



THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

February 4, 2022

The Action Begins

Youth basketball hits the court

The Parks and Recreation Department resumed its Jr. Warriors Youth Basketball program for the first time since the 2020 season. This year's program doubled in size, with approximately **350 players** hitting the courts to showcase their skills.

Making this year more exciting is the return of the all-girls league, a program that has been dormant for almost 20 years. Over 40 girls, grades 5 -8, are participating in the league at the Rivera Middle School gym.

The other leagues include **120 players** in the Tiny Tots co-ed level (grades K-2), 80 players in the Pee Wee co-ed league (grades 3 & 4), and 60 and 38 boys in JV (grades 5 & 6) and Varsity (grades 7 &8) respectively.



Supporting Community

On February 1, 2022, the Merced Police Department Motor Unit attended the memorial service for Officer Ty Lenehan of the [Elk Grove Police Department](#). Officer Lenehan was killed in the line of duty on January 21, 2022 after a drunk driver crashed into his police motorcycle.



Supporting Community



Firefighters support Stockton Fire Department

On February 1, 2022, City of Merced Fire Department Engine 51C firefighters Captain Chad Englert, Engineer Matt Alley, and Firefighter Dan Timko had the honor of staffing the City of Stockton's fire stations.

Merced City Fire and neighboring first responders banded together to support fellow fire personnel as they mourned the loss of Stockton Fire Captain Max Fortuna, who was shot and killed in the line of duty.



Paying it Forward

Recently Engine 51B received a generous food donation. Since the Engine 51 crew had shopped for the 48-hour shift, referred to as a tour, they shared this donation. Pictured is Engineer Matt Alley of Engine 51B serving a meal.



Safe and Sane Fireworks Permits

City of Merced Non-Profits may begin applying for a Permit to Sell Safe and Sane Fireworks. Permit applications are available at the following link: <https://www.cityofmerced.org/.../16089/637791592257570000>

The application period runs from February 1, 2022, to 5 p.m. on May 2, 2022, and is open to City of Merced-based non-profit groups and organizations that have been previously grandfathered in.



Did Somebody Say Golf?

The Merced Police Explorers Post 204, led by Sergeant Nathan McKinnon, has worked hard this week to train Junior R.O.T.C. groups on the volunteer responsibilities for the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am event. For the remainder of the week, our Explorers have been volunteering at the event doing traffic control, monitoring parking areas, and supervising other volunteer groups. Officer Krista Stokes, Officer Myles Richter, Officer Thomas Martinez, Officer T.E.V.O.N. Prevostini, and Yer McKinnon are working this event with the Explorers.

Are you interested in joining our Explorers Post, or do you know someone who is? Check out or share the link below for more information and to apply!

<https://www.cityofmerced.org/departments/police/explorers-program>



Public Works in Action

Streets crews working on repairs to the traffic controller at Canal and 21st Street after a vehicle accident.



Public Works Tree crews trimmed 17 trees and removed 16 trees in Joe Herb Park. Approximately 25 trees will be re-planted at Joe Herb Park as part of the March 12, 2022, planting event in partnership with the California Urban Forests Council and West Coast Arborists.



The City hired contractor, West Coast Arborists, trimming in the Cypress Terrace area this week.



Permit Inspections

Engineering Technician Paul Flores and Assistant Engineer Eric Soito from the City's Engineering Department heading out for permit inspections.

Bellevue Ranch Landscape Improvements

The City hired contractor, Elite Landscape, continues with work in the Bellevue Ranch area. Irrigation work continues along M Street this week.



Weed Control

As part of the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant sustainability projects, there are approximately 1200 sheep grazing for weed control on 200 acres near the Plant. These sheep will be on site for about a month, supervised by the adorable sheepdog.



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2022 TOWN HALL MEETINGS



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THE 5th ANNUAL **DIVERSABILITY**

VIRTUAL HIRING EVENT

Tuesday, March 8, 2022
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

For Questions Contact:
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CITY OF MERCED

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

Meeting Agenda

Planning Commission

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

7:00 PM

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

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Pursuant to Assembly Bill No. 361, there may be Commission Members participating virtually for this meeting. Members of the public may participate in-person. Should any Commission Member attend virtually, all votes for this meeting will be taken via rollcall.

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 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, 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, 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 [22-117](#) **SUBJECT: Planning Commission Minutes of January 19, 2022**

ACTION:

Approving and filing the Planning Commission Minutes of January 19, 2022

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Minutes of January 19, 2022

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 [22-080](#)

SUBJECT: Conditional Use Permit #1263, initiated by Marco's Tacos for Billie K. and Timothy F. Razzari, Trustee, property owner. This application involves a request to operate a food truck at 99 E. Donna Drive. The subject site is generally located on the north side of East Donna Drive, approximately 200 feet east of G Street, with a zoning classification of Planned Development (P-D) #26, with a General Plan designation of Office Commercial (CO). *PUBLIC HEARING*

ACTION:

Approve/Disapprove/Modify

- 1) Environmental Review #21-45 (*Categorical Exemption*)
- 2) Conditional Use Permit #1263

SUMMARY

Marco Grados-Reyes is requesting conditional use permit approval to operate a food truck within the parking lot located at 99 E. Donna Drive (Attachment B). Per Merced Municipal Code Land Use Table 20.10-1 - Permitted Land Uses in the Commercial Zoning Districts, Mobile Food Vendors are considered a conditional use within an Office Commercial (C-O) Zone. The proposed food truck would be located within an overflow parking lot at 99 E. Donna Drive serving the business at 3500 G Street, Next Door Real Estate (Attachment C). The Planning Commission will be reviewing this proposal to ensure that the food truck is operated in a manner that minimizes negative impacts to the existing site and promotes compatible and orderly development. Staff is recommending approval of this request subject to conditions.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve Environmental Review #21-45 (Categorical Exemption) and Conditional Use Permit #1263 subject to the conditions in Exhibit A and the findings/considerations in Exhibit B of the Draft Resolution at Attachment A.

E.2 [22-086](#)

SUBJECT: General Plan Amendment #21-03 and Zone Change #429, initiated by Peter Lau on behalf of Bellevue Ranch Paseo, LLC, for approximately 8.5 acres of land generally located at the northeast corner of Bellevue Road and Barclay Way. The General Plan Amendment would change the General Plan land use designation from Neighborhood Commercial (CN) to Low-Medium Density (LMD) Residential. The Zone Change would change the Zoning designation from Planned Development (P-D) #73 to Residential Planned Development (RP-D) #63 to allow the construction of single-family homes. ****PUBLIC HEARING****

ACTION:

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Recommendation to City Council

1) Environmental Review #21-47 (*CEQA Section 15162*

Findings)

2) General Plan Amendment #21-03

3) Zone Change #429

CITY COUNCIL:

Approve/Disapprove/Modify

1) Environmental Review #21-47 (*CEQA Section 15162*

Findings)

2) General Plan Amendment #21-03

3) Zone Change #429

SUMMARY

The applicant has requested this item be continued to the Planning Commission meeting of March 9, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning Staff recommends that the Planning Commission continue this matter to the Planning Commission meeting of March 9, 2022.

E.3 [22-106](#)

SUBJECT: Cancellation of February 23, 2022, Planning Commission Meeting due to lack of items

ACTION:

Cancel the Planning Commission Meeting of February 23, 2022

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

F.1 [22-104](#) **SUBJECT:** Report by Planning Manager of Upcoming Agenda Items

ACTION

Information only.

F.2 [22-105](#) **SUBJECT:** Calendar of Meetings/Events

- Feb. 7 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 9 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- 22 City Council, 6:00 p.m. **(Tuesday)**
- 23 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m. **(To be Cancelled)**
- March 1 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Commission, 4:00 p.m.
- 7 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 9 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- 21 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 23 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.

G. ADJOURNMENT