



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, July 6, 2020

6:00 PM

A. CLOSED SESSION ROLL CALL

- Present:** 4 - Mayor Mike Murphy, Mayor Pro Tempore Matthew Serratto, Council Member Anthony Martinez, and Council Member Delray Shelton
- Absent:** 3 - Council Member Kevin Blake, Council Member Fernando Echevarria, and Council Member Jill McLeod

B. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor MURPHY called the Closed Session to order at 5:07 PM.

- B.1.** SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS - Property: Surface Water Purchase, Merced, CA; Agency Negotiator: Stephanie Dietz, Assistant City Manager, City of Merced; Negotiating Parties: Merced Irrigation District and City of Merced and; Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment
- 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 - EXISTING LITIGATION; McKinnon, et. al. v. City of Merced; Case No. 1:18-CV-01124-LJO-SAB; AUTHORITY: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
- B.5.** SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2): (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 6:01 PM.

C.1. Invocation - Joel Dorman, First Baptist Church

The Invocation was delivered by Pastor Joel DORMAN, First Baptist Church.

C.2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member MARTINEZ.

D. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Fernando Echevarria

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. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

F.1. **SUBJECT:** Proclamation - Parks and Recreation Month

REPORT IN BRIEF

Presented to a representative from the Recreation and Parks Department.

Mayor MURPHY presented the Proclamation for Parks and Recreation Month to Recreation and Parks Director Joey CHAVEZ.

G. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk's Note: An email were received for the following agenda item and forwarded to City Council prior to the meeting.

Agenda Item J.2. - Gloria SANDOVAL.

H. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no speakers.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

Items I.5. Authorization to Seek Applicants for Boards and Commissions Annual Vacancies, I.12. Reject the Single Bid Received for the Well Site 3 Tank Removal, Project No. 117047, I.14. Waiving of the Competitive Bidding Requirements Pursuant to M.M.C Section 3.04.210 and Authorization to Accept \$136,975 in Grant Funds from the United States Department of Justice Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program Solicitation FY 2020 for the Police Department to Purchase Equipment and Supplies for an Emergency Communication Center; and, Gas Masks and Supplies to Assist with COVID Prevention and Preparation, and I.17. 2019 General Plan Annual Progress Report Summarizing the Status of the Merced Vision 2030 General Plan and the Steps Taken to Implement the General Plan Policies and Implementation Actions; were pulled for separate consideration.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Echevarria

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.

I.2. **SUBJECT:** Information-Only Contracts for the Month of June 2020

REPORT IN BRIEF

Notification of awarded Non-Public Works contracts under \$32,000 and of Public Works contracts under \$70,939.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.3.

SUBJECT: Information Only - Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of February 19, April 13, May 6, May 20, June 3, and June 10, 2020

RECOMMENDATION

For information only.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.4.

SUBJECT: Information Only - Boards and Commissions Annual Attendance Reports

REPORT IN BRIEF

Annual attendance review conducted with results filed with the City Clerk's Office.

RECOMMENDATION

For information only.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.6.

SUBJECT: Approval of Resolutions to Call for a General Municipal Election on for the Mayor and Three Members of the City Council by District on November 3, 2020 to be Consolidated with the Presidential General Election

REPORT IN BRIEF

Consideration of Resolutions calling a November 3, 2020 General Municipal Election for the Mayor and three members of the City Council by district and requesting the County Board of Supervisors consolidate the City's election with the Presidential General Election being held on the same date.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Adopting **Resolution 2020-45**, a Resolution of the City Council of

the City of Merced, California, calling a General Municipal Election for the election of the Mayor and three members of the City Council at the General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2020; and,

B. Adopting **Resolution 2020-46**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, requesting that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Merced, California provide for the consolidation of a General Municipal Election with the Presidential General Election to be held on November 3, 2020, direct the filing a Notice of Election with the Registrar of Voters, submit an Incumbent List and Terms of Office, provide that candidate's statements are to be paid by candidate, and determine that a coin toss is the tie-breaking method; and,

C. Directing the City Manager/City Clerk and the City Attorney's Office to execute documents appropriate to carry out the tasks necessary for the General Municipal Election and to take actions related thereto.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.7.

SUBJECT: Approval of an Addendum for Professional Services Agreement With THOR, Inc. for \$11,000 for AS/400 Programming Services to Support Central Square (Formerly, SunGard) Application Suite, for a Grand Total of \$189,000

REPORT IN BRIEF

Authorizing an addendum for professional services agreement with the THOR Group for \$11,000 for AS/400 programming services to support Central Square (formerly, SunGard) application suite.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion approving addendum #1 to the professional services agreement with THOR, Inc. and authorizing the City Manager or the Assistant City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.8.

SUBJECT: Authorization to Accept a \$16,000 Monetary Donation from Dignity Health Mercy Medical Center Merced to Purchase a LUCAS 3, v3.1 Chest Compression System and Accessories

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers accepting a \$16,000 monetary donation from Dignity Health Mercy Medical Center Merced to purchase a LUCAS 3, v3.1 Chest

Compression System and accessories.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Accepting \$16,000 donation, increasing Contributions and Donations account 001-0901-360.02-01 and appropriating the same in Property/Machinery/Equipment account 001-0901-523.43-00; and,

B. Authorizing the City Manager or the Assistant City Manager as designee to execute the Donation Acceptance form; and,

C. Authorizing the Finance Officer to make the necessary budget adjustments.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.9.

SUBJECT: Approval of the Property, Boiler and Machinery Insurance Renewal Through Alliant Property Insurance Program in the Amount of \$411,998.08 for Program Year 2020/2021

REPORT IN BRIEF

Consider approving the renewal of the City's policy through Alliant Property Insurance Program (APIP) at 22.38% premium increase, amounting to \$411,998.08 for program year 2020/2021.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion ratifying the renewal of the property and boiler and machinery insurance through the Alliant Property Insurance Program (APIP), administered by Alliant Insurance Services for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; and authorizing the City Manager or the Assistant City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.10.

SUBJECT: Approving the Cooperative Agreement with State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the Highway 59 Widening Phase 1 and Highway 59 Black Rascal Bridge Project

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers authorizing a cooperative agreement with Caltrans to receive support and oversight for the project approval and environmental documents for the Highway 59 Widening Phase 1 and

Highway 59 Black Rascal Bridge Project.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving the cooperative agreement for the Highway 59 Widening Phase 1 and Highway 59 Black Rascal Bridge Project; and,

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

This Consent Item was approved.

I.11.

SUBJECT: Two Agreements for Professional Services with Provost and Pritchard Engineering Group, Incorporated, for the PCE Groundwater Project - Groundwater Remediation and Quarterly Monitoring Reports in the Amounts of \$230,000. and \$62,100 Respectively

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers authorizing two separate agreements for environmental remediation and reporting services for a combined total of \$292,100.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving the professional services agreement (cleanup contract) with Provost and Pritchard Engineering Group, Incorporated, in the amount of \$230,000 for PCE groundwater cleanup; and,

B. Approving the professional services agreement (reporting contract) with Provost and Pritchard Engineering Group, Incorporated, in the amount of \$62,100 for report drafting; and,

C. Authorizing the City Manager to execute necessary documents.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.13.

SUBJECT: Approval of First Amendment to Agreement for Supplies and Services with SNF Polydyne, to Extend the Term of the Agreement to June 30, 2021, in an Amount Not to Exceed Unit Price of \$1.12 Per Pound for Solids Handling Polymer for the Wastewater Treatment Facility

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving an amendment to Agreement for Supplies and Services with SNF Polydyne to provide solids handling polymer for the Wastewater Treatment Facility through June 30, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving the First Amendment to Agreement for Supplies and Services with SNF Polydyne, to extend the term of the agreement to June 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed unit price of \$1.12 per pound for solids handling polymer; and

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

This Consent Item was approved.

I.15.

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Establishing and Approving the Terms and Conditions of the 2020-2021 Master Tow Service Agreement Effective July 7, 2020 and Expiring June 30, 2021

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers the adoption of the 2020-2021 Merced Police Department Tow Service Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion approving **Resolution 2020-44**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, establishing and approving the 2020-2021 Master Tow Service Agreement and authorizing the City Manager or the Assistant City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.16.

SUBJECT: Waiver of the Competitive Bidding Requirements and Approval of the Animal Control Contract With the County of Merced to Provide Housing, Handling, Securing, Transfer and Disposition of Dogs and Cats Captured by Ordinance or Code and Delivered by City's Designated Animal Control Provider

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers waiving of the competitive bidding requirements and

Approves an agreement with the County of Merced to provide services for the housing and handling of animals impounded at the Merced County Animal Control Shelter.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

- A. Approving waiving of the competitive bidding requirements; and
- B. Approving a contract with the County of Merced to provide services for the housing and handling of animals impounded at the Merced County Animal Control Shelter; and,
- C. Authorizing the City Manager or the Assistant City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.18.

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Declaring the Intent to Vacate a 315-Square-Foot Excess Portion of an Alley to the Adjacent Property at 1001 W. 16th Street, Generally Located on the Northwest Corner of 16th Street and Q Street, and Setting a Public Hearing for August 3, 2020, (Vacation #20-03)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers the abandonment of a City easement at 1001 W. 16th Street.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion adopting **Resolution 2020-43**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, declaring its intention to vacate a 315-square-foot excess portion of an alley to the adjacent property at 1001 W. 16th Street, generally located at the northwest corner of 16th Street and Q Street (Vacation #20-03) and setting time and place for Public Hearing.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.19.

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution of Intent Regarding Annexation into Community Facilities District (CFD) No. 2003-2 (Services) for the PG&E Merced Regional Service Center and Setting a Public Hearing for August 17, 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 PG&E Merced Regional Service Center into Community Facilities District (CFD) No. 2003-2; and set a Public Hearing for August 17, 2020, to hold the election for annexation into the CFD.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Adopting **Resolution 2020-42**, 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 approving a certain agreement related thereto; and,

B. Setting the Public Hearing for August 17, 2020.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.20.

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Setting a Public Hearing for Monday, August 3, 2020, to Vacate a 25-Foot-Wide Access Easement in Foothill Drive (Extended), a 25-Foot-Wide Temporary Access Easement Along the East Side of G Street at Foothill Drive (Extended), and a 15-Foot-Wide Road Right-of-Way Consisting of 1,432 Square Feet Located Approximately 1,100 Feet East of G Street, North of Merrill Place (Extended) (Vacation #20-02)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Set a public hearing for August 3, 2020, to vacate a 25-foot-wide access easement in Foothill Drive (extended), a 25-foot-wide temporary access easement along the east side of G Street at Foothill Drive (extended), and a 15-foot-wide road right-of-way consisting of approximately 1,432 square feet located approximately 1,100 feet east of G Street, north of Merrill Place (extended).

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion adopting **Resolution 2020-35**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, declaring its intention to vacate a 25-foot-wide access easement in Foothill Drive (extended), a 25-foot-wide temporary access easement along the east side of G Street at Foothill Drive (extended), and a

15-foot-wide road right-of-way consisting of approximately 1,432 square feet located approximately 1,100 feet east of G Street, north of Merrill Place (extended) (Vacation #20-02), and setting time and place for Public Hearing.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.21.

SUBJECT: Second Reading and Final Adoption of Ordinance Amending the Term of the Development Agreement from 25 Years to 40 Years for Bellevue Ranch, Initiated by Baxter Ranches LLC and Stonefield Home, Inc.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Second reading to modify the Development Agreement for Bellevue Ranch to extend the term of the Agreement for the remaining portions of Bellevue Ranch West (generally north of Cardella, west of G Street) from 25 years to 40 years.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion adopting **Ordinance 2516**, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, amending Ordinance No. 1906 to modify the term of the development agreement for Bellevue Ranch for the remaining portion of Bellevue Ranch West from 25 Years to 40 Years.

This Consent Item was approved.

I.5.

SUBJECT: Authorization to Seek Applicants for Boards and Commissions Annual Vacancies

REPORT IN BRIEF

Authorizes staff to seek applicants for current vacant seats on all Boards and Commissions.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion directing the Clerk's Office to notice all current vacant seats and upcoming vacancies for all Boards and Commissions.

Mayor Pro Tempore SERRATTO pulled this item to discuss recruitment methods.

Council and Assistant City Clerk Jennifer LEVESQUE discussed the different methods used to recruit for the various Boards and Commissions.

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Echevarria

I.12.

SUBJECT: Reject the Single Bid Received for the Well Site 3 Tank Removal, Project No. 117047

REPORT IN BRIEF

Consider the rejection of the single bid received to remove the elevated water storage tank at Well Site #3, and directing staff to re-bid the project.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion rejecting the single bid received for the Well Site 3 tank removal, Project No. 117047, and directing staff to advertise the project for rebidding.

Clerk's Note: This item was requested to be pulled for separate consideration by Erik BOWEN, Bowen Engineering and Environmental.

Erik BOWEN, Bowen Engineering and Environmental - spoke on the project and the bid placed by his company.

Council and Interim Deputy Director of Public Works, Joe ANGULO, discussed the single bid and options the City has in going out to bid on the project again.

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, Mayor Pro Tempore Serratto, Council Member Blake, Council Member Martinez, Council Member McLeod, and Council Member Shelton

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Echevarria

I.14.

SUBJECT: Waiving of the Competitive Bidding Requirements Pursuant to M.M.C Section 3.04.210 and Authorization to Accept \$136,975 in Grant Funds from the United States Department of Justice Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program

Solicitation FY 2020 for the Police Department to Purchase
Equipment and Supplies for an Emergency Communication Center;
and, Gas Masks and Supplies to Assist with COVID Prevention and
Preparation

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers accepting grant funding from the US Department of Justice offered to the Merced Police Department in the amount of \$136,975 from the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program Solicitation FY 2020 for the Police Department to purchase equipment and supplies to open an Emergency Communication Center and to purchase gas masks and related supplies in order to prepare for and prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Accepting the grant and increasing the revenue budget in account 050-1025-321.17-00 by \$136,975, and appropriating the same to Fund 050; and,

B. Approving the use of pooled cash until reimbursement is received from the grant; and,

C. Waiving the competitive bid requirements as stated in Section 3.04.210 of the Merced Municipal Code and Authorize the City Manager or Assistant City Manager approve the sole source purchase from AT&T to purchase the additional phone equipment needed to connect to the existing 911 phone system located at the Police Department.

D. Authorizing the Police Department and the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

Clerk's Note: Merced resident Rick WENDLING requested this item be pulled for separate consideration.

Rick WENDLING, Merced - spoke on the efficiency of various face covering materials and the costs of various drugs being used in the treatment of the Covid-19 virus.

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Echevarria

I.17.

SUBJECT: 2019 General Plan Annual Progress Report
Summarizing the Status of the Merced Vision 2030 General Plan
and the Steps Taken to Implement the General Plan Policies and
Implementation Actions

REPORT IN BRIEF

Accepts for information only the 2019 General Plan Annual Progress Report.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion accepting the report for information only.

Clerk's Note: Merced resident Rick WENDLING requested this item be pulled for separate consideration.

Rick WENDLING, Merced - spoke about the use of bicycle lanes in the City of Merced.

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Echevarria

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS

J.1.

SUBJECT: Public Hearing to Allow Interested Persons to be Heard
Prior to the Completion and Submittal of an Application to the United
States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for
Financing Through the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program for the
Childs Court Apartments - Childs and B Street Affordable Housing
Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Project

REPORT IN BRIEF

Public Hearing to allow interested persons to be heard prior to the completion and submittal of an application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for financing through the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program for the Childs Court Apartments - Childs and B Street Affordable Housing Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Project.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

Recommending that the City Council conduct the Public Hearing, receive any testimony given, provide direction to Staff regarding the Proposed HUD 108 Loan application, and continuing the Public Hearing to the July 20, 2020, Council Meeting.

Director of Development Services Scott MCBRIDE gave a slide show presentation on the project including the project specs, number of supportive housing units, the estimated timeline, and public input.

Council Member MARTINEZ and Mr. MCBRIDE discussed project funding and the debt repayment.

Mayor MURPHY opened and subsequently requested continuing the Public Hearing to the July 20, 2020 meeting due to lack of public comment.

A motion was made by Council Member Blake, seconded by Council Member Shelton, that this agenda item be continued to the July 20, 2020 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Echevarria

J.2.

SUBJECT: Public Hearing - Introduction and Review of the Draft U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, First-Year (2020) Annual Action Plan, and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice; Proposed Expenditure of CDBG and HOME Funds for FY 2020-2021 and Receipt of Public Comment During the Open 30-Day Public Participation Period

REPORT IN BRIEF

Presentation and discussion of the HUD 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, Analysis of Impediments, and 2020 First-Year Annual Action Plan; and

Opportunity for Public Participation and Comment.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Conduct a public hearing to receive Public input regarding the Draft 2020-2024 (Five-Year) Consolidated Plan, Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing, and the proposed expenditure of CDBG and HOME funds for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in the Draft 2020 Annual Action Plan; and,

B. Provide comment, if any, on staff recommendations for the distribution of anticipated projects, goals and objectives, and allocation of anticipated resources in the Draft 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan; and,

C. Provide comment, if any, regarding the Draft Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice report; and,

D. Provide comment, if any, on staff recommendations for the distribution of projects, goals, and objectives, and allocation of expected resources in the Draft 2020 Annual Action Plan; and,

E. Provide comment, if any, on staff recommendations regarding the Community Organization funding request applications received for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Director of Development Services Scott MCBRIDE gave a slide show presentation on the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, the Annual Action Plan and the Analysis to Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.

Mayor MURPHY opened the Public Hearing at 6:54 PM.

Sheng XIONG, Leadership Council Merced - spoke on the need for affordable housing, inclusionary zoning, and low income community members.

Rick WENDLING, Merced - spoke using government funds for housing.

Gabriel SPIVA, Merced - requested continuing the hearing to the next meeting.

Clerk's Note: The following comment was provided via voicemail.

Marilynn MOCHER, Merced- spoke on the need for affordable housing and requested the hearing be continued.

A motion was made by Council Member Blake, seconded by Council Member Martinez, that this agenda item be continued to the July 20, 2020 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Echevarria

K. REPORTS

K.1.

SUBJECT: Adoption of the 2020 Urban Forest Management Plan
Prepared by Davey Resource Group as Part of the Urban Forest Tree
Inventory and Management Plan CalFire Grant

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers adopting the 2020 Urban Forest Management Plan prepared by Davey Resource Group as part of the Urban Forest Tree Inventory and Management Plan CalFire Grant.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion approving and adopting the 2020 Urban Forest Management Plan.

Director of Public Works, Ken ELWIN, gave a brief description of the Urban Forest Management Plan.

Tina MCKEAND from Davey Resource Group gave a presentation on the Urban Forest Management Plan.

Council and Ms. MCKEAND discussed the Urban Forest Management Plan, watering trees, the protection of trees on public property, increasing diversity of trees, and funding for tree maintenance.

Rick WENDLING, Merced - spoke on the expense of removing public trees and tree replacement in the City of Merced.

Melinda GONZALEZ, Merced - spoke on the protection of oak trees.

Council and Ms. MCKEAND discussed ways that the City could increase the canopy percentage and mitigate wildfire risks.

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Echevarria

L. BUSINESS

L.1. **SUBJECT:** Approval of Reappointments to Arts and Culture Advisory Commission (2), Building and Housing Board of Appeals (1), and Planning Commission (1)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers reappointing currently seated individuals to an additional term.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion reappointing qualified individuals who are eligible for, and interested in, an additional term on the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission, Building and Housing Board of Appeals, and Planning Commission.

Mayor MURPHY discussed vacancies, the move to district appointments, and encouraged community members to apply.

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Echevarria

L.2. **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 MCLEOD requested a future item to discuss a tree ordinance.

L.3. **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 SERRATTO commented on visiting the City's Waste Water Treatment Plan with Dennis EVANS.

Council Member MARTINEZ commented on the fireworks from the 4th of July and youth sports starting again.

Clerk's Note: Council adjourned back into Closed Session at 7:43 PM and adjourned from Closed Session at 7:51 PM.

M. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: The Regular Meeting Adjourned at 7:54 PM.

A motion was made by Council Member Shelton, seconded by Council Member Blake, that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Noah Pazin. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Echevarria