



THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

February 25, 2022

Merced Police Department Supports Special Olympics



The Merced Police Department received a custom engraved torch for raising over \$7,500 for the 2021 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Northern California campaign at the [Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Northern California](#) (LETR) Regional Kickoff Conference. Officer Krista Stokes and Lieutenant Emily Foster accepted the award on behalf of Merced PD and the staff that helped make this possible. The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics is the largest fundraising vehicle for Special Olympics, we are honored to participate.

For more information on how you can help with Special Olympics visit www.sonc.org

City Council Goal and Priority Setting Session

The Sam Pipes Conference Room served as the venue on Saturday, February 19, 2022 for the City Council’s Goal and Priority Setting Session. Council reviewed the status of current goals and priorities, and identified new tasks and projects. The robust discussion centered on housing, capital improvement projects, beautification projects, economic development and quality of life issues. The Council’s goals and priorities are used to help shape the City’s annual budget. The session was facilitated by City Manager Stephanie Dietz with support from Finance Office Venus Rodriguez.



Vegetation Fire

Recently fire personnel were called to a vegetation fire. Crews arrived to find a debris fire in the drainage pipe running underneath Highway 99. Flames were coming from the grate on the shoulder and the pipe leading to the drainage on the side of the highway. Smoke was also coming from the grate in the center divider. Crews had to access the collection point to extinguish the drainage pipe's debris fully. No injuries or property damage occurred.



CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

#120044 – B Street Improvements Childs Ave. to E. 15th St.

Rolfe Construction, Inc. crew installing storm drain pipe along B St. and an overflow pipe into MID canal.

This project is approximately 8% complete.



Construction Projects

1. 117039 - G Street Improvements Childs Ave. to 13th St.
2. 119070 - CMAQ (052) Sidewalks 7th St., 8th St. and Linda Ln.
3. 120044 – B St. Improvements – Childs Ave. to E. 15th St.

Projects in Design

1. 113002 - R Street - 16th to 18th Street (90%)
2. 114049 - Highway 59 and 16th Street Signal and Channelization (95%)
3. 119025 - Orchard Avenue Sewer (95%)
4. 119042 - CMAQ (048) John Muir Sidewalk (95%)
5. 119043 - CMAQ (049) Motel Drive (95%)
6. 119069 - CMAQ (050) Sidewalks R St., S St., and Stuart Dr. (10%)
7. 120043 - CMAQ (051) Sidewalks Olive Ave., Parsons Ave. and Alexander Ave. (90%)
8. 121044 - CMAQ (055) Nottingham Sidewalks (95%)
9. 121045 - CMAQ (057) Merced North Transit Hub (95%)
10. 120003 – 18th St. – R St. to V St. (20%)
11. 120009 - Yosemite Ave. - Parsons to Mansionette (10%)
12. 120064/120065 - Highway 59 Widening & Black Rascal Creek Bridge (24%)
13. 122033 – Bel Air Sewer Line (30%)
14. 122050 - R St. – Olive Ave. to Northwood Dr. (15%)
15. 122013 – Regional Park Restrooms (70%)

Inspection Services Bi-weekly report for February 7th, 2022, through February 20th, 2022.

Multi-Family Permits in review:

- Gateway Terrace Apartments located at 405 W 12th St; one office/lounge and six two-story apartments: two buildings have 16 units, three buildings have 30 units, and one building has four units for a total of 126 units.
- Compass Pointe phase II: 128 units in 16, 8-plex buildings, plus a clubhouse.
- A fire damage repair is also adding an ADU located at 1740 Shirley St.
- Gateway Commons Apartments located at 3130 E. Gerard Ave.; one community building, five buildings with 16 units, and five buildings with 24 units for 200 units, plus 31 garage structures.
- The Hub student housing, located at 3486 McKee Rd.; four buildings consisting of 88 apartments plus first-floor mixed-use and offices. Approximately 185,000 SF total. (no change from the last report)

Multi-Family Permits issued:

- There were 0 multi-family permits issued during this period. (no change from the last report)

Commercial Construction Permits issued:

- One new construction commercial permit was issued during this period; for a 2,200 SF Panda Express located at 165 E. Yosemite Ave.
- Three new tenant improvement permits were issued during this period; one for an ice cream shop located at 540 W Olive Ave., one for a produce cooler at Costco located at 1445 R St., and one for a 10,840 SF office located at 439 W 15th St.

Commercial Permits submitted:

- There were 0 new commercial submittals during this period.
- There were two new tenant improvement submittals during this period; one for a 1,348 SF ground floor mercantile occupancy at the Tioga Apartments located at 1719 N St., and one for a live/work unit located at 2125 O St.

Certificates of Occupancy (CofO)

- One CofO was issued for this period; for a 100 SF office addition located at 580 Collins Dr.
- 24 CofOs were issued for Single Family Dwellings.

Economic Development Update

The Office of Economic Development staff are getting ready for two upcoming outreach events. The Site Selectors Guild is holding a meeting in California, and Economic Development Associate Maria Mendoza will be meeting with the country's leading industrial site locators.

It's been two years since the International Council of Shopping Centers has convened in Monterey for their annual Idea Exchange. Deputy City Manager Frank Quintero and Ms. Mendoza will meet with retail representatives, commercial developers, and retail listing agents.



REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

1. Arbor Day Tree Planting Flyer Pg. 6

THE CITY OF MERCED PRESENTS: ARBOR DAY!



MARCH 12, 2022

■ CIRCLE 4 AMPLIFYING THE URBAN FOREST

HELP US PLANT 40 TREES AT APPLGATE PARK & 25 TREES AT JOE HERB PARK!

The City of Merced is a proud partner of the AMPLify the Urban Forest grant brought to you by CAL FIRE. Join us and help plant 2,000 trees across California this spring! Find out more at: investfromthegroundup.org/

Register here: catree.us/xq2
or scan the QR code!



Questions? Contact the Grants Team!
Email: grantinfo@wcainc.com
Text/Call: (714) 926-0563

WHEN

Saturday,
March 12, 2022

WHAT TIME

9am — 12pm

WHERE

Applegate Park Zoo
1045 W 25th St
Merced, CA 95340



*The CIRCLE 4.0 – Amplifying California’s Urban Forestry Movement is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing GHG emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment – particularly in disadvantaged communities. The Cap-and-Trade program also creates a financial incentive for industries to invest in clean technologies and develop innovative ways to reduce pollution. California Climate Investments projects include affordable housing, renewable energy, public transportation, zero emission vehicles, environmental restoration, more sustainable agriculture, recycling, and much more. At least 35 percent of these investments are located within and benefiting residents of disadvantaged communities, low-income communities, and low-income households across California. For more information, visit the California Climate Investments website at: www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov.