



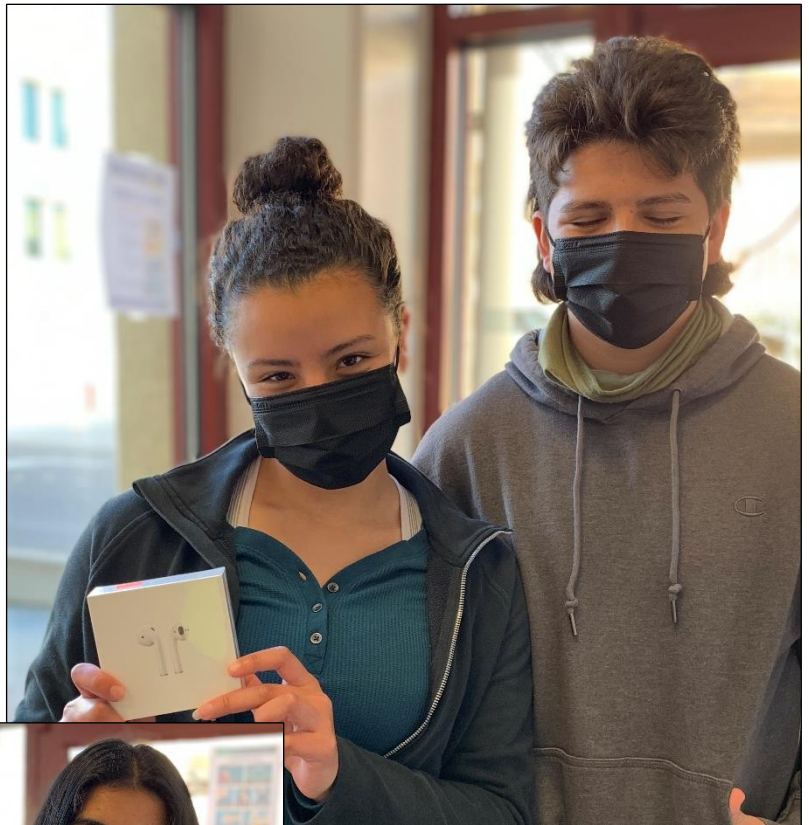
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To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Stephanie R. Dietz, City Manager
Date: February 19, 2021
Re: City Council Information Report

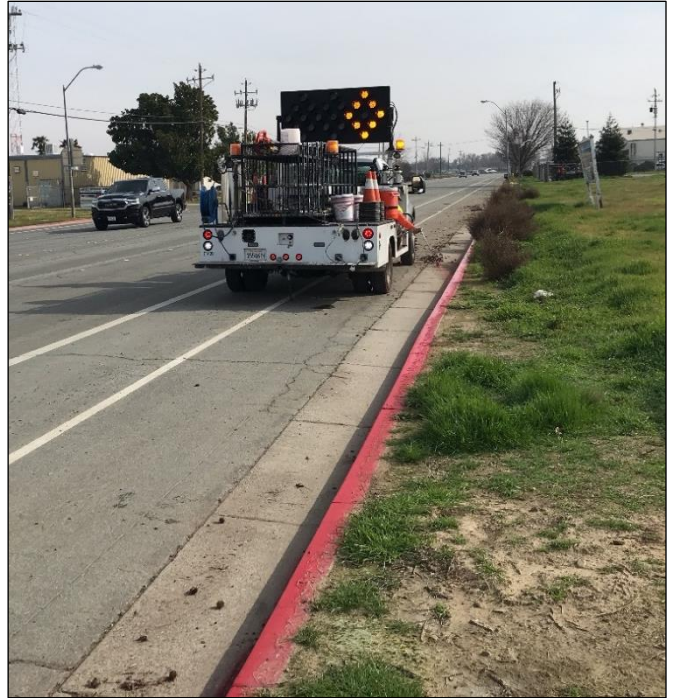
VIRTUAL BINGO SPELLS W-I-N-N-E-R-S!

The Virtual Bingo 2-day event hosted by the Merced Youth Council was a complete success this past weekend. Bingo winners received gift cards from local eateries and the grand prize was Apple AirPods. The Youth Council is eyeing future dates for other events.



RED CURB PAINTING

Public Works Street crews have started the annual re-painting of red curbs throughout town. Crews will continue painting various curb sections throughout Spring. See in-progress photos:



CAPTAIN DON KING RETIRES

On Feb. 16 Capt. Don King worked his last shift. He has dedicated the last 27 years to serving the citizens of Merced and, in doing so, earned the respect of his fellow co-workers and the gratitude of the citizens of Merced.

Captain Don King started his career working as a Patrol Officer in 1994. Over the years he has worked in several specialty units including Detectives, K-9, Traffic, the Crime Scene Response Team, SWAT, as a Field Training Officer and an Arrest and Control Instructor. He was promoted to Patrol Sergeant in 2007 and later assigned as the Sergeant over the Disruptive Area Response Team (DART). In 2016, he was promoted to Patrol Lieutenant. During his time as a Lieutenant, he had a collateral assignment as the Acting Chief of Police at Merced College. In 2018, he was promoted to Patrol Captain where he served for the remainder of his career. King's favorite assignment was working as the DART Sergeant.



"It has been a pleasure to serve the community and make it a safer place to live, " King said.



TRAINING COMPLETED

We would like to congratulate Sarah Duclo on her completion of the Dispatcher Training Program. This in-house training program is a long and stressful 30 weeks. We are proud of all her hard work and the hard work of her trainers.

NUISANCE ABATED... FINALLY



Over the past several months, Code Enforcement has been working with the City Attorney's Office for the abatement of 1050 Rambler Rd. in North Merced (District 5). This has been a nuisance residence for several years. The Merced Police Department and Fire Department has responded to several calls of transients, blight and structure fires at this location. CSO Ken Bogle worked diligently to clean up the neighborhood by getting an order to destroy the dilapidated residence.

NEW OFFICER SWORN IN



Officer Shawn Campbell will be sworn in today (Feb. 19) as the newest member of the Merced Police Department. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, the ceremony will not be open to the public.

MERCED FIRE DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTED

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Over the past two weeks, Merced College, Merced County Public Health, UC Merced, UC Health and Dignity Health have joined forces to vaccinate over 4,000 Merced County residents! We would like to recognize our oldest recipient, a 103-year-old World War II nurse who, in the last several years, has dedicated her time to making beanies for newborn babies at Mercy Medical Center! This mass vaccination clinic would not have been possible without our team of over 100 volunteers, Merced College nursing staff and students, Merced City Fire and Merced's new fire chief, Derek Parker. Thank you all for giving up your time to serve our community. We'd also like to thank Roy Mercado and H&W for feeding our volunteers and RHM Farms for donating gift bags!



TRAINING DAYS

The Merced Fire Department regularly trains to keep firefighting skills fresh and up-to-date. To keep the public informed of what is happening in the Department, the training exercises are often posted on Facebook, such as this.

This weeks training scenario was to simulate a vehicle over the side of a bridge or parking structure and having to perform a technical rescue vehicle extrication. Vehicle access and stability becomes very difficult.



ENGINEERING UPDATE

Gerard Ave. Sewer Main -- Hwy 99 to Kibby Road

Rolfe Construction Company crews are installing the sewer line. This project is 10% complete.



R Street Rehabilitation – Loughborough Drive to Buena Vista Drive

United Pavement Maintenance, Inc., workers are installing loop detectors. This project is 95% complete.



Brimmer Water Main

The Mid Cal Pipeline & Utilities, Inc., crew is abandoning the old water main. This project is 93% complete.



Water Well Site #20

Clark Bros., Inc., employees are grading the site. This project is approximately 95% complete.



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

MVC Enterprises, Inc., crews are working on pavement markings. This project is approximately 95% complete.



Alpine Drive – G St. to Wainwright Ave.

Improvements

TBS Contractors staff is working on the concrete portion of project. This project is approximately 73% 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%)

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION MEMO

Please find attached the Planning Commission Action Memo for the Feb. 17, 2021 meeting.

REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

1. Planning Commission Memo

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City of Merced
MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 18, 2021
TO: City Council
FROM: Kim Espinosa, Planning Manager
SUBJECT: Actions at the Planning Commission Meeting of February 17, 2021

At their meeting of February 17, 2021, the Planning Commission tabled General Plan Amendment #20-02 and Site Utilization Plan Revision #1 to Planned Development #12 for a proposed mini-mart with fuel island, drive-through business, and office/retail building at the request of the applicant to allow additional time to provide an updated traffic study.

The Planning Commission tabled General Plan Amendment #20-01 and Site Utilization Revision #23 to Planned Development #16 for a multi-family housing project on Devonwood Drive at the request of the applicant until a final decision has been made regarding a potential sale of the property.

If you have any questions about these items, please feel free to contact me.

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