



# 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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Thursday, February 20, 2020

6:00 PM

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#### Golden Valley High School 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 Golden Valley High School Theater located at 2121 E. Childs Avenue, Merced, CA 95341.

##### A.1. Pledge of Allegiance

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

#### B. 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

#### 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

Damon RAMIREZ, Merced - suggested adding more water fountains and lights around the skate park in McNamara Park. He also spoke on a sports scholarship.

Mark LOPEZ, Merced - spoke on the violence in his community and a sports scholarship.

Noe GOVEA, Merced - spoke on his concerns on the Understanding Drugs and Alcohol Program for at-risk youths.

Jesse ORNELAS, Merced - spoke on the displaced youth documentary, a campaign to help at-risk youths, the memorandum of understanding between the Merced Police Department and the school district, and the community violence in South Merced.

Sol RIVAS, Building Healthy Communities, Merced - spoke on Measure Y funds and a stronger community and police relations.

Salvador SANDOVAL, Merced - asked about the proper procedure for placing a complaint with the police department.

Gloria SANDOVAL, Merced - spoke on the homeless issue, vacant homes, and fixing streets. She asked about a report from the fire department on vacant house fires.

Ronnie DEANDA, Merced - spoke on the State of the City event, the lack of development by Highway 59 and other parts of South Merced, and the lack of an urgent care and hospital in south Merced.

## E. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council thanked everyone for attending the Town Hall Meeting.

## F. ADJOURNMENT

**Clerk's Note:** The Town Hall Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

**A motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Council Member Blake, to adjourn the Town Hall 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