerous positive remarks from young people about the State of the City Address and mentioned the dates for the Youth Council park cleanup.

Mayor Pro Tempore BLAKE discussed the upcoming Town Hall meeting.

Council Member SERRATTO congratulated everyone involved in the State of the City Address, reported on attending the Youth Council park cleanup, and the Merced Walks cleanup.

Mayor MURPHY reported on attending the ribbon cutting for Pizza Factory and Bobcat Diner, the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade, NAACP dinner, touring the 20/20 project at UC Merced, and the US Conference of Mayors in Washington DC. He thanked everyone involved with the State of the City Address.

City Manager Steve CARRIGAN announced the Homeless Summit on February 17th.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 11:07 PM.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, seconded by Council Member Pedrozo, that the Regular Meeting be adjourned in honor of Retired Officer Ray Sterling. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 0