



Item:	B-1
Minutes for:	01/15/2025
Adopted:	02/05/2025

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Madera City Council and
Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Madera City Council as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency
and Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Madera City Council as the Successor Agency to the Former
Madera Redevelopment Agency**

**January 15, 2025
6:00 p.m.**

**Council Chambers
City Hall**

The Madera City Council meetings are open to the public. The meeting was available for public viewing and participation through Zoom. Members of the public were able to observe the live-streamed meeting on the City's website and were able to comment on agenda items at the meeting, remotely through an electronic meeting via phone, via email and by regular mail.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Cece Gallegos
Mayor Pro Tem Jose Rodriguez, District 2
Vacant, District 1
Councilmember Steve Montes, District 3
Councilmember Anita Evans, District 4
Councilmember Elsa Mejia, District 5
Councilmember Artemio Villegas, District 6

Others present were City Manager Arnoldo Rodriguez, City Clerk Alicia Gonzales, City Attorney Shannon L. Chaffin, City Engineer Keith Helmuth, Community Development Director Will Tackett, Director of Financial Services Michael Lima, Fire Battalion Chief Andrew Overbay, Director of Human Resources Wendy Silva, Director of Information Technology Gary Price, Director of Parks and Community Services Joseph Hebert, Chief of Police Giachino Chiamonte, Project Manager (Parks Dept.) Fernando Castillo Duran, Administrative Analyst (Engineering) Nicole Say, Senior Planner Rudy Luquin, Assistant Planner Adileni Rueda and Communication Specialist Joseph Carrello.

INVOCATION: Fr. John Shearer, St. Joachim Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

ON MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM RODRIGUEZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER EVANS, THE AGENDA REVISED TO MOVE ITEM D-4 TO THE TOP OF SECTION D AND CONTINUE ITEM B-10 TO THE FEBRUARY 5TH MEETING WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. VACANT: DISTRICT 1.

PRESENTATIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The first 15 minutes of the meeting are reserved for members of the public to address the Council on items which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council. Speakers shall be limited to three minutes.

The Council is prohibited by law from taking any action on matters discussed that are not on the agenda, and no adverse conclusions should be drawn if the Council does not respond to public comment at this time.

DJ Becker of MaderaNews.com advised that the public is concerned that Council may end up spending \$40,000 on a Special Election for the District 1 Councilmember instead of agreeing on a candidate.

Maurice Johnson, a resident of Madera, advised that he attended another Airport Advisory Committee meeting and they didn't have a quorum that would enable the committee to conduct business. The committee has consistently not had quorum and he would like Council to appoint members who would be able to attend. He has submitted an application to serve on this committee. He suggested that Council open the applications to people outside of Madera.

Rafael Teran said that there was an incident on January 11th at a dispensary where he was automatically judged. He stated that they are not ready to have a dispensary.

Tim Riché said he was honored to be nominated to be the District 1 Councilmember. He met with the other nominee, Rohi Zacharia and he has decided to endorse Mr. Zacharia. He believes that it would be a waste of money to have a Special Election to fill this vacancy.

Monica Bravo a community leader and asked that Council protect the rights of the immigrants in their community.

City Clerk Alicia Gonzales stated that a few public comments were received throughout the day and were emailed to Council and copies are on the podium if anyone wants a copy.

By phone, a resident nominated himself for the position of Councilmember for District 1. He suggested a secret ballot and not having a Special Election. He stated he has previously been on other City committees.

No further Public Comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.

Mayor Gallegos asked for and received a consensus to hear Item D-4 after this Public Comment and before Section A.

Item D-4 was discussed.

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A-1 Consideration of applications for a General Plan Amendment (GPA 2024-01) and Prezone (REZ 2024-02) pertaining to ±19.90 acres of land, comprised of 11 parcels, bounded by Adell and Fairview Streets on the south and west and the Madera Irrigation District Canal (Lat. 24.2) on the north and east, in the County of Madera (APN[s]: 038-060-017, 028, 032 & 033 and 038-110-016, 017, 018, 019, 020, 021 & 022)

- Recommendation:**
1. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Madera approving GPA 2024-01 and amending the General Plan to change the land use designation for ±6.93 acres of land from the Low Density Residential (2.1-7 dwelling units per acre) designation to the Medium Density Residential (7.1-15 dwelling units per acre) designation; and
 2. Waive full reading and introduce by title only an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Madera approving REZ 2024-02 and amending the official City of Madera Zoning Map to prezone ±6.93 acres of land to the PD-3000 (Planned Development, one unit for each 3,000 square feet of site area) zone district and ±12.97 acres of land to the

R-1 (Residential, one unit for each 6,000 square feet of site area) zone district to facilitate annexation to the City of Madera (ANX 2024-01) (Report by Will Tackett)

City Attorney Shannon L. Chaffin read the ordinance title.

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS, ITEM A-1 WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. ABSENT: DISTRICT 1 VACANT

RES 25-01 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA APPROVING GPA 2024-01 AND AMENDING THE GENERAL PLAN TO CHANGE THE LAND USE DESIGNATION FOR ±6.93-ACRES OF LAND FROM THE LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (2.1-7 DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE) DESIGNATION TO THE MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (7.1-15 DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE) DESIGNATION

INTRO ORD AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA APPROVING REZ 2024-02 AND AMENDING THE OFFICIAL CITY OF MADERA ZONING MAP TO PREZONE ±6.93 ACRES OF LAND TO THE PD-3000 (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT, ONE UNIT FOR EACH 3,000 SQUARE FEET OF SITE AREA) ZONE DISTRICT AND ±12.97 ACRES OF LAND TO THE R-1 (RESIDENTIAL, ONE UNIT FOR EACH 6,000 SQUARE FEET OF SITE AREA) ZONE DISTRICT TO FACILITATE ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF MADERA (ANX 2024-01)

A-2 Consideration of Ordinance Text Amendment (OTA) 2024-01, a proposed amendment to Section 6-5.40 (Operating requirements for store front/retail facilities) of Chapter 5 (Cannabis Businesses) of Title VI of the City Municipal Code (CMC) to allow for curbside delivery at licensed cannabis business store front/retail facilities

Recommendation: Staff recommends the City Council conduct a public hearing and take action as follows:

1. Waive full reading and introduce by title only an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Madera determining the project is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and amending City Municipal Code (CMC) Section 6-5.40 to allow for curbside delivery for cannabis business store front/retail operations (Report by Will Tackett)

City Attorney Shannon L. Chaffin read the ordinance title.

ON MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM RODRIGUEZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS, ITEM A-2 WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. ABSENT: DISTRICT 1 VACANT

INTRO ORD AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA DETERMINING THE PROJECT IS EXEMPT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15061(b)(3) OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) GUIDELINES AND AMENDING CITY MUNICIPAL CODE (CMC) SECTION 6-5.40 TO ALLOW FOR CURBSIDE DELIVERY FOR CANNABIS BUSINESS STORE FRONT/RETAIL OPERATIONS

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote.

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES, THE CONSENT CALENDAR WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. ABSENT: DISTRICT 1 VACANT

B-1 Minutes – December 18, 2024

Recommendation: Approve the City Council Minutes of December 18, 2024 (Report by Alicia Gonzales)

B-2 Informational Report on Register of Audited Demands

Recommendation: Review Register of Audited Demands Report for December 7, 2024 to January 3, 2025 (Report by Michael Lima)

B-3 Informational Report on Personnel Activity

Recommendation: This report is submitted for informational purposes only and there is no action requested from the City Council (Council) (Report by Wendy Silva)

B-4 Janitorial Services Agreement with CCS Facility Services – Fresno, Inc.

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving an agreement with CCS Facility Services – Fresno, Inc. to provide professional janitorial services for City facilities (Report by Arnoldo Rodriguez)

RES 25-02 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, AWARDING AN AGREEMENT FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) NO. 202324-01 TO CCS FACILITY SERVICES

B-5 Extension of Advanced Metering Infrastructure Agreement with Sensus USA Inc.

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution ratifying the previous agreement extension and providing authority to the City Manager to sign all documents necessary to effectuate extensions of the Sensus USA Inc. Advanced Metering Infrastructure Agreement (Report by Arnoldo Rodriguez)

RES 25-03 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, RATIFYING EXTENSION OF THE SENSUS USA INC. AUTOMATIC METERING INFRASTRUCTURE AGREEMENT AND GRANTING THE CITY MANAGER WITH CONTINUING AUTHORITY TO EFFECTUATE EXTENSIONS OF THE AGREEMENT

B-6 Acceptance of a Donation to the Police Department

Recommendation: Adopt a Minute Order accepting a donation of \$1,500 from various local business owners (Report by Giachino Chiaramonte)

B-7 Purchasing Agent Agreement with the County of Madera Relating to the CalFresh Healthy Living

Recommendation: 1. Adopt a Resolution Approving a Purchasing Agent Agreement with the County of Madera in the amount of \$27,000 relating to CalFresh Healthy Living Program and ending September 30, 2025; and

2. Adopt a Resolution Amending the City's Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/25 Budget approving related revenue and expenditure line items relating to the execution of the CalFresh Healthy Living Program (Report by Joseph Hebert)

RES 25-04 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A PURCHASING AGENT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MADERA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,000 RELATING TO CALFRESH HEALTHY LIVING PROGRAM

RES 25-05 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024/25 BUDGET APPROVING RELATED EXPENDITURE LINE ITEM RELATING TO CALFRESH HEALTHY LIVING PROGRAM

B-8 Acceptance and Reimbursement of Off-Site Improvements for EZ Trip Fueling Station

Recommendation:

1. Adopt a Resolution Accepting off-site improvements for the EZ Trip Fueling Station and Authorize the filing of the Notice of Acceptance for said off-site improvements; and
2. Adopt a Resolution approving a budget amendment increase of \$700,000 for the purpose of reimbursing for improvements completed in connection with the EZ Trip Fueling Station Reimbursement Agreement (Report by Keith Helmuth)

RES 25-06 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING IMPROVEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE INSTALLED IN CONNECTION WITH EZ TRIP FUELING STATION, AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE FOR SUCH IMPROVEMENTS

RES-25-07 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO ALLOW FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EZ TRIP FUELING STATION

B-9 Change Order to Piggyback Purchase Agreement for Fleet Division-Related Purchase

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Approving changing the vendor on the Sourcewell piggyback agreement for the purchase of the all-electric utility truck from PB Loader to TerriCorp, Inc. dba Kingsburg Truck Center (Report by Michael Lima)

RES 25-08 RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGING THE SOURCEWELL PIGGYBACK AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE ALL-ELECTRIC UTILITY TRUCK FROM PB LOADER TO TERRICORP, INC. DBA KINGSBURG TRUCK CENTER

B-10 Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance Text Amendment (OTA) 2024-02, for the Amendment of Chapter 3 of Title X: Planning and Zoning of the City Municipal Code

Recommendation: The Planning Commission and staff recommend the City Council conduct a public hearing and take action as follows:

1. Waive full reading and adopt an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Madera determining the project is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Guidelines and amending Chapter 3 of Title X: Planning and Zoning of the City Municipal Code regarding housing-related definitions, procedures, and regulated uses in zone districts that allow housing (Report by Will Tackett)

This item was continued to the February 5, 2025 meeting.

B-11 Appointment to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Advisory Council

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Appointing Sipho Munyaradzi to the ADA Advisory Council (Report by Wendy Silva)

RES 25-09 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF SIPHO MUNYARADZI TO THE CITY OF MADERA AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT ADVISORY COUNCIL

B-12 Reallocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Funds from Program Years 2020 - 2023 in the Amount of \$225,936.54

Recommendation: Adopt Resolutions to:
1. Approve the reallocation of \$65,172.23 to the 2023/24 Frank Bergon Senior Center Improvement Project; and
2. Approve the reallocation of \$160,764.31 to the 2023/24 Clinton Street Sewer and Water Improvement Project; and
3. Approve the amendment of the 2023/24 CDBG Annual Action Plan to increase the allocations for the Frank Bergon Senior Center Improvement Project and the Clinton Street Sewer and Water Improvement Project (Report by Michael Lima)

RES 25-10 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO THE 2023/24 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE ALLOCATION OF UNOBLIGATED FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$225,936.54

RES 25-11 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ALLOCATION OF \$160,764.31 OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS TO THE CITY OF MADERA ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT'S 2023/24 CLINTON STREET SEWER AND WATER PROJECT

RES 25-12 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ALLOCATION OF \$65,172.23 OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS TO THE CITY OF MADERA PARKS DEPARTMENT'S 2023/24 CDBG FRANK BERGON SENIOR CENTER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

C. WORKSHOP: None

D. PETITIONS, BIDS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND AGREEMENTS:

D-1 Disposal of Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging (FMAAA) Equipment from the Millview Community Center Kitchen

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the disposal of equipment at the Millview Community Center, originally provided by the FMAAA for services under Title III C1 & C2 (Report by Joseph Hebert)

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES, ITEM D-1 WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. ABSENT: DISTRICT 1 VACANT

RES 25-13 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE DISPOSAL OF EQUIPMENT AT THE MILLVIEW COMMUNITY CENTER, PROVIDED BY THE FMAAA FOR SERVICES UNDER TITLE III C1 & C2

D-2 Adopt Resolutions Approving the ROPS and Administrative Budget for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 and Authorize the City Manager to present the ROPS to the Countywide Oversight Board for its consideration and approval (*Action on this item by the Successor Agency*)

Recommendation: Actions Related to Successor Agency Annual Budget Reporting to the Department of Finance:

1. Adopt a Resolution Adopting the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) Representing Period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, for the City of Madera as the Successor Agency of the Former Madera Redevelopment Agency of the City of Madera; and
2. Adopt a Resolution Approving the Administrative Budget for the City of Madera as the Successor Agency of the Former Madera Redevelopment Agency of the City of Madera for the Period of July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 (Report by Michael Lima)

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS, ITEM D-2 WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. ABSENT: DISTRICT 1 VACANT

SA RES 25-01 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA AS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY OF THE FORMER MADERA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF MADERA, ADOPTING THE RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE (ROPS) 25-26 PURSUANT TO SECTION 34177 OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026

SA RES 25-02 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA AS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER MADERA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF MADERA, APPROVING THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026

D-3 Joint Groundwater Sustainability Plan 2025 Plan Amendment (*Action on this item by the Groundwater Sustainability Agency*)

Recommendation: Approve Resolution Adopting the Joint Groundwater Sustainability Plan 2025 Plan Amendment and thereby also approving related Second Amendment to the Madera Subbasin Coordination Agreement, Memorandum of Understanding Establishing an Interconnected Surface Water Working Group and Madera Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Periodic Evaluation (Report by Keith Helmuth)

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS, ITEM D-3 WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. ABSENT: DISTRICT 1 VACANT

GSA RES 25-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MADERA AND THE CITY OF MADERA, GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY BOARD ADOPTING A JOINT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN 2025 PLAN AMENDMENT, SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE MADERA SUBBASIN COORDINATION AGREEMENT, MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ESTABLISHING INTERCONNECTED SURFACE WATER WORKING GROUP AND MADERA SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN PERIODIC EVALUATION

D-4 City Council Appointment to Fill Vacancy in Council District 1

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider the applications for the City Council District 1 seat and, after deliberation, adopt a Resolution appointing a candidate to fill the vacancy; or
2. Direct staff to prepare a Resolution calling for a special election to fill the vacancy and return the same to the City Council no later than Sunday, February 2, 2025, as required by applicable law (Report by Alicia Gonzales)

This item was heard after the Public Comment section of the agenda.

Mayor Gallegos thanked the applicants that applied to be the Councilmember for District 1 and asked them to stay involved and get on some of the City commissions in order to have a say.

Wayne Padilla asked that all applicants be allowed to interview and consider all applicants before making a decision.

No further Public Comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.

ON MOTION BY MAYOR GALLEGOS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER EVANS, ITEM D-4 TO NOMINATE ROHI ZACHARIA AS DISTRICT 1 COUNCILMEMBER AND APPOINTMENT PER THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. ABSENT: DISTRICT 1 VACANT

THE MOTION PASSED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

YES: 6 – MAYOR PRO TEM RODRIGUEZ
 COUNCILMEMBER MONTES
 COUNCILMEMBER EVANS
 COUNCILMEMBER MEJIA
 COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS
 MAYOR GALLEGOS

RES 25-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA TO FILL THE DISTRICT 1 VACANCY ON THE CITY COUNCIL FOLLOWING AN APPLICATION AND INTERVIEW PROCESS

Mayor Gallegos informed Mr. Zacharia that he could take his seat as Councilmember for District 1 tonight or come back to the next meeting with his family and take his oath then. Mr. Zacharia chose to wait until the next meeting to be sworn in and have an opportunity to do so with his family. City Manager Arnoldo Rodriguez advised that there is a conference next week for new councilmembers and new mayors and thought it appropriate to extend the invitation to newly

appointed Councilmember Zacharia. City Attorney Shannon L. Chaffin stated that although not sworn in, Mr. Zacharia has been appointed and extending the invitation was appropriate.

Council congratulated Mr. Zacharia and thanked the other applicants for their participation.

Mayor called for a recess at 6:33 p.m. Council reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

E. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

E-1 2025 List of Annual Proclamations

Recommendation: Provide Direction and Adopt a Minute Order Approving the 2025 List of Annual Proclamations from the Protocols Guidebook section concerning Ceremonial Documents (Report by Alicia Gonzales)

Mayor Gallegos asked and received a unanimous consensus to approve the list of annual proclamations as presented and adding National Volunteer Month in April and Veterans Day in November.

E-2 Landscape Maintenance District (LMD) Future Assessments and Funding Methodologies

Recommendation: This report is submitted for discussion and direction regarding potential changes in LMD assessments and funding methodologies (Report by Keith Helmuth)

F. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

This portion of the meeting is reserved for the Mayor and Councilmembers (i) to make brief reports on boards, committees, and other public agencies, and public events, (ii) to request updates, (iii) to initiate future agenda items., and (iv) to take action on matters initiated under this section of the agenda.

Councilmember Villegas had no reports.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez commended the City on securing a \$1.6 million Railroad Crossing Elimination grant to fund a study for the Cleveland Avenue and Yosemite Avenue railroad crossings. He emphasized the importance of reviewing the General Plan and expressed interest in receiving an update report. He noted his upcoming attendance at next week's League of California Cities annual conference.

Councilmember Mejia announced a peaceful protest and march scheduled for Saturday, January 18, 2025, from Millview Park to Courthouse Park, in support of residents impacted by deportations. The event will be organized by leaders providing various resources and overseen by law enforcement to ensure public safety. On Wednesday, January 29th, the Coalition of Community Justice will host a public forum at the Pan American Center, offering residents the opportunity to engage with community leaders and attorneys regarding immigration rights and strategies for handling potential raids. On Tuesday, February 11th, the Pan Valley Institute will hold a discussion for the public and elected officials to address concerns about potential deportations. She encouraged everyone interested to attend, voice their concerns, and learn directly from community leaders on these critical issues.

Councilmember Evans extended her gratitude to everyone who attended the Christmas Extravaganza, noting its success. She encouraged the public to donate essential items to support Southern California residents displaced by recent fires. Donations can be dropped off at 300 Yosemite Avenue or 325 S. Pine Street.

Councilmember Montes expressed gratitude to staff for their hard work and dedication. He announced that the Community Action Partnership of Madera County (CAPMC) will be hosting a job fair on February 19th at 675 S. Pine Street, starting at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Gallegos congratulated the Gill family who is honored on the newly renovated Madera County Farm Bureau Pavilion, which will serve as a facility for meetings, seminars and events. She highlighted the upcoming Hall of Fame ceremony on Saturday, where local athletes will be honored for their achievements. She met with Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil to present a detailed list of Madera's most pressing community needs. She expressed condolences and prayers to Civil Service Commissioner Dennis Smith and his family for the recent loss of his mother. Mayor Gallegos wished her colleagues and staff safe travels to next week's Cal Cities Conference. She recognized Fire Battalion Chief, Andrew Overbay for his management at the local level while his colleagues are attending to Southern California Fires. She congratulated Rohi Zacharia for being appointed as Councilmember representing District 1.

G. **CLOSED SESSION:** None

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

- Wednesday, February 5, 2025
- Wednesday, February 19, 2025

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.


ALICIA GONZALES, City Clerk


CECELIA K. GALLEGOS, Mayor


MINUTES PREPARED BY
ZELDA LEÓN, Deputy City Clerk

