



# 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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Wednesday, February 27, 2019

6:00 PM

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#### Rivera 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 Riveria Middle School 945 Buena Vista Drive, Merced, CA 95348.

##### A.1. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

#### B. 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

#### C. OPENING COMMENTS

##### C.1. Mike Murphy - Mayor

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

#### D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Blaine BARRICK, Merced - spoke on his joy and excitement regarding the direction the City is going in. He also spoke on his concerns about the homeless issue and traffic issues in his neighborhood.

Michael BELLUOMINI, Merced - spoke on Industrial Park development, funding of an EIR and plan out of the Economic Development fund, Police Station funding ballot measure, Welcome Signs, Railroad Quiet Zones, Parks improvements, traffic congestion, Recreation and Parks staffing, and completing the Parsons Avenue project.

Renee DAVENPORT, Merced - spoke on the homeless issue and a temporary organized camp ground for the homeless.

Betty HUEY, Merced - spoke on traffic issues in her neighborhood and landscaping maintenance.

Alyssa WEAVER, Merced - spoke on the Trap and Release Program for stray cats.

Gary DERR, Merced - spoke on street conditions, sidewalk conditions, code enforcement, landscaping maintenance, updates on Economic Development, and the homeless issue.

Marin CORTINAS, Merced - spoke on the homeless issue and vandalism at her downtown business.

Rick WENDLING, Merced - spoke on the homeless issue, increasing the number of Police Officers, landscaping maintenance, adding speed bumps in his neighborhood, increased traffic enforcement in North Merced, High Speed Rail progress, and street sweepers.

Belinda BRAUNSTEIN, Merced - asked if Council could reopen the parking garage behind the Multicultural Arts Center at night and on weekends and if they could look into doing a temporary homeless camp similar to what Modesto did.

Peter SCHULTZ, Merced - asked about adding another underpass. He also spoke on widening Highway 59 and M street by Cardella, new development landscaping, and the housing impact from the UC Merced students.

Paul ERINSTEIN, Merced - spoke on increasing the art scene, the stray animal population, the Trap and Release Program for stray cats, traffic on Brookedale Drive, and more funding for the Recreation and Parks Department.

Fong XIONG, Merced - spoke on the Bruno Property Development project.

Alejandro CORRILLO, Merced - spoke on traffic issues on Donna Drive and M Street, improving Police and Community relations, and the LGBTQ community.

Irene, Merced - asked about the Community Facilities District in the

Moraga district and what the City is doing to hire more Police Officers.

Shirley FARR, Merced - spoke on the need to upgrade Fahrens Park and traffic issues in the Buena Vista area.

UC Merced Police Chief Chou HER, Merced - spoke on after school youth programs.

Isai PALMA, Merced - spoke on youth investment.

Lupe VASQUEZ, Merced - asked about potential retail and restaurants coming to Merced.

Shane SMITH, Merced - spoke on bringing jobs to Merced, public safety, and schools.

#### **E. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council thanked everyone for attending the Town Hall Meeting.

#### **F. ADJOURNMENT**

**Clerk's Note:** The Town Hall Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.