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**To:** The Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**From:** Stephanie R. Dietz, City Manager  
**Date:** February 26, 2021  
**Re:** City Council Information Report

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## STARBUCKS GRAND OPENING

The Merced Police Department officers stopped by the new Starbucks at the intersection of W. Main Street and R Street on February 25, 2021, to support the new business' grand opening. A few of our officers even put on the renowned green apron and greeted customers. Yes, CHP Sgt. Luis Lara found his way into one of our photos!



## MPD NEW OFFICER RECRUITMENT



On February 18, 2021, the Merced Police Department conducted interviews for the position of Police Officer. The Department was fortunate to have Caesar “C-Flo” Johnson participate in the interview process. There were 24 applicants interviewed and it was a great experience for all involved.

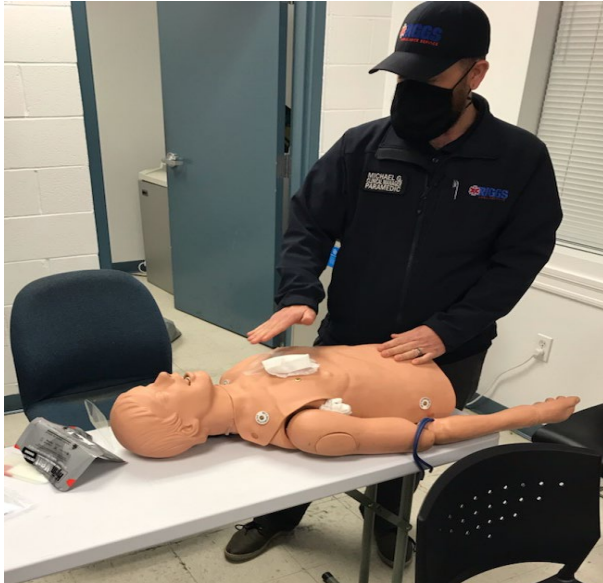
## MEET OUR NEWEST DISPATCHER

Melissa was born and raised in the Atwater area. She previously worked at Lowe’s and decided she wanted a career change. She wanted to do something important and is excited about the challenge of being a dispatcher.

If you see her in the halls, please give her a warm welcome to the Merced Police Department Family!



## TRAUMA KITS ISSUED TO OFFICERS



This week, Merced Police Officers were issued trauma kits. These kits include items that officers can use to provide aid to victims of traumatic injuries. Through our partnership with RIGGS Ambulance Service, Paramedic Mike Garret provided training to our officers on the use of these kits. Mr. Garret works with the MPD SWAT as a Tactical Emergency Medic. The kits were made possible through funding provided by the U.S. Department of Justice Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program.

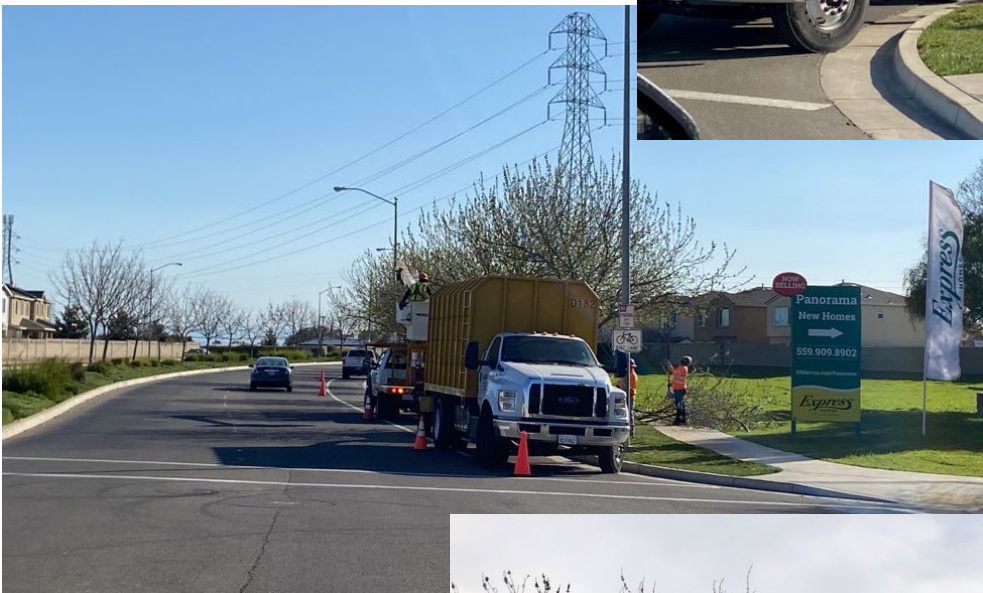
## Parcade Parking Stalls Re-Striped

Public Works crews re-striped parking stalls along the 2nd level of the Ralph Shannon Arcade (adjacent to City Hall). See “after” photos below:



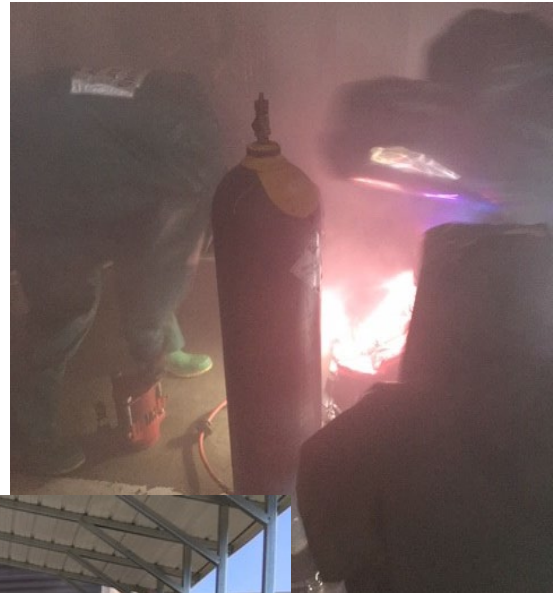
# TREE PRUNING CONTRACT

Contracted tree pruning services continued this week, with West Coast Arborists working in the Bellevue CFD area.



## MERCED FIRE DEPARTMENT HAZARDOUS TEAM TRAINING

The pictures below depict the 11 members of the Merced Fire Department, trained to the level of Hazardous Materials Technician or Specialist, participating in a training scenario with the Merced County Hazardous Materials Team. The training scenario involved a simulated one-ton chlorine and H cylinder leaking inside a warehouse. Chlorine vapor or liquid is extremely dangerous and due to the immediately dangerous to life or health (IDLH) atmosphere it produces, it requires the highest level of personal protective equipment (PPE) by responding personnel. This level of protection requires responders to wear a self-contained breathing apparatus within the fully encapsulating level A suit. To contain the leak, a team of two personnel, in level A suits, entered the warehouse to locate the cylinder, identified the location and type of leak, and then applied the appropriate leak kit. This exercise is one of many which the Merced Fire Department conducts as part of their 24-hour annual recertification training.



## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – PROJECT UPDATE

### *Project #117020 - Gerard Ave. Sewer Main Hwy 99 to Kibby Road*

The Rolfe Construction Company crew installed sewer lines at the site. This project is 10% complete.



### *Project #119003 – R Street Rehabilitation – Loughborough Drive to Buena Vista Drive*

The United Pavement Maintenance, Inc. crew completed the striping work. This project is 96% complete.

***Project #113031 – Brimmer  
Water Main***

The Mid Cal Pipeline & Utilities, Inc., crew prepared the street for paving/trench sections. This project is 95% complete.



***Project #107033 – Water Well Site #20***

The Clark Bros. Inc., crew prepared the site for pavement. This project is approximately 95% complete.



***Project #119006 – Alpine Drive, G St. to Wainwright Ave. Improvements***

TBS Contractors removed ADA ramps and valley gutters. This project is approximately 74% 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 (16<sup>th</sup>, G St, Olive Ave)
8. 120010 - M Street Resurfacing, 8<sup>th</sup> Street to 13<sup>th</sup> Street

**Projects in Design**

1. Highway 59 Widening
2. Highway 59 and 16<sup>th</sup> Street Signal and Channelization (90%)
3. Motel Drive Multi-Use Path (100%)
4. V Street, 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Streets, Road Improvement (95%)
5. N Street, 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Streets, Roadway Improvement (100%)
6. R Street, 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> (70%)
7. B Street Improvements (40%)
8. G Street Improvements Childs to 13<sup>th</sup> St. (100%)
9. Orchard Avenue Sewer (40%)



## **PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA**

Please find attached the Planning Commission Meeting Agenda of March 3, 2021.

### **REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**

1. PC Meeting Agenda of 3/03/2021 Pg. 10



# CITY OF MERCED

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

## Meeting Agenda

### Planning Commission

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Wednesday, March 3, 2021

7:00 PM

By Teleconference

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#### 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](http://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

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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](mailto: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 Communication 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](http://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 21-201**      **SUBJECT:** Planning Commission Minutes of February 17, 2021

**ACTION:**

Approving and filing the Planning Commission Minutes of February 17, 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.

**E.1 21-145**      **SUBJECT:** Extension of Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map (VTSM) #1291 (modified), initiated by Bright Development. This application involves a request for a one-year extension of time for filing a final map for VTSM #1291 (modified). VTSM #1291 (modified) would allow the subdivision of 39.8 acres of land into 161 single-family lots generally located on the east side of G Street at Merrill Place (extended) within an R-1-5 zone with a General Plan designation of Low Density Residential (LD). \*\*PUBLIC HEARING\*\*

**ACTION**

Approve/Disapprove/Modify  
 Extension of Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map  
 (VTSM) #1291 (modified)

**SUMMARY**

This is a request for a one-year extension of Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map (VTSM) #1291 (modified) for Bright Development. This subdivision would allow the construction of 161 single-family lots on 39.8 acres within an R-1-5 zone. The requested extension would extend the life of the map to January 16, 2022, per the Draft Modified Resolution at Attachment A.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve the Extension of Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map (VTSM) #1291 to January 16, 2022.

**F. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**F.1**      [21-203](#)      **SUBJECT:** Report by Planning Manager of Upcoming Agenda Items

**ACTION**

Information only.

**F.2**      [21-204](#)      **SUBJECT:** Calendar of Meetings/Events

- Mar. 1      City Council, 6:00 p.m. **(By 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)**
- Apr. 5 City Council, 6:00 p.m. **(May be by Teleconference)**
- 7 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m. **(By Teleconference)**
- 19 City Council, 6:00 p.m. **(May be by Teleconference)**
- 21 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m. **(By Teleconference)**
- 27 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Commission, 4:00 p.m. **(By Teleconference)**

## G. ADJOURNMENT