



# 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, February 26, 2018

6:00 PM

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#### Tenaya Town Hall

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor MURPHY called the Town Hall Meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

**Clerk's Note:** The Town Hall Meeting was held at Tenaya Middle School, 760 W. 8th Street, Merced, CA.

A.1. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

#### B. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 - Council Member Anthony Martinez, Mayor Pro Tempore Jill McLeod, Council Member Joshua Pedrozo, Council Member Matthew Serratto, Mayor Mike Murphy, and Council Member Kevin Blake

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Michael Belluomini

#### C. OPENING COMMENTS

C.1. Mike Murphy - Mayor

Mayor MURPHY welcomed everyone to the Town Hall and had the Council Members introduce themselves.

**Clerk's Note:** Council Member BELLUOMINI arrived at 6:09 PM.

#### D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Fernando ECHEVARIA - spoke on youth programs, the VIPER Program, more police interaction, shot spotter technology, safe schools, a Southside Merced grocery store, and a Latino Police Chief.

Isia XIONG - spoke on the cannabis tax revenue, using that tax money for youth prevention and police interaction with the community.

Anabel SERNA - spoke on safe school routes.

Tracy GANNON - spoke on sidewalks on Martin Luther King Jr. Way and the CP42 proposed park.

Ron DEANDA - spoke on getting a grocery store in Southside Merced and lengthy timelines for projects to come to fruition.

Connie MENDOZA - spoke on the playground equipment at Applegate Park, bathrooms at Applegate Park, and homeless at Applegate Park.

Isai PALMA - spoke on the cannabis tax use.

Kristen SULLIVAN - spoke on the cannabis tax measure for youth programs and youth activities.

Sol RIVAS - spoke on the cannabis tax and investment the tax dollars in the youth.

Juan HARO - spoke on a neighborhood park on Childs and T Street, improving park restrooms, and more police presence.

Rodrigo ESPINOSA (County Supervisor) - spoke on parks in Southside Merced, maintenance at the parks, street sweepers, homeless, and the need for more shading at parks.

Merced Resident - spoke on funding for recreation and parks, affordable and safe housing, and additions to Applegate Park.

Adilene PENA - spoke on a neighborhood park on Childs and T Street, abandon cars, drug dealing at the neighborhood park, more police patrolling in South Merced, street light repair, and more lighting at Applegate Park.

Claudia HURTADO - spoke on safer roads and lowering the speed limits.

Ron DEANDA - spoke on safer roads, having a traffic officer at El Capitan High School to patrol traffic.

Lilian PRADO - spoke on a Southside Merced grocery store, street improvements in Southside Merced, and building communities together.

## E. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council thanked everyone for attending the Town Hall Meeting.

Mayor MURPHY acknowledged more people from the public wanting to speak.

Mark CHALICO - spoke on Building Healthy Communities collaborating with the City for an all wheels skate park.

Eric MOORE - spoke on the Recreation and Parks Commission.

Daniel PULIDO - spoke on his soccer organization collaborating with the City.

Adilene PENA - spoke on having an indoor farmers market and how the community can help to get a grocery store in Southside Merced.

Natalie - spoke on safer school routes.

Maribell ROMERO - spoke on a grocery store in South Merced.

Director of Public Works Ken ELWIN discussed the progress of the N Street project.

Mayor MURPHY spoke on the arts commission stakeholders meeting on March 9th.

## F. ADJOURNMENT

**Clerk's Note:** The Town Hall Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.