

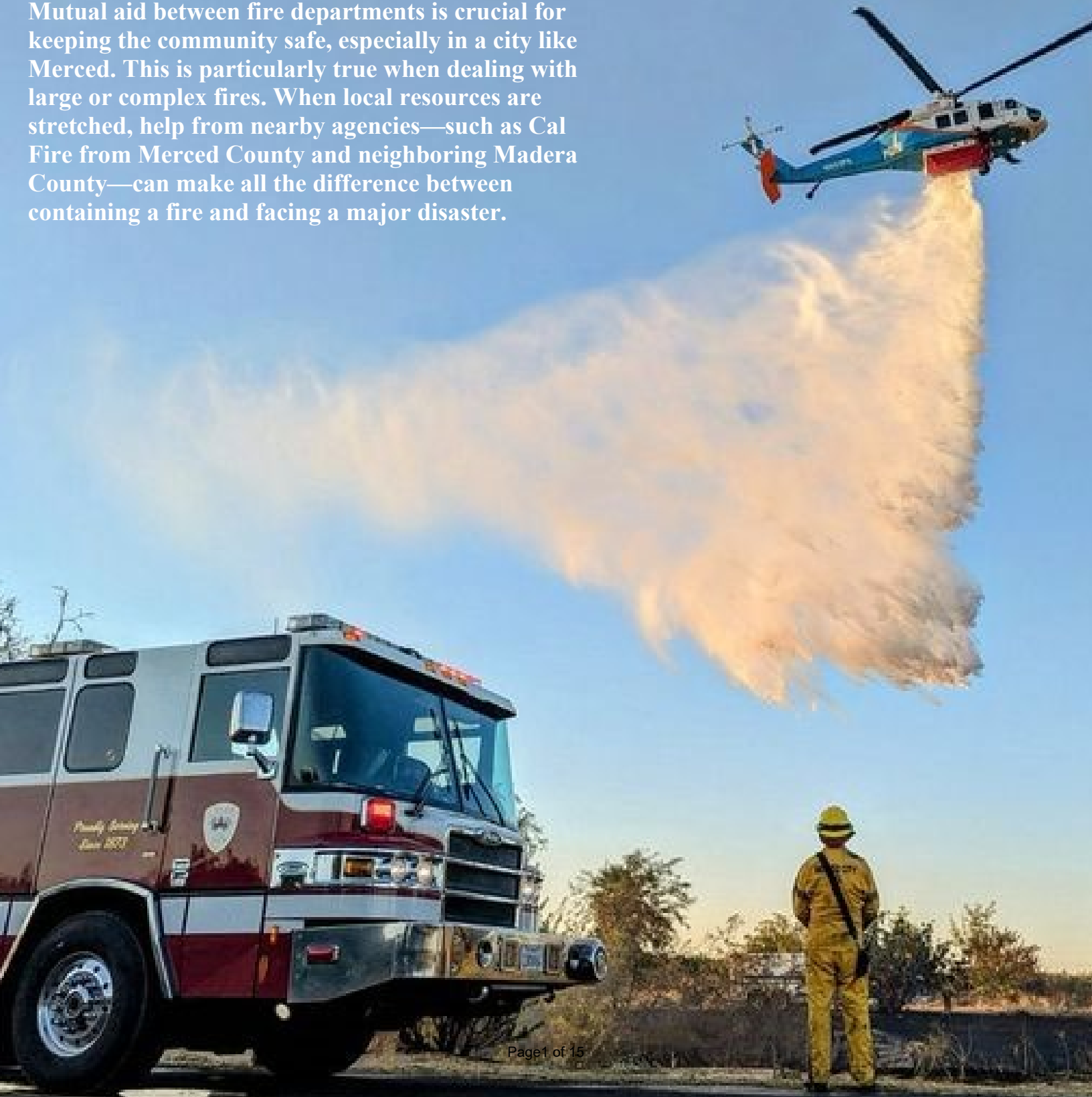


# COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

October 4, 2024

## The Role of Mutual Aid in Fire Response

Mutual aid between fire departments is crucial for keeping the community safe, especially in a city like Merced. This is particularly true when dealing with large or complex fires. When local resources are stretched, help from nearby agencies—such as Cal Fire from Merced County and neighboring Madera County—can make all the difference between containing a fire and facing a major disaster.



Mutual Aid Continued,

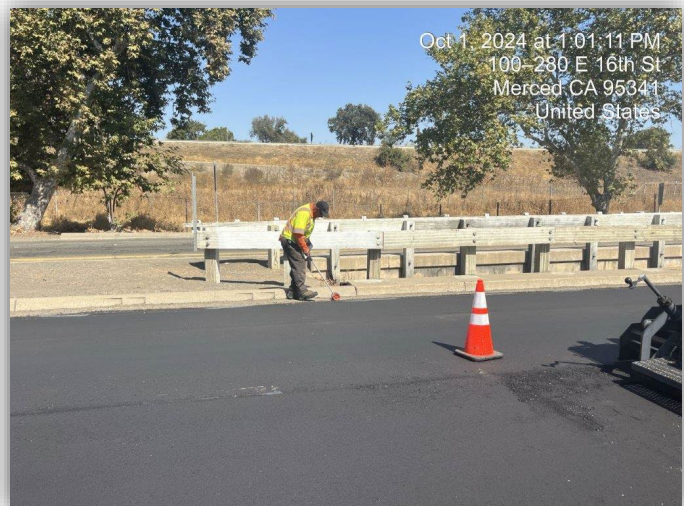
Recent incidents in Merced highlight the importance of this collaboration. For example, during the commercial fire at the Minerva’s building, the City of Merced requested assistance from Merced County Fire, which sent four engines, and from the City of Madera, which provided a ladder truck. This teamwork played a key role in protecting nearby businesses. Just a week later, when a residential fire broke out affecting two duplexes on Lansing Drive, Merced County Fire stepped in to cover the city while our crews worked to contain the blaze. Shortly after that, Merced County Fire called on us for help with a vegetation fire near East South Bear Creek Drive and Piedmont Drive. Our response, in coordination with county firefighters, helped keep the fire to just 2 acres, preventing further damage to nearby structures. These examples showcase how our partnerships strengthen our ability to protect the community.

Mutual aid ensures that resources like air support, additional crews, and specialized equipment can be quickly deployed when fires escalate, minimizing potential damage to homes, businesses, and natural areas. This cooperative approach not only makes firefighting more efficient but also builds stronger regional relationships that benefit everyone.



### Public Works in Action Asphalt Overlay Completed on East 16th Street.

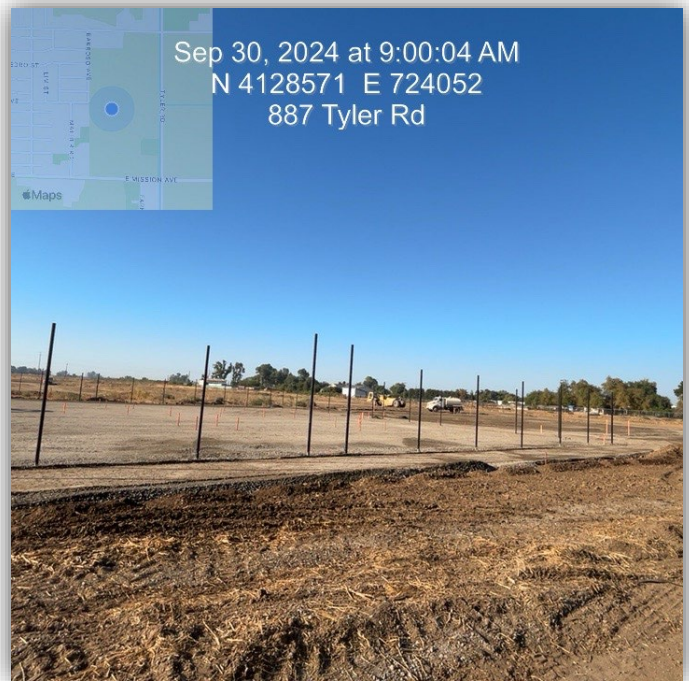
Public Works Street Crews completed an asphalt overlay on East 16th Street, from D Street to the southbound Highway 99 entrance. Crews installed over 104 tons of asphalt to finish the project.



## Engineering At Work

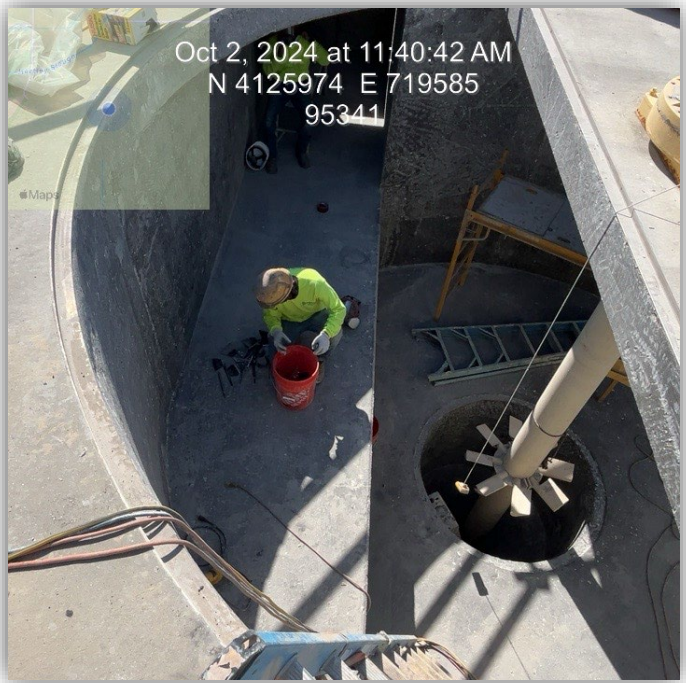
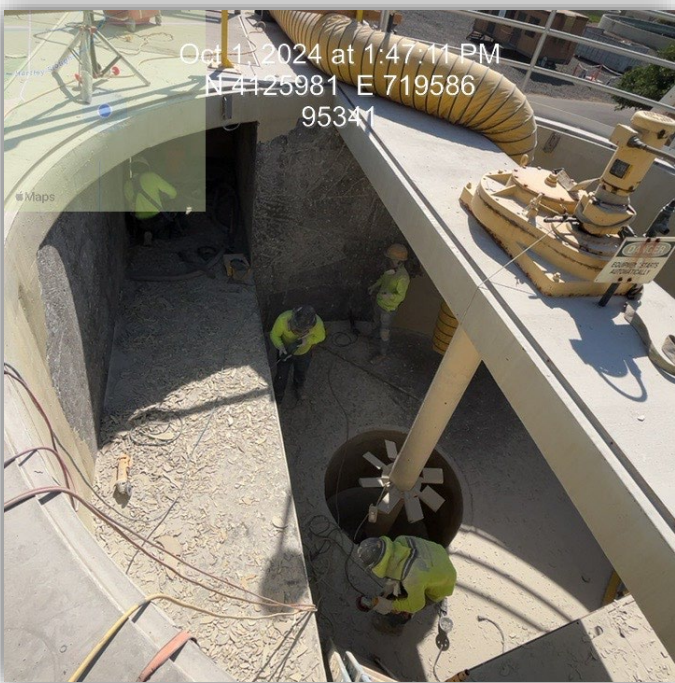
### Community Park 42

At Community Park 42, crews poured sidewalks and installed fences around the pickleball courts. They also continued work on the irrigation system.



### Engineering At Work

At the Wastewater Treatment Plant, crews removed coatings from the west grit chamber and coated the wet well. They also installed a new screen and panel.



### Merced Yosemite Regional Airport Construction Update

Crews exposed the water line and prepared for the hot tap, which was scheduled for later in the week.



### Olive Ave, Parsons Ave, and Alexander Ave Sidewalks (CMAQ) Progress



**This week, Streets Crews filled cracks in the asphalt along Childs Ave.**



## Inspection Services Bi-weekly Report for September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, through September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### Single Family Dwelling (SFD) permits:

- SFD Permits Issued: 1
- SFD Permits in Plan Review: **98**
- 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 were 0 new construction commercial permits issued during this period.
- There were 3 new tenant improvement permits issued during this period; one for a commercial kitchen remodel at the zoo located at 1045 W 25<sup>th</sup> St., one for industrial equipment located at 2775 N Hwy 59, and one for a 2,280 SF gym located at 659 Fairfield Dr.

### Commercial & Industrial permits submitted:

- There were 7 new construction commercial permits submitted during this period; all 7 for various buildings, totaling 59,040 SF, at a mini storage located at 3170 E Gerard Ave.
- There were 0 new tenant improvement permits submitted during this period.

### Commercial & Industrial Certificates of Occupancy (CofOs)

- There were 2 commercial, industrial, and multi-family apartment CofOs issued for this period; one for an ice cream shop located at 540 W Olive Ave, and one for a tutoring center located at 550 W Olive Ave.





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

MERCED | Ingram's | Fottschalk MUSIC CENTER | MERCED PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES Parks Make Life Better | KID ZONE SPONSORED BY FIRST 5 MERCED COUNTY

632 W. 16TH ST. MERCED | MON - FRI | 9 AM-12 PM & 1-5 PM | (209) 385-6395



# 4TH ANNUAL COPS FOR CRITTERS

CHIEF'S AWARD | BEST DECORATED AWARD | PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

TRICK OR TREAT

## CAR SHOW

TIME: 10AM-2PM | REGISTRATION FEE: \$30 PAY AT ENTRANCE | LOCATION: 611 W 22ND MERCED CA 95340

### OCTOBER 26TH 2024

DRESS UP AND COME HAVE FUN WITH YOUR FAMILY!

For more information call or email:  
Rosa Alcaraz (209) 385-6297 & alcarazr@cityofmerced.org



October  
2024  
GET  
YOUR  
PINK  
PATCH  
TODAY!  
\$10  
611 W 22ND ST





# PANCAKE BREAKFAST

*October 6th, 2024*

*7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.*

**STATION 55 - 3520 N. PARSONS AVE.**

**Event Includes:** *Bounce House  
Medical Helicopter Landing  
Pancake Eating Contest*

**Event Prices:** *Adults \$10  
6yo-10yo \$5  
5yo and under Free.*

*Proceeds benefit youth sports and other local charities*





# CITY OF MERCED

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

## Meeting Agenda

### Planning Commission

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Wednesday, October 9, 2024

6:00 PM

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

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#### 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](http://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](mailto: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 [24-875](#)

**SUBJECT:** Vacation #24-02, to abandon an undeveloped  
10-foot-wide storm drain easement at 1965 West Olive Avenue

**ACTION:**

Finding

- 1) The proposed vacation is consistent with the General Plan.

**SUMMARY**

Merced Security Storage, LLC is requesting a vacation of a 10-foot-wide storm drain easement at the eastern portion of 1965 West Olive Avenue (Attachment 1). This public utility easement was originally included in the plans for this development, but it was never completed. City Engineering and Planning have agreed that the proposed easement is no longer needed and can be returned to the property owner. The General Plan does not address the abandonment or vacation of easements; and thus, this action does not conflict with any General Plan policies, text, or maps, so it can be considered "consistent." The area to be vacated is 10 feet wide and runs from the southern property line to the northern property line for approximately 13,850 square feet. (Attachment 3)

**RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt a motion by minute action adopting a Finding that the proposed Vacation #24-02 is consistent with the General Plan.

**D.2** [24-1029](#)

**SUBJECT:** Planning Commission Minutes of September 18, 2024

**ACTION:**

Approving and filing the Planning Commission Minutes of September 18, 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** [24-921](#)

**SUBJECT:** Conditional Use Permit #1281, initiated by Moe Jawad, property owner. The application involves a request to establish a mobile food vendor plaza for up to ten mobile food vendors with on-site seating for customers. The project consists of three parcels that total 0.68 acres or 30,000 square feet. The subject site is generally located on the northeast corner of West 16th Street and Martin Luther King Jr Way. The site has a General Plan designation of Regional/Central Commercial (CC) and is zoned Central Commercial (C-C). \*\*PUBLIC HEARING\*\*

**ACTION:**

- 1) Approve/Disapprove/Modify
- 2) Environmental Review #24-24 (*Categorical Exemption*)
- 3) Conditional Use Permit #1281

**SUMMARY**

Moe Jawad is requesting conditional use permit approval to establish a food truck parking area to allow up to ten food truck vendors and outdoor seating located at the northeast corner of West 16th and Martin Luther King Jr Way (231 and 245 W 16th Street and 1616 Martin Luther King Jr. Way). Mobile food vendor parking areas are considered a conditional use within a Central Commercial (C-C) Zone. The proposed parking area spans across multiple lots. The Planning Commission will be reviewing this proposal to ensure that the provided site plan is designed in a manner that minimizes negative impacts to the existing site and promotes compatible and orderly development. Staff is recommending approval with conditions.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve Environmental Review #24-24 (*Categorical Exemption*) and Conditional Use Permit #1281 (including the adoption of the Draft Resolution at Attachment A) subject to the conditions in Exhibit A and the findings/considerations in Exhibit B of the Draft Resolution.

**F. INFORMATION ITEMS**

F.1 [24-1030](#) **SUBJECT: Report by Temporary Director of Development Services of Upcoming Agenda Items**

**ACTION**

Information only.

F.2 [24-1031](#) **SUBJECT: Calendar of Meetings/Events**

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. <b>(To be Cancelled)</b>
	18	City Council, 6:00 p.m.
	20	Planning Commission, 6:00 p.m. <b>(To be Cancelled)</b>

**G. ADJOURNMENT**