

**CITY OF MERCED
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MERCED CIVIC CENTER
678 WEST 18TH STREET
MERCED, CA**

**MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 27, 2010**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tony Dossetti called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Tony Dossetti, Carl Pollard, Marlene Murphy, Virginia Morford, Peter Padilla, and Bob Kane

Excused: Eric Nelson

M/S/C-Kane/Pollard motioned to excuse Commissioner Nelson from the meeting

Staff Present: Frank Quintero, Eugene Drummond, Joey Chavez, Lindsey Johnson-West, and Michelle Reid

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

D. CONSENT ITEMS

1. Minutes of August 23, 2010

M/S/C-Morford/Padilla motioned to accept the minutes of the August 23, 2010 meeting.

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. Fiscal Report-Chief Financial Officer Brad Grant

Chief Financial Officer Brad Grant updated the commission on the City's financial condition. The City is currently facing a \$4 to \$5 million budget gap. The City is conducting an Organizational Sustainability study to find ways to cut costs to ease the drain on the General Fund.

2. General Plan Update-Kim Espinosa, Planning Manager

Planning Manager, Kim Espinosa gave the commission a basic overview of the general plan. The plan is the City's blueprint for future growth. There a number

of elements in the City's plan, including land use, transportation, open space, and housing. Some of the areas the plan addresses are urban expansion, land use, economic and business development, transportation and circulation, and open space for recreation. The new plan would have industrial and business parks and sustainable and green development. After the public hearings are held, staff will ask Council to approve the new General Plan in April 2011.

3. Pool Program Summary for Summer 2010-Joey Chavez, Recreation Coordinator

Recreation Coordinator, Joey Chavez updated the commission on the cost of the Recreation Swim program for the summer 2010. McNamara pool (Memorial Plunge) was open June 11-August 8 (Fridays through Sundays), from 1-4 p.m. The pool was added into the 2010/11 budget at a cost of \$6,250. There were 24 swim days, with an average of 33 swimmers per day. Stephen Leonard pool was open June 15-August 5 (Tuesdays through Thursdays), from 1-4 p.m. It was open 24 days, with an average of 21 swimmers per day. The fee for recreation swim is \$1 per day per person.

In order to have a recreation swim program for the summer of 2011, the staff cost for both pools will be \$13,500. The cost for chemicals will be an additional \$10,000.

F. REPORTS

1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Flanagan Park- Goes to bid on September 28, 2010. The City Engineer required a storm detention basin and additional infrastructure improvements, causing the costs to increase by \$100,000. Staff is working with the Redevelopment Agency to obtain funds for the playground equipment.

Fahren's Creek Bike Path Enhancement-Joey Chavez was asked to give an update on the project. The project has \$30,000 available to purchase 10 benches, a kiosk, a drinking fountain, and 2 bike racks. The enhancement should be complete in six months.

G. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C – Padilla/Murphy motioned to adjourn the Recreation and Parks Commission meeting at 6:50 pm and to meet again on Monday, October 25, 2010 at 5:30 pm at the Civic Center, 678 W 18th Street, in the Council Chambers.

Tony Dossetti, Chairman
Recreation and Parks Commission