



THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

August 13, 2021

RIVER COMPLEX FIRE

On August 3, 2021, Fire Battalion Chief Mickey Brunelli was deployed to the River Complex Fire as a Medical Unit Leader. Chief Brunelli's responsibilities included planning and coordinating incident emergency responses to ensure the occupational health of all incident personnel.

Emergency Medical Incident at the River Complex Fire



THE ROLE OF A PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER DURING A FIRE

On Friday, August 6, 2021, Merced Fire Captain Jim Evans was deployed to the Dixie Fire as a Public Information Officer Trainee. In his role as Public Information Officer Trainee Captain Evans was responsible for working with the Public Information Officer, the Operations Unit, the Incident Commander, and County Sheriff to ensure the accurate dissemination of information to the public.



Captain Jim Evans





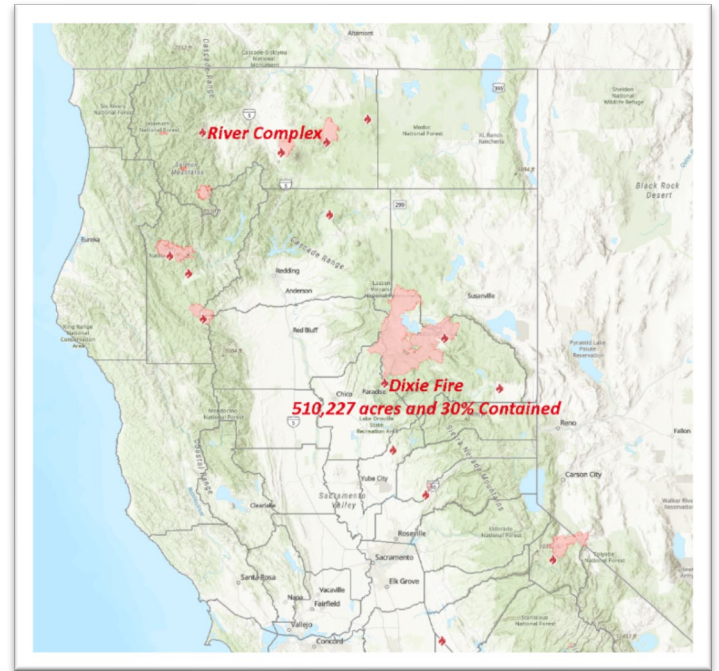
Fire Captain Nate Frankhauser

KEEPING COMMUNITIES INFORMED

Tuesday, August 10, 2021, after 16 days of serving as Public Information Officer Trainee at the Dixie Fire, Merced Fire Captain Nate Frankhauser completed his assignment and returned home. While on assignment, Captain Frankhauser was responsible for providing public outreach, which included managing and disseminating information to keep the community informed on all social media platform.

STRIKE TEAM RETURNS HOME FROM DIXIE FIRE

On Tuesday, August 3, 2021, after a 14-day deployment at the Dixie Fire, the second-largest wildfire in California’s history, Merced City Fire’s Strike Team Leader Tom England and a team of 21 firefighters returned safely home.



Map of active fires in California

PUBLIC WORKS IN ACTION



Public Works Water Crews installed a backflow at the Merced Police Central Station.

Water crews also finished concrete work related to water repairs at various locations.



The bike path along Bear Creek at Oleander is temporarily closed for repairs. City Water crews will be working with the County to address the water line at this location.



CONGRATULATIONS 2020 AND 2021 DISPATCHERS OF THE YEAR



The Merced Police Department recently congratulated Kristelle Choquette and Courtney Bohman, recipients of Dispatcher of the Year for 2020 and 2021 respectively. Choquette and Bohanan were recognized for their achievements by co-workers, family, and friends at a luncheon hosted by the Merced Elks Lodge.

Dispatchers provide critical services to the Merced Police Department. Their role as emergency response personnel who handle urgent calls from our community members is key to facilitating police intervention. Dispatchers are the first point of contact on a 911 call. They assist with police pre-arrival instructions and provide CPR assistance while managing multiple responsibilities during on each call and throughout their shift. Dispatchers are known for their ability to calmly communicate while under pressure and are tasked with assuring the safety of on-scene responders.

Congratulations Kristelle Choquette and Courtney Bohman. Thank you for your dedication and your commitment to our community.

MERCED POLICE SHUT DOWN TWO LARGE INDOOR MARIJUANA GROW FACILITIES



On August 9, 2021, Officer Shaw of the Disruptive Area Response Team (DART), developed information regarding two indoor Marijuana grow houses located at 1147 and 1126 Pinnacle Drive in Merced. The DART team conducted surveillance of each residence and developed information to request search warrants that resulted in approximately 1,500 marijuana plants in various stages of growth, including 35 pounds of processed marijuana with a potential street value of approximately \$1.5 million. Each residence was unoccupied and had been converted into grow rooms with areas for processing the finished product.

Inspection Services Building Report

For the period of July 26th, 2021 through August 8th, 2021, there were 48 New Single-Family Dwelling Permits Issued.

The running total of New Single-Family Dwellings in Plan Review is 200.

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 0 new construction commercial permits issued during this period.

There was 1 new tenant improvement permit issued during this period; for accessibility upgrades in a 2nd floor restroom at 3185 M St.

There were 0 new commercial submittals during this period.

There was 1 new tenant improvement submittal during this period; for cold storage located at 1987 W. Olive Ave.

There were 3 CofOs issued for this period; one for Bobby’s Market at the El Capital Hotel located at 1721 M St., one for a 2,442 SF medical office tenant improvement located at 320 E. Yosemite Ave. #101, and one for finishes at McDonald’s located at 1060 W 13th St.

There were 26 CofOs for Single Family Dwellings during this period.

Construction Projects

1. 117047 – Well Site 3 Tank Removal
2. 117020 - Gerard Ave. Sewer Main Hwy 99 to Kibby Road
3. 120060 - N Street - 16th to 18th Streets, Roadway Improvement
4. 121053 - G St. – Park Ave. to Bear Creek Rehabilitation (Emergency)
5. 117038 - V Street - 16th to 18th Streets, Road Improvement

Projects in Design

1. Highway 59 Widening (14%)
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 (70%)
6. G Street Improvements Childs to 13th St. (100%)
7. Orchard Avenue Sewer (70%)
8. CMAQ (044) Right-turn Channelization of Hwy 59 at 16th Street
9. CMAQ (040) New Traffic Signal at Hwy 59 and 16th Street
10. CMAQ (048) John Muir Sidewalk
11. CMAQ (049) Motel Drive
12. CMAQ (050) Sidewalks R St., S St., and Stuart Dr.
13. CMAQ (052) Sidewalks 7th St., 8th St. and Linda Ln.
14. CMAQ (051) Sidewalks Olive Ave., Parsons Ave. and Alexander Ave.
15. CMAQ (055) Nottingham Sidewalks
16. CMAQ (057) Merced North Transit Hub

PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

Please find attached, the Planning Commission Agenda for the meeting of August 18, 2021.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Planning Commission Agenda – Page 8
2. Board & Commissions Vacancies – Page 13
3. Boys & Girls Clubs Newsletter– Page 15



CITY OF MERCED

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

Meeting Agenda

Planning Commission

Wednesday, August 18, 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.

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 Clerk before the item is called, preferably before the meeting begins. Speakers will be called up, 3 to 5 at a time, in the order in which the forms are received. Please use the microphone and state your name and city of residence for the record. For permits, licenses, and other entitlements, the applicant will be allowed 15 minutes (including rebuttal), the appellant/leader of the opposition will be allowed 15 minutes (including rebuttal), and all other speakers shall have 5 minutes each, unless the number of speakers is over 3, which in that case, comments shall be limited to 3 minutes each. For all other issues, for 3 or less speakers, 5 minutes each and for over 3 speakers, 3 minutes each shall be allotted. A timer clock is located above the City Council dais illuminating the remaining time. Once the buzzer sounds, please be courteous and conclude your remarks.

For at risk individuals of 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 Board/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, Report item # or Oral Communications. 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, Report item #, Consent item #, or Oral Communications. Your comments will be played during the Planning Commission meeting at the appropriate time.

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.

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.

D.1 21-677 **SUBJECT: Planning Commission Minutes of August 4, 2021**

ACTION:

Approving and filing the Planning Commission Minutes of August 4, 2021

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Minutes of August 4, 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.

E.1 [21-596](#)

SUBJECT: Conditional Use Permit #1260, initiated by Hong Yu, on behalf of NAGD, LLC, property owner. This application involves a request to allow a new massage establishment with multiple massage technicians (2 technicians), located at 3150 G Street, Suite B, generally located on the east side of G Street, north of W. Olive Avenue, within a zoning classification of Neighborhood Commercial (C-N), and a General Plan designation of Neighborhood Commercial (CN). **PUBLIC HEARING**

ACTION:

Approve/Disapprove/Modify

- 1) Environmental Review #21-20 (*Categorical Exemption*)
- 2) Conditional Use Permit #1260

SUMMARY

Hong Yu is requesting conditional use permit approval to operate a massage establishment within an office complex located at 3150 G Street, Suite B. Two (2) out of five (5) of the existing offices within Suite B will be occupied by one massage technician from the massage establishment; two technicians, in total, are proposed for the new establishment. The subject site is located within a Neighborhood Commercial (C-N) Zone, which requires a conditional use permit approval from the Planning Commission for each massage establishment with more than one technician. City staff, including the Police Department, have reviewed this request and are recommending approval with conditions.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve

Environmental Review #21-20 (Categorical Exemption) and Conditional Use Permit #1260, including the adoption of the Draft Resolution at Attachment A subject to the conditions in Exhibit A and the findings/considerations in Exhibit B.

E.2 [21-594](#)

SUBJECT: Conditional Use Permit #1261, initiated by Jose Barriga Ceja, on behalf of Juan Manuel Rosa Cisneros, property owner. This application involves a request to establish a food truck parking area to allow multiple food truck vendors and outdoor seating within the parking lot located at 50, 52, and 60 W. Main Street, generally located on the southeast corner of H and W. Main Streets, within a zoning classification of Central Commercial (C-C), and a General Plan designation of Regional/Community Commercial (RC). **PUBLIC HEARING**

ACTION: Approve/Disapprove/Modify

- 1) Environmental Review #21-22 (*Categorical Exemption*)
- 2) Conditional Use Permit #1261

SUMMARY

Jose Barriga Ceja is requesting conditional use permit approval to establish a food truck parking area to allow multiple food truck vendors and outdoor seating, located at 50-62 W Main Street. Food truck parking areas are considered a conditional use within a Central Commercial (C-C) Zone. The proposed parking area spans across multiple lots at the southeast corner of W. Main and H Streets. The Planning Commission will be reviewing this proposal to ensure that the provided site plan is designed in a manner that minimizes negative impacts to the existing site and promotes compatible and orderly development. Staff is recommending approval with conditions.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff has reviewed this request and recommends that the Planning Commission approve Environmental Review #21-22 (Categorical Exemption) and Conditional Use Permit #1261, including the adoption of the Draft Resolution at Attachment A subject to the conditions in Exhibit A and the findings/considerations in Exhibit B.

E.3 **21-637**

SUBJECT: Site Utilization Plan (SUP) Revision #4 to Planned Development (P-D) #72 and Conditional Use Permit #1258, initiated by Mister Car Wash and Yosemite & G, LLC., applicants for Yosemite & G, LLC., Property Owner. The applications involve a request to update

the Site Utilization Plan for the Yosemite Crossing Development to include a car wash, additional retail buildings, and 52 additional multi-family units, as well as reconfiguring the location of various buildings on the site. The Conditional Use Permit would allow the development of a 5,381-square-foot carwash on a future 1.32-acre parcel. The property has a Neighborhood Commercial (CN) General Plan designation, is zoned P-D #72, and is generally located at the northeast corner of Yosemite Avenue and G Street. **PUBLIC HEARING**

ACTION:

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Recommendation to City Council

- 1) Environmental Review #21-18 (*CEQA Section 15162 Findings*)
- 2) Site Utilization Plan Revision #4 to Planned Development (P-D) #72

Approve/Disapprove/Modify

- 1) Environmental Review #21-17 (*CEQA Section 15162 Findings*)
- 2) Conditional Use Permit #1258

CITY COUNCIL:

Approve/Disapprove/Modify

- 1) Environmental Review #21-18 (*CEQA Section 15162 Findings*)
- 2) Site Utilization Plan Revision #4 to Planned Development (P-D) #72

SUMMARY

These applications are to modify the Site Utilization Plan (SUP) for the Yosemite Crossing Development at the northeast corner of Yosemite Avenue and G Street to allow inclusion of a car wash, additional retail buildings, and 52 additional multi-family units. The Conditional Use Permit would allow the development of a 5,381 square-foot car wash if the SUP Revision is later approved by City Council. The project is proposed on two parcels that have received a final map for parcel modifications but have not yet received new Assessor's Parcel Numbers. Staff is recommending approval with conditions.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission:

- a) Recommend approval to City Council of Environmental Review #21-18 (*CEQA Section 15162 Findings*) and Site Utilization Plan Revision #4 to Planned Development (P-D)

#72 subject to the conditions in Exhibit A and the findings/ considerations in Exhibit B of the Draft Resolution at Attachment A.

- b) Approve Environmental Review #21-17 (*CEQA Section 15162 Findings*) and Conditional Use Permit #1258 subject to the conditions in Exhibit A and the findings/ considerations in Exhibit B of the Draft Resolution at Attachment B.

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

F.1 21-678 **SUBJECT:** Report by Planning Manager of Upcoming Agenda Items

ACTION

Information only.

F.2 21-679 **SUBJECT:** Calendar of Meetings/Events

- Aug. 16 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 18 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- 24 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Commission, 4:00 p.m.
- Sept. 7 City Council, 6:00 p.m., (**Tuesday**)
- 8 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- 20 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 22 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 4 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 6 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- 18 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 20 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Commission, 4:00 p.m.

G. ADJOURNMENT



BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION

ABOUT THIS COMMISSION



Roles

Advises on matters relating to improving conditions for bicyclist, pedestrian activity, and other modes of transportation within the City



Duties

Advising the City Council on the design of capital improvement projects, changes and updates to the Active Transportation and Safe-Routes-to-School Plan



Meeting

Regular meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every even numbered month at 4:00 PM

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BUILDING AND HOUSING BOARD OF APPEALS

ABOUT THIS BOARD



Roles

Registered or licensed professionals in the trade design, engineering, construction, or inspection of buildings



Duties

Hears and decides appeals or orders, decision, determinations made by the Chief Building Officer



Meeting

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 3:00 PM

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CITIZENS OVERSIGHT - MEASURE C COMMITTEE

ABOUT THIS BOARD



Roles

Review projected revenues created by voted approved one-half cent sales tax



Duties

Recommends proposed expenditures to the City Council



Meeting

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday in February, May, August, and November at 6:00 PM

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PERSONNEL BOARD

ABOUT THIS BOARD



Roles

Hears appeals of any suspensions, demotion or dismissal of any person in the classified service



Duties

Makes recommendations to the City Council on adoptions, amendments, or repeals of civil service rules and regulations



Meeting

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 4:00 PM

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PLANNING COMMISSION

ABOUT THIS COMMISSION



Roles

Studies land subdivisions, planning, and zoning matters



Duties

Recommends to the City Council the adoption, amendment, or repeal of the City's Master Plan for the physical development of the City



Meeting

Meetings are held monthly on the first and third Wednesday at 7PM

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RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

ABOUT THIS COMMISSION



Roles

Consider the annual budget for recreation and parks, assist in planning of a recreation program



Duties

Advisory capacity to the City Council in all matters pertaining to recreation and parks



Meeting

Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 PM

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REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

ABOUT THIS BOARD



Roles

Oversees all airport matters including lease agreements and land use determination



Duties

Makes recommendations to the City Council on airport related matters



Meeting

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF MERCED COUNTY

GREAT FUTURES START HERE.



110 Kids Served At Our FREE Summer Camp

The Club provided a free summer program for over 100 kids this summer and partnered with the Merced School district to help reduce some of the learning loss due to the pandemic.

In addition, the Club was able to help provide free breakfast and lunch daily!



What our Kids are saying about the Club.

Mireya:
"My experience was AWESOME because I got to have a voice and talk about what I want to talk about."

Thank You Taco Bell!

A huge thank you to Taco Bell for partnering with the Club to help us provide amazing programs for our Teens this summer!

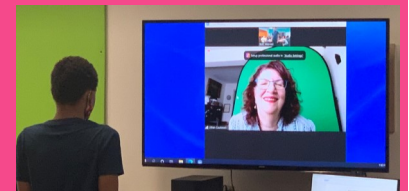
THANK YOU



BGC MERCED KIDS PODCAST



This summer our Club Teens had a blast learning how to create their very own Podcast through the instruction and experience of Lillian Cauldwell, President/CEO of Passionate World Talk Radio.



Stay Tuned! We can't wait to see what's next

