



# 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, May 20, 2019

6:00 PM

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#### A. CLOSED SESSION ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 - Mayor Mike Murphy, Council Member Kevin Blake, Council Member Jill McLeod, Council Member Matthew Serratto, Council Member Delray Shelton, and Council Member Fernando Echevarria

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Pro Tempore Anthony Martinez

#### B. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor MURPHY called the Closed Session to order at 5:32 PM.

**Clerk's Note:** Mayor Pro Tempore MARTINEZ arrived at 5:34 PM.

**B.1.** **SUBJECT:** CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS - Property: 3033 G Street, Merced, CA APN 007-350-009; Agency Negotiator: Frank Quintero, Director, Economic Development; Negotiating Parties: Doug Collins Representing Merced City School Districts and City of Merced and; Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

**B.2.** **SUBJECT:** CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - Agency Designated Representative: City Manager Steve Carrigan; Employee Organizations: Merced Police Officers' Association (MPOA); Merced Association of Police Sergeants. AUTHORITY: Government Code Section 54957.6

**Clerk's Note:** Council adjourned from Closed Session at 5:53 PM.

#### C. CALL TO ORDER

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

C.1. Invocation - Bruce Logue, Life Spring Church

The invocation was delivered by Bruce LOGUE from Life Spring Church.

C.2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

#### **D. ROLL CALL**

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

**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 the 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 the Public Financing and Economic Development Authority receive no compensation.

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

There was no report.

#### **F. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The Clerk's Office received a petition from Joshua VALENTINE regarding a homeless program that was provided to the Council Members.

#### **G. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Rick TELEGAN, Merced - spoke on the scheduling of his Planning Commission Appeal Hearing.

Jorge GARIBAY, Merced - spoke on an issue he is having at his neighborhood park.

Joshua VALENTINE, Merced - spoke on a petition for a resource-rehabilitation center for the homeless.

Joel KNOX, Merced - spoke on the issues at the intersection of Childs Avenue and Parsons Avenue.

Sair LARA, Merced - spoke on the homeless issue at Applegate Park.

Diana ODOM GUNN, Merced - spoke on a proposal from the Downtown Neighborhood Association to fund trash cans and doggy bags on the Bear Creek Bike Path.

Necola ADAMS, Merced - spoke on the Merced County Nut festival.

#### **H. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Items H.5. Adoption of Resolutions by the City Council Acting in its Capacity as the Housing Successor Agency Authorizing the Retention of 26 West 18th Street, a Housing Asset Owned by the Former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Merced, Validating the Deposit of Funds into the Housing Asset Fund from the Sale of 454 West 18th Street, Which was a Housing Asset Owned by the Former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Merced and Validating the Deposits of Funds into the Housing Asset Fund From the Sale of 951 West 7th Street Which was a Housing Asset Owned by the Former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Merced, H.6. Approval of a Finding of Public Convenience of Necessity to Allow Beer and Wine Sales for Off-Site Consumption for Exxon Mobil/Mobil Mart Located at 782 Carol Avenue (Land Use Determination #19-01), H.7. Approval of First Amendment to the Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. Contract, Extending the Contract for an Additional Two-Year Term for Legislative Affairs Advocacy and Consulting Services for an Annual Amount of \$60,000, and H.8. Authorization to Negotiate the Temporary Purchase of Transfer Water Between the Merced Irrigation District and the City of Merced Through a Memorandum of Understanding and to Return with a Final Agreement for City Council Consideration; were pulled for separate consideration.

### Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

#### H.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.**

H.2. **SUBJECT:** Information Only - Site Plan Review Committee Meeting  
Minutes of March 28, 2019

**RECOMMENDATION**

For information only.

**This Consent Item was approved.**

H.3. **SUBJECT:** Information Only-Bicycle Advisory Commission Meeting  
Minutes of February 26, 2019

**RECOMMENDATION**

For information only.

**This Consent Item was approved.**

H.4. **SUBJECT:** Approval of City Council/Public Financing and  
Economic Development/Parking Authority Meeting Minutes of April  
15, 2019

**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 April 15, 2019.

**This Consent Item was approved.**

H.9. **SUBJECT:** Adoption of Resolution Changing the Meeting Date and  
Time of the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission to the Third  
Thursday of Every Odd-Numbered Month at 4 p.m. as  
Recommended by the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers approving Resolution changing the meeting date and time of  
the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission to the third Thursday of  
every odd-numbered month at 4 p.m. as recommended by the Arts and  
Culture Advisory Commission.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion approving **Resolution 2019-20**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, Setting the Day and Time of the Regular meeting of the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission.

**This Consent Item was approved.**

**H.10.**

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Recommendation by the Parks and Recreation Commission to Distribute the 2019 Allocation of the Wahneta Hall Trust Funds in the Amount of \$1,561 to the Kiwanis Club of Greater Merced to Operate a Mini Train in Applegate Park

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers approving the recommend Wahneta Hall Trust Funds to the Kiwanis Club of Greater Merced in the amount of \$1,561 to be used to operate and maintain the train at Kiddieland in Applegate Park.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion approving the recommendation by the Parks and Recreation Commission to allocate the 2019 Wahneta Hall Trust funds of \$1,561 to the Kiwanis Club of Greater Merced to be paid out of Fund 795 Wahneta Hall Trust Fund; and authorizing the City Manager or the Assistant City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

**This Consent Item was approved.**

**H.11.**

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Request to Accept and Appropriate Donated Funds in the Amount of \$237 from Fearless Yoga from a Fundraiser Held for Applegate Park Zoo to Purchase Animal Enrichment Supplies

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers approving a request for acceptance and appropriation in the amount of \$237 from Fearless Yoga Fundraiser in the Contributions and Donations account to the Zoo Supplies account to purchase animal enrichment supplies for Applegate Park Zoo.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion accepting a donation from Fearless Yoga Fundraiser in the amount of \$237 to account 024-1205-360.02-01 (Contributions and Donations); and appropriating the same to account 024-1205-542-.25-00 (Maintenance Materials and Services) to

purchase animal enrichment supplies.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.12.

**SUBJECT:** Award of Proposal and Approval of Agreement for Professional Services to Koff & Associates for Conducting a Citywide Employee Total Compensation Study for the Not to Exceed Amount of \$75,040

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers awarding a contract and approving a professional services agreement with the consulting firm Koff & Associates to conduct a citywide employee total compensation study for the not to exceed amount of \$75,040.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion awarding a contract for professional services to include a citywide compensation study to Koff & Associates in an amount not to exceed \$75,040 and authorizing the City Manager or the Assistant City Manager to execute the Agreement for Professional Services.

This Consent Item was approved.

H.13.

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Merced and the Merced Association of Police Sergeants Regarding Pay, Hours and Other Terms and Conditions of Employment for the Period January 1, 2019 Through December 31, 2019

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Merced and the Merced Association of Police Sergeants regarding pay, hours and other terms and conditions of employment for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion approving **Resolution 2019-22**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Merced Association of Police Sergeants; and authorizing the City Manager or the Assistant City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

This Consent Item was approved.

- H.14. SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Merced and the Merced Police Officers Association Regarding Pay, Hours and Other Terms and Conditions of Employment for the Period January 1, 2019 Through December 31, 2019

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers approving a Memorandum of Understanding with between the City of Merced and the Merced Police Officers Association regarding pay, hours and other terms and conditions of employment for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

**RECOMMENDATION**

City Council - Adopt a motion approving **Resolution 2019-23**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, approving Memorandum of Understanding with between the City and the Merced Police Officer Association; and authorizing the City Manager or the Assistant City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

**This Consent Item was approved.**

- H.15. SUBJECT: Authorization to Seek Applicants for Boards and Commissions Annual Vacancies

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Authorizes staff to seek applicants for vacancies for terms expiring July 1, 2019 and for current vacant seats on all Boards and Commissions.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion directing the Clerk's Office to notice all current vacant seats and upcoming vacancies for all Boards and Commissions.

**This Consent Item was approved.**

- H.5. SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolutions By The City Council Acting In Its Capacity as the Housing Successor Agency Authorizing the Retention of 26 West 18th Street, a Housing Asset Owned By the Former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Merced, Validating the Deposit of Funds Into the Housing Asset Fund From the Sale Of 454 West 18th Street, Which Was A Housing Asset Owned By the

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Former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Merced and  
Validating the Deposits of Funds Into the Housing Asset Fund From  
the Sale of 951 West 7th Street Which Was a Housing Asset  
Owned By the Former Redevelopment Agency of the City of  
Merced

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers adopting Resolutions of the City Council, acting in its capacity as the Housing Successor Agency to approve the Retention of 26 West 18th Street, a Housing Asset Owned by the Former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Merced and validating the deposit of funds into the Housing Asset Fund from the sale of 454 West 18th Street and 951 West 7th Street, both of which were Housing Assets Owned by the Former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Merced.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

- A. Adopting **Resolution 2019-17**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, Acting in its capacity as the Housing Successor Agency Authorizing its Retention of a Housing Asset (26 West 18th Street) Owned by the Former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Merced; and,
- B. Adopting **Resolution 2019-18**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, Acting in its capacity as the Housing Successor Agency validating the deposit of funds from the sale of a Housing Asset (454 West 8th Street) owned by the Former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Merced into the Housing Asset Fund; and,
- C. Adopting **Resolution 2019-19**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, acting in its capacity as the Housing Successor Agency validating the deposit of funds from the sale of a Housing Asset (951 West 7th Street) owned by the Former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Merced into the Housing Asset Fund.

Council Member ECHEVARRIA pulled this item to ask if any funds would go to District 2.

Housing Supervisor Mark HAMILTON briefly discussed the transfer of asset funds and properties and future funding in District 2.



Council Member ECHEVARRIA and Mr. HAMILTON discussed building single family homes in District 2 and asset funds.

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

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

**No:** 1 - Council Member Echevarria

**Absent:** 0

**H.6.**

**SUBJECT:** Approval of a Finding of Public Convenience or Necessity to Allow Beer and Wine Sales for Off-Site Consumption for Exxon Mobil/Mobil Mart Located at 782 Carol Avenue (Land Use Determination #19-01)

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

This report provides options for the City Council to consider in making a Finding of Public Convenience or Necessity (PCN), as required by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to allow the sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption for Exxon Mobil/Mobil Mart located at 782 Carol Avenue.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion approving the Finding of Public Convenience or Necessity to allow the issuance of a Type 20 Alcohol License (allows the sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption) for Exxon Mobil/Mobil Mart located at 782 Carol Avenue.

Council Member ECHEVARRIA pulled this item to ask about the necessity of a liquor store.

Planning Manager Kim ESPINOSA explained that the decision of allowing the sales of liquor is up to Council.

Mayor Pro Tempore MARTINEZ stated his opposition for this item.

Rachelle ABRIL, Merced - spoke in opposition to this item.

Joel KNOX, Merced - stated his concern about the location of the gas station and its proximity to homes and the high school.

Lakmvir SINGH, Merced - spoke on his proposed Exxon Mobil project and

stated that the business will be safe and clean.

Council Member SERRATTO, SHELTON, and BLAKE spoke in support of this item.

Council and Ms. ESPINOSA continued the discussion to allow beer and wine sales for off-site consumption for Exxon mobil.

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

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Murphy, Council Member Blake, Council Member McLeod, Council Member Serratto, and Council Member Shelton

**No:** 2 - Mayor Pro Tempore Martinez, and Council Member Echevarria

**Absent:** 0

H.7.

**SUBJECT:** Approval of First Amendment to the Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. Contract, Extending the Contract for an Additional Two-Year Term for Legislative Affairs Advocacy and Consulting Services for an Annual Amount of \$60,000

#### REPORT IN BRIEF

Consider the approval of the First Amendment the Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. contract, extending the term of the agreement for an additional two years for Legislative Affairs Advocacy and Consulting Services for an annual Amount of \$60,000.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**City Council** - Adopt a motion approving the First Amendment to the Townsend Public Affairs, Inc., contract and authorizing the City Manager or the Assistant City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

Council Member ECHEVARRIA pulled this item to ask about the contract amount and the scope of services.

Assistant City Manager Stephanie DIETZ and Assistant to the City Manager Mike CONWAY discussed the scope of services regarding advocating for the City of Merced at the state and federal level, the original contract amount, and the amount for the amendment to the contract.

Council and the staff continued discussing the scope of services provided by Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.

**A motion was made by Council Member Blake, seconded by Council Member McLeod, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the**

**following vote:**

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

**No:** 1 - Council Member Echevarria

**Absent:** 0

**H.8.**

**SUBJECT:** Authorization to Negotiate the Temporary Purchase of Transfer Water Between the Merced Irrigation District and the City of Merced Through a Memorandum of Understanding and to Return with a Final Agreement for City Council Consideration

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Provide staff the authority to negotiate the temporary purchase of transfer water between Merced Irrigation District and the City of Merced through a Memorandum of Understanding and direct staff to return with a final document for consideration by the City Council.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion providing staff the authority to negotiate the temporary purchase of transfer water between the Merced Irrigation District and the City of Merced through a Memorandum of Understanding and direct staff to return with a final document for consideration by the City Council.

Council Member SERRATTO pulled this item to highlight the agreement.

Merced Irrigation District Representative Hicham EITal - spoke on the opportunity to work together with the City facing all the regulatory challenges.

Richard HARRIMAN - stated his concerns regarding water use and sustainability.

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

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

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**I. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

I.1.

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Approving General Plan Amendment #19-01 to Amend the Merced Vision 2030 General Plan Transportation and Circulation Element to Eliminate a Portion of Mission Avenue, Between S. Coffee Street and State Highway 99, Includes Adopting a CEQA Categorical Exemption Pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines and Adoption of Resolution Declaring the Intent to Abandon the Same Parcel and Setting a Public Hearing on June 17, 2019, for the Vacation Process (Vacation #18-01)

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers adopting a resolution to amend the Merced Vision 2030 General Plan Transportation and Circulation Element to eliminate the portion of Mission Avenue, between S. Coffee Street and State Highway 99 and adopting a CEQA Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines. In addition, the Council will consider adopting a resolution declaring the intent to vacate this area (Mission Avenue, between S. Coffee Street and Highway 99) and Setting a Public Hearing on June 17, 2019, for the vacation process.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

A. Adopting **Resolution 2019-25**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, for General Plan Amendment #19-01 to amend the Merced General Plan Transportation and Circulation Element, which would modify the City of Merced Circulation Plan (Figures 4.1 and 4.2) and all associated maps and descriptions throughout the General Plan, to eliminate Mission Avenue, between Coffee Street and State Highway 99 and adopting a CEQA Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines; and,

B. Adopting **Resolution 2019-24**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, declaring its intention to abandon a portion of Mission Avenue, between Coffee Street and State Highway 99 [approximately 400 feet long] (Vacation #18-01) and setting time and place for public hearing.

Planning Manager Kim ESPINOSA gave a slide show presentation on the General Plan Amendment.

Mayor MURPHY opened the Public Hearing at 7:16 PM.

Gregory WELLMAN, Merced - discussed the franchise agreement with the

proposed hotel.

Applicant Daniel MORADZADEH, Merced - spoke about the proposed hotel and how it would benefit the City.

Mayor MURPHY closed the Public Hearing at 7:25 PM.

**A motion was made by Council Member Serratto, seconded by Council Member Echevarria, to approve the General Plan Amendment and to set the Public Hearing for June 17, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

## J. REPORTS

### J.1. **SUBJECT:** City of Merced Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget

#### **REPORT IN BRIEF**

Review of the City Manager's proposed FY 2019-20 Budget.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

For information and discussion only.

City Manager Steve CARRIGAN, Assistant City Manager Stephanie DIETZ, and Finance Officer Venus RODRIGUEZ gave a slide show presentation on the City of Merced Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Budget.

Council and staff discussed the options to balance the General Fund.

Council directed staff to bring back an additional option reflecting job vacancies.

## K. BUSINESS

### K.1. **SUBJECT:** Council Discussion on Items to be Reviewed by Newly Formed Citizens Advisory Charter Review Committee

#### **REPORT IN BRIEF**

This item allows for Council discussion on possible amendments to the City of Merced Charter and to provide the newly appointed Citizens Advisory Charter Review Committee with direction.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Provide direction to the Citizens Advisory Charter Review Committee and staff on specific sections of the Charter for review.

Mayor MURPHY discussed having the Charter Review Committee review sections regarding the Mayor's term, cash-basis fund, Council compensation, and financial oversight as part of the Charter.

Assistant City Clerk John TRESIDDER and Mayor MURPHY discussed the timeline to turn in documents for the March 2020 Ballot.

**Clerk's Note:** Council recessed at 8:15 PM and returned at 8:30 PM.

K.2.

**SUBJECT:** Appointments to the Citizens Advisory Charter Review Committee with 6 Members by District and 3 Members in At-Large Seats

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers the appointment of individuals to the Citizens Advisory Charter Review Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion accepting nominations and appointing one individual to each of the six City Council Districts and three individuals to at-large seats on the Citizens Advisory Charter Review Committee.

Assistant City Clerk John TRESIDDER discussed the application process and the outreach the Clerk's Office did to get people to apply.

Mayor MURPHY stated that each Council Member would nominate an applicant from their district.

District 1 nominee - Bernadette SOARES

District 2 nominee - Lilian PRADO NAVA

District 3 nominee - Sara HILL

District 4 nominee - Ryan HELLER

District 5 nominee - Robert HADEN

District 6 nominee - Shane SMITH

Mayor MURPHY nominated applicants as At-Large nominees.

At-Large nominee's:

Loretta SPENCE  
Tim O'NEILL  
Sarah BOYLE

**A motion was made by Council Member Blake, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Martinez, to approve the nominated applicants. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

#### K.3. Request to Add Item to Future Agenda

Mayor Pro Tempore MARTINEZ requested to add an item on the Truth Act.

#### K.4. City Council Comments

Council Member ECHEVARRIA reported on attending the South Merced Gang Awareness Town Hall Meeting and the Loni Love and Friends comedy show.

Mayor Pro Tempore MARTINEZ reported on attending the leadership Merced graduation ceremony and the Vaquero 5k run.

Council Member MCLEOD reported on attending the Bike with the Mayor event.

Council Member SERRATTO reported on attending the Veterans sign dedication, being interviewed by students from Golden Valley High School on the homeless issue, and the Merced County Town Hall.

Mayor MURPHY reported on attending a High Speed Rail meeting in Sacramento, the State of the College event, the ribbon cutting for Cardinal Financial, a performance from the Brigham Young University choir, a forum in Fresno, the Peace Officers Memorial, the Merced County Association of Governments board meeting, the One Voice debrief meeting, a planning meeting for the Homeless Court, the Ride with the Mayor event, the Building Young Leaders event, the County Town Hall meeting, the Leadership Merced graduation ceremony, the Habitat for Humanity Home groundbreaking, and the Merced College Choir performance.

#### L. ADJOURNMENT

**Clerk's Note:** The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM.

**A motion was made by Council Member Blake, seconded by Council Member McLeod, to adjourn the Regular Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0