



SOUTH MODESTO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

P.O. Box 1622, Ceres, CA 95307

**Thursday, April 8, 2021 6:00 pm
Stanislaus County Ag Center
Tuolumne Building (Room D)
3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA**

While the South Modesto Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) welcomes and encourages participation at the Council meetings, please limit your comments to three (3) minutes so that everyone may be heard. Matters under the jurisdiction of the Council and not on the posted agenda may be addressed by the general public under Item VIII – Public Comments, and the Council may consider adding the item to the next month’s agenda for further consideration. However, California law prohibits the Council from taking any action on a matter that is not on the posted agenda unless it is determined to be an emergency by the Council.

I. Call Meeting to Order

- A. Meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Chair, Matthew Harrington. Councilmember, Elizabeth Morales, absent.

II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

- A. Led by Deputy Martinez

III. Approval of Minutes for March 11, 2021

- A. Motion by Vice Chair, Rebecca Harrington to approve with the following correction; Item II-A and VI-G to read Mendez, Vice-Chair, Rebecca Harrington made motion, 2nd by Chair, Matthew Harrington. All in favor.

IV. Report from Chief Executive Office-Erica Inacio

- A. COVID testing and vaccinations; Stan State has Saturday’s by appointment only (new change). Encouraged residents to call the locations prior to going in person, since the majority have changed their hours. Reminded those vaccinated to not let their guard down. We still need to wear our masks and social distance from others.
- B. Rental Assistance Program; If residents need help completing the application to let her know and she will direct them to people who can help. Utilities are also included in this assistance.
- C. Stanworkforce.com; Stanislaus County Workforce Development will help find a summer job for those in the ages of 17 to 21. Employment lasts for 8 weeks.

V. Supervisor report District 5 – Field Representative, Russel Fowler

- A. Annexation; There is a meeting on Monday, April 26th with various city and county departments to continue discussions on the annexation of the North Ceres area to the City of Modesto. Currently not open to the public, but residents are encouraged to call the Supervisor’s office to show their support or share their concerns.
- B. Encouraging all residents to get vaccinated. If assistance is needed as to where to go, to feel free to call his office.

VI. Community Reports (5 Minute Maximum)

A. California Highway Patrol – absent

B. Sheriff's Department – Deputy Martinez

Received 598 calls of which 126 were traffic related.

Comment: Glenn St, near Hanshaw Middle School and Valente/Pecos, residents are tired of the reckless speeding. Normally it would be the CHP who handles those calls, but he will also see if a unit from Sheriff's dept. can drive by.

Comment: question arose regarding gates in the alleys. Chair, Matthew Harrington, will be addressing that issue when CRLA rep. Luis Castillo, speaks.

C. Modesto Fire – absent

D. Modesto Councilmember – Tony Madrigal

Chair, Matthew Harrington, read text sent by Mr. Madrigal due to not being present.

- i. RAD card program; \$650,000 approved to help provide matching funds (up to \$100) to customers who buy funds on their RAD card to make purchases in and support Modesto businesses.
- ii. Council approves community process regarding Modesto Police; Council approved a community engagement process to solicit feedback from the community regarding MP department policies and practices as well as possible initiatives to improve police-community relations.
- iii. Spanish translation at City Council meetings; Council received an informational update on providing Spanish translation services at City Council meetings.

E. Animal Services – Ashley Graham

- i. Her director is currently saying No to providing stats for this meeting, so she is asking the MAC to make the request directly and explain how important they are.
- ii. Spay and neuter promotion is still going on. Fee for low income is \$20 vs \$50 regularly charged.

F. CRLA – Luis Castillo

A year ago the “alley gate” program was just a pilot and it has worked out very well. In the recent meeting with Supervisor Condit and other county representatives, discussions took place in establishing guidelines for the actual program. Hoping to have funds from the county this time around rather than from the residents. Erica Inacio, who was also present at this meeting, asked for about 30 days to get some drafts out to the public regarding these guidelines. Each gate cost approximately \$4,000. Lighting, signage and video surveillance should be added to any new gates.

Comment: Vice-Chair, Rebecca Harrington, pointed out that this program has worked in this area, but since each area is different it might not work in others.

- VII. Public Comments – Pertaining to Items Not on the Agenda (3 Minute Maximum)
Comment: Garbage dumping on Herndon/Mancini and Music/Pecos. Vice-Chair, Rebecca Harrington, clarified if garbage is on park itself, its City of Modesto's responsibility. Suggested taking pictures and uploading to county website. Field Representative, Mr. Fowler, is encouraging residents to email him directly with these concerns as well.
- VIII. Special Order of Business/Updates/Announcements
A. Community events - None
B. Other order of business or updates – None
Comment: Vice-Chair, Rebecca Harrington, informed public of letter sent by Modesto Councilmember Tony Madrigal, requesting having virtual meetings as well as in person. Erica Inacio clarified that it has to be one or the other. A vote was taken by the resident's present and all were in favor of having in person meetings.
Comment: Vice-Chair, Rebecca Harrington, spoke highly of a pharmacy on Crowslanding Road that is family owned and has helped many residents get vaccinated.
- IX. Council Comments/Issues/Topics for Next Agenda
A. Vice-Chair, Rebecca Harrington commented on updating the residents next month regarding the meeting on annexing the North Ceres area.
- X. Adjournment: 7:04pm, Next Regular Meeting, May 13, 2021