



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, February 28, 2019

6:00 PM

Tenaya Town Hall

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

Clerk's Note: The Town Hall Meeting was held at the Tenaya Middle School 760 W. 8th Street, Merced, CA 95341.

A.1. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Council Member ECHEVARRIA 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 6:44 PM.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Avery LYNCH, Merced - spoke on the homeless issue.

Landon LYNCH, Merced - spoke on the homeless issue.

Olivia LYNCH, Merced - spoke on the homeless issue and having a "drunk tank" for people to sober up in rather than using the hospital.

Damien, Merced - spoke on a youth sports voucher program.

Mark LOPEZ, Merced - spoke on a youth sports voucher program.

Fernando, Merced - spoke on youth activities for low income families.

Jessie ORNELAS, Merced - spoke on a youth sports and recreation voucher program, youth participation in decisions regarding Measure Y funds, and improving Police and Community relations.

Shavon ROACH, Merced - spoke on a youth connect app.

Ernie AMEZCUA, Merced - spoke on adding line markers on streets specifically on 15th Street from M Street to R Street and 14th Street from M Street to O Street. He also spoke on the homeless issue and suggested the City look into tiny homes for the homeless.

Joel KNOX, Merced - spoke on the homeless issue, low-income multi-family units with on site managers, and sewer line street patching.

Merced Resident - spoke on a nuisance property located by East 11th Street and D Street and the homeless issue and the crosswalk on 16th Street by N Street.

James SYNDLER, Merced - spoke on City outreach for resources to the public and the homeless issue.

Cecilia MENDOZA, Merced - spoke on the street sweepers not sweeping her street.

Daniel PALLIDO, Merced - gave an update on the Merced Youth Soccer Association and asked Council for 50% use of the McNamara soccer fields.

Aaliyah, Merced - spoke on mental health counseling for Police Officers and the homeless issue.

Victor SEGUIN, Merced - spoke on issues with his neighbor on Anderegg Avenue. He asked about the meeting dates and time for the Measure Y Oversight Committee.

Chris JENSON, Merced - spoke on investing in the youth, the homeless issue, and contracting local vendors.

Isai PALMA, Merced - spoke on youth sponsorships, the homeless issue, and improving Police and Community relations. He also asked if there will be a Measure Y Oversight Committee.

Claudia CORCHADO, Merced - spoke on improving Police and Community relations and traffic issues concerning pedestrian versus vehicle accidents.

Eric MOORE, Merced - asked about the status of CP-42 (proposed City Park).

Ignacio RODRIGUEZ, Merced - spoke on the need for overpasses over the railroads, repairing streets, and tree maintenance.

Kristi SMITH, Merced - asked about a City loan to help her fix up her home so she can rent out a room and who can take care of the tree roots in her yard.

Rebecca, Merced - spoke on the homeless trespassing on her property.

Cheryl GRANT, Merced - spoke on the homeless issue.

Gloria SANDOVAL, Merced - spoke on the homeless issue, absentee landlords, and rent control.

Alyssa CASTRO, Merced - spoke on youth participation and asking Council to seek the youth out.

E. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council thanked everyone for attending the Town Hall Meeting.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: The Town Hall Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.