



THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

June 4, 2021

BARS AND STRIPES – FEATURING MPD’S NEW COMMAND STAFF

The Merced Police Chief Cavallero had the pleasure of swearing in two new Captains, three new Lieutenants, and three new Sergeants on Tuesday evening. The socially distanced ceremony was held at the Golden Valley High School Theatre.

Congratulations to the newly appointed Command Staff!



From left to right: Chief Tom Cavallero, Capt. Joe Weiss, Capt. Alan Ward, Lt. Dan Dabney, Lt. Emily Foster, Lt. Joseph Perez, Sgt. Calvin Haygood, Sgt. Jeremy Salyers, Sgt. Nate McKinnon

“PEDALING WITH POLICE” WAS SUCCESSFUL

MPD staff had lots of fun last Saturday riding bicycles with the community at their “Pedaling with the Police” event.

The Police Department would like to thank everyone who came out to join them.



YER McKINNON, NEWEST PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Yer McKinnon is the City’s newest Parking Enforcement Officer. Mrs. McKinnon was born and raised in the Merced area and has a degree in criminal justice. She also volunteers as an advisor for the Merced Police Department Explorers Post.

Please give Yer a warm welcome to the City of Merced family!



MPD WILL ENFORCE ILLEGAL FIREWORKS

Fourth of July is just around the corner. The Merced PD would like to remind everyone about the consequences and dangers of fireworks. Only “safe and sane” fireworks are permitted in the City.

Fireworks such as mortars, roman candles, bottle rockets and firecrackers are illegal to possess in California. Citations will be issued to violators which carry a fine of \$1,000 for the 1st offense, \$1,500 for the 2nd offense, and \$2,000 for subsequent offenses.

The dangers of illegal fireworks include causing a fire, traumatization of pets, noise and pollution for neighbors, trigger PTSD, injury, and death. We urge everyone to be respectful of your neighbors and think before you light.

If you would like to report illegal fireworks in your neighborhood, please contact us at the non-emergency line at 209-385-6912. You can remain anonymous.

Other ways to report illegal fireworks:

- Merced Connect app (snap, click, submit)
- Call: 209-388-SAFE (7233)
- Email: celebratesafe@cityofmerced.org
- Anonymous Tip Line (Non-Emergency): 209-385-4725
- Anonymous Tips Online (Non-Emergency): <http://www.mercedareacrimestoppers.org/index.html>



TODAY IS NATIONAL DONUT DAY!

To celebrate National Donut Day, Lt. Dabney and Lt. Foster delivered donuts to our hard-working patrol officers this morning.

They didn't want their "Partners in Crime" at the Fire Department to feel left out so they appointed them as "Junior Officers" for the day and delivered them some donuts too!!

Way to celebrate National Donut Day!



HENKE & SAM – NEWEST K-9 TEAM

MPD is excited to introduce Officer Henke and K-9 Sam. Officer Henke has been with MPD for 2 years and Sam has been with MPD for 5 years.

The duo has been certified as the Police Department's newest K-9 team since Sam's previous partner was promoted.

Officer Henke is the first female officer to be assigned to the K-9 Unit.

Sam is a 6-year-old German Shepherd. He is certified in narcotics detection and apprehension. He enjoys having his picture taken, good back rubs, and playing fetch.

Congratulations on making history, Officer Henke!

MPD ALL SMILES AT THE MERCADO

The Merced Police Department staff showed up at the Mercado on June 3rd in style and were all smiles.



PUBLIC WORKS CREWS IN ACTION

WATER CREWS AT WORK

Public Works Water crews replaced a broken hydrant valve in the alley approach on N Street behind City Hall, as well as worked on relocating a water main valve as part of the N Street (16th to Main Street) project this week.



SEWER CREWS AT WORK

Public Works Sewer crews performed a CCTV inspection as part of the N Street improvement project, as well as made repairs to a sewer line and repaired a sink hole this week, see in-action shots below.



PW RECEIVES NEW VEHICLES

The Public Works Fleet is in receipt of 4 dump trucks for multiple Public Works divisions, as well as one rear-loading refuse truck this week.

Fleet crews will be working to finish any outfitting of parts and getting these replacement vehicles into service.



PARKS CREW INSPECTS IRRIGATION

With the first day of summer quickly approaching, Public Works Parks crews are double-checking irrigation and making repairs as needed. Pictured below is a mainline repair at RJ Merino Park.



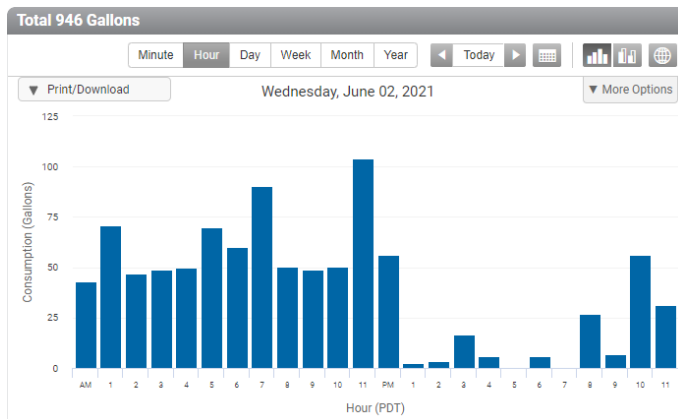
LEAK ALERTS WITH EYE ON WATER TO THE RESCUE

Eye On Water is the app that customers can use to monitor their water usage and set leak alerts.

The admin side of Eye On Water is called Beacon. The Water Division monitors for leaks via this technology and alerts homeowners to potential costly leaks on a regular basis.

Yesterday, after receiving a notice left by Water Personnel, Mary Grissom, the customer called Leah Brown, Water Conservation Coordinator, for guidance on how to stop the leak. After researching the volume of the leak, at 43 gallons per hour, and potential causes, the customer decided to turn off the water to just one toilet in the house to see if the leak could be isolated. 24 hours later, it was clear to see the leak had stopped during the noon hour.

Screenshot of water consumption via Eye On Water:



This is just one of many examples of how the features of Eye On Water and follow up by the Water Division help customers identify and narrow down the source of water leaks on the customers’ side of the meter.

Stopping leaks saves water and money!

“THANK YOU” TO PUBLIC WORKS

The City Manager received a pleasant “thank you” note from Susan Walsh for the excellent service she received from the Public Work’s Refuse Division and admin staff Jasmine Ooka.



Dear Stephanie Diety,
I am writing to say that I appreciate the excellent service of Public Works - refuse collector staff and customer service staff person Jasmine Ooka. In the midst of a home clean up project I need a bigger trash bin for a while. Jasmine Ooka answered my questions and the bin was delivered promptly. Good job! Susan Walsh

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – PROJECTS UPDATE

PROJECT #120060 – N STREET IMPROVEMENTS, 16TH TO 18TH STREETS

The TBS Contractors, Inc. installed utility lines.

The project is approximately 15% in progress.



PROJECT #117020 – GERARD SEWER MAIN, HWY 99 TO KIBBY RD.

Rolf Construction Co., Inc. mounted sewer line.

This project is approximately 30% underway.



PROJECT #121053 – G STREET, PARK AVENUE TO BEAR CREEK, ROAD REHABILITATION

TBS Contractors worked on water testing this week.

This project is approximately 55% complete.



CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

1. 117020 - Gerard Ave. Sewer Main Hwy 99 to Kibby Road
2. 120060 – N Street, 16th to 18th Streets, Roadway Improvement
3. 121053 - G St. – Park Ave. to Bear Creek Rehabilitation (emergency)
4. 117038 - V Street, 16th to 18th Streets, Road Improvement (bid opening 6/1/21)

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. R Street, 16th to 18th (90%)
5. B Street Improvements (50%)
6. G Street Improvements Childs to 13th St. (100%)
7. Orchard Avenue Sewer (50%)

INSPECTION SERVICES BIWEEKLY REPORT

Please find attached, the Inspection Services Biweekly Report for the period of May 17, 2021 through May 30, 2021.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA 6/9/21

Please find attached, the Planning Commission Agenda for the meeting of June 9, 2021.

REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

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INSPECTION SERVICES BI-WEEKLY REPORT

For the period of May 17th, 2021 through May 30th, 2021, there were **3** New Single-Family Dwelling Permits **Issued**.

The running total of New Single-Family Dwellings in Plan Review is **247**.

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 fire damage repair that is also adding an ADU located at 1740 Shirley St.

There were 0 multi-family permits issued during this period.

(No change from last report)

There were 2 new construction commercial permits issued during this period; one for a shell/TI combo for a convenience store located at 782 Carol Ave., and one for a 300 SF pump house for the Merced Station Apartments located at 2980 E. Yosemite Ave.

There were 6 new tenant improvement permits issued during this period; one for the convenience store shell/TI combo listed above, one for an 850 SF e-cart area for Raley's located at 3550 G St., one for a remodel at the Pacific Breeze Motel located at 951 Motel Dr., one for the addition of 4 nut dryers and silos for Zymex Industries located at 168 Hawk Dr., one for an office remodel for Berkshire Hathaway Real Estate located at 2985 G St., and one for a remodel at T-Mobile located at 1372 W. Olive Ave.

There were 0 new commercial submittals during this period.

There was 1 new tenant improvement submittal during this period; for a bathroom remodel at 3185 M St.

There were 4 CofOs issued for this period; one for a façade remodel and relocation of the entrance at 1122 R St., one for the 16,335 SF Mainzer Theater located at 655 W. Main St., one for an electrical service room at 434 W. Main St., and one for the El Capitan Hotel Laundry Building located at 627 W. Main St.

There were 37 CofOs for Single Family Dwellings during this period.



CITY OF MERCED

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

Meeting Agenda

Planning Commission

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

7:00 PM

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

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

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: OBTAIN SPEAKER CARD FROM THE CLERK

Members of the audience who wish to address the Planning Commission are requested to complete a speaker card available at the podium against the right hand side of the Council Chamber. Please submit the completed card to the Planning Commission Clerk before the item is called, preferably before the meeting begins.

For at risk individuals or those not wanting to attend an in-person meeting during the current Covid-19 pandemic, please submit your public comment to the Planning Commission electronically no later than 1PM 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 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, for example, Oral Communications or item #. Your comments will be presented to the Planning Commission at the appropriate time. Any correspondence received after 1 PM 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 Planning Commission meeting 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 speak during this portion of the meeting and will be allotted 5 minutes. The Chairperson may, at their discretion, reduce the time to 3 minutes if there are more than 3 speakers, in order to accommodate as many speakers as possible. State law prohibits the Planning Commission from acting at this meeting on any matter raised during the public comment period. Members of the public who wish to speak on a matter that is listed on the agenda will be called upon to speak during discussion of that item. Please submit a Request to Speak card prior to the item being called. See MODIFIED PUBLIC COMMENT for details.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

Adoption of the Consent Calendar may be made with 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. If a request for removal of an item from the Consent Calendar has been received, the item will be discussed and voted on separately. With Consent items, there is generally no staff presentation but staff is available for questions. See MODIFIED PUBLIC COMMENT for details.

D.1 21-473 **SUBJECT:** Planning Commission Minutes of May 19, 2021

ACTION:

Approving and filing the Planning Commission Minutes of May 19, 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. See MODIFIED PUBLIC COMMENT for details.

- E.1 21-439** **SUBJECT:** Annual Review of the Five-Year (2021-2026) Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Determination of Whether the Individual Projects are Consistent with the General Plan Maps, Policies, and Principles and Recommendation to the City Council Regarding the Consistency with the Merced Vision 2030 General Plan

ACTION Adopt a finding that the CIP is consistent with the General Plan

SUMMARY

A function of the Planning Commission is the annual review of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The CIP is a list of the physical improvements the City plans on funding and constructing over the next five years. The Planning Commission's role is to determine whether the individual projects are consistent with the General Plan maps, policies, and principles. The Draft Project List for the 2021-2026 Five-Year Capital Improvement Program document is provided at Attachment A. Please note that the budget numbers are still being finalized so they are not included.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission recommend to the City Council that the Draft Five-Year Capital Improvement Program is consistent with the "*Merced Vision 2030 General Plan*" and related master plans.

- E.2 [21-441](#)** **SUBJECT:** Cancellation of Planning Commission Meeting of June 23, 2021, due to a lack of items.

ACTION:

Cancel the Planning Commission Meeting of June 23, 2021

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

- F.1 21-466** **SUBJECT:** Report by Planning Manager of Upcoming Agenda Items

ACTION

Information only.

- F.2 21-469** **SUBJECT:** Calendar of Meetings/Events

- June 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.
- July 6 City Council, 6:00 p.m. **(Tuesday)**
- 7 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- 19 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 21 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.

G. ADJOURNMENT