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To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Stephanie R. Dietz, City Manager
Date: January 8, 2021
Re: City Council Information Report

NEW FIRE CHIEF BEGINS FIRST WEEK ON THE JOB

The City's new Fire Chief, Derek Parker, began his first week on the job on Monday. This is a homecoming for Derek, and his wife, Kimberly, since both grew up in Merced. He is returning to the community after working his way through the ranks of the Sacramento Fire Department.

"We are fortunate not only in having Derek's experience but also in that he is closely connected to our community," City Manager Dietz said. "In addition to his strong administrative and leadership skills, Derek brings a strong work ethic and commitment to excellence that will serve the department well."



Chief Parker said, "My first week with the Merced Fire Department has become a highlight of my career. I have been able to see old friends, meet new coworkers, and learn of the great work and great people both inside the Fire Department and within the City of Merced. I am extremely fortunate to be part of this community."

Pictured above is Fire Chief Derek Parker with retired City of Merced Assistant Fire Chief Floyd Jensen.

MERCED YOUTH COUNCIL SPREADS HOLIDAY CHEER

The Merced Youth Council was busy spreading holiday cheer to the community at their latest event. Youth Council members held a Christmas-themed “Kits for Kids” event on December 19th at the Merced Youth Sports Complex. Vehicles lined the streets around the Sports Complex awaiting their treasures. The gift bags were filled to the brim with goodies from the Youth Council and their partner, the Merced County Library. Items included coloring books, crayons, Santa hats, cookie mix, puzzles, toys, STEM kits (courtesy of the Library), hot cocoa, and, of course, candy canes; an entire box for the whole family to enjoy. Face masks were also included to encourage a safe holiday celebration.



PARCADE ELEVATOR AND GARAGE WORK

The elevators at the Ralph Shannon Parcade (adjacent to City Hall) received a fresh coat of paint this week. Public Works staff worked on other small repairs and cleaning of the Parcade will continue into next week. The Pacade will be closed the weekend of Sat., Jan. 16, for its annual, deep cleaning. Signage has been posted alerting the public about the closure.



TREE PLANTING CONTRACT

Westside Landscaping continues with their contract to plant approximately 300 trees throughout Merced as part of the Cal Fire Urban Forest and Management Plan grant, under the guidance of the Public Works Department.



ENCAMPMENT CLEANUPS

Public Works Refuse crews have been clearing illegal dumping and encampment sites throughout town. Last week crews cleared sites at Highway 59 & Santa Fe, and the railroad tracks near V & 16th and H & 16th. This week crews cleared sites on East Santa Fe, the alley near the 800 block of 16th, as well as the undercrossings along Highway 99 at MLK, M, R, & V.



ENGINEERING UPDATE

R Street Rehabilitation – Loughborough Drive to Buena Vista Drive
United Pavement Maintenance, Inc., crews are working at the intersection of Buena Vista Dr. and R St. This project is 25% complete.



Brimmer Water Main

Mid Cal Pipeline & Utilities, Inc., crews are working on connecting water services along Gerard Ave. This project is 55% complete.



Cooper Lift Station

Phase 1 Construction crews are working on the generator test and start up phase. This project is 96% complete.



M Street Resurfacing -- 8th Street to 13th Street

MVC Enterprises, Inc., crews are working on replacing handicap ramps in the area. This project is approximately 30% complete.



Water Well site #20

Clark Bros., Inc., has roofers working on the roof and gutters of the project site. This project is approximately 85% complete.



Alpine Drive – G St. to Wainwright Ave. Improvements

TBS Contractors has its crews installing a new water line just east of G St. on Alpine Dr. This project is approximately 45% complete.



Construction Projects

1. 117020 – Gerard Ave. Sewer Main Hwy. 99 to Kibby Road
2. 119006 – Alpine Drive, G St. to Wainwright Ave. Improvements
3. 119003 – R St. Rehabilitation Loughborough Dr. to Buena Vista Dr.
4. 120008 – Crack Filling Phase 1 (16th, G St, Olive Ave)

Projects in Design

1. Highway 59 Widening
2. Highway 59 and 16th Street Signal and Channelization (90%)
3. Motel Drive Multi-Use Path (100%)
4. V Street, 16th to 18th Streets, Road Improvement (90%)
5. N Street, 16th to 18th Streets, Roadway Improvement (100%) Submitted to CTC
6. R Street, 16th to 18th (40%)
7. B Street Improvements (30%)
8. G Street Improvements Childs to 13th St. (100%) Submitted to CTC
9. Orchard Avenue Sewer (40%)

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION MEMO

Please find attached the Planning Commission Action Memo for the Jan. 6 meeting.

INSPECTION SERVICES REPORT

Please find attached the Inspection Services biweekly report.

HUMAN RESOURCES MONTHLY REPORT

Please find attached the Human Resources December report.

SAVE THE DATE - SMILEY RILEY LEGACY YOUTH EQUITY CENTER

1/16/21 - Virtual Open House: Restorative Justice League, Smiley Riley Legacy Youth Center (flyer attached, Zoom link to follow week of 1/11/21).

REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

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City of Merced
MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 7, 2021
TO: City Council
FROM: Kim Espinosa, Planning Manager
SUBJECT: Actions at the Planning Commission Meeting of January 6, 2021

At their meeting of January 6, 2021, the Planning Commission continued Conditional Use Permit #1246 to allow a State Licensed Adult Residential Care Facility with 10 beds at 1369 Derby Court, to the meeting of February 3, 2021.

If you have any questions about this item, please feel free to contact me.

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Inspection Services CI

For the period of December 14th through December 27th, 2020, there were 29 New Single Family Dwelling Permits Issued.

The running total of New Single Family Dwellings in Plan Review is **398**.

Multi Family Permits in review:

Gateway Terrace Apartments located at 405 W 12th 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 for a total of 126 units. Compass Pointe phase II: 128 units in 16, 8-plex buildings, plus a clubhouse.

There is a 2,438 SF duplex in review, located at 345 W. 23rd St., as well as a new SFD/ADU combo totaling 2,901 SF located at 419 E. Olive Ave., and a fire damage repair that is also adding an ADU located at 1740 Shirley St.

There were 5 multi-family permits issued during this period; for the Child's & B St Apartments which consists of 5 publicly funded apartment buildings and a community building in an affordable housing development consisting of 119 units on 4 acres located at 1157 B St.

There was 1 new construction commercial permit issued during this period; for the community building at the Child's & B St Apartments located at 1137 B St.

There were 0 new tenant improvement permits issued during this period.

There were 0 new commercial submittals during this period.

There was 1 new tenant improvement submittal during this period; for improvements at the Social Security Office located at 3185 M St.

There was 1 CofO issued for this period; to split suite C into 3 units at 3150 G St.

There were 17 CofOs for Single Family Dwellings during this period.

Support Services December 2020 Monthly Report

	<u>Current</u> Dec '20	<u>Previous</u> Dec '19	<u>2020</u> YTD Total	<u>2019</u> Grand Total
Personnel:				
Recruitment(s)	2	3	47	53
New Hires				
Full Time	3	2	25	52
Temporary	1	2	29	56
Separations				
Full Time				
Deceased	0	0	0	3
Other Employment	1	2	9	14
Probation Release	1	1	6	5
Resigned	0	1	17	9
Retired	2	0	24	9
Termination for Cause	1	0	3	1
Temporary				
Accepted Full Time Position	0	0	0	0
Seasonal	0	8	32	47
Total Number of Employees				
Full Time	494	553	--	--
Temporary	42	83	--	--
Insurance:				
Government Claim (s) Filed	2	5	74	62
Subrogation Claim (s) Filed	0	1	50	50
Training - Workshops Offered	0	2	16	39



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Restorative Justice League
Smiley Riley Legacy Youth Equity Center

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