



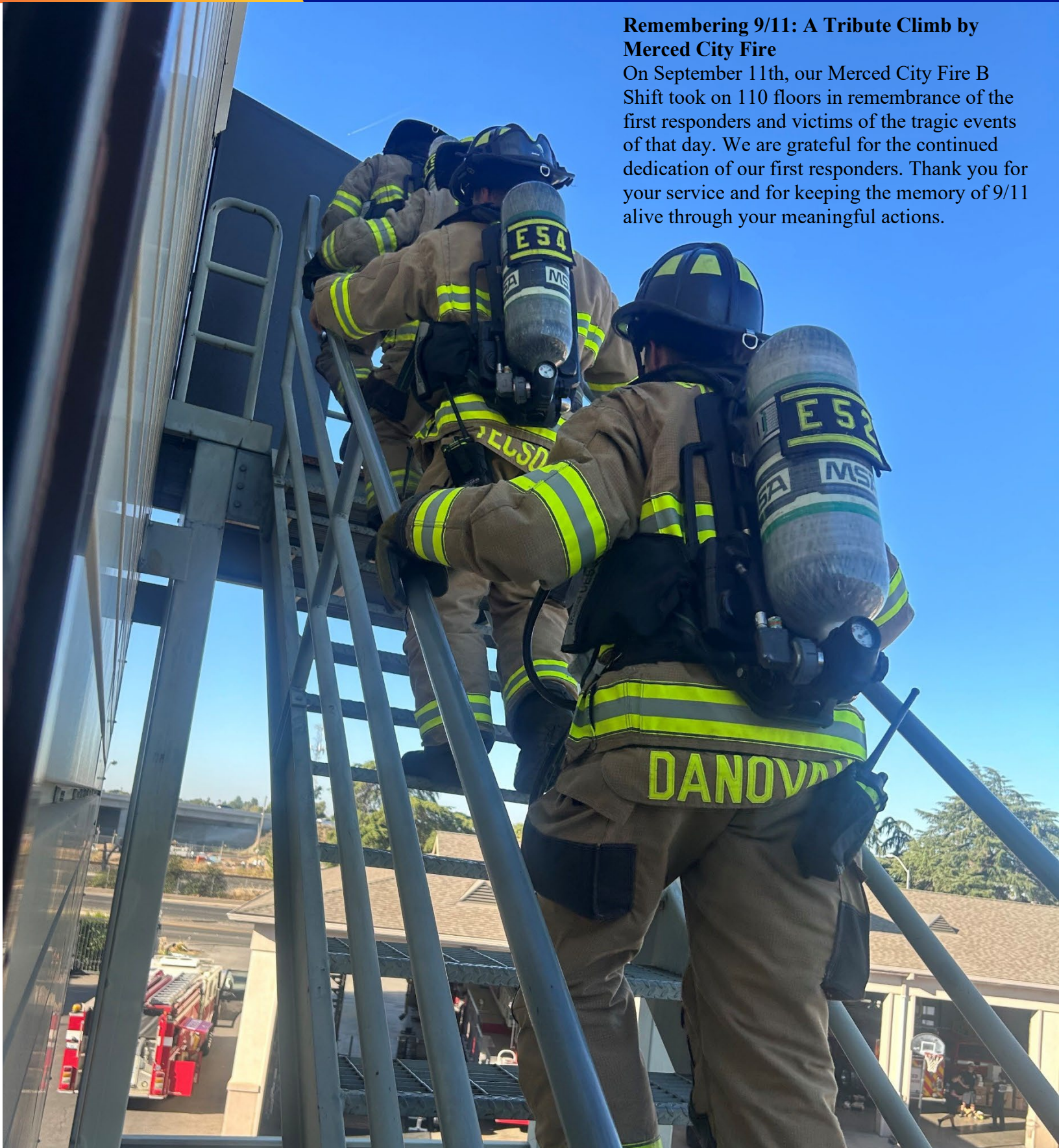
THE WEEKLY

COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

September 13, 2024

Remembering 9/11: A Tribute Climb by Merced City Fire

On September 11th, our Merced City Fire B Shift took on 110 floors in remembrance of the first responders and victims of the tragic events of that day. We are grateful for the continued dedication of our first responders. Thank you for your service and for keeping the memory of 9/11 alive through your meaningful actions.







Spotlight on Rosa Alcaraz: Bridging Communities and Inspiring Change

We're proud to highlight Rosa Alcaraz, our amazing Community Liaison for the Merced Police Department.

Rosa is dedicated to building stronger community relationships and ensuring important resources are accessible to everyone. Thanks to her hard work in translating key materials into Spanish, non-English speakers in our community are better informed and connected.

She's also the heart behind the success of events like National Night Out, which keeps growing every year, and the holiday toy drive that has become a local favorite.

Rosa, a proud Latina, wife, mother, and advocate, continues to uplift the Latino community and inspire young people through her dedication. Recently, she was recognized at the Merced County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Latina Women's Luncheon for her exceptional work.

We're so proud of everything you do, Rosa—you're truly making a difference in Merced.

Merced Police Town Hall Series: Engaging the Community

The Merced Police Department continues its series of citywide town halls.

This week, Lieutenant Barajas met with the community at Cruickshank Middle School, offering updates on crime in Northeast Merced, answering questions, and sharing safety tips.

The next town hall will take place on Tuesday, September 17th, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Tenaya Middle School, hosted by Lieutenant Ben Pintabona.



National Policewomen’s Day: Honoring the Women of Merced PD

The Merced Police Department is proud to celebrate and honor the exceptional women within the department.

The community is fortunate to have several dedicated policewomen serving in Merced every day. Their sacrifice, resilience, and hard work are truly appreciated.

NATIONAL POLICE WOMEN'S DAY!

Thank you!

POLICE

Introducing Merced Police Department's New Non-Emergency Response Team

The Merced Police Department has welcomed two Community Service Officers, Aliyah Moreno, and Angela Ramirez, to its new Non-Emergency Response Team.

Community Service Officer Aliyah Moreno has been part of the MPD family for a year. Her journey began with eight years of service as Captain of the Merced PD Explorer's Post, followed by roles as an Animal Control Officer, and positions at Merced County Behavioral Health and the Department of Public Health.

Community Service Officer Angela Ramirez has been with the department for nearly two years. She was hired as a Reserve Officer in December 2022 and has served as an Animal Control and Parking Enforcement Officer.

Now, both CSO Moreno and CSO Ramirez are stepping into their new roles as Community Service Officers, responding to non-emergency calls for service. Keep an eye out for them around town.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS



CSO RAMIREZ AND MORENO

NON-EMERGENCY CALLS FOR SERVICE

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER, ANGELA RAMIREZ HAS BEEN WITH THE MERCED POLICE DEPARTMENT (MPD) FAMILY FOR ALMOST 2 YEARS. CSO RAMIREZ WAS HIRED AS A RESERVE OFFICER IN DECEMBER OF 2022. AS A RESERVE OFFICER, CSO RAMIREZ SERVED AS AN ANIMAL CONTROL AND PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

CSO ALIYAH MORENO HAS BEEN WITH THE MPD FOR 1 YEAR. SHE SERVED AS A CAPTAIN FOR THE MERCED PD EXPLORER'S POST FOR 8 YEARS. AFTER HER SERVICE IN THE EXPLORER'S POST, SHE WORKED AS AN ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER. CSO MORENO ALSO WORKED AT MERCED COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND THE MERCED COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

CSO RAMIREZ & CSO MORENO NOW SERVE AS COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS AND ARE NOW RESPONDING TO NON-EMERGENCY CALLS FOR SERVICE. YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING OUR NEW COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS AROUND TOWN.

SPOTLIGHT

Surprise Visit at The Merced Police Department 9/11

The Merced Police Department had several surprise visitors. Students from UC Merced Kappa Sigma Sorority & Fraternity stopped by to show their support on National Policewomen’s Day.

These young men brought donuts for the officers and handed out roses to all the women at the station.



Cops & Fire for Kids: Annual Toy Drive

The Merced Police Department is hosting its annual Cops & Fire for Kids Toy Drive, helping to bring holiday cheer to families in need.

Merced PD is reaching out to local businesses to place toy donation boxes for citizens to contribute. If you're interested in having a box at your office or business, or if you would like to apply to receive toys for Christmas, please contact Community Liaison, Rosa Alcaraz at alcarazr@cityofmerced.org for more information.

Help Merced PD and Fire make this holiday season special for everyone in our community.

TOY COLLECTION
TOYS WANTED
NEW AND UNWRAPPED TOYS FOR CHILDREN (AGES NEWBORN-TYRS).
DEADLINE FOR DONATION DEC. 9TH AFTER DEADLINE PLEASE DROP OFF AT POLICE STATION .
FOR CHILDREN OF ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED FAMILIES IN THE CITY OF MERCED.
MERCED POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: ROSA ALCARAZ (209) 385-6297

Ray Eakman's Retirement: Celebrating 28 Years of Service

This week, the Merced Police Department bid farewell to Ray Eakman, a valued records clerk who has been with the department for 28 years, since 1996.

Throughout his career, Ray served under seven Chiefs and three interim Chiefs, becoming an integral part of the MPD team. His dedication and positive presence will be missed. Congratulations Ray on a well-deserved retirement and thank you for your many years of service and commitment to the Merced community.





TACO TUESDAY

With MPD

JACK IN THE BOX

77 S Parsons Ave

SEPTEMBER 24, 11:30-1PM

Jack In the Box logo and Merced Police Department logo are included. The background features flames and a photo of tacos.

Taco Tuesday with Merced PD

Join the Merced Police Department for Taco Tuesday at Jack in the Box, located at 77 S Parsons Ave, on September 24th from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Grab some tacos and take the opportunity to meet and connect with MPD officers and staff.



CITY OF MERCED
PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES PRESENTS

1ST ANNUAL NIGHTMARE ON MAIN STREET PARADE

Parade begins @ 5 pm
(East side of Main st.)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

PRE FESTIVITIES:
GAMES | CRAFTS | PUMPKIN ACTIVITIES
COSTUME CONTEST
KID ZONE AT BOB HART SQUARE

\$50 non refundable entry fee

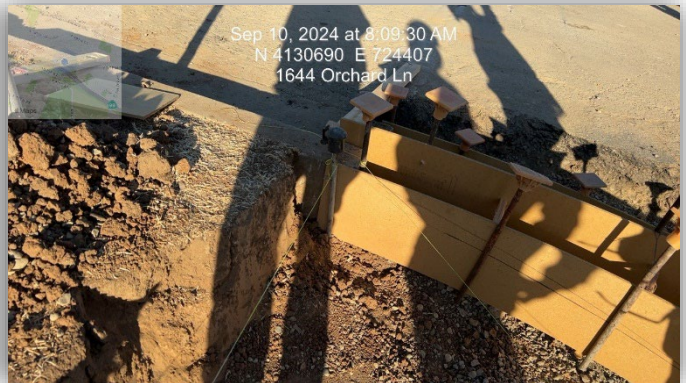
Parade Registration
Deadline October 4th

Logos for Merced City, Ingram's Music, Sottrichall Music Center, Merced Police, and Merced Parks & Community Services are shown at the bottom.

632 W. 18TH ST. MERCED | MON - FRI | 9 AM-12 PM & 1-5 PM | (209) 385-6335

Engineering at Work

Orchard Lane Sewer Main Replacement- Crews installed handicap ramps on Orchard Lane and Main St.



The sidewalk replacement project on R Street from Childs Ave to 13th Street saw crews complete the repair of the west side. They then began working their way up the east side, starting at Childs Ave and finishing at 13th Street.



Progress on the CMAQ Nottingham Sidewalk Project

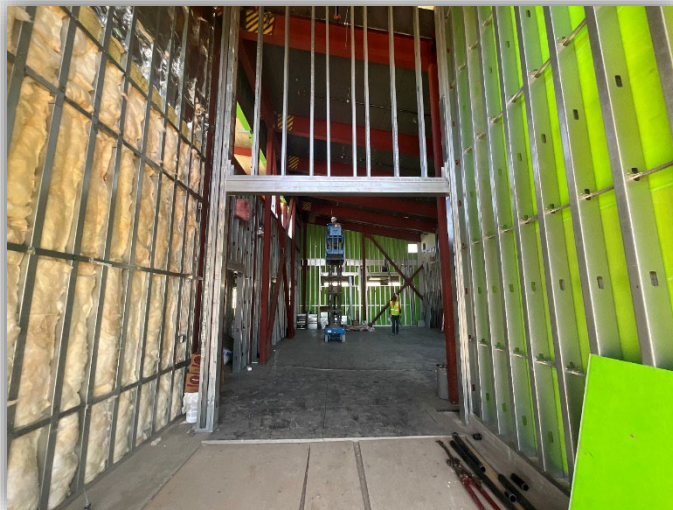


At the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the newly coated 10-foot diameter manhole was constructed to measure the flow entering the facility.



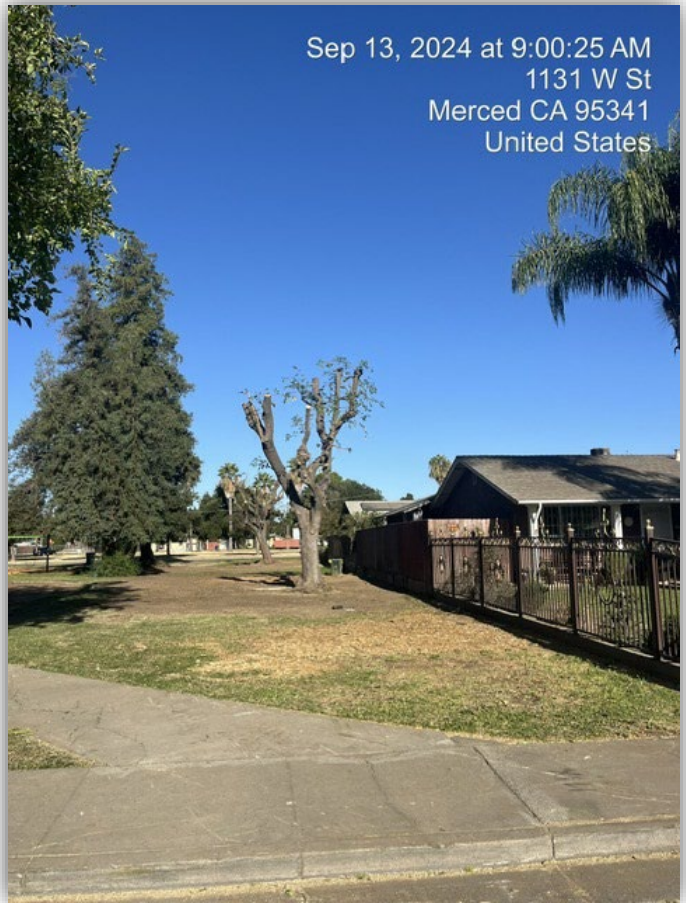
Merced Yosemite Airport Terminal

George Reed is currently fine grading the parking lot, while work continues inside the terminal.



Public Works in Action

The Tree Division removed three trees and trimmed the remaining trees at Dennis Chavez Park.



Inspection Services Bi-weekly Report for August 19th, 2024, through September 1st, 2024

Single Family Dwelling (SFD) permits:

- SFD Permits Issued: **0**
- SFD Permits in Plan Review: **99**
- SFD Certificates of Occupancy: **14**

Multi-Family Dwelling (MFD) permits in review:

- Affordable housing located at 3015 Park Ave.: 57,812 SF 3 story new construction, including a 2,744 SF community building. The project will provide 65 1 bedroom, 1-bathroom units and a single 2-bedroom, 1 bathroom unit.
- Two 1,336 SF duplexes located at 103 and 107 R St.
- A 4,624 SF 4-plex located at 1125 H St.
- Emerald Village: 228 units in 18 buildings totaling 142,416 SF of living space, plus a 1,736 SF clubhouse located at 3622 N Hwy 59.
- A 2,680 SF 2 story 4-plex and a 4,020 SF 2 story 6-unit apartment both located at 40 & 30 W 13th St.
(No change since last report)

MFD permits issued:

- There were 0 multi-family dwelling permits issued during this period.
(No change since last report)

Commercial & Industrial permits issued:

- There was 1 new construction commercial permit issued during this period; for a 9,600 SF metal industrial building located at 865 Beechcraft Ave.
- There were 2 new tenant improvement permits issued during this period; one for a 2,174 SF urgent care located at 3080 M St., and one for a 4,014SF office located at 616 W. Main St.

Commercial & Industrial permits submitted:

- There were 0 new construction commercial permits submitted during this period.
- There were 4 new tenant improvement permits submitted during this period; one for a 1,750 SF coffee shop “Hola Cafecito” located at 429 W Main St., one for a 1,369 SF pharmacy area at Rite Aid located at 3142 G St. Ste L., one for renovations at the zoo located at 1045 W 25th St., and one for an office renovation located at 602 W 20th St.

Commercial & Industrial Certificates of Occupancy (CofOs)

- There was 1 commercial, industrial, and multi-family apartment CofOs issued for this period; for an interior accessible restroom located at 2775 N Hwy 59.



CITY OF MERCED

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

Meeting Agenda

Planning Commission

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

6:00 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. Assisted hearing devices are available for meetings held in the Council Chamber.

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 3 minutes each, unless the number of speakers is over 10, which in that case, comments shall be limited to 2 minutes each. For all other issues, for 3 or less speakers, 3 minutes each and for over 10 speakers, 2 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 planningweb@cityofmerced.org no later than 1 PM on the day of the meeting. 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.

A. CALL TO ORDER

A.1. Moment of Silence

A.2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

B. ROLL CALL

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

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 3 minutes. The Chairperson may, at their discretion, reduce the time to 2 minutes if there are more than 10 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 [24-917](#) **SUBJECT:** Planning Commission Minutes of August 21, 2024

ACTION:

Approving and filing the Planning Commission Minutes of August 21, 2024

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 **24-783** **SUBJECT:** Conditional Use Permit #1277, initiated by AT&T Mobility, on behalf of The Church of the Nazarene of Merced, California, property owner. This application involves a request to construct a 55-foot-tall wireless communication tower in the form of a stealth mono-pine tree at 1717 E. Olive Avenue, generally located at the northeast corner of E. Olive Avenue and Parsons Avenue, with a General Plan designation of Low Density Residential (LD), and a Zoning classification of (R-1-6) *PUBLIC HEARING*

- ACTION:** Approve/Disapprove/Modify
- 1) Environmental Review #24-10 (*Categorical Exemption*)
 - 2) Conditional Use Permit #1277

SUMMARY

AT&T Mobility is requesting approval to construct a 55-foot-tall wireless communication tower in the form of a stealth mono-pine tree at 1717 E. Olive Avenue (Attachment D) within a Low Density Residential (R-1-6) Zone. The project is located at the northeast corner of E. Olive Avenue and Parsons Avenue within a developed lot occupied by the Bear Creek Community Church of the Nazarene. Per Merced Municipal Code Land Use Table 20.58-2 - Review Procedures for Support Towers for Wireless Communication Facilities, a site plan review is required for stealth facilities within an R-1 Zone that are over 140% of the maximum height allowed within this zone. However, as described in the background section of this report, because the Site Plan Review Committee is referring this request to the Planning Commission, the land use permit required is now a conditional use permit. On July 3, 2024, the Planning Commission considered this matter and voted to continue the public hearing to August 7, 2024. On August 7, 2024, the Planning Commission considered this matter and continued the public hearing to the Planning Commission meeting of September 18, 2024. Staff is recommending approval of this application subject to the conditions contained in the Staff Report. Staff is recommending approval of this application subject to the conditions contained in the Staff Report.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve Environmental Review #24-10 (*Categorical Exemption*), and Conditional Use Permit #1277, including the adoption of the Draft Resolution at Attachment A, subject to the conditions in Exhibit A and the findings/considerations in Exhibit B.

E.2 [24-838](#)

SUBJECT: Conditional Use Permit #1280, initiated by Aulakh Properties II, LLC, property owner. This application involves a request to operate a food truck parking area for multiple food trucks on a vacant lot (approximately 1.70-acres). The subject site is generally located on the east side of Highway 59, approximately 250 feet north of Olive Avenue. The subject site has a General Plan designation of Business Park (BP) and a zoning classification of Planned Development, (P-D) #12. **PUBLIC HEARING**

- ACTION:** Approve/Disapprove/Modify
- 1) Environmental Review #24-23 (*Categorical Exemption*)
 - 2) Conditional Use Permit #1280

SUMMARY

Aulakh Properties II, LLC, is requesting conditional use permit approval to establish a food truck parking area to allow multiple food truck vendors and outdoor seating. The subject site is an undeveloped 1.70-acre parcel located on the east side of Highway 59, 250 feet north of Olive Avenue (north of the 7-Eleven at 1995 W Olive Avenue. Food truck parking lots are considered a conditional use within a Business Park (BP) Zone. The Planning Commission will be reviewing this proposal to ensure that the site plan is designed in a manner that minimizes negative impacts to the existing site and promotes compatible and orderly development with the surrounding uses. Staff is recommending approval with conditions.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff has reviewed this request and recommends that the Planning Commission approve Environmental Review #24-23 (Categorical Exemption) and Conditional Use Permit #1280, including the adoption of the Draft Resolution at Attachment A subject to the conditions in Exhibit A and the findings/considerations in Exhibit B.

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

F.1 [24-918](#) **SUBJECT:** Report by Temporary Director of Development Services of Upcoming Agenda Items

ACTION

Information only.

F.2 [24-919](#) **SUBJECT:** Calendar of Meetings/Events

- Sept. 16 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 18 Planning Commission, 6:00 p.m.
- Oct. 7 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 9 Planning Commission, 6:00 p.m.
- 21 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 22 Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, 4:00 p.m.
- 23 Planning Commission, 6:00 p.m.
- Nov. 4 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 6 Planning Commission, 6:00 p.m.

18 City Council, 6:00 p.m.

20 Planning Commission, 6:00 p.m. **(To be Cancelled)**

G. ADJOURNMENT