



THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

April 30, 2021

TREE CITY EMBRACES ARBOR DAY

Friday, April 30th is Arbor Day. The City of Merced has maintained the status of “Tree City USA” from the National Arbor Day Foundation for 40 years!



TREE CITY USA®

In celebration of Arbor Day, the Public Works Tree crew planted 5 new trees at the N & 26th Street entrance to Applegate Park.



APPLEGATE ROSE GARDEN FLOURISHING

The Applegate Rose Garden also recently received 13 newly planted rose trees.



REGULAR TREE PRUNING MAINTENANCE

The Public Works Tree crews also continue with regular pruning this week. They pruned trees near Merced Irrigation District.



TREE PRUNING CONTRACT

The contracted tree pruning services continue with West Coast Arborists crews working in the Silverado district this week.



WATER REPAIRS IN SEVERAL AREAS

The Public Works Water crews are shown below making repairs in the area of Tahoe & Tenaya Avenues, as well as on Las Brisas Street. Crews also responded to an emergency after-hours main break on Calimyrna near 21st Street on Tuesday.



FIRE DEPT INSTALLS BANNER AT G STREET

The City of Merced provides non-profit organizations the opportunity to advertise banners related to community events and special messages across G Street (near Yosemite High School).

Local non-profit community groups may use G Street as a cost-effective, high-impact, place-based tool for engaging the public, promoting events, raising awareness, and community key messages. The Fire Department accepts and processes banner applications, issues the permit, and installs the approved banners at no cost.

More information is available on the Fire Department's web page at: <https://www.cityofmerced.org/departments/fire/fire-prevention/-folder-2256> or by calling Fire Admin at (209) 385-6891.



MERCED POLICE DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

RETIRED MPD CAPT RECEIVES PLAQUE

Retired Merced Police Captain Bimley West was presented with his retirement plaque this week. Captain West dedicated 33 years of service to the Merced Police Department. The Department is grateful for his service to Merced and his continued commitment to the community as an investigator for the District Attorney’s Office.

Congratulations and Thank You, Captain West!



SWEARING-IN OF FOUR NEW OFFICERS

On 4/30/21, the Merced Police Department held a swearing-in ceremony for their newest officers. The Department looks forward to seeing them on the streets of Merced and serving the community. Congratulations to our new officers!



MAY 1ST KICKS OFF NATIONAL SEATBELT MONTH!!



LUIS GARNICA



DAVID FLORES



MITCHELL KING



BRANDON HOLDER

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM - PROJECTS UPDATE

PROJECT #119006 – ALPINE DRIVE, G ST. TO WAINWRIGHT AVE. IMPROVEMENTS

TBS Contractors crew lifted manhole and valve lids. This project is approximately 99% complete.



PROJECT #107033 – WATER WELL SITE #20

Clark Bros. Inc. planted grass seeds to germinate. This project is approximately 99% complete.



PROJECT #120010 – M STREET RESURFACING 8TH STREET TO 13TH STREET

MVC Enterprises, Inc. is in the process of replacing concrete at the project site to meet ADA requirements.

This project is approximately 99% complete.



PROJECT #117020 – GERARD SEWER MAIN HWY 99 TO KIBBY ROAD

Rolfe Construction Co., Inc. crew replaced a portion of the sewer main.

This project is approximately 8% 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. 120008 - Crack Filling Phase 1 (16th, G St, Olive Ave)
4. 120010 - M Street Resurfacing 8th Street to 13th Street
5. N Street, 16th to 18th Streets, Roadway Improvements (awarded, construction to start soon)

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. R Street, 16th to 18th (70%)
6. B Street Improvements (40%)
7. G Street Improvements Childs to 13th St. (100%)
8. Orchard Avenue Sewer (40%)

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
5/5/21**

Please find attached, the Planning Commission Agenda for the meeting of 5/5/21.

**GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY – MERCED
COLLEGE NEW COMPLEX**

Please find attached, the invitation for Merced College’s Groundbreaking Event for their new Agriculture and Industrial Technology Complex.

REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

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CITY OF MERCED

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

Meeting Agenda

Planning Commission

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

7:00 PM

Teleconference

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 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, 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 [21-358](#) **SUBJECT:** Planning Commission Minutes of April 21, 2021

ACTION:

Approving and filing the Planning Commission Minutes of April 21, 2021

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION ITEMS

Members of the public who wish to speak on the 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 the 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 [21-263](#)

SUBJECT: General Plan Amendment #21-01 and Zone Change #427, initiated by MCP, LLC, property owner. The application involves a change from the current General Plan land use designation of Low Density Residential (LD) to High-Medium Density Residential (HMD), and a Zone Change from Low Density Residential (R-1-6) to Medium Density Residential (R-3-2) for four 0.22-acre parcels located at 565, 575, 601, and 609 Q Street. The applicant would like to develop a 4-plex on 4 separate parcels, for a total of 16 units. The current zoning designation allows for up to 3 units on 4 separate parcels, for a total of 12 units. The 0.88-acre subject sites are generally located at the west side of Q Street, directly south of West 6th Street. *PUBLIC HEARING*

ACTION: PLANNING COMMISSION:
Recommendation to City Council
1) Environmental Review #21-04 (Negative Declaration)
2) General Plan Amendment #21-01
3) Zone Change #427

SUMMARY

The subject site is located in southcentral Merced, on the west side of Q Street, south of W. 6th Street, and consists of 4 identical parcels, totaling 0.88-acres at 565, 575, 601, and 609 Q Street. The applicant would like to change the sites' current General Plan land use designation of Low Density Residential (LD) to High-Medium Density Residential (HMD), and the Zoning designations of Low Density Residential (R-1-6) to Medium Density Residential (R-3-2). The applicant would like to develop a 4-plex on each of the 4 separate lots, for a total of 16 units. The current zoning designation allows for up to 3 units (including accessory dwelling units) on the 4 separate parcels, for a total of 12 units. This General Plan Amendment does not include any text changes to the General Plan, but rather amends the land use designation for a specific area (on the 2030 General Plan Map - Figure 2.3 Land Use Diagram) to allow an increase in residential density. Staff is recommending approval.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission recommend approval of Environmental Review #21-04 [*Negative Declaration*], General Plan Amendment #21-01, and Zone Change #427 including the adoption of the Draft Resolution at Attachment A subject to the conditions in Exhibit A and the findings/considerations in Exhibit B.

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

F.1 [21-359](#) **SUBJECT:** Report by Planning Manager of Upcoming Agenda Items

ACTION

Information only.

F.2 [21-360](#) **SUBJECT:** Calendar of Meetings/Events

- May 3 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 5 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m. **(By Teleconference)**
- 17 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 19 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- Jun. 7 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 9 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- 21 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 22 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Commission, 4:00 p.m.
- 23 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.

G. ADJOURNMENT

MERCED COLLEGE
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU
TO THE GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY OF OUR NEW
**RAJ KAHLON AGRICULTURE AND
INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY COMPLEX**



WEDNESDAY, MAY 26TH @ 10AM

Merced College's Agriculture and Industrial Technology Complex will consist of 20,000 square feet of classroom and laboratory space for programs in agribusiness, industrial technology, horticulture, HVAC, crop science and animal science.

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OF THE COURTYARD!**

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