



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

Thursday, March 3, 2016

6:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

Clerk's Note: The meeting was held at the Merced Multicultural Arts Center, 645 West Main Street, Merced, Ca.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

B. ROLL CALL

Clerk's Note: Council Member MURPHY attended the meeting via tele-conference.

Present: 7 - Mayor Stanley P. Thurston, Mayor Pro Tempore Joshua Pedrozo, Council Member Michael Belluomini, Council Member Kevin Blake, Council Member Tony Dossetti, Council Member Noah Lor, and Council Member Mike Murphy

Absent: 0

C. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

C.1. City Manager Presentation - City Manager Steve Carrigan

City Manager Steve CARRIGAN gave a brief presentation on his first month on the job and asked citizens to contact him with questions and concerns.

C.2. City Clerk Presentation - Assistant City Clerk John Tresidder

Assistant City Clerk John TRESIDDER gave a presentation on the upcoming District Based Elections in the City of Merced.

C.3. Police Presentation - Police Chief Norm Andrade

Police Chief Norm ANDRADE gave a brief presentation about the Police Department's web and social media presence.

C.4. Economic Development Presentation - Economic Development Director Frank Quintero

Economic Development Director Frank QUINTERO gave a presentation on some of the latest businesses coming to Merced including Steak and Shake and Five Guys Hamburgers. He also spoke on the small business incentives the City is offering.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tatiana VIZCAINO-STEWART - spoke on behalf of Building Healthy Communities in support of the Youth Council and youth activities.

Rick MCMILLION, Merced - spoke about Marijuana dispensaries and downtown lights.

Michael PAREK, Merced - spoke about UC Merced.

Lia WHITE, Merced - spoke about Weced and the Youth Council.

David MACIAS, Merced - spoke about youth issues and the Weced group.

Kathy HANSEN, Merced - spoke about the arts in Merced.

Susan BOUSCAREN, Merced - spoke about Marijuana dispensaries.

Victor CALDERON, Merced - spoke about downtown blight.

Karen ANN, Merced - spoke about police issues.

Monica VILLA, Merced - spoke about homeless rights.

Danny QUINTERO, Merced - spoke about the need for businesses geared toward families.

Chantal NUGENT, Merced - spoke about the need to invest in youth.

Elizabeth ARIANO, Merced - spoke about youth issues.

Grethel CROSTO, Merced - spoke about code enforcement.

Pali MOUA, Merced - requested Hmong code enforcement officers.

Christopher BERNAL, Merced - spoke about UC Merced.

Daniel SABZEHZAR, Merced - posed questions from social media and asked about the Youth Council.

Norma CARDONA, Merced - spoke about youth homelessness and the need for youth programs.

Michelle XIONG, Merced - spoke about the Youth Council.

Gannon HOFFS, Merced - thanked the Council.

Clerk's Note: Council Member LOR left the meeting at 7:26 PM.

Council Member MURPHY thanked the audience via tele-conference for attending the meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tempore PEDROZO voiced his appreciation for the citizens who come to the Town Hall Meetings and commented on the Youth Council. He invited all attendees to come to the regular Council Meetings.

Council Member BELLUOMINI thanked the audience for attending. He commented on the homeless issue and advocated for youth services. He spoke about the upcoming budget meetings and department budgets.

Council Member BLAKE thanked the audience. He encouraged continued civic engagement from the public.

Council Member DOSSETTI expressed appreciation to all that attended. He noted that the UC is a great part of the community and stated the relationship will grow.

Mayor THURSTON thanked the audience for input. He invited the audience to be involved in the budget process.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.