



THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

May 13, 2022

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

The 2022 theme for National Public Works Week (May 15-21) is "Ready & Resilient." In developing this theme, the American Public Works Association wanted to show the superhero qualities of every public works professional. Public Works employees provide service in transportation, water, wastewater, solid waste, public buildings and spaces, trees, Parks and grounds, and fleet management. Beyond these regular duties, Public Works staff are ready at a moment's notice to react as first responders for natural disasters and infrastructure emergencies. Thank you Public Works Workers!

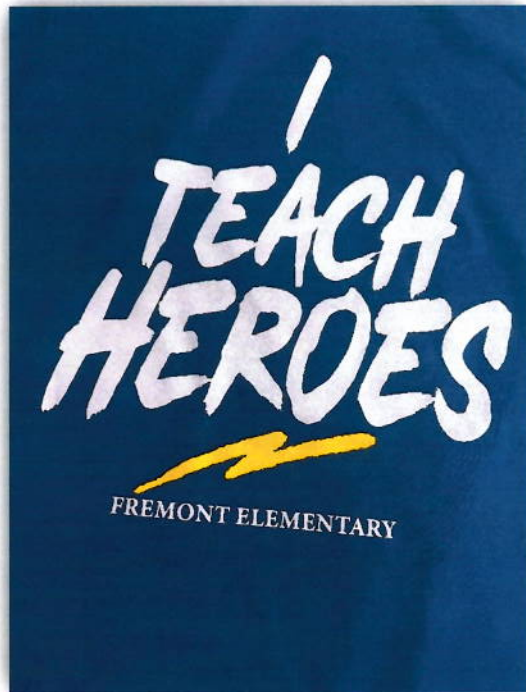


600 HEROS AT FREMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

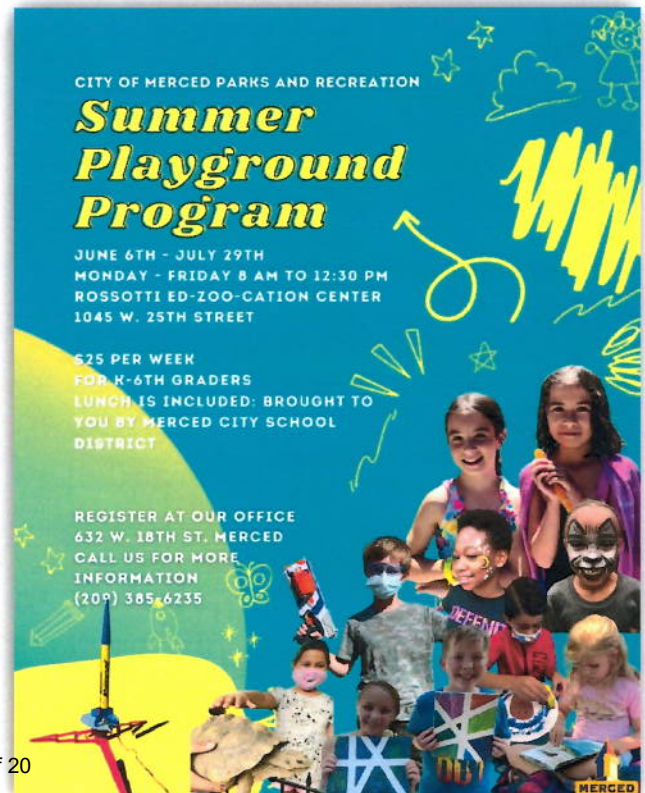
On Friday, May 13th, City Manager Stephanie Dietz met more than 600 enthusiastic young heroes, teachers, and administrators at Fremont Elementary School's flagpole.

Each month the school focuses on a character trait, and every other week members of our community are invited to the school's Meet Me at the Flagpole Assembly to talk with students about character traits.

This month's focus was on citizenship and the importance of contributing to the well-being of our community. City Manager Dietz shared what she does as City Manager and the City's role in contributing to the well-being of our community by providing essential services to residents and visitor of our city.



SUMMER'S ALMOST HERE



WHEN SCHOOL'S OUT PARKS & REC PROGRAMS ARE IN!

For more information about Parks & Rec's summer programs, check out www.facebook.com/CityOfMercedParksAndRecreation/ or call the Parks & Rec department at (209) 385-6855



**CALIFORNIA LEAGUE OF CITIES
CITY LEADER’S SPEAKER SERIES**

On Thursday, May 12th, Mayor Matthew Serratto and City Manager Stephanie Dietz met in Sacramento with more than 100 California city leaders to share how our City staff is working to by create productive relationships with residents, community partners, and organizers to support Council’s Goals and Priorities.

COFFEE WITH A COP AND PEDAL WITH POLICE

Join Merced Police Department and California Highway Patrol for Coffee with a Cop on May 18th and celebrate the grand opening of Starbucks at 145 E. Yosemite Ave in Merced.

Pedal with Police on Sunday, May 22nd. The ride starts at 9 a.m. at Applegate Park Amphitheater and is open to all ages. There will be a BBQ after the ride. Helmets will be available to youth if needed.



COFFEE WITH A COP

No speeches or specific topics.
Just informal conversations about what matters to community residents.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION!

SPONSORED BY
Location: STARBUCKS
 145 E. Yosemite Avenue
 Merced, CA 95340

The mission of the California Highway Patrol is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security.

PUBLIC WORKS IN ACTION

Water crews replaced a fire hydrant on Cone Avenue, as well as worked alongside the City hired contractor for the new water main project at G Street between 12th & 13th Street.

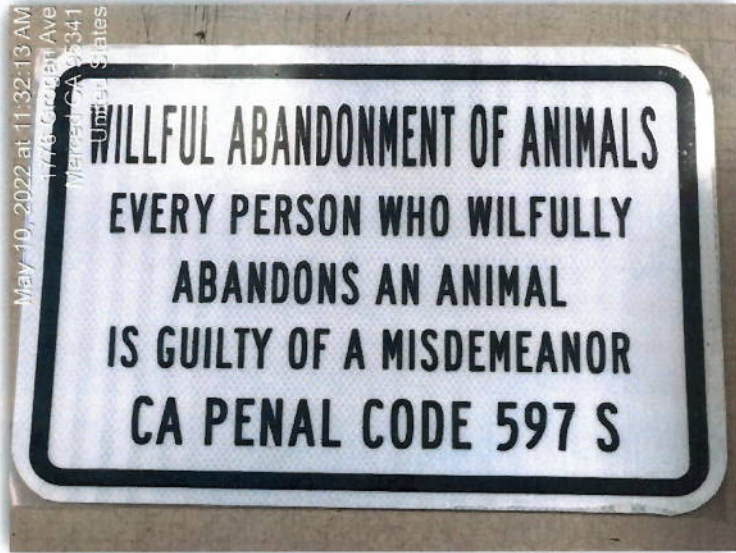
Cone Ave:



G Street:

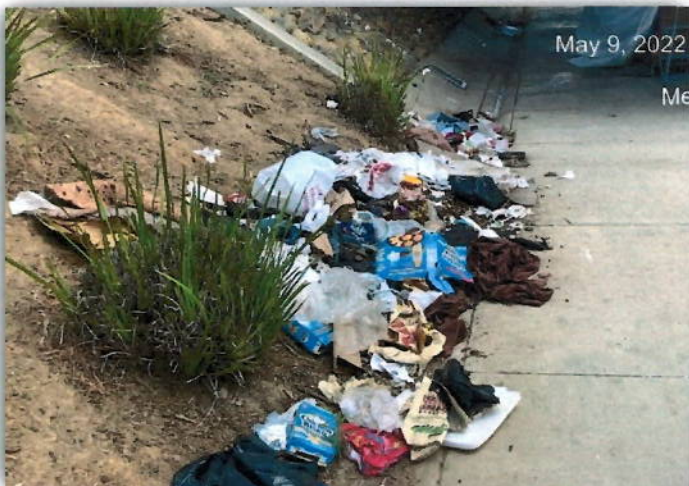


Crews installed five signs at Applegate Park regarding the abandonment of animals.



Crews cleared trash from the G Street undercrossing walkway.

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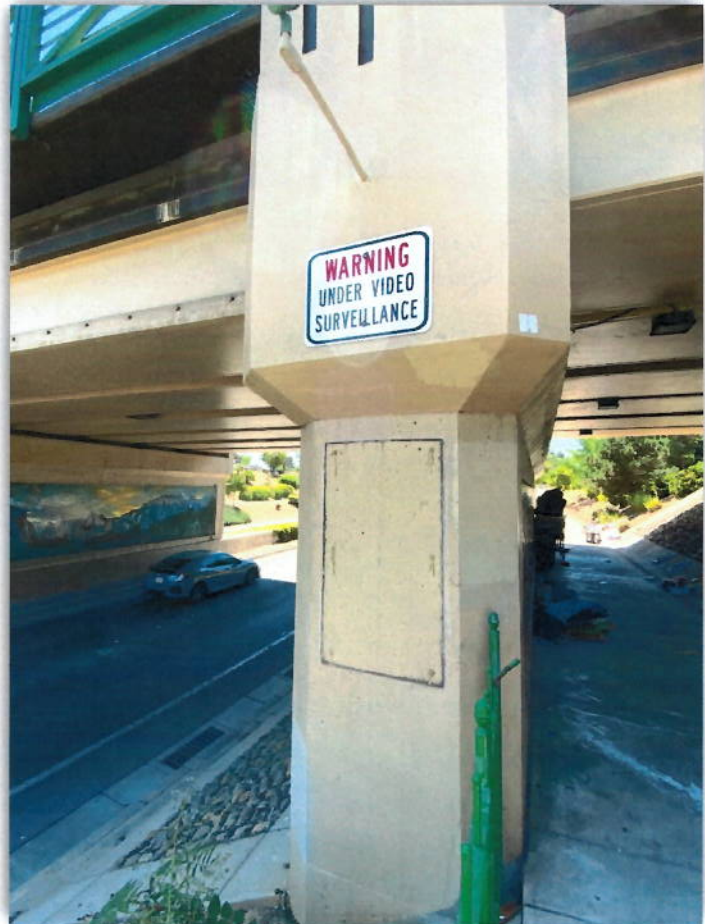


After:





STOLEN PLAQUES
Four additional plaques were stolen from G Street undercrossing this week.



TREE VANDALISM
Another tree along Highway 59 near Willowbrook Drive was vandalized this week.





CITY HALL EXTERIOR PAINTING PROJECT

RS Painting has continued work this week on the City Hall Exterior Painting Project.



GIRL SCOUTS LEARN ABOUT BICYCLE SAFETY

This week, a group of Girls Scouts received a presentation on bicycle safety, pedestrian safety, and when to call 911 for help by Lieutenant Emily Foster. By participating, each member earned a Petal for their vest. Additionally, the presentation helped Merced Police Department continue to promote bicycle safety during May, which is Bike Safety Month.



CITY OF MERCED POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR JUSTIN SALDIVAR

Officer Justin Saldivar's hard work, dedication, professionalism, and teamwork over the past year have earned him the opportunity to be recognized as Merced Police Department's 2021 Officer of the Year!

Officer Justin Saldivar is assigned to the Gang Violence Suppression Unit. Since September 2021, Officer Saldivar has completed approximately 25 search warrants resulting in the arrest of 28 people and seizing 20 guns, \$104,000 in US Currency, and several pounds of narcotics, including meth, heroin, and fentanyl. He has also assisted his fellow officers in the GVSU with approximately 50 other search warrants seizing another 48 firearms and additional narcotics.

Officer Saldivar also supports the Merced Community, and he has attended many community events, including the Hmong New Year, The Lao Family Dinner, and the downtown Mercado event.



FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTROLLED WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING TRAINING

The Merced Fire Department conducted a controlled wildland firefighting training exercise on the backside of the Merced Airport off Hawk Drive. These burns allow firefighters to practice necessary fire suppression skills to reduce available fuels in preparation for the upcoming wildland firefighting season.

Control burns allow firefighters to practice skills such as progressive hose lays, constructing fire lines by utilizing hand tools, and using fire in a controlled fashion to help limit fire spread. These techniques are used under the direct supervision of highly trained and qualified personnel.

The fire department will be conducting several more training burns during May, provided the weather conditions are favorable, and the air quality index remains low.



REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Women Thrive in Business Event Flyer PG. 11
2. Paint Care Giveaway and Drop Off Event Flyer PG. 12
3. Junior Giants Play Ball Event Flyer PG. 13
4. Parks & Rec Summer Playground Flyer PG. 14
5. Lifeguard Training Flyer PG. 15
6. Boys & Girls Club Open House Flyer PG. 16
7. PC Agenda PG. 17

Women's Sp[♥]light Network

Invites you to their second annual conference for business women.



Jill Cunningham
Executive Director
Merced College
Foundation



Stephanie Dietz
City Manager
City of Merced



Tamika Dungy
Owner/Fitness Trainer
Accelerate Performance
Personal Training



Jennifer Hobbs
Nutritionist/M.S., RDN
Merced College



Kalisa Rochester
Chief Probation Officer
Merced County
Probation Department



Annie Stuhr
SVP, Agri-Business
Market Manager
Central Valley Community Bank

WOMEN *Thrive in Business*

Tuesday, May 17 · 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

AT CASTLE AIR MUSEUM, 5050 SANTA FE DRIVE, ATWATER

\$25 Prepaid Admission, \$35 at the Door

**Includes 6 Expert Speakers,
Breakfast Buffet, Networking & Lunch**

Register in advance by Friday, May 13 at
Eventbrite.com "Women Thrive in Business,"
call (209) 722-6778 or visit "Women's Spotlight
Network" on Facebook for information.

Women's Sp[♥]light Network

MERCED, CALIFORNIA

A Strong Contact Network

The Women's Spotlight Network meets every Tuesday from Noon to 1 p.m. at 510 Bistro in Merced with the primary purpose of sharing referrals among our members.

Only one member from each business category is allowed to prevent peer competition and allow open discussion of how you conduct and promote your business.

Each meeting includes time for short business introductions by every member and longer presentations by one or two members on a rotating schedule. These speaking opportunities allow the Network to learn what kind of leads help you most. You practice talking about yourself and your business, which quickly improves your public speaking and presentation skills.

To join WSN, visit one of our Tuesday lunch meetings. For more information call (209) 722-6778 or visit us on Facebook.



Free Paint Giveaway Event



For Households and Businesses in the Merced Area

Saturday, May 21, 2022

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

ACTEnviro Transfer Station
265 Riggs Ave, Merced, CA

Registration Required:
<https://paint-merced.eventbrite.com>

SCAN THE CODE BELOW TO REGISTER FOR THE EVENT



PaintCare is giving away leftover paint in good condition to households and businesses as part of California’s statewide paint stewardship program. PaintCare collects leftover paint at over 800 drop-off sites across California for reuse and recycling. Paint reuse (using up and giving away leftover paint) is a cost effective, efficient method of managing leftover paint. Reuse and recycling divert leftover paint from the waste stream and the environment and put it to good use.

Attendees will browse partially filled containers of a variety of products including latex- and oil-based paints, primers, and stains. Color options and volumes are not guaranteed. Paint is given away on a first-come, first served basis. Attendees will be limited to taking less than 20 gallons of free paint.

PAINT DROP-OFF

ACTEnviro Transfer Station is a year-round PaintCare drop-off site. Attendees may drop-off leftover paint during this event and on other days. Visit www.paintcare.org to find year-round drop-off sites closest to you, check accepted products, and learn about limits for businesses.

COVID-19 Update

Participants are requested to follow the current recommendations and requirements of the CDC, local, and state health officials to protect yourself and others from the spread of COVID-19.

JUNIOR GIANTS

PLAY BALL

EVENT!

SATURDAY, MAY 21ST
11:00 AM
JOE HERB PARK

YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us for our upcoming Play Ball Event, a **one-hour, introductory clinic** for youth looking to learn more about baseball and softball!

EVENT INCLUDES:

- Skill and drill stations
- Raffle to win SF Giants swag!
- Information on how to register for the Junior Giants season this summer.
- **LOTS OF FUN!**



FREE TO PARTICIPATE!



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JOE HERB PARK
2200 E YOSEMITE AVE
MERCED, CA 95340



10:30 AM- CHECK-IN
11:00 AM- START TIME
12:00 AM- END TIME*

FOR QUESTIONS:

playball@jrgiants.org

**SCAN THE QR CODE
TO REGISTER**



CITY OF MERCED PARKS AND RECREATION

Summer Playground Program

JUNE 6TH - JULY 29TH
MONDAY - FRIDAY 8 AM TO 12:30 PM
ROSSOTTI ED-ZOO-CATION CENTER
1045 W. 25TH STREET

\$25 PER WEEK
FOR K-6TH GRADERS
LUNCH IS INCLUDED; BROUGHT TO
YOU BY MERCED CITY SCHOOL
DISTRICT

REGISTER AT OUR OFFICE
632 W. 18TH ST. MERCED
CALL US FOR MORE
INFORMATION
(209) 385-6235



MERCED

Only
\$275

LIFEGUARD TRAINING 2022



MAY 14-15, 2022

**Full Certification and
Recertification**

**8:00AM-6:00PM at
Merced High School**

**Contact, City of Merced for
more information.**

(209)-385-6855

Class Sizes Limited!



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF MERCED COUNTY**

*You're cordially
invited*

**OPEN HOUSE &
RIBBON CUTTING**

to celebrate the expansion of our summer
camp program & meet our new CEO

**Tuesday, May 31st, 2022
5:30 - 7:00 PM**

@ 615 West 15th Street
Merced, CA 95340
209.722.9922



CITY OF MERCED

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

Meeting Agenda

Planning Commission

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

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.

Material may be emailed to planning@web.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 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 one (1) minute. 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 [22-400](#) **SUBJECT:** Planning Commission Minutes of April 20, 2022

ACTION:

Approving and filing the Planning Commission Minutes of April 20, 2022

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Minutes of April 20, 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 [22-343](#)

SUBJECT: Annual Review of the Five-Year (2022-2027) 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 2022-2027 Five-Year Capital Improvement Program document is provided at Attachment A. Please note that the budget numbers are still being finalized so they are subject to change prior to City Council consideration.

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 [22-360](#)

SUBJECT: Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #1319 for the Mission 106 Subdivision, initiated by Benchmark Engineering, on behalf of Stonefield Home, Inc., property owner. This application involves a request to subdivide 9.71 acres of land into 106 small single-family lots ranging in size from 1,875 square feet to 5,011 square feet. This property is generally located south of Winder Avenue, approximately 650 feet east of G Street and has General Plan designation of Village Residential (VR) and a Zoning designation of Planned Development (P-D) #58. **PUBLIC HEARING**

ACTION: Approve/Disapprove/Modify
1) Environmental Review #22-21 (Categorical Exemption)

2) Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #1319

SUMMARY

The project site is located south of Winder Avenue, approximately 650 feet east of G Street. The proposed subdivision would subdivide 9.71 acres of land into 106 small single-family lots. Planning staff, along with other City staff, have reviewed the project and recommend approval subject to conditions.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve Environmental Review #22-21 (CEQA Section 15183 Findings) and Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #1319 "Mission 106" (including the adoption of the Draft Resolution) subject to the conditions in Exhibit A and the findings/considerations in Exhibit B of Draft Resolution #4091 at Attachment A.

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

F.1 [22-402](#) **SUBJECT: Report by Planning Manager of Upcoming Agenda Items**

ACTION

Information only.

F.2 [22-401](#) **SUBJECT: Calendar of Meetings/Events**

- May 2 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 4 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m. **(Cancelled)**
- 16 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 18 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- June 6 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 8 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- 21 City Council, 6:00 p.m. **(Tuesday)**
- 22 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- 28 Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission, 4:00 p.m.

G. ADJOURNMENT