



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

Monday, March 16, 2020

6:00 PM

A. CLOSED SESSION ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Mayor Mike Murphy, Mayor Pro Tempore Matthew Serratto, Council Member Kevin Blake, Council Member Fernando Echevarria, Council Member Anthony Martinez, and Council Member Delray Shelton

Absent: 1 - Council Member Jill McLeod

B. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor MURPHY called the Closed Session to order at 5:03 PM.

Clerk's Note: Mayor Pro Tempore SERRATTO arrived at 5:05 PM.

B.1. **SUBJECT:** CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS -- Agency Designated Representative: City Manager Steve Carrigan; Employee Organization: American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 57; Local 2703; International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1479; Merced Association of City Employees (MACE). AUTHORITY: Government Code Section 54957.6

B.2. **SUBJECT:** CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS -- Agency Designated Representative: City Manager Steve Carrigan; Employee Organizations: Merced Police Officers' Association (MPOA). AUTHORITY: Government Code Section 54957.6

B.3. **SUBJECT:** CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS -- Agency Designated Representative: City Manager Steve Carrigan; Employee Organizations: Merced Association of Police Sergeants. AUTHORITY: Government Code Section 54957.6

B.4. **SUBJECT:** CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - INITIATION OF LITIGATION Initiation of Litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(g): (1) case

Clerk's Note: Council adjourned from Closed Session at 5:58 PM.

C. CALL TO ORDER

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

C.1. Invocation - Al Schapp, Gateway Church

The invocation was delivered by Al SCHAAP from Gateway Church.

C.2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

D. ROLL CALL

Clerk's Note: Council Member MCLEOD participated in the meeting telephonically.

Present: 7 - Mayor Mike Murphy, Mayor Pro Tempore Matthew Serratto, Council Member Kevin Blake, Council Member Fernando Echevarria, Council Member Anthony Martinez, Council Member Jill McLeod, and Council Member Delray Shelton

Absent: 0

D.1. In accordance with Government Code 54952.3, it is hereby announced that the City Council sits either simultaneously or serially as the Parking Authority and the Public Financing and Economic Development Authority. City Council members receive a monthly stipend of \$20.00 by Charter for sitting as the City Council; and the Mayor receives an additional \$50.00 each month as a part of the adopted budget and Resolution 1975-37. The members of the Parking Authority and the Public Financing and Economic Development Authority receive no compensation.

E. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

There was no report.

F. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

F.1. Corona Virus Update

Merced County Public Health Director Dr. Rebecca NANYONJO-KEMP, Assistant City Manager Stephanie DIETZ, and Fire Chief Billy ALCORN gave a slide show presentation updating Council on COVID-19.

G. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

H. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no speakers.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

Items I.5. Approval of Homeless Court Memorandum of Understanding

Among the County of Merced District Attorney's Office, County of Merced Public Defender's Office, Ciummo and Associates, City Merced, and the Superior Court of California, County of Merced, I.11. Request to Set a Public Hearing for Monday, April 6, 2020, to Consider Parks and Community Services Fee Schedule Updates, I.14. Approval of Street Closure Request #20-03 (Lao Association, with United Way of Merced) for Use of West Main Street Between H and m Streets, Canal Street Between Arbor Lane and West Main Street, and Bod Hart Square, for the Lao New Year Celebration Event on April 18, 2020 from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and I.15. Approval of Street Closure Request #20-04 by the Sacred Heart Catholic Church to Host the "Stations of the Cross" Reenactment and the Silent March for Good Friday on April 10, 2020, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., for the Live Stations of the Cross Reenactment and from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., for the Silent March on Canal Street Between West 11th and 13th Streets; West 11th Between Canal and M Streets; M Street Between West 11th and 13th Streets; West 12th Street Between M and Canal Streets; and the Alleyway Behind Sacred Heart Catholic Church; were pulled for separate consideration.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member Blake, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Serratto, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Murphy, Mayor Pro Tempore Serratto, Council Member Blake, Council Member Echevarria, Council Member Martinez, Council Member McLeod, and Council Member Shelton

No: 0

Absent: 0

I.1. **SUBJECT: Reading by Title of All Ordinances and Resolutions**

REPORT IN BRIEF

Ordinances and Resolutions which appear on the public agenda shall be determined to have been read by title and a summary title may be read with further reading waived.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion waiving the reading of Ordinances and Resolutions, pursuant to Section 412 of the Merced City Charter.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.2. **SUBJECT: Information Only - Site Plan Review Committee Meeting**

Minutes of January 16, 2020

RECOMMENDATION

For information only.

I.3.

SUBJECT: Information Only - Planning Commission Meeting
Minutes of January 22, 2020

RECOMMENDATION

For information only.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.4.

SUBJECT: Approval of City Council/Public Financing and
Economic Development/Parking Authority Meeting Minutes of
February 18, 2020, February 19, 2020, February 20, 2020, and
February 26, 2020

REPORT IN BRIEF

Official adoption of previously held meeting minutes.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council/Public Financing and Economic

Development/Parking Authority - Adopt a motion approving the meeting minutes of February 18, 2020, February 19, 2020, February 20, 2020, and February 26, 2020.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.6.

SUBJECT: Approval of Lease Agreement with the Merced City
Chamber of Commerce, d.b.a. The Greater Merced Chamber of
Commerce, for Tenant Space at the Ralph Shannon Parcade at
626 W. 18th Street for \$1.00 per Month in Exchange for In-Kind
Services

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers a lease agreement with the Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce for 1,682 square-feet of office space located at 626 W. 18th Street for \$1.00 per month from March 2020 to December 2020 in exchange for economic development related services valued at \$15,000.00.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving the lease agreement between the Merced City Chamber of Commerce, d.b.a. the Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce and the City of Merced; and,

B. Authorizing the City Manager or the Assistant City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.7.

SUBJECT: Authorization to Donate a Surplus 1990 Ottawa Fire Engine to the Kids Discovery Station, a Local Non-Profit Organization

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers providing authorization to donate a surplus 1990 Ottawa Fire Engine previously used by the Fire Department to the local non-profit organization, Kids Discovery Station.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion authorizing the donation of a 1990 Ottawa Fire Engine to the Kids Discovery Station and authorizing the City Manager or the Assistant City manager to execute all necessary documents.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.8.

SUBJECT: Approval to Waive the Competitive Bidding Requirements to Standardize Equipment, Authorization to Purchase Mobile Computers and Related Equipment with Use of Pooled Cash, and Acceptance of Grant Funding in the Amount of \$69,000 from the Merced County Remote Access Network Board as Reimbursement Funding for the Purchase of In-Car Mobile Computers and Related Equipment

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers the acceptance of \$69,000 in Remote Access Network (RAN) funding from the Merced County Remote Access Network for the purchase of ten (10) in car computer systems for police patrol vehicles by using pooled cash which will be reimbursed upon presentation of proof of purchase to the RAN Governing Board.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

- A. Authorizing the acceptance of \$69,000, increasing revenue account 001-1002-324-02-00 in reimbursable funds from the Merced County RAN Board and appropriating the same for the purchase of computer equipment for police patrol vehicles in expense account 001-1002-523-43-00; and,
- B. Waiving the competitive bid requirement; and,
- C. Authorizing the purchase of mobile computers and related equipment; and,
- D. Authorizing the use of pooled cash for purchases until the City receives reimbursement funds; and,
- E. Authorizing the City Manager or the Assistant City Manager to execute all necessary documents for this purpose.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.9.

SUBJECT: Approval of First Amendment to the Agreement with Labworks, LLC., in the Additional Amount of \$22,000 and the Total not to Exceed the Contracted Amount of \$196,200, to Add a Mobile Sample Log-in Module and Additional Training for the Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Water Quality Control Laboratory

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving a first amendment with Labworks, LLC, for an additional amount of \$22,000 to add a mobile sample log-in module and provide additional training hours as part of the software contract for the LIMS program for the WWTP Water Quality Control Laboratory.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

- A. Approving the first amendment to agreement for professional services with Labworks, LLC, for an additional amount not to exceed \$22,000 for a mobile sample log-in module and additional training hours; and,

B. Authorizing the City Manager or the Assistant City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.10.

SUBJECT: Award of Bid and Approval of Construction Contract with TBS Contractors, in the Amount of \$511,557.52 for a Measure V and SB1 Funded Project for "M" Street - Childs Avenue to 8th Street Roadway Improvements, Project No. 120048

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers awarding a construction contract in the amount of \$511,557.52, funded by Measure V, SB1 and Enterprise funds, for City Project No. 120048 "M" Street - Childs Avenue to 8th Street Roadway Improvements.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Awarding the "M" Street - Childs Avenue to 8th Street Roadway Improvements, Project 120048, to TBS Contractors, in the amount of \$511,557.52, and,

B. Authorizing the City Manager or the Assistant City Manager to execute the necessary documents and to approve change orders not to exceed 10% of the total contract.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.12.

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Approving the Cypress Terrace 6, Phase C - Final Map 5376 for 54 Single-Family Lots, Generally Located on the West Side of N Street, North of Gerard Avenue, and the Approval of the Subdivision Agreement for Cypress Terrace 6, Phase C

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers the approval of Final Map #5376 for 54 single-family lots, generally located on the west side of N Street (extended), north of Gerard Avenue (extended), and the subdivision agreement for Cypress Terrace 6, Phase C.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

- A. Approving **Resolution 2020-07**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, approving the Final Subdivision Map for the Cypress Terrace 6, Phase C Subdivision (#5376); and,
- B. Approving the subdivision agreement for Cypress Terrace 6, Phase C; and,
- C. Authorizing the City Manager or the Assistant City Manager to execute the subdivision agreement.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.13.

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution of Intent Regarding Annexation into Community Facilities District (CFD) No. 2003-2 (Services) for the Stoneridge South Subdivision and a Future Apartment Project and Setting a Public Hearing for April 20, 2020, to Hold the Election for Annexation into the CFD

REPORT IN BRIEF

This report requests the City Council to adopt a Resolution of Intent to annex the Stoneridge South Subdivision and a future apartment project into Community Facilities District (CFD) No. 2003-2; and set a Public Hearing for April 20, 2020, to hold the election for annexation into the CFD.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

- A. Adopting **Resolution 2020-08**, A Resolution of Intention of the City Council of the City of Merced, acting as the Legislative Body of the City of Merced Community Facilities District No. 2003-2 (Services), declaring its intention to annex area to said district and authorize the levy of a special tax within said annexation and designate certain property for future annexation to said district; and,
- B. Setting the Public Hearing for April 20, 2020.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.16.

SUBJECT: Second Reading and Final Adoption of Ordinance to Amend Chapter 8.04 - Garbage and Rubbish

REPORT IN BRIEF

Second reading and final adoption of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 8.04 - Garbage and Rubbish.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion adopting **Ordinance 2514**, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, Amending Chapter 8.04, "Garbage and Rubbish," of the Merced Municipal Code.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.5.

SUBJECT: Approval of Homeless Court Memorandum of Understanding Among the County of Merced District Attorney's Office, County of Merced Public Defender's Office, Ciummo and Associates, City of Merced, and the Superior Court of California, County of Merced

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers the authorization to approve the Homeless Court Memorandum of Understanding among the County of Merced District Attorney's Office, County of Merced Public Defender's Office, Ciummo and Associates, City of Merced, and the Superior Court of California, County of Merced.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion approving the Homeless Court Memorandum of Understanding and authorizing the City Manager or the Assistant City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

Mayor Pro Tempore SERRATTO pulled this item to recuse himself due to a work conflict.

Mayor MURPHY gave an update on the Homeless Court pilot program.

A motion was made by Council Member Blake, seconded by Council Member Shelton, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Murphy, Council Member Blake, Council Member Echevarria, Council Member Martinez, Council Member McLeod, and Council Member Shelton

No: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 1 - Mayor Pro Tempore Serratto

- I.11. **SUBJECT:** Request to Set a Public Hearing for Monday, April 6, 2020, to Consider Parks and Community Services Fee Schedule Updates

REPORT IN BRIEF

Request to set a Public Hearing for Monday, April 6, 2020, to consider the Parks and Community Services fee schedule modification.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion setting a Public Hearing for Monday, April 6, 2020, to consider the Parks and Community Services fee schedule modification.

Clerk's Note: This item was pulled by staff to amend the setting of a Public Hearing date to April 20th.

A motion was made by Council Member Blake, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Serratto, that this agenda item be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Murphy, Mayor Pro Tempore Serratto, Council Member Blake, Council Member Echevarria, Council Member Martinez, Council Member McLeod, and Council Member Shelton

No: 0

Absent: 0

- I.14. **SUBJECT:** Approval of Street Closure Request #20-03 (Lao Association, with United Way of Merced) for Use of West Main Street Between H and M Streets, Canal Street Between Arbor Lane and West Main Street, and Bob Hart Square, for the Lao New Year Celebration Event on April 18, 2020 from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

REPORT IN BRIEF

The Lao Association, with co-sponsor United Way of Merced, is requesting the closure and use of West Main Street between H and M Streets, Canal Street between Arbor Lane and West Main Street, and Bob Hart Square for a celebration of the Lao culture, to include a procession, on Saturday, April 18, 2020, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion approving the street closures of West Main Street, between H and M Streets (including Canal Street between West Main Street and Arbor Lane and Bob Hart Square), from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the Vendor Fair event, and West Main Street, between H

Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Way, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (approximately) for the float parking and set-up, on Saturday, April 18, 2020, subject to the details and conditions outlined in the administrative staff report.

Clerk's Note: This item was pulled by staff to amend this item to add language subject to future scheduling.

A motion was made by Council Member Blake, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Serratto, that this agenda item be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Murphy, Mayor Pro Tempore Serratto, Council Member Blake, Council Member Echevarria, Council Member Martinez, Council Member McLeod, and Council Member Shelton

No: 0

Absent: 0

I.15.

SUBJECT: Approval of Street Closure Request #20-04 by the Sacred Heart Catholic Church to Host the "Stations of the Cross" Reenactment and the Silent March for Good Friday on April 10, 2020, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., for the Live Stations of the Cross Reenactment and from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., for the Silent March on Canal Street Between West 11th and 13th Streets; West 11th Between Canal and M Streets; M Street Between West 11th and 13th Streets; West 12th Street Between M and Canal Streets; and the Alleyway Behind Sacred Heart Catholic Church

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving a request by the Sacred Heart Catholic Church for the closure and use of City streets on April 10, 2020, for the Stations of the Cross Reenactment. The request seeks approval to close Canal Street (between West 13th and West 11th Streets), West 11th Street (between Canal and M Streets), M Street (between West 11th and West 13th Streets), West 12th Street (between M and Canal Streets) and the alleyway behind the church located between W. 13th and 12th Streets on Friday, April 10, 2020, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion approving the closure of Canal Street (between West 11th Street and West 13th Street), West 11th Street (between Canal Street and M Street), M Street (between West 11th Street and West 13th Street), West 12th Street (between M Street and Canal Street) and the alleyway behind the church located between W.

12th Street and 13th Street, as requested by Sacred Heart Catholic Church, on Friday, April 10, 2020, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; subject to the conditions outlined in the administrative staff report.

Clerk's Note: This item was pulled by staff to amend this item to add language subject to future scheduling.

A motion was made by Council Member Blake, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Serratto, that this agenda item be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Murphy, Mayor Pro Tempore Serratto, Council Member Blake, Council Member Echevarria, Council Member Martinez, Council Member McLeod, and Council Member Shelton

No: 0

Absent: 0

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS

J.1.

SUBJECT: Public Hearing to Consider Work and Expense Report for the Abatement Work Done for 1716 East 23rd Street (Abatement of Public Nuisance and Demolition of Building) and Assess a Charge Therefor Against the Property and Approving a Lien Against the Property on Assessed Roll as a Special Assessment

REPORT IN BRIEF

Requests the City Council to conduct a Public Hearing and consider adopting a resolution approving the work and expense report for the abatement work done for 1716 East 23rd Street, assessing a charge therefor against the property and approving a lien against the property.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Adopting **Resolution 2020-09**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, confirming the cost assessment report relating to the nuisance abatement at 1716 (APN 034-063-006) East 23rd Street, Merced, California, assessing a charge therefor against the property, approving a lien against the property, directing the Tax Collector of Merced County to collect the delinquent account, and directing the City Clerk to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the County Recorder to provide notice of the lien; and,

B. Authorizing the City Manager or the Assistant City Manager to execute

all necessary documents.

City Attorney Phaedra NORTON, Code Enforcement Officer Jackie HICKS, and Police Lieutenant Alan WARD gave a slide show presentation on the Abatement of a Property Located at 1716 E. 23rd Street.

Mayor MURPHY opened and subsequently closed the Public Hearing at 6:42 PM due to a lack of public comment.

Council, Ms. NORTON, and Lieutenant WARD discussed the number of blighted properties and the progress on the list of properties.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Serratto, seconded by Council Member Echevarria, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Murphy, Mayor Pro Tempore Serratto, Council Member Blake, Council Member Echevarria, Council Member Martinez, Council Member McLeod, and Council Member Shelton

No: 0

Absent: 0

K. REPORTS

K.1. SUBJECT: Presentation and Discussion Regarding the Railroad Quiet Zone Feasibility Study and Implementation

REPORT IN BRIEF

Presentation for Quiet Zone Feasibility and implementation.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Provide direction on next steps

City Engineer Michael BELTRAN gave a slide show presentation updating Council on the Railroad Quiet Zone Feasibility Study and Implementation.

Council and Mr. BELTRAN discussed funding for quiet zones, construction cost, and the timeframe for quiet zone applications with the Federal Government.

Diana ODOM GUNN, Merced Downtown Neighborhood Association, Merced - spoke in support for the proposed safety features and encouraged Council to continue work on establishing quiet zones.

Council Member ECHEVARRIA spoke in opposition of the proposed quiet zone.

Council continued discussing quiet zones and safety issues.

A motion was made by Council Member Blake, seconded by Council Member McLeod, to move forward with the Highway 59 and Glenn Avenue crossings. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Murphy, Mayor Pro Tempore Serratto, Council Member Blake, Council Member McLeod, and Council Member Shelton

No: 2 - Council Member Echevarria, and Council Member Martinez

Absent: 0

Clerk's Note: Council recessed at 7:23 PM and returned at 7:31 PM.

L. BUSINESS

L.1.

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Confirming and Ratifying the Existence of a Local Emergency Within the Territorial Limits of the City of Merced Proclaimed by the Director of Emergency Services on March 13, 2020 Pursuant to Merced Municipal Code Section 8.20.070

REPORT IN BRIEF

Asking the City Council to Declare a State of Emergency Due to the Outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion adopting **Resolution 2020-10**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, Confirming and Ratifying the Existence of a Local Emergency Within the Territorial Limits of the City of Merced Proclaimed by the Director of Emergency Services on March 13, 2020 Pursuant to Merced Municipal Code Section 8.20.070.

City Manager Steve CARRIGAN discussed the Resolution confirming and ratifying the existence of a local emergency within the territorial limits of the City of Merced.

A motion was made by Council Member Blake, seconded by Council Member Echevarria, to approve Resolution 2020-10. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Murphy, Mayor Pro Tempore Serratto, Council Member Blake, Council Member Echevarria, Council Member Martinez, Council Member McLeod, and Council Member Shelton

No: 0

Absent: 0

L.2.

SUBJECT: Council Member Martinez's Request to Discuss Implementing Services for the Homeless Population

REPORT IN BRIEF

Council Member Martinez will discuss his plan for possible implementation of services for the homeless population pursuant to City Council Administrative Policies and Procedures C-1.

RECOMMENDATION

Gain Council input and possible next steps.

Council Member MARTINEZ gave a brief discussion on implementing services for the homeless population.

Council and City Manager Steve CARRIGAN discussed the current services and joint forces to address the homeless issue.

Clerk's Note: Council directed staff to give a quarterly update from partnerships regarding the homeless issue.

L.3.

SUBJECT: Approving the City Council FY 2020/21 Goals and Priorities

REPORT IN BRIEF

Staff will provide a summary overview of initial comments received from Council to approve the FY 2020/21 Goals and Priorities.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion approving FY 2020/21 Goals and Priorities.

Assistant City Manager Stephanie DIETZ gave a brief presentation on the City Council FY 2020/21 Goals and Priorities.

Council discussed on adding renters advocacy program and defining criteria regarding reserve policies as a priority.

Sheng XIONG, Merced - spoke on renter rights.

L.4. **SUBJECT: Request to Add Item to Future Agenda**

REPORT IN BRIEF

Provides members of the City Council to request that an item be placed on a future City Council agenda for initial consideration by the City Council.

Council Member ECHEVARRIA requested to add an item regarding adding "In God We Trust" in the Council Chamber.

L.5. **SUBJECT: City Council Comments**

REPORT IN BRIEF

Provides an opportunity for the Mayor and/or Council Member(s) to make a brief announcement on any activity(ies) she/he has attended on behalf of the City and to make a brief announcement on future community events and/or activities. The Brown Act does not allow discussion or action by the legislative body under this section.

Council Member ECHEVARRIA thanked voters for participating in the Primary Election.

Council Member SHELTON reported on attending the League of California Cities dinner and meeting with residents regarding the North Merced Annexation.

Council Member MCLEOD reported on attending a meeting with residents regarding the North Merced Annexation.

Mayor MURPHY thanked voters for participating in the Primary Election. He also reported on attending a tour of the Tioga and Mainzer projects, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Latina award luncheon, the Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Authority meeting, and a conference call regarding COVID-19.

Clerk's Note: Council adjourned to Closed Session at 8:18 PM.

Clerk's Note: Council Member MCLEOD left at 8:18 PM.

Clerk's Note: Council adjourned from Closed Session at 8:28 PM.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mayor MURPHY read the following statement:

The Council unanimously gave approval to initiate an action. The action, the defendants, and other particulars shall once formally commenced, be disclosed to any person upon inquiry, unless to do so would jeopardize the City's ability to conclude existing settlement negotiations to its advantage.

M. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: Council adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:30 PM.

A motion was made by Council Member Blake, seconded by Council Member Shelton, to adjourn the Regular Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Murphy, Mayor Pro Tempore Serratto, Council Member Blake, Council Member Echevarria, Council Member Martinez, and Council Member Shelton

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member McLeod