



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

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

6:00 PM

Multicultural Arts Center Town Hall

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor MURPHY called the Town Hall Meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Clerk's Note: The Town Hall Meeting was held at the Multicultural Arts Center 645 W. Main Street, Merced, CA 95340.

A.1. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

B. 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

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: Mayor Pro Tempore MARTINEZ arrived at 7:03 PM.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Wayne EISENHART, Merced - asked about alley reconstruction and quiet zones. He also spoke about Restore Merced.

Matt ST. PIERRE, Merced - spoke on Restore Merced and asked the City to continue to invest in Restore Merced.

Adam GONZALEZ, Merced - spoke on his experience working with Restore Merced and the opportunities it has provided him.

Aubrey JOHNSON, Merced - spoke on safety and cleanliness of the bike paths and youth programming.

Jolene COOK, Merced - asked about the homeless camp at Highway 59.

Martha ARMAS-KELLY, Merced - spoke on the homeless youth and adult counts that were conducted and displaced homeless youth.

Norma CARDONA, Merced - spoke on homeless youth, improving Police and Community relations, housing shortage, rent inflation, and business programs for first generation low income students.

Isai PALMA, Merced - spoke on the housing shortage, rent inflation, the Bicycle Advisory Commission, and improving Police and Community relations. He also asked about Measure V dollar allocation to the City and alternative transportation.

Allen BROOKS, Merced - spoke on improving Police and Community relations.

Ron COOK, Merced - stated his support for Restore Merced and encouraged the City to invest in the program.

Dr. SANDOVAL, Merced - spoke on the homeless issue, the housing shortage, and rent inflation.

Sol RIVAS, Merced - spoke on improving Police and Community relations.

Ronnie DEANDA, Merced - spoke on the history of the Cease Fire Program community walk.

Mike MALONE, Merced - spoke on the City's financial responsibility, economic development in the City, communication, and maintaining a positive mindset.

Eli SAX, Merced - spoke on LGBTQ+ awareness.

Gloria SANDOVAL, Merced - spoke on the homeless issue.

Catherine SHURE, Merced - spoke on affordable housing.

Lee LOR, Merced County Supervisor - spoke on local government, the efforts to end homelessness, and Kids Discovery Center.

Colton DENNIS, Merced - spoke on improving the arts in the City.

E. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council thanked everyone for attending the Town Hall Meeting.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: The Town Hall Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.