MERCED CITY COUNCIL/PUBLIC FINANCING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY/PARKING AUTHORITY
M I N U T E S

CITY HALL — MONDAY
MERCED, CALIFORNIA — April 30, 2012

The City Council of the City of Merced, California held a special meeting on Monday, April 30, 2012, in the Social Hall at Sacred Heart Church, 562 West 13th Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Council Member PEDROZO.

(B) ROLL CALL

Present:	Mayor:	Stanley Thurston
	Mayor Pro Tempore:	Noah Lor
	Council Members:	Bill Blake *(arrived at 6:37 p.m.)*
		Tony Dossetti
		Mike Murphy
		Joshua Pedrozo
		Mary-Michal Rawling
	City Manager:	John M. Bramble
	City Attorney:	Gregory Diaz
Absent:	Council Members:	None

(C) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

(C-1) South Highway 59 Corridor Plan Study *(Presented by the City of Merced Planning Department.)*

Associate Planner JULIE STERLING provided details about the plan study being performed on the South Highway 59 Corridor.

(D) BUSINESS

(D-1) Distribution of the City Manager's Proposed Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Budget

City Council Members received physical copies of the proposed budget.

(D-2) Merced Organizing Project (MOP) Discussion Items

Members of MOP presented the City Council with various social, economic, and environmental concerns in South Merced. Handouts were distributed regarding Lifeline for Healing, Decrease in Shootings/Homicides, and Boston's Operation Ceasefire. MOP requested the City Council to participate in Lifeline for Healing (Boston's Operation Ceasefire), to hold economic development meetings with MOP Committee, and to keep South Merced services intact, specifically keeping McNamara Pool open for the summer.

(E) ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Letter to the City Council: RICHARD HARPER, Merced – stated he wrote a letter to the City Council describing water problems in the Franklin/Beachwood area and other Central/South Merced issues. He further expressed the need for the Save Mart on Main Street to remain opened.

In Support of Retaining Hmong Community Aide Services:
SHEE YEE THAO, Merced
TERRY XIONG, Merced

In Opposition to Parks and Community Services Budget Cuts:
DAMIAN LEON, Merced
ANTOINE HUBBARD, Sr., Merced
CARL STARKS, Merced

In Support of McNamara Pool/Swimming Program:
JOE JAMES, Jr. – Merced
Building Healthy Communities (BHC) Merced Hub Office Manager
TATIANA VIZCAINO-STEWART, Merced

(F) ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE LOR, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEDROZO, DULY CARRIED, RESOLVED, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:01 P.M. TO MONDAY, MAY 7, 2012, AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CIVIC CENTER, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2ND FLOOR, 678 WEST 18TH STREET, MERCED, CALIFORNIA TO CONDUCT A RATE STUDY SESSION ON WATER SERVICE AND WATER

CONNECTION CHARGES, FOLLOWED BY THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.

BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: BLAKE, DOSSETTI, MURPHY, RAWLING, LOR, PEDROZO, THURSTON
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: NONE
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: NONE
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: NONE

BY:

JOHN BRAMBLE
CITY CLERK

APPROVED:

STANLEY THURSTON,
MAYOR