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**To:** The Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**From:** Steven S. Carrigan, City Manager  
**Date:** January 17, 2020  
**Re:** City Council Information Report

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## **CP-42 COMMUNITY MEETING**

The City Council Subcommittee of Mayor Pro Tempore Serratto, and Council members Martinez and Echevarria met with soccer organizations and community members to discuss how they would like to see CP -42 developed. City Manager Carrigan and



Assistant City Manager Dietz were also involved in the meeting. The meeting was well attended and generated many ideas. Staff will be reviewing the ideas and plans on another community meeting in about 4 weeks.

## **M STREET EUCALYPTUS TREE TRIMMING**

The Public Works Tree Division, with assistance from CDF crews, completed trimming and cleaning the M Street Eucalyptus Tree Grove this week.



## WATER MAIN BREAK ON R STREET

Last Friday afternoon Public Works crews responded to a water main break on R Street between 9<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Streets. Crews worked into the evening hours to repair the main and restore water service to the area.



## 27<sup>TH</sup> & K STREET

Work at the 27<sup>th</sup> & K Street property continues this week, under the direction of the Public Works Department. See photos below of the new roof installation.



## TREE PLANTING AT MCNAMARA

Public Works received a donation of 12 Sunset maple trees from Durbin Bookkeeping, Parker Family Chiropractic, Michelle's Bookkeeping, Deborah Arceo and Lynda's Bookkeeping. The trees were planted in McNamara Park on Sat., Jan. 11.



## CAMPUS PARKWAY MILESTONES

The dedication for Campus Parkway Segment II and Groundbreaking for Segment III will be held at 2 p.m. Fri., Jan. 31, at Campus Parkway and Highway 140. A flier is attached.

## **ENGINEERING UPDATE**

### ***Water Well Site #21***

Hobbs Construction worked to install a ductile iron water line to the well pump this week.



## **SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT**

Please find attached the Support Services Monthly Report for December.

## **COUNTY NEWSLETTER**

Please find attached the Merced County quarterly newsletter for January.

## **LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Please find attached a letter of support for a hybrid locomotive study and pilot program for the Amtrak San Joaquin line.

## **D STREET SHELTER FUNDRAISER**

The Empty Bowl Project is raising funds for the D Street Shelter. The event is from 5 to 7 p.m. Feb. 5 at the First Baptist Church. An informational flier is attached.

## **LEAGUE QUARTERLY DINNER**

The City of Atwater will host the League of Cities Central Valley Division Quarterly meeting at Castle Air Museum, Thurs. March 12. No host social at 6 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. A flier is attached.

## **INSPECTION SERVICES REPORT**

Please find attached the biweekly Inspection Services report.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA**

Please find attached the Planning Commission Agenda for the Weds., Jan. 22 meeting.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Jan. 23 – MCOE Annual Report, TBA, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Jan. 31 – Campus Parkway Dedication, Pkway and Hwy 140, 2 p.m.

Feb. 5 – Empty Bowl Project, First Baptist Church, 5 – 7 p.m.

Feb. 7 – State of the City, Merced Theatre, 11 a.m.

Feb. 19 – Town Hall, Hoover Middle School, 6-8 p.m.

Feb. 20 – Town Hall, Golden Valley High, 6-8 p.m.

Feb. 26 – Town Hall, Cruickshank Middle School, 6-8 p.m.

March 12 – League Dinner, Castle Air Museum, 6 p.m. Social, 6:30 p.m. Dinner

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# Campus Parkway

SEGMENT II RIBBON-CUTTING & SEGMENT III GROUNDBREAKING

2 P.M. JAN. 31, 2020

CAMPUS PARKWAY AT HIGHWAY 140



## Support Services December 2019 Monthly Report

|                           | <u>Current</u><br>Dec '19 | <u>Previous</u><br>Dec '18 | <u>2019</u><br>YTD Total | <u>2018</u><br>Grand Total |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Personnel:</b>         |                           |                            |                          |                            |
| Recruitment(s)            | 1                         | 4                          | 53                       | 61                         |
| New Hire(s) – Permanent   | 6                         | 1                          | 52                       | 61                         |
| New Hire(s) – Temporary   | 2                         | 2                          | 56                       | 59                         |
| Separations               | 1                         | 1                          | 73                       | 48                         |
| Retired                   | 4                         | 0                          | 12                       | 11                         |
| Total Number of Employees | 549                       | 520                        | --                       |                            |
| Full Time                 | 471                       | 454                        | --                       |                            |
| Temporary                 | 78                        | 66                         | --                       |                            |

|                              |   |    |    |    |
|------------------------------|---|----|----|----|
| <b>Insurance:</b>            |   |    |    |    |
| Government Claim (s) Filed   | 5 | 11 | 62 | 84 |
| Subrogation Claim (s) Filed  | 1 | 0  | 50 | 50 |
| Training - Workshops Offered | 2 | 2  | 39 | 42 |

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# MERCED COUNTY CONNECTION

January 2020, Vol. III Issue I

## Merced County Fire Department Secures Grant to Purchase Life-Saving Equipment

For the second year in a row, the Merced County Fire Department received a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety for the purchase of new extrication equipment that will be used to rescue crash victims.

Often referred to as the "jaws of life," first responders use these tools to break apart wrecked vehicles when victims are trapped inside.

These new tools help reduce the time it takes to rescue and treat crash victims.

The new extrication equipment is electric instead of hydraulic and is 50 percent lighter, safer, and easier to use.

Last year, Merced County Fire responded to 2,844 crashes—54 of which required extrication.

Delays in extrication can negatively impact the patient's critical "golden hour" of trauma survivability.

The "golden hour" for Emergency Medical Services is the core principle of rapid intervention in trauma cases:



Firefighters inspect some new extrication equipment during a March 2019 training

1. Get to the patient quickly;
2. Treat what can be treated on scene;
3. Get the patient to the hospital quickly.

Reducing the time of these objectives aids in patient survival and recovery.

"Since this newer equipment is lighter, safer and easier to use, it allows us to rescue victims faster, which ultimately increases their chances of survival," said Merced County Fire Battalion Chief David Scheurich. "In many cases, even minutes without treatment can be the difference between life and death, which is why it's important to have reliable equipment that allows first responders to provide care as quickly as possible."

After receiving the new equipment from the previous grant, the Merced County Fire Department held an extrication training to familiarize themselves with the new tools. Scheurich said they'll do the same once they receive the new equipment.

Follow "**Merced County Fire**" on Facebook to stay up-to-date with the latest news from the department.



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# Library Launches Evening Hour Pilot

*Revised hours will be used to determine future decisions*

The Merced County Library launched extended evening hours at five library branches on January 14, 2020. This is a six-month pilot project. The Board of Supervisors will use the Evening Hours Pilot Project to gauge public interest for libraries to be open past 6 p.m. Participating libraries are:

- **Livingston Library:** Tuesdays 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- **Merced Library:** Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- **Atwater Library:** Tuesdays 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- **Delhi Library:** Wednesdays 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- **Los Banos Library:** Wednesdays 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

In February 2018, the Library conducted a countywide customer satisfaction survey. The results of this survey showed 82 percent of respondents would like the Library to be open in the evenings. In November 2019, the Merced County Board of Supervisors approved the Merced County Library's Evening Hours Pilot Project.



From left to right: Director Mark Hendrickson, Deputy Director Mark Mimms, CEO James L. Brown, Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Supervisor Lloyd Pareira

# County Meets with Port of L.A.

*Discussions involved potential economic opportunities for Castle*

In December, representatives from Merced County and the Port of Los Angeles met to discuss potential economic opportunities stemming from their 2017 partnership agreement.

The overall strategy involves turning the Mid-California International Trade District at Castle into a hub for manufacturers and providing the Port of L.A. with a Central California focal point for goods movement along the BNSF Railway.

The December meeting at the Port of L.A. involved the five County officials pictured above, along with Port of L.A. Executive Director Gene Seroka, Deputy Executive Director David Libatique and APM Terminals Managing Director Steven Trombley.

County staff believes that developing a strong working relationship with the Port of L.A. is critically important to spurring future development and investment at Castle, particularly due to its centralized location.

# County Unveils New Mission, Vision, Values



Members of the Mission, Vision and Values work group are joined by the Board of Supervisors. From left to right: Supervisor Rodrigo Espinoza, HSA Deputy Director Mary Ellen Arana, Supervisor Scott Silveira, Water Resources Coordinator Lacey McBride, Supervisor Lee Lor, Deputy CEO Sommer Moniz, Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Assistant CEO David Mirrione, Supervisor Lloyd Pareira, Ag Director David Robinson

In December, the Board of Supervisors approved an item updating the County's Mission, Vision and Values to better reflect who we are as an organization and define what we want for the future:

- **Mission:** Provide quality public services that enhance and protect our diverse community
- **Vision:** A thriving and inclusive Merced County
- **Values:**
  - ⇒ *Integrity*—Provide accountability and consistency between our words and our actions.
  - ⇒ *Innovation*—To foster a creative work environ-

ment that attracts and retains employees who provide quality services through countywide collaboration.

- ⇒ *Inclusion*—Respect and value diverse backgrounds by encouraging personal and professional growth while recognizing individuals for their contributions.

This effort was spearheaded by a group of six employees selected from various County departments and involved numerous surveys, research efforts and meetings. Just in time for New Year's, the updated Mission, Vision and Values now serve as goals that Merced County strives to meet on a daily basis.

## Did You Know?

### COMMUNITY CLEANUPS:

Did you know that every year, the Public Works Department hosts multiple community clean-up events throughout Merced County? These events allow residents to dispose of tires, appliances, and other throwaway items for a greatly reduced fee—\$1 for small cars, \$2 for trucks, vans and station wagons, \$3 for trailers less than 8 feet, and \$4 for trailers longer than 8 feet. More details are available at [www.countyofmerced.com/communitycleanup](http://www.countyofmerced.com/communitycleanup).

There are 13 community clean-ups this year, all on Saturdays:

**El Nido:** January 25  
Community Hall Parking Lot

**Stevinson:** February 1  
SR 165 (¼ mile south of SR 140)

**Delhi:** February 15  
Fourth St. and Gordon St.

**Santa Nella:** March 7  
West Comet Rd. & Venus Circle

**Snelling:** March 14  
Henderson Park

**Winton:** March 21  
Santa Fe Drive and Winton Way

**Hilmar:** March 28  
Community Center/Faulke St.

**South Dos Palos:** April 4  
Reynolds Ave. & Shain Ave.

**Le Grand:** April 11  
Santa Fe Dr. & Jefferson St.

**Franklin/Beachwood:** April 25  
Santa Fe Dr. & Business Park Way

**Dos Palos Y:** October 3  
Dos Palos Y Auction Yard

**McSwain:** October 17  
Quinley Ave. (South of Moran Ave.)

**Planada:** November 7  
Broadway (between Mills St. and Fremont St.)



#MercedCountyDYK

## Emergency Response Agencies Team up to Participate in Active Shooter Training

First responders from throughout Merced County recently participated in a violent incident response training at Cruickshank Middle School in Merced.

The training incorporated about 20 members of the Atwater High School Drama Department, who used the exercise as Career and Technical Education Work Experience.

The late-December exercise simulated an active-shooter situation requiring a multi-jurisdictional response from law enforcement, EMS and fire personnel. Participants were provided a briefing, evaluated during the scenario, and debriefed afterward on how their response tactics can be refined and streamlined.

*“This is a call we hope to never receive, but if we do, we’ll be prepared.”*

*-Division Chief Jeremy Rahn,  
Merced County Fire Department*

The training was coordinated by the Merced County Office of Emergency Services.

“This wasn’t the first time we’ve done this training and it won’t be the last,” said Division Chief Jeremy Rahn of the Merced County Fire Department. “This is a call we hope to never receive, but if we do, we’ll be prepared.”



Images from December’s Violent Incident Response Training at Cruickshank Middle School

## Mercedes, CHP Test at Castle

The Mid-California International Trade District at Castle is rapidly turning into a hotspot for cutting-edge research—with driverless car technologies at the forefront.

Most recently, Mercedes-Benz teamed up with the California Highway Patrol to test

autonomous technologies for its vehicles. Castle is already home to Waymo—Google’s self-driving car company—and will soon be home to several other manufacturers as part of the California AutoTech Testing and Development Center, which is currently under development.



Mercedes and CHP tested driverless safety features in October. Photo courtesy of CHP

# Construction Boot Camp Graduates 18

The Merced County workforce got a little bigger in late November thanks to a “construction training boot camp.”

The construction boot camp is organized by Worknet Merced County and its partners from Merced College, the Laborers International Union of North America, and the Merced County Community and Economic Development Department.

As part of its most recent training program, participants gained experience by building a

simulated city façade that can be used for autonomous vehicle testing at Castle.

The training lasted for six weeks and included 18 participants, who graduated during a Nov. 21 ceremony at Castle.

The event included members of the Board of Supervisors and other local dignitaries.

Follow “**Worknet Merced County**” on Facebook to stay up-to-date with the latest news from the department.



Graduates from the Construction Training Boot Camp are joined by local dignitaries at Castle

## Common Contacts

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**Behavioral Health**  
209-381-6800

**Community and Economic Dev.**  
209-385-7654

**County Clerk**  
209-385-7502

**Elections/Registrar of Voters**  
209-385-7541

**Fire Department**  
209-385-7344

**Human Resources**  
209-385-7682

**Human Services Agency**  
209-385-3000

**Library (Main)**  
209-385-7484

**Public Works**  
209-385-7602

**Sheriffs Office**  
209-385-7451 (Main Jail)  
209-385-7369 (Coroner)  
209-385-7436 (Animal Control)

**Recorder**  
209-385-7627

# UPCOMING MEETINGS:

## Board of Supervisors

- January 14, 2020
- January 28, 2020
- February 11, 2020
- February 25, 2020
- March 10, 2020
- March 31, 2020

\*Regular Board of Supervisors meetings are held on scheduled Tuesdays at 10 a.m., unless otherwise specified. Meetings are held in the Board Chambers located in the County Administration Building at 2222 M Street, Third Floor, Merced, CA 95340.

## Planning Commission

- January 8, 2020
- January 22, 2020
- CANCELED:* February 12, 2020
- February 26, 2020
- March 11, 2020
- March 25, 2020

\*Regular Planning Commission meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month (with the exception of December) at 9 a.m. in the Board Chambers located in the County Administration Building at 2222 M Street, Third Floor, Merced, CA 95340.

## Municipal Advisory Councils

**Delhi MAC meetings:**  
7 p.m. second Thursday of the month,  
16091 Locust St., Delhi

**Franklin-Beachwood MAC meetings:**  
6 p.m. fourth Wednesday of the month,  
Franklin Elementary on Franklin Road

**Hilmar MAC meetings:**  
6 p.m. fourth Monday of the month.  
20077 Falke St., Hilmar

**Le Grand MAC meetings:**  
7 p.m. first Monday of the month,  
13038 E. Jefferson St., Le Grand

**McSwain MAC meetings:**  
7 p.m. fourth Thursday of the month,  
926 N. Scott Road, Merced

**Planada MAC meetings:**  
6 p.m. first Wednesday of the month,  
9167 Stanford Ave., Planada

**Snelling MAC meetings:**  
6:30 p.m. second Wednesday of the month,  
Old Snelling Courthouse, SR 59, Snelling

**Winton MAC meetings:**  
7 p.m. third Tuesday of the month,  
7091 W. Walnut Ave., Winton

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January 14, 2020

Honorable David Kim, Secretary  
California State Transportation Agency  
915 Capitol Mall, Suite 350B  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support SJJPA/Rail Commission TIRCP 2020 Grant Application for Hybrid Locomotive Study/ Pilot Program, and Rail Commission/SJJPA/TVSJVRRRA Hybrid Technologies for Multiple Unit Vehicles Type Study**

Dear Secretary Kim,

The City of Merced would like to express our strong support for the grant application submitted by the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (Rail Commission) and the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJJPA) that seeks funding under the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) for the Hybrid Locomotive Study/Pilot Program, and a Hybrid Technologies for Multiple Unit Vehicles Type Study (in partnership with the Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority).

**Hybrid Locomotive Study/Pilot Program:**

The City of Merced applauds funding to study the potential of utilizing new technologies that will help reduce the energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions of the ACE and San Joaquin locomotives. Progress and innovation in this area is particularly important in the Central Valley where the rail lines traverse the entire air quality non-attainment area. Use of hybrid locomotives would reduce the environmental impacts of passenger train service through decreases in noise and air quality impacts. It will also reduce operating costs, while providing potentially faster travel times for passengers with quicker acceleration out of stations and on grades. This SJRRC/SJJPA study and pilot program would explore a range of technologies that would supplement or replace existing diesel-powered engines to reduce fuel consumption and air pollutants for the ACE and San Joaquin fleets. Based upon the rail corridor characteristics and the passenger loads, some locomotive-hauled trains will be necessary well into the future, but this future can be transformative with the new propulsion technologies.

**Hybrid Technologies for Multiple Unit Vehicle Type Study:**

Based upon the recent work of the San Bernardino Transportation Authority, similar innovation and benefits can be achieved through zero-emission technology for use with multiple unit

vehicles. We support the Rail Commission building off that work, and partnering with the Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (TVSJVRRA) and SJJPA to analyze various hybrid multiple unit vehicle technologies for the Valley Link, ACE and San Joaquins services. These studies would analyze the potential performance of these hybrid vehicles, including any operational improvements gained such as faster acceleration out of stations, travel time improvements, fuel and pollution reductions, and other operational efficiencies.

Thank you for your consideration of TIRCP investment for the Hybrid Locomotive Study/Pilot Program, and the Hybrid Technologies for Multiple Unit Vehicle Type Study. These studies and the pilot program are very important towards reducing emissions and pollutants of current and future passenger rail services in the region and throughout the state.

The City of Merced strongly supports the SJJPA/Rail Commission grant application and study because it is in the best interests of our residents, rail users, and future generations of Californians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael W. Murphy".

Michael W. Murphy, Mayor  
City of Merced





**Merced County Community Action Agency**

# The Empty Bowl Project

**Fill A Bowl      Fill A Need      Fight Hunger**

## About The Event

Designed to simulate a soup kitchen experience, the Empty Bowl Project is an international grassroots effort to raise both money and awareness in the fight to end hunger.

## Tickets \$20

Includes soup from a local restaurant, dessert, and a bottle of water. The beautiful handcrafted bowls are painted by local community members and are yours to keep! Tickets available in advance and at the door. Check or Cash only. Meals available to go. All proceeds go to providing meals at the D-Street Shelter

## The D-Street Shelter was busy in 2019

- Expanded hours of operation to 24/7
- Increased the number of shelter beds to 60
- Provided over 54,000 meals feeding 3 meals per day
- Added case management services connecting clients with housing, health care, and employment services

## When

**February 5<sup>th</sup> 2020**

**5pm - 7:30pm**



**Location: First Baptist Church – 500 Buena Vista Dr, Merced, CA**

**For tickets, or to make a donation, please call 209-381-5221**



Life Is On



## Central Valley Division Quarterly Meeting

Hosted by the City of Atwater

Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup> 2020

Castle Air Museum

5050 Santa Fe Dr.

Atwater, CA 95301

(Please RSVP)

Tour time TBD

6:00 p.m. No Host Social

6:30 p.m. Dinner

Cost for Dinner: Free for City Employees  
TBD for non City Employees

**The Central Valley Division would like to thank Schneider Electric for  
sponsoring this event**

Kindly RSVP by **March 6<sup>th</sup> 2020** to: Stephen Qualls  
[squalls@cacities.org](mailto:squalls@cacities.org) or 209-614-0118

Please make checks payable to: League of California Cities Central Valley Division  
**Mail to: P.O. Box 785 Hughson, CA 95326**

Because dinners will be prepared for all individuals that RSVP, no shows  
will be responsible for the actual cost of their dinner (TBD).

Inspection Services CI

**For the period of December 30<sup>th</sup> through January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019, there were 65 New Single Family Dwelling Permits Issued.**

The running total of New Single Family Dwellings in Plan Review is **753!!!**

Multi Family Permits in review:

Gateway Terrace Apartments located at 405 W 12<sup>th</sup> St, 1 Office/Lounge and 6, 2 story Apartments; 2 buildings have 16 units, 3 buildings have 30 units, and 1 building has 4 units.

Yosemite at Lake Apartments located at 2850 E. Yosemite Ave.; 15- 27,276 SF 3-story apartment buildings each with 15 units, and a 1,200 SF maintenance building.

Compass Pointe phase II: 128 units in 16, 8-plex buildings plus a clubhouse.

There were 0 multi-family permits issued during this period.

(No change since last report)

There was 1 new construction commercial permit issued during this period; for a 2,400 SF warehouse located at 2773 N Hwy 59.

There were 6 new tenant improvement permits issued during this period; one for Golden Valley Casino located at 1714 Martin Luther King Jr. Wy, one for Domino's Pizza located at 1109 W. Main St., one for Dollar General located at 1729 Hwy 140, one for a minor remodel in Costco located at 1445 R St., one for Five Below located at 3148 R St., and one for the racking there.

There were 0 new commercial submittals during this period.

There was 1 new tenant improvement submittal during this period; for the PG&E Service Office located at 3080 M St.

There were 3 CofOs issued for this period; one for a Dental Office located at 676 Loughborough Dr., one for suites 714, 717, and 719 at the Merced Mall located at 851 W. Olive Ave., and one for demolition of part of the mall and roof repairs also located at 851 W. Olive Ave.

**City of Merced**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Agenda**

SEMIMONTHLY REGULAR SESSION

Accommodations for Individuals with Disabilities may be Prearranged  
and Assisted Listening Devices Available in the Council Chambers  
Please Contact the Recording Secretary at (209) 385-6858

CALL TO ORDER

Merced City Council Chambers  
Wednesday, January 22, 2020

MOMENT OF SILENCE

7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. MINUTES: January 8, 2020

**S P E A K E R S**

Please be brief and to the point - preferably 3 to 5 minutes.

Max Time Limit prior to Agendized items: 15 minutes. Once the maximum has been reached, remaining speakers will be asked to wait until the end of the meeting to make their comments.

To address the Planning Commission, complete a Request to Speak Form and place in the drop box located to the right of the speaker podium prior to the opening of the public hearing or the announcement of the item by the Chairperson. Speakers will be called up, 3 to 5 at a time, in the order in which the forms are received.

Please use the microphone and state your name and city of residence for the record.

Information/instruction on how the meeting will be run appears on the reverse side of this page.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/REPORTS:**

Permits, license, and other entitlements:

Applicant's Representative – 15 minutes (including rebuttal)

Appellant's Representative – 15 minutes (including rebuttal)

All other speakers will have 5 minutes each.

All other issues:

3 or less speakers: 5 minutes each

Over 3 speakers: Maximum of 3 minutes each

A timer clock is located directly across from the podium, illuminating the speaker's remaining time. Once the time is exhausted, a buzzer sounds. Please be courteous and conclude your discussion promptly.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Planning staff can assist you with other planning questions on matters such as annexation to the city, land subdivision, downtown Merced projects, home occupation permits, zoning, population and housing. (Phone 385-6858) 678 West 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340. Prior to each regular Commission Meeting, a complete agenda packet is available for review in the Planning Department at 678 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, and on the City's website at [www.cityofmerced.org](http://www.cityofmerced.org). Any documents provided to a majority of the Commissioners after this agenda is posted will be available for public inspection in the Planning Department during normal business hours.

## **THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

The citizens of Merced elect the members of the City Council. They in turn appoint seven advisors, the Planning Commission, to make recommendations on planning matters. The Commissioners are civic-minded citizens who serve an average of 35 meetings a year with no pay. Meetings are normally held at 7:00 p.m. on the Wednesday nights following the first and third Mondays of the month, in addition to special meetings as called.

The staff assists the Commission but does not vote. The City Attorney provides legal assistance and assists the Commission on procedural matters; the Planning Director and staff prepare the agenda, provide reports, etc. Other City staff members such as the Civil Engineer also serve as advisors to the Commission.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS**

The Commissioners are interested in your views and want to hear them. Information on a proposed action is publicized before it is brought before the Planning Commission. For example, on a proposed zoning action, mailers are sent to all property owners within a 300-foot radius and a notice appears in the legal advertisement section of the Merced Sun-Star. Important pending items will also often be mentioned in pre-meeting references in the local newspaper.

### **Consent Items**

Items noted as "(CONSENT)" are considered routine and will normally be approved without a staff presentation or discussion by the Planning Commission unless a Commissioner or member of the audience has a question(s) or wishes to make a statement or discuss an item. If so, please approach the microphone at the time the particular item is reached.

### **Public Hearings**

The Commission will ask those who are for\* or against\*\* a proposal to speak at all public hearings. The sequence of events is:

1. Staff report of facts and a recommendation.
2. Applicant's statement.
3. Proponents\* of the proposal.
4. Opponents\*\* of the proposal.
- (5. If necessary, a summary statement or rebuttal from the applicant.)

If you decide to speak, please submit a "Request to Speak" form prior to the start of the public hearing. You will be called up to speak at the appropriate time by the Recording Secretary. Please start by giving your name and city of residence, then tell the Commissioners your concern. We want your views; don't worry about how to say them. If several people have spoken, try not to be repetitious. If there are several in your area with concerns, why not appoint a spokesman. The Commission is particularly interested in the specific reasons you are for or against a proposal because their decision has to be based on specific reasons.

A Commission denial of a request or proposal is final in the case of Conditional Use Permit Applications (unless appealed to City Council within five business days) and Tentative Subdivision Maps (unless appealed to City Council within 10 business days). On many other items, the Commission RECOMMENDS ACTION to the Council. If your item is passed on to the City Council, be sure to follow up by attending the Council hearings and expressing your point of view.

You may also find that the Commission may not get to your item - set for 7:00 p.m. public hearing - until 10:00 p.m. for instance. We regret you having to wait. Experience has shown that setting hearings 1/2 - 1 hour apart is unwise, however. Sometimes matters are withdrawn or are resolved quickly leaving the Commission and public in a position of waiting for an appointed time to arrive.

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS

At this time, any member of the audience may comment on any matter which is not listed on the agenda. Please submit a “Request to Speak” form prior to the announcement of the item by the Chairperson.

### 4. ITEMS

Any matters listed as (“CONSENT”) in the descriptions below are considered routine by the Planning Commission and will be adopted by one action of the Commission unless any citizen submits a “Request to Speak” form or Commission member has any question or wishes to make a statement or discuss an item. In that event, the Chairperson will remove that item from the Consent Calendar and place it for separate consideration.

- 4.1 **Conditional Use Permit #1238**, initiated by Merced Holdings, LP, property owner. This application involves a request to construct a mixed-use development with 214 apartment units and approximately 37,117 square feet of commercial uses within four buildings (two 2-story buildings and two 3-story buildings) on an approximately 5.94-acre parcel, generally located at the southeast corner of Yosemite Avenue and McKee Road. The property has a General Plan designation of Neighborhood Commercial (CN) and is zoned Neighborhood Commercial (C-N). \*PUBLIC HEARING\*

ACTION: Approve/Disapprove/Modify

- 1) Environmental Review #19-37 (Mitigated Negative Declaration)
- 2) Conditional Use Permit #1238

- 4.2 **Cancellation of February 5, 2020, Planning Commission Meeting due to a lack of items.**

ACTION: Cancel the Planning Commission Meeting of February 5, 2020

### 5. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 5.1 Calendar of Meetings/Events (see below)

ADJOURNMENT (Traditionally no later than 11:00 p.m.)

- 6.1 Adjourn to a Joint Planning Commission/City Council Study Session on the North Merced Annexation Feasibility Study on Monday, January 27, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS/EVENTS

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| January  | 21 | City Council, 6:00 p.m. ( <i>Tuesday</i> )                      |
|          | 22 | Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.                                  |
|          | 27 | Joint City Council/Planning Commission Study Session, 6:00 p.m. |
| February | 3  | City Council, 6:00 p.m.   |
|          | 5  | Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m. ( <i>To be Cancelled</i> )       |
|          | 18 | City Council, 6:00 p.m. ( <i>Tuesday</i> )                      |
|          | 19 | Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.                                  |
| March    | 25 | Bicycle Advisory Commission, 4:00 p.m.                          |
|          | 2  | City Council, 6:00 p.m.   |
|          | 4  | Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.                                  |
|          | 16 | City Council, 6:00 p.m.   |
|          | 18 | Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.                                  |

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