



Empire Municipal Advisory Council

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MINUTES

Wednesday, May 28, 2025 @ 6 PM

Empire Public Library, Community Room

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
 - Jennifer Hidalgo led us in the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcome and Roll Call
 - As acting secretary, Hannah Holden took roll call. Rafael Rodriguez, Brett Jensen and Hannah Holden were all present.
3. Public Comment
 - Lucy Torres, the deputy director of the Police Activities League, announced that the Empire Community Pool will be open for the season on Tuesday. There are swim lessons available for children ages 3 to 12, starting at \$45 per child. To sign up, you can go to stancopal.org. There are 4 free entry days a year which will be shared on their social media pages.
 - Kathleen Quinn from the Modesto Bee said she is trying to provide better coverage of the unincorporated areas of Stanislaus County. Currently, she is looking into water quality issues and asked anyone with questions, concerns, or comments to reach out to her.
4. Monthly Reports
 - a. Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office
 - b. California Highway Patrol- The California Highway patrol reported that since January of 2025 they have had 2 minor crashes, 8 hit and runs, 13 property damage crashes 3 generalized arrests, 9 calls for reckless driving, 8 stolen vehicles reported and 2 abandoned stolen vehicles recovered.
 - c. Empire Public Library- The branch manager for the library let the community know that they are currently doing their summer reading program. The program is designed to encourage kids to read with the incentive for prizes. They also have children activities and events though out the month.
 - d. Assemblymember Juan Alanis, 22nd District- Danielle Morgan reported on behalf of Juan Alanis. There will be a blood drive on June 20th with the Red Cross. To sign up visit redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code "Juan Alanis." She also noted that AB 528 and AB 873 will be brought to the assembly for a vote soon and hopefully make their way to the Governors desk. Their office is on 10th street and available if needed.
 - e. Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors / Chief Executive Office- Jennifer Hidalgo reported on behalf of Chance Condit. She let the community know that the Animal Services Agency is looking for advisory committee members from unincorporated areas. If interested, there are flyers in the back of the room.



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- f. Stanislaus County Public Works- Zach with the Public Works Department reminded the community about the Stan Connect App. It can be used to report issues in the area so the county can address them.
 - o Rafael Rodriguez brought up a proposed improvement project between the county and Cal-Trans. He said that in March 2022, it was brought to the community, and work was supposed to start in 2024. Jennifer Hidalgo and Danielle Morgan said they would reach out to their elected officials for more information.
 - o Another community member asked about the installation of sidewalks through a “Safe Route to School” grant. Jennifer Hidalgo said she would check into it.
 - g. Stanislaus County Mobile Crisis Response Team
 - h. Other Community Representative Reports- Claudia Camarena, the Empire elementary principal, reported that the last day of school is Friday. She said they will continue with their summer school program on Wednesday. She said the food distribution will continue through the summer with the exception of July
5. Information Item(s)
- a. Election of Officers for 2025: President, Secretary, Vice-President- will be held at the next meeting
6. Action Item(s)
- a. Approve 2025 Meeting Calendar- The MAC meetings will continue to be held monthly as presented
7. Correspondence
- Jennifer was going to look into the PO Box and see if it could be opened back up.
8. Council Comments and Suggestions for Future Agendas
- The Planning Department would like to present at the next meeting
 - The Valley Water Collaborative would like to talk about the work that they have been doing in the community.
 - The Empire Elementary Booster Club will be asked to present at the next meeting by Claudia Camarena.
 - A community member expressed concerns about the safety of the pedestrians leaving the camp. She said it is dark and there are no sidewalks. Jennifer said she would check into it.
9. Adjournment
- At 6:43 pm the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: June 25, 2025