



COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

December 13, 2024

Strong Leadership, Strong Communities

A thriving city starts with dedicated leadership, collaboration, and a vision for the future. This week, we celebrated all of this at the Merced City Council meeting.

We honored outgoing District One Council Member Jesse Ornelas and District Three Council Member and Mayor Pro Tempore Bertha Perez for their years of dedicated service to our community. Their contributions have left a lasting impact on Merced.

We also welcomed and swore in our newly elected and returning City Council Members: Darin DuPont, District One, Mike Harris, District Three, and Sarah Boyle, District Five and Mayor Pro Tempore.

Additionally, Mayor Mathew Serratto was sworn in for his second term, continuing his leadership and commitment to Merced's progress.

City governments play a critical role in shaping our communities, ensuring residents' voices are heard, and driving progress. Tonight's event was a reminder of the importance of strong leadership and the power of teamwork in building a brighter future for Merced.



District Six Council Member Fue Xiong was unable to attend the meeting due to an excused absence, we look forward to his ongoing contributions to the council.



Recognizing Dedication and Hard Work

This week, Merced Police Chief Steven Stanfield proudly recognized the dedication and hard work of those stepping into new roles within our police department. The swearing-in of new officers and the promotion of key personnel mark an important moment for our community.

Well done to Officers Anthony Rojas, Rodrigo Garcia, Logan Gavin, and Tuff Carpenter, along with Crime Analyst Alfredo Arroyo, Dispatchers Yesenia Torres-Garcia and Caitlyn Garcia, and Administrative Assistant Steven Kyhn. These individuals are committed to ensuring safety, fostering trust, and strengthening the partnerships that make a difference every day. Their contributions are vital to the continued success of our department, and we look forward to the positive impact they will have on the city and its residents.



2024 EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

December 12, 2024

This week, we had the privilege of celebrating City of Merced employees for their commitment and dedication to serving our community. We recognized many individuals for their years of service and invaluable contributions over the years, and we were proud to honor Justin Failing as our Employee of the Year. We also acknowledged those employees who were unable to attend and thanked them for continuing to support our community in their roles while we celebrated them. The vital work we do often goes unrecognized, but this week, we celebrate and thank you for your service in your respective roles. Your efforts make a lasting impact on our community.

40 years
Mark Bueno

30 years
Antonio Aponte

25 years
Jamie Bertram
Daniel Dabney
Chad Englert
Sean Greene
Charles Slagter
David Soto

10 years
Michelle Alcantara
Gerardo Badillo
Johnnie Baptista
Trevor Degn
AJ Destasio
Douglas Foster
Francisco Mendoza Gonzalez



20 years
Jose A. Barajas
Jeffrey Bennyhoff
Joe Cardoso
Susan Carmo
Marvin Dillsaver Jr.
Armando Garibay
Brian Ipock
Jonathan Machado
David Mariano
Tonya Mora
Victor Moreno
William Osmer
Richard Ramirez
Peter Villarreal
Gregory Ybarra

5 years

Sarah Abanathie
Kayla Abarca
Matthew Calcagno
Tucker Carrillo Zazueta
Amanda Contreras
Kodie Dean
Kelley Figley
Glenn Ingram
Aaron Lusher
Christian Macias
Amarpreet Maholi

Sophal Prum
Uriel Pulido
Jerry Red
Daniel Robles
Emmanuel Saldana Mercado
Justin Saldivar
Jennifer Shaw McAllister
Riley Shepherd
Brandon Vazquez
Cesar Viveros
Michelle Zamudio



Celebrating 40 Years of Service
– Mark Bueno (with City Manager Scott McBride)



Celebrating Employee of the Year Nominees



Celebrating Employee of the Year – Justin Failing (with City Manager Scott McBride)



Celebrating 25 Years of Service



Celebrating 20 Years of Service



Celebrating 10 Years of Service



Celebrating 5 Years of Service

November Police Department Statistics

As part of PD’s ongoing commitment to safety and transparency, listed below are the latest public safety statistics for November 2024

These numbers reflect the dedication of our officers and staff to maintaining safety and addressing the needs of our community. Transparency is vital to fostering trust, and we deeply appreciate the community’s partnership in keeping Merced safe.



MONTHLY REPORT
NOVEMBER 2024

Calls into Dispatch for Police Service:	5,179
Number of arrests:	257
Number of vehicle accidents:	170
Traffic citations issued:	297
Firearms recovered:	19

Community Park 42: Shade Structure Foundation Poured



Childs Multi-Use Path: Channel Excavation, Culvert Installation & Retaining Wall



Wastewater Treatment Plant: Final Wet Well Coating Completed, Quality Control Tests Underway



Airport Replacement Terminal Progress

Recently, Big B construction poured the concrete walkway at the entrance of the new terminal, while George Reed construction removed the final asphalt section from the old terminal's parking lot and cement-treated the sub-base to prepare for new asphalt pavement.



Inspection Services Bi-weekly Report for November 25th, 2024, through December 8th, 2024

Single Family Dwelling (SFD) permits:

- SFD Permits Issued: **4**
- SFD Permits in Plan Review: **131**
- SFD Certificates of Occupancy: **9**

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.
- Bella Vista Apartments: 108 units in 5 buildings totaling 135,100 SF of living space, plus a 8,000 SF clubhouse located in the 1800 block of Parsons Ave.
(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 3,800 SF convenience store shell located at 1480 W 16th St.
- There was 1 new tenant improvement permit issued during this period; for the 3,800 SF interior tenant improvements for the convenience store shell listed above, located at 1480 W 16th St.

Commercial & Industrial permits submitted:

- There was 1 new construction commercial permit submitted during this period; for a 3,000 SF addition and flood wall at 2779 N Hwy 59.
- There were 3 new tenant improvement permits submitted during this period; one for interior renovations at the site listed above- 2779 N Hwy 59, one for interior improvements located at 79 W Alexander Ave., and one for interior, exterior, and parking lot lighting upgrades located at 3876 E Childs Ave.

Commercial & Industrial Certificates of Occupancy (CofOs)

- There were 3 commercial, industrial, and multi-family apartment CofOs issued for this period; one for a 1,000 SF tenant improvement for El Portal Cancer Center located at 3303 M St., one for a 2,174 SF urgent care located at 3080 M St., and one for an office split at 3185 M St.