



# THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

October 29, 2021

## NATIONAL FIRST RESPONDERS DAY



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

**National First Responders Day** on October 28 recognizes the heroic men and women who make it their business to take immediate action when disaster strikes. Whether you've had your own emergency or not, it's not hard to understand and appreciate the dangerous and difficult work they do. Thank you, firefighters, EMTs, paramedics, police, and others who risk their lives to save others.



**Tricks & Treats at Station 54 on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.** When firefighters are not busy responding to emergency calls, there will be Tricks & Treats on October 31st, Halloween night at City of Merced Fire Department Station 54, located at 1425 E. 21st.



### First Annual Cops for Critters Car Show and Trunk or Treat

**FIRST ANNUAL COPS FOR CRITTERS  
CAR SHOW  
&  
TRUNK OR TREAT**

**MERCED**  
CALIFORNIA  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT APPLIGATE PARK ZOO**

**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 30TH, 2021  
10 A.M. - 2 P.M.**

**ON W 22ND ST.  
BETWEEN N  
AND M ST  
IN FRONT OF MERCED  
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**ADULT & KID  
COSTUMES WELCOME**

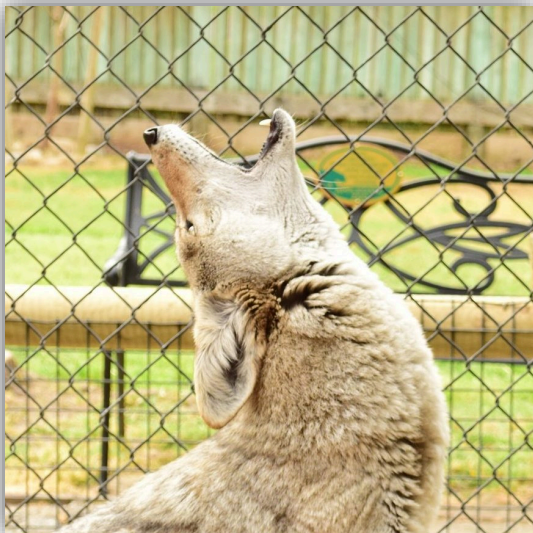
**Featuring:**  
STEVEN'S BBQ  
Dicos Tacos

**\$25 ENTRY FEE FOR VEHICLES - SPACE IS LIMITED RESERVE NOW!**

**ARRIVE: 9 AM  
SHOW: 10-2 PM  
JUDGING: NOON**

**PRE-REGISTER AT:**  
[HTTPS://MERCEDCOPSFORCRITTERS.EVENTBRITE.COM/](https://mercedcopsforcritters.eventbrite.com/)

Join us for the first annual Cops for Critters Car Show and Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of the Merced Police Department on W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, between N and M Streets. Proceeds benefit Applegate Park Zoo. For more information visit <https://mercedcopsforcritters.eventbrite.com>



The Fire Department's 1919 Fire Engine will be on display at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Cops for Critters Car Show and Trunk or Treat with bags and bags of candy for all!

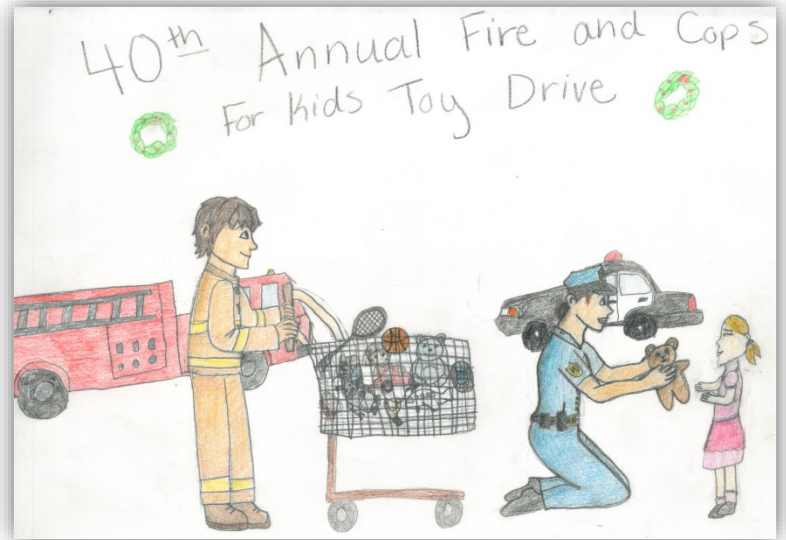


### Halloween Spirit Sightings





## 41st Annual Fire & Cops for Kids Toy Drive



### 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Poster Contest Winner

### Fire & Cops for Kids Toy Drive

Every Christmas, the Merced Police and Fire Departments collect and distribute toys to underserved children in our community. The Toy Drive is available to families with children ages 12 and under.

Each November, City Police and Fire Departments gather new, unwrapped toys to distribute a week before Christmas. Police and Fire teams work with community members and local merchants to collect items. This year, the program will benefit 350 of our community's children.

Families interested in participating in the program can fill out an application in person beginning Monday, November 8th at the South Police Station, located at 470 W. 11th Street, or Merced Fire Station 51, located at 99 E. 16th Street. Applications will be available from 8:30 am to 4 pm., Monday through Friday. Applicants must bring an ID, proof of city residency, and the child's ID.

The online application process will also open on Monday, November 8th. Applications are available on a first-come-first-serve basis. For more information, please call Officer Krista Stokes at (209) 769-0730 or via email at [stokesk@cityofmerced.org](mailto:stokesk@cityofmerced.org), or visit [www.cityofmerced.org/departments/fire-and-kops-for-kids-4739](http://www.cityofmerced.org/departments/fire-and-kops-for-kids-4739).

#117038 - V Street Improvements – (16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>)  
Agee Construction Corporation crew completed “V” Street.  
This project is approximately 99% complete.



### **Construction Projects**

1. 120060 - N St. - 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Streets, Roadway Improvement
2. 117038 - V St. Improvements – (16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>)
3. 120044 – B St. Improvements – Childs to E. 15<sup>th</sup> St.
4. CMAQ (052) Sidewalks 7<sup>th</sup> St., 8<sup>th</sup> St. and Linda Ln.

### **Projects in Design**

1. Highway 59 Widening (17%)
2. Highway 59 and 16<sup>th</sup> Street Signal and Channelization (90%)
3. Motel Drive Multi-Use Path (100%)
4. R Street, 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> (90%)
5. G Street Improvements Childs to 13<sup>th</sup> St. (100%)
6. Orchard Avenue Sewer (70%)
7. CMAQ (044) Right-turn Channelization of Hwy 59 at 16<sup>th</sup> Street
8. CMAQ (040) New Traffic Signal at Hwy 59 and 16<sup>th</sup> Street
9. CMAQ (048) John Muir Sidewalk
10. CMAQ (049) Motel Drive
11. CMAQ (050) Sidewalks R St., S St., and Stuart Dr.
12. CMAQ (051) Sidewalks Olive Ave., Parsons Ave. and Alexander Ave.
13. CMAQ (055) Nottingham Sidewalks
14. CMAQ (057) Merced North Transit Hub

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Planning Commission Agenda – Pages 7 - 10
2. Merced Co. Rescue Mission Furnishing Needs – Page 11
3. Veterans Day Luncheon Flyer – Page 12
4. Firefighter Informal O&A Flver – Pages 13 - 14



# CITY OF MERCED

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

## Meeting Agenda

### Planning Commission

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Wednesday, November 3, 2021

7:00 PM

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

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#### 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](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.

##### **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 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 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 mentioned as part of the Public Comment portion of the agenda.

Materials 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, for example, Item # or Oral Communications. Your comment 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, Item #, Consent item #, or Oral Communications. 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](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 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**    [21-896](#)    **SUBJECT:** Planning Commission Minutes of October 20, 2021

**ACTION:**

Approving and filing the Planning Commission Minutes of October 20,



2021

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Draft Minutes of October 20, 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** [21-737](#)

**SUBJECT:** Commercial Cannabis Business Permit #20-01, initiated by Paul Whitcomb on behalf of James and Lynda Moulton, trustees. This application is to permit the cultivation of cannabis and cannabis-based products at 103 Heron Way, on a parcel of approximately 1.25 acres. The property is zoned Light Industrial (I-L), with a General Plan designation of Manufacturing Industrial (IND). \*\*PUBLIC HEARING\*\*

**ACTION:**

Approve/Disapprove/Modify

- 1) Environmental Review #20-41 (*Categorical Exemption*)
- 2) Commercial Cannabis Business Permit #20-01

**SUMMARY**

This application is for a permit to utilize the property at 103 Heron Way for cannabis-related business activities. The permit seeks to allow Custom Cultivators, LLC. to operate a cultivation facility for cannabis and cannabis-related products. The project proposes to use and modify an existing building, which has access to utilities. Staff is recommending approval.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve Environmental Review #20-41 (*Categorical Exemption*), and Commercial Cannabis Business Permit (CCBP) #20-01, subject to the conditions in Exhibit A and the findings/considerations in Exhibit B of the Draft Resolution at Attachment A.

**E.2** [21-898](#)

**SUBJECT:** Cancellation of November 17 and December 22, 2021, Planning Commission Meetings due to the holidays

**ACTION:**

Cancel the Planning Commission Meetings of November 17 and December 22, 2021

**F. INFORMATION ITEMS**

F.1 [21-894](#)      **SUBJECT:** Report by Planning Manager of Upcoming Agenda Items

**ACTION**

Information only.

F.2 [21-895](#)      **SUBJECT:** Calendar of Meetings/Events

- Nov. 1      City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 3      Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- 15     City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 17     Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m. (To be Cancelled)
- Dec. 6      City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 8      Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- 20     City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 22     Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m. (To be Cancelled)
- 28     Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Commission, 4:00 p.m. (May be Rescheduled)

**G. ADJOURNMENT**



# HELP US FURNISH VILLAGE OF HOPE CAMPUS! PHASE 1

## Hope Respite Care

Quad (8 are needed) \$7,000

- 4 Standard twin metal beds
- 2 Locking metal drawers for each bed
- 4 Metal wardrobes
- 4 Bedside tables
- 4 Lamps
- 4 Sets of towels
- 4 Sets of linens

Dining Room \$20,000

- 17 Tables for six
- 100 Chairs
- 3 Chair dollies
- 4 Dish carts
- 2 Dish dollies

Office \$3,500

- 4 Desks
- 4 Desk chairs

Laundry Rooms (2, men/women) \$4,000

- 2 Washers
- 2 Dryers

## Hope for Veterans

Apartment (10 are needed) \$6,500

- 2 Standard twin metal beds
- 1 Four drawer metal dresser
- 2 Bedside tables
- 2 Lamps
- 2 Sets of towels
- 2 Sets of linens
- 1 Couch
- 1 Table for four people
- 4 Chairs
- 1 End table
- 1 Coffee table
- 1 Kitchen stove
- 1 Refrigerator

## Hope for Families

Apartment (10 are needed) \$6,500

- 1 Standard twin metal bunkbed
- 1 Four drawer metal dresser
- 1 Bedside tables
- 2 Lamps
- 4 Sets of towels
- 4 Sets of linens
- 1 Couch
- 1 Table for four people
- 4 Chairs
- 1 End table
- 1 Coffee table
- 1 Kitchen stove
- 1 Refrigerator

## 2 WAYS YOU CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN!

①

*Give a gift today*

②

*Set up monthly recurring gifts*

*Choose your gift designation at the time of your donation.*

**Go to [www.MercedCountyRescueMission.org](http://www.MercedCountyRescueMission.org) to give today!**

**OUR PARTICIPANTS ARE CHANGING THEIR LIVES** for Jesus, for themselves, for their families, and communities. You can help ensure that Merced County Rescue Mission can meet their needs today and far into the future!



Mail: P.O. Box 3319, Merced, CA 95344

Office: 644 W 20th St., Merced

Office: 209-722-9269

Website: [mercedcountyrescuemission.org](http://mercedcountyrescuemission.org)



**VETERAN'S DAY LUNCH**

**NOVEMBER 11, 2021**

**2 PM TO 6 PM**

**LOCATION: MERCED ELKS**

**BUFFET STYLE LUNCH**

**TAKE OUT OPTION AVAILABLE**

**FREE TO A VET AND A GUEST**

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT**

**MATT WOODS 559-223-0241**



**MAKE AN IMPRESSION  
ON YOUR FUTURE**

**ANSWER THE CALL**

**MEET MFD MEMBERS**

**LEARN THE PROCESS &  
REQUIREMENTS  
NEEDED TO BE A PART  
OF THE MFD**

**GET ANSWERS TO  
FAQ'S REGARDING  
THE HIRING PROCESS**

**CITY OF MERCED  
FIRE DEPARTMENT**



**INFORMATIONAL  
RECRUITMENT MEETING**

**FIREFIGHTER  
RECRUITMENT  
WILL BEGIN IN THE  
FIRST QUARTER OF 2022**

**December 1, 2021  
6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.**

**Sam Cafe  
235 W. 12th Street  
Merced, CA 95341**

**HAS UNA IMPRESION EN TU  
FUTURO**

**CONTESTA LA LLAMADA**

**CONOCE MIEMBROS DE MFD**

**APRENDE EL PROCESO Y REQ-  
UISITOS QUE SE NECESITAN  
PARA SER PARTE DE MFD**

**OBTEN RESPUESTAS  
PARA TUS PREGUNTAS  
ACERCA DEL PROCESO  
PARA CONTRATACION**

**CITY OF MERCED  
FIRE DEPARTMENT**



**JUNTA INFORMACIONAL  
PARA CONTRATACIONES**

**RECLUTAMIENTO DE  
BOMBEROS EMPEZARA  
EN EL PRIMER CUARTO  
DEL 2022**

**1 de diciembre de 2021  
6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.**

**Sam Cafe  
235 W. 12th Street  
Merced, CA 95341**