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To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

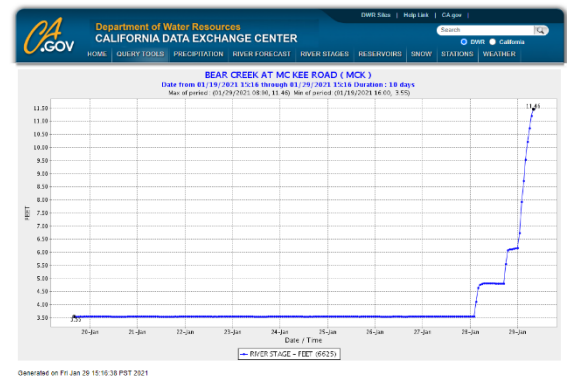
From: Stephanie R. Dietz, City Manager

Date: January 29, 2021

Re: City Council Information Report

WIND, RAIN SWEEP THROUGH MERCED

A windstorm with gusts that reached 51 mph preceded the “atmospheric river” forecast by the National Weather Service. The rainstorm dropped 2.96 inches as measured at the official weather station at the Merced Regional Airport. The Public Works Department dealt with most of the fallout from the storm (see next page) with other departments pitching in to help. Despite the heavy rain, Bear Creek was not in danger of overflowing its banks. The chart shows the McKee monitoring station levels, with the current Creek level at 11.46 feet. The flood stage is 23 feet.



DOWNED TREES, LIMBS & FLOODING DUE TO STORM

Public Works received reports of over 200 downed limbs and trees from this week's storm. Crews worked throughout Tuesday night to remove unsafe downed tree/limbs scattered across town. Due to the volume of reports, debris cleanup and removal continued throughout the week. Sewer/Storm crews also experienced an influx due the storms, with crews clearing catch basins to allow water to flow.





PARCADE MAINTENANCE

Public Works crews pressure-washed and painted the inside of the Ralph Shannon Parcade (adjacent to City Hall) this past week in anticipation of the El Capitan Hotel opening.



WATER MAIN REPAIR ON ALEXANDER AVENUE

Public Works crews responded to an after-hours report of a water leak on Alexander Avenue last week. Due to the nature of the crack, a section of the 8-inch pipe had to be replaced.



SIDEWALK REPAIR

Public Works Streets crews worked to repair a section of damaged sidewalk on Roundhill Drive. See in-progress photos below.



MEET THE NEWEST POLICE RECORDS CLERKS



TONYA CHAVES

Tonya is from the Atwater area. She worked as an insurance agent for 15 years, but decided she wanted a career change. She worked for the DA's office for a year before coming to work at the Merced Police Department.

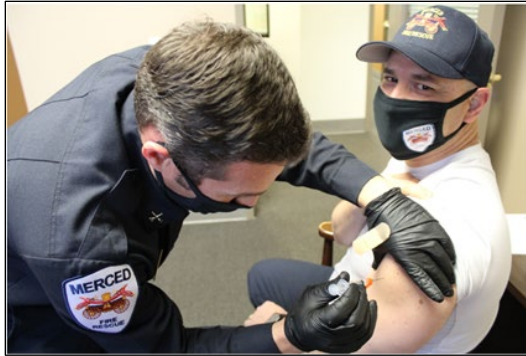


ADRIANA SALDANA

Adriana was born and raised in Merced. She was previously a substitute teacher. She decided she wanted a career in law enforcement and obtained her criminology degree from Fresno State.

SECOND ROUND OF VACCINES AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Thursday morning Merced Fire Department's two Paramedics (Fire Chief Derek Parker and Fire Battalion Chief Mickey Brunelli) began administering the second dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to City firefighters.



Battalion Chief Brunelli administers vaccine to Chief Parker.

Chief Parker administers vaccine to Fire Battalion Chief Jeremy Franklin.



MERCED FIRE HELPING OUT

The Merced Fire Department has deployed Fire Captain Ryan Wells and Firefighter Daniel Gragg to be a part of Rescue Task Force 5's team to address life safety hazards associated with mudslides and flooding occurring due to burns scars from this summer's wildland fires in California.



ENGINEERING UPDATE

Cooper Lift Station

Phase 1 Construction crews are working on punch list items. This project is 96% complete.



Gerard Ave. Sewer Main Hwy. 99 to Kibby Road

The Rolfe Construction Company crew is sawcutting and placing conduit in the ground. This project is 3% complete.

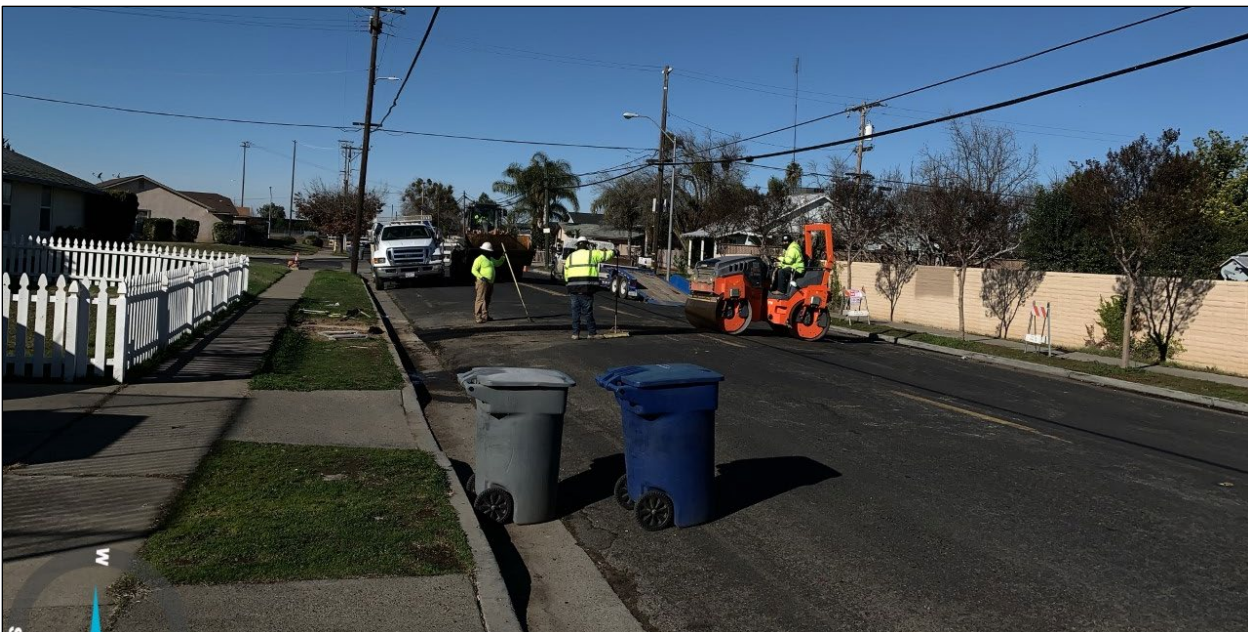
R Street Rehabilitation – Loughborough Drive to Buena Vista Drive

United Pavement Maintenance, Inc., workers finished pouring concrete. Crews should start grinding this Saturday. This project is 63% complete.



Brimmer Water Main

Mid Cal Pipeline & Utilities, Inc., crews are paving trenches after installing a new water service. This project is 85% complete.



Water Well Site #20

Clark Bros. Inc., crews are working on subgrade around the building. This project is approximately 88% complete.



Alpine Drive – G St. to Wainwright Ave. Improvements

TBS Contractors finished placing the last line to the fire hydrant at Alpine Ave. and G St. This project is approximately 70% complete.



M Street Resurfacing 8th Street to 13th Street

MVC Enterprises, Inc., workers are setting forms for sidewalks and driveways and grinding M Street for paving. This project is approximately 63% complete.



Construction Projects

1. 107033 - Water Well Site #20
2. 113031- Brimmer Water Main
3. 114004 - Cooper Lift Station
4. 117020 - Gerard Ave. Sewer Main Hwy. 99 to Kibby Road
5. 119006 - Alpine Drive – G St. to Wainwright Ave. Improvements
6. 119003 - R St. Rehabilitation Loughborough Dr. to Buena Vista Dr.
7. 120008 - Crack Filling Phase 1 (16th, G St, Olive Ave)
8. 120010 - M Street Resurfacing 8th Street to 13th Street

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 (95%)
5. N Street, 16th to 18th Streets, Roadway Improvement (100%)
6. R Street, 16th to 18th (70%)
7. B Street Improvements (40%)
8. G Street Improvements Childs to 13th St. (100%)
9. Orchard Avenue Sewer (40%)

LETTER OF SUPPORT

Please find attached a letter of support for an ACE train siding project.

INSPECTION SERVICES REPORT

Please find attached the biweekly Inspection Services report.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Please find attached the agenda for the Planning Commission meeting of Weds., Feb. 3.

REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

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January 25, 2021

Tess Lengyel
Executive Director
Alameda County Transportation Commission
1111 Broadway #800
Oakland, CA 94607

RE: San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRR) 2022 Comprehensive Investment Plan Grant Application

Dear Ms. Lengyel:

The City of Merced supports the SJRR 2022 Comprehensive Investment Plan (CIP) Grant Application for the Newark-Albrae Siding Connection Project. Funding of this request will allow SJRR to leverage State funds to construct a second main track within the Cities of Newark and Fremont. The proposed project will increase the allowed Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) daily limit from four round-trip trains to five, improve operations and safety on the passenger and freight network, increase the efficiency of passenger and freight rail movement, provide improved access and transit to communities of concern, and facilitate continued economic vitality and competitiveness in the greater Central Valley and the San Francisco Bay Area.

The Newark-Albrae Siding Connection Project is located along the UPRR Coast Subdivision within a one-mile-long corridor between mile post 32.9 and 33.9, southeast of Mowry Avenue in the City of Newark and northwest of Auto Mall Parkway in the City of Fremont. This corridor is one of the most congested locations along the ACE network. The current track configuration within the project area includes one main track and two sidings. The frequency of passenger and freight train traffic through the area results in frequent conflicts between trains negatively affecting on-time performance.

The Newark-Albrae Siding Connection Project involves connecting two existing sidings to create a second main track. The project scope will also require alterations to one private at-grade crossing and require one new 35-foot bridge over a drainage canal to be constructed. Following implementation of this project, the connected sidings would permit a double track operation between Fremont and just north of the Alviso Wetlands, thus increasing overall capacity. The project will allow the ACE service to operate an additional



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train to San Jose. This project connects with previous improvements implemented by the Capitol Corridor Joint Power Authority and will benefit both ACE and the Capitol Corridors.

The numerous project benefits include:

- Increased ACE capacity to San Jose from four trains to five
- Improved reliability of the ACE and Capitol Corridor services
- Improve multimodal transit options to communities of concern
- Travel time savings from a reduction in passenger and freight train delays
- Fuel cost savings from a reduction in idling
- Greater efficiency for freight rail movement
- Improved air quality within the Cities of Newark, Fremont, and the surrounding areas

SJRRC is requesting \$2 million in 2022 CIP funding from the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) for the construction of the Newark-Albrae Siding Project. At an estimated total cost of \$9.8 million, the CIP award will be matched by \$7.8 million in State Rail Assistance (SRA) funding that has already been secured toward project completion.

Given the many rail transit benefits associated with this project for the Bay Area/Central Valley region, the City of Merced strongly urges ACTC to approve SJRRC's 2022 CIP grant application. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Matthew Serratto, Mayor
City of Merced

Inspection Services CI

For the period of January 11th, 2020 through January 24th, 2021, there were 31 New Single Family Dwelling Permits Issued.

The running total of New Single Family Dwellings in Plan Review is **362**.

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 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 was 1 multi-family permit issued during this period; for a 2,438 SF duplex located at 345 W 23rd St.

There were 0 new construction commercial permits issued during this period.

There were 2 new tenant improvement permits issued during this period; one for a 22,011 SF Best Buy located at 3125 R St., and one to create a shell space for a future tenant improvement at 2933 G St.

There were 0 new commercial submittals during this period.

There were 3 new tenant improvement submittals during this period; one to change an existing 10,500 SF storage occupancy to a factory occupancy, one to remodel the laundromat located at 1135 Martin Luther King Jr Way, and one for Merced Wine located at 629 W. Main St.

There were 2 CofOs issued for this period; for 2 permits for new permanently mounted equipment at Greif located at 2400 Cooper Ave.

There were 24 CofOs for Single Family Dwellings during this period.



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Merced Civic Center
678 W. 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340

Meeting Agenda

Planning Commission

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

7:00 PM

City Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, Merced Civic
Center, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, this meeting will be conducted by teleconference and there will be no in-person public access to the meeting location.

WELCOME TO THE MEETING OF THE MERCED PLANNING COMMISSION

At least 72 hours prior to each regular Planning Commission meeting, a complete agenda packet is available for review on the City's website at www.cityofmerced.org or at the Planning Division Office, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340. All public records relating to an open session item that are distributed to a majority of the Commission will be available for public inspection at the Planning Division Office during regular business hours. The Planning Commission also serves as the Board of Zoning Adjustment and the Design Review/Historic Preservation Commission.

MODIFIED PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS

MODIFIED PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS

Please submit your public comment to the Planning Commission electronically no later than 1 PM on the day of the meeting. Comments received before the deadline will be sent to the Planning Commission and will be part of the record and will be mentioned as part of the Public Comment portion of the agenda. Material may be emailed to planningweb@cityofmerced.org and should be limited to 300 words or less. Please specify which portion of the agenda you are commenting on, i.e. Oral Communication or item #. Any correspondence received after the 1 PM deadline will be distributed to the Planning Commission and retained for the official record.

You may provide telephonic comments via voicemail by calling (209) 388-7390 by no later than 1 PM on the day of the meeting to be added to the public comment. Voicemails will be limited to a time limit of three (3) minutes. Please specify which portion of the agenda you are commenting on, for example, Oral Communications or item #. Your comments will be played during the meeting to the Planning Commission at the appropriate time.

To view video (if available) or listen to the Planning Commission meeting live, go to the City's website www.cityofmerced.org, Facebook Live, or Comcast Public Access Channel 96.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Accommodation for individuals with disabilities may be arranged by contacting the Planning Division at (209) 385-6858. Assisted hearing devices are available for meetings held in the Council Chamber.

A. CALL TO ORDER

A.1. Moment of Silence

A.2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

B. ROLL CALL

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Members of the public who wish to speak on any matter not listed on the agenda may provide email or voicemail comments during this portion of the meeting and should follow the guidelines posted above in the **MODIFIED PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS** to do so.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

Adoption of the Consent Calendar may be made by one motion of the Planning Commission, provided that any Planning Commission member, individual, or organization may request removal of an item from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration (please see **MODIFIED PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS** above). If a request for removal of an item from the Consent Calendar has been received, the item will be discussed and voted on separately.

D.1 [21-112](#) **SUBJECT:** Planning Commission Minutes of January 20, 2021

ACTION:

Approving and filing the Planning Commission Minutes of January 20, 2021

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION ITEMS

Members of the public who wish to speak on public hearings listed on the agenda will be heard when the Public Hearing is opened, except on Public Hearing items previously heard and closed to public comment. After the public has commented, the item is closed to further public comment and brought to the Commission for discussion and action. Further comment will not be received unless requested by the Commission. To submit comments to the Commission, please review the **MODIFIED PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS** listed above.

[21-078](#)

SUBJECT: Conditional Use Permit #1246, initiated by God’s Love Outreach Ministries, applicant for Usha and Kumar Arvind, property owners. This application involves a request to allow a State Licensed Adult Residential Care Facility with 10 beds at 1369 Derby Court, generally located on the north side of Derby Court, approximately 300 feet east of Alviso Drive, within Planned Development (P-D) #46 with a General Plan designation of Low Density (LD) Residential **PUBLIC HEARING** (Continued from the meetings of November 4, 2020, December 9, 2020, and January 6, 2021)

ACTION: No action required as the item has been withdrawn

SUMMARY

God’s Love Outreach Ministry (G.L.O.M.) is withdrawing their conditional use permit application for a large State licensed adult residential care facility with 10 beds at 1369 Derby Court.

[21-024](#)

SUBJECT: Conditional Use Permit #1252, Design Review Permit #20-02, and Restaurant Encroachment Permit #20-09, submitted by Main Street Revival, LLC, on behalf of Main Street OB, LLC, property owner. This application involves a request to operate a wine shop and lounge (selling wine for on-site and off-site consumption) with retail sales and food service at 629 W. Main Street, generally located on the north side of Main Street, approximately 150 feet west of M Street, within a Central Commercial (C-C) Zone. *PUBLIC HEARING*

ACTION: Approve/Disapprove/Modify
 Environmental Review #20-43(*Categorical Exemption*)
 Conditional Use Permit #1252
 Design Review Permit #20-02
 Restaurant Encroachment Permit #20-09

SUMMARY

Main Street Revival, LLC, is requesting approval to operate a wine shop and lounge at 629 W. Main Street. The wine shop and lounge would be

located within a 4,000-square-foot building that is currently being remodeled in Downtown Merced. A conditional use permit is required for “bars” within the Central Commercial (C-C) Zone, and for any business wanting to sell alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption within a building of 20,000 square feet or less. Design Review is required as the site is located within the City’s Design Review Boundary. A Restaurant Encroachment Permit is required to serve alcohol outdoors within the proposed patio that encroaches onto the City sidewalk. Staff is recommending approval of this application subject to conditions.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve Environmental Review #20-43 [*Categorical Exemption*] including the adoption of the Draft Resolution at Attachment A subject to the conditions in Exhibit A and the findings/considerations in Exhibit B.

[21-084](#)

SUBJECT: General Plan Amendment #20-01 and Site Utilization Plan Revision #23 to Planned Development (P-D) for approximately 6.39 acres of land, generally located on the south side of Devonwood Drive, east of Wal-Mart. The General Plan Amendment would change the General Plan designation from Low-Medium Density Residential (LMD) to High Density Residential (HMD). The Site Utilization Plan Revision would change the Site Utilization Plan designation from Single Family Residential to Multi-Family Residential. These changes would allow the future development of a 156-unit apartment complex. **PUBLIC HEARING**

ACTION Item to be Tabled; No Action Required

SUMMARY

Due to an error in the public hearing notice, the Planning Commission should table this item.

RECOMMENDATION

The Item is being Tabled; no action required.

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

F.1. [20-737](#)

SUBJECT: Report by Planning Manager of Upcoming Agenda Items

ACTION

Information only.

F.2 [21-113](#)

SUBJECT: Calendar of Meetings/Events

- Feb. 1 City Council, 6:00 p.m. **(By Teleconference)**
3 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m. **(By Teleconference)**
16 City Council, 6:00 p.m. **(May be by Teleconference)**
17 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m. **(By Teleconference)**
23 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Commission, 4:00 p.m. **(By Teleconference)**
- Mar. 1 City Council, 6:00 p.m. **(Teleconference)**
3 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m. **(By Teleconference)**
15 City Council, 6:00 p.m. **(May be by Teleconference)**
17 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m. **(By Teleconference)**

G. ADJOURNMENT