



THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

September 2, 2022

Coffee with a Cop

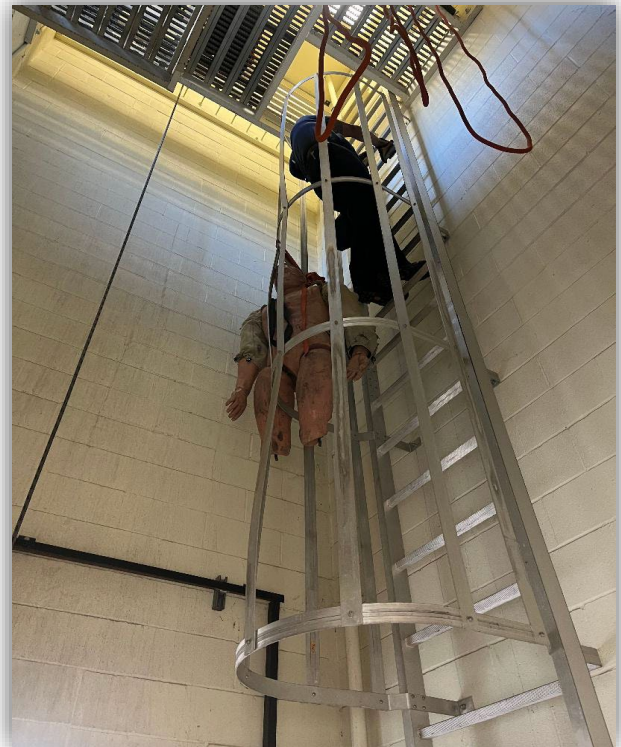
Coffee with a Cop was a success this past Tuesday! Everyone enjoyed community conversations while sipping on tasty coffee drinks and the K9 Officers were able to enjoy a few Puppuccinos.



Tune into 1480kyos.com this Saturday morning, September 3rd, between 7 to 10 a.m. to hear **Michelle Zamudio, Revenue & Customer Service Supervisor, City of Merced Finance Department** talk about the City's updated utility services payment requirements.

The Importance of Training

Training is essential to navigate the challenges of the fire service. Training is part of the City of Merced Fire Department's daily routine. While many of the Department's calls are EMS-related, crews must be prepared for other incidents, requiring a broad training scope. For example, recently, crews trained to rescue a simulated person trapped in an enclosed ladder area. Crews used harnesses and ropes to raise and safely get the victim to the ground.



Public Works in Action

Tree Trimming at Bob Hart Square.

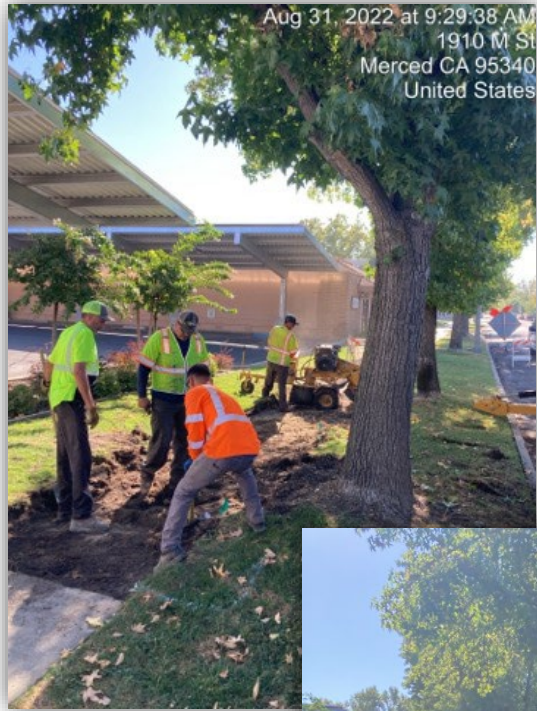


Before

After



Park Crews repaired a main line at Rahilly Park.



Street Crews replaced a portion of sidewalk near the Elks Lodge on 19th Street.



Crews pruned the Eucalyptus Grove along M Street



Sewer/Storm Drain Maintenance Electricians replaced two storm discharge check valves on Lopez Ave.



Sewer/Storm Crew poured new manhole collars near Alfarata Blvd. and Gerard Ave.



City of Merced Utility Services Update

The City of Merced Utility Services Update (water, sewer, refuse)



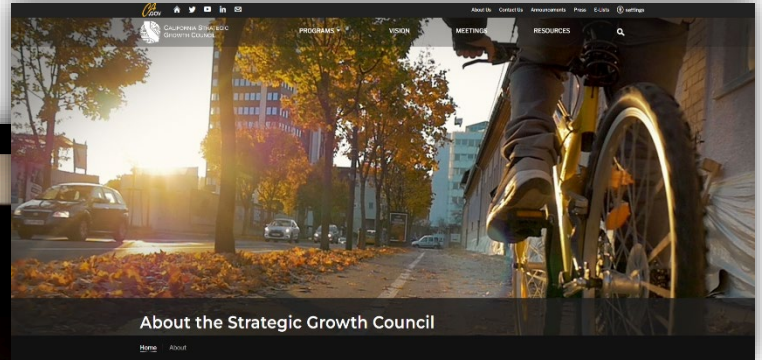
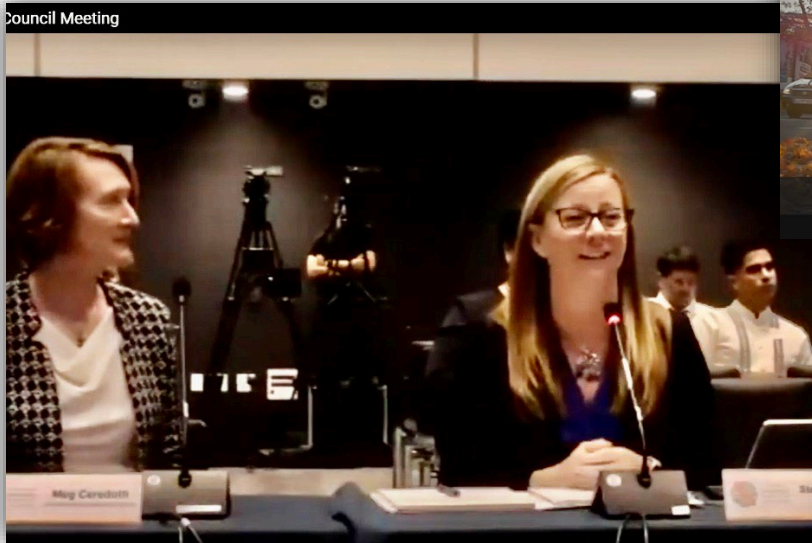
City of Merced utility customers with a balance more than 60 days past due may have their water, sewer, and refuse services disconnected beginning September 7, 2022.

Residents interested in setting up a payment plan with the City of Merced, can email ubpaymentplans@cityofmerced.org or call (209)385-6841.

Residents interested in learning about eligibility for the ARPA Utility relief program can call (209) 388-8623.

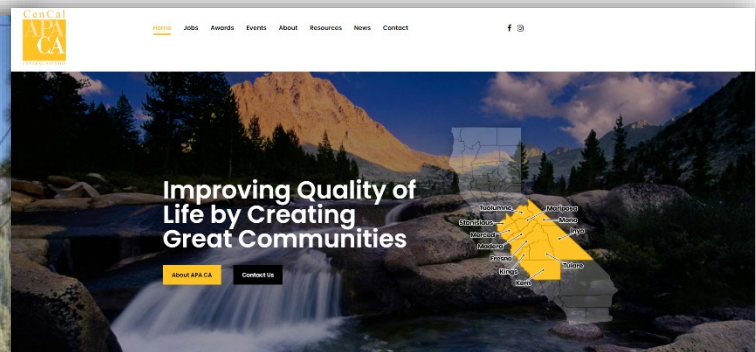
California Strategic Growth Council

On August 31st, Merced City Manager, Stephanie Dietz took part in a panel discussion on the opportunities and challenges of building sustainable communities from a state, regional and local perspective. Ms. Dietz talked about the City’s progress with building a sustainable community that offers a higher quality of life. For more information about the California Strategic Growth Council visit <https://sgc.ca.gov/about/>. To watch the full presentation visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JSIQphGKax8>



The American Planning Association

On August 27th, Merced Deputy City Manager, Frank Quintero represented Merced at the Chapter’s Sierra Retreat at Sequoia Lake where he showcased the significant progress made in recent years to create a sense of place at the soon to be constructed multi-modal rail station in the City of Merced. For more information about the Central Section of APA, visit cencalapa.org



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CITY OF MERCED

TEAL TOP STICK TO FITNESS



SESSION 1:

AUG. 23 - SEPT. 15

3RD & 4TH GRADERS
T/TH @ 5:45PM-7:00PM

5TH & 6TH GRADERS
T/TH @ 7:00PM-8:15PM

SESSION 2:

SEPT. 20 - OCT. 13

3RD & 4TH GRADERS
T/TH @ 5:45PM-7:00PM

5TH & 6TH GRADERS
T/TH @ 7:00PM-8:15PM

LOCATION:
APPLEGATE PARK
TEAL TOP
1045 W. 25TH ST.
MERCED, CA 95340
(NEXT TO BASKETBALL COURT)

FREE!

Space is limited.

JAMBOREE AFTER EACH
SESSION

*Improve your technical skill & be the best
hockey player you are dreaming of*

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Application



APPLICATIONS MAY BE TURNED IN
OR PICKED UP AT THE
PARKS & RECREATION OFFICE
632 W. 18TH ST.
MONDAY-FRIDAY
9AM-12PM & 1PM-5PM





City of Merced
Parks and Community Services

GUITAR LESSONS

WITH MIKE TAYLOR

Learn how to play electric or acoustic guitar. Read music, how to play by ear and tablature. Understand chords and scales, basic music theory and other cool tricks and techniques!

WHEN: Every Wednesday ●

Starting Sept . 7th, 2022 ●

COST: \$75 a month ●

TIME : 6:30PM -7:30PM ●

7:30PM - 8:30PM ●

AGES: 8 & Up ●

LOCATION: Rotary Scout Hut

ENJOY FUN GUITAR LESSONS!



Register at our office at 632 W 18th St.
or call our us at (209) 385-6235

TAP & BALLET

DANCE CLASS



TAP SHOES REQUIRED

LOCATION: Rossotti Center
1075 W. 25th street

WHEN: Every Monday

DATE: Sept. - May

COST: \$70 a session (3 month session)
1 hr. class for ages 5 & up

AGES: 2-4yr old 9am, 10am & 11am

5-7 yr old- 2pm, 3pm & 4pm

8- 12 yr old - 5pm & 6pm

13- 17 yr old- 7pm

18 and up - 8pm

REGISTER AT: Parks & Recreation
632 W. 18th st
or call 385-6235





CITY OF MERCED

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

Meeting Agenda

Planning Commission

Wednesday, September 7, 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 [22-724](#) **SUBJECT:** Planning Commission Minutes of August 17, 2022

ACTION:

Approving and filing the Planning Commission Minutes of August 17, 2022

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Minutes of August 17, 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 [22-543](#)

SUBJECT: General Plan Amendment #22-03, initiated by Eric Pluim on behalf of Gateway Park Development Partners, LLC, property owners. This application involves a request to change the General Plan roadway classification from Divided Arterial to Collector for a portion of Mission Avenue from Coffee Street to the east side of Pluim Drive (extended). ****PUBLIC HEARING****

ACTION: Continue the matter to the October 5, 2022, Planning Commission meeting

SUMMARY

This is a request to amend the General Plan Circulation Element by changing the roadway classification from Divided Arterial to Collector for a portion of Mission Avenue from Coffee Street to the east side of Pluim Drive (extended). This change is requested to improve the circulation for future development in the area.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission continue this matter to the Planning Commission meeting of October 5, 2022.

E.2 [22-711](#)

SUBJECT: Appeal the Site Plan Review Committee's approval of a one-year extension for Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map (VTSM) #1291 for Bright Development which would allow for the subdivision of approximately 39.8 acres of land into 161 single-family lots, generally located on the east side of G Street at Merrill Place (extended). ****PUBLIC HEARING****

ACTION: Grant/Deny/Modify
1) Appeal of the one-year extension granted for VTSM #1291 (Bright Development).

SUMMARY

On June 16, 2022, the Site Plan Review Committee granted a one-year extension to Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map (VTSM) #1291, extending the expiration date to July 16, 2023. On June 22, 2022, an appeal of this decision was filed by Rick Telegan on behalf of Regency Court II, LLC. On August 3, 2022, the Planning Commission continued this matter to the meeting of August 17, 2022. At the August 17, 2022, Planning

Commission meeting the matter was continued to September 7, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission Deny the appeal of the Site Plan Review Committee’s approval of a one-year extension for Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #1291.

The Planning Commission may also approve the appeal, and add the requested condition, or continue the matter to a future Planning Commission meeting (a meeting date must be specified).

E.3 [22-722](#) **SUBJECT:** Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

ACTION

Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

E.4 [22-730](#) **SUBJECT:** Cancellation of September 21, 2022, Planning Commission Meeting due to lack of items

ACTION:

Cancel the Planning Commission Meeting of September 21, 2022

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

F.1 [22-725](#) **SUBJECT:** Report by Planning Manager of Upcoming Agenda Items

ACTION

Information only.

F.2 [22-726](#) **SUBJECT:** Calendar of Meetings/Events

- Sept. 6 City Council, 6:00 p.m. **(Tuesday)**
- 7 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- 19 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 21 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m. **(To be cancelled)**
- Oct. 3 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 5 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- 17 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 19 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission, 4:00 p.m.

G. ADJOURNMENT