



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 18, 2021

5:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor SERRATTO called the Virtual Town Hall Meeting to order at 5:36 PM.

A.1. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Matthew Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Kevin Blake, Council Member Fernando Echevarria, Council Member Delray Shelton, Council Member Bertha Perez, Council Member Jesse Ornelas, and Council Member Sarah Boyle

Absent: 0

B.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 \$400.00 by Charter for sitting as the City Council; and the Mayor receives an additional \$100.00 each month as a part of the adopted budget and Resolution 2020-86. The members of the Parking Authority and the Public Financing and Economic Development Authority receive no compensation.

C. OPENING COMMENTS

All Council Members introduced themselves and thanked the public for participating.

C.1. Matt Serratto - Mayor

Mayor SERRATTO explained how the yearly Town Hall Meetings are used by the Council to help develop goals and priorities in advance of the City budget.

City Attorney Phaedra NORTON briefly commented on the upcoming City Council Strategic Planning Session and the need to broadcast the event to comply with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

City Manager Stephanie DIETZ gave a presentation that reviewed the updated public survey that was available on the City's website prior to the second Virtual Town Hall and discussed the results of the survey.

City Council, Ms. DIETZ and City Staff reviewed questions submitted via the survey and fielded questions through the City's social media. Comments questions and topics included, affordable housing, inclusionary zoning, a first time homebuyer program, rental registration programs, traffic and pedestrian safety, homeless encampments, Laura Fountain restoration efforts, bike path improvements, community events, youth programs, and marijuana businesses.

E. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council gave closing statements thanking the community for participating in the Virtual Town Hall.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: The Virtual Town Hall Meeting was ajourned at 8:26 PM.

A motion was made by Council Member Ornelas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Serratto, Mayor Pro Tempore Blake, Council Member Echevarria, Council Member Shelton, Council Member Perez, Council Member Ornelas, and Council Member Boyle

No: 0

Absent: 0