Hickman Municipal Advisory Council

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MINUTES
Thursday, May 7, 2026 @ 6 PM

1. Chair Stephens called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call (all members present): Ryan Reece, Annalisa Rose, Nicklaus Stephens & Meredith Clark
3. Public Comment: None
4. Member Rose made a motion to approve November 6, 2025 meeting minutes. Member Reese seconded; motion passed.
5. Monthly Reports
    a. Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office (Deputy Bauman) – they have a new computer system and he wasn't able to access the statistics for our area. There have been multiple raids for Marijuana grows on Montpelier Road. If there are a lot of problems, they try to saturate an area.
    b. California Highway Patrol (Detective Norseen) –
        i. There have been a lot of complaints about traffic at Hickman School so patrol cars have been present during drop off/pickup.
        ii. Supervisor Chiesa added that there is a Motorcycle Site Team composed of officers from Modesto Police Department, Sheriff's office, CHP, etc. They pick a random day to focus on an area and enforce traffic laws to help make the county safer.
        iii. There are four new officers that just graduated from the academy. The Modesto office will also be getting a new commander – the previous commander transferred to Sacramento office. Lt. Kate Hayes is currently the acting commander. Gerardo Cerrado (from Dublin office) will be the new commander for our area, starting July 1st.
        iv. Member Reese asked about removing an abandoned trailer on the canal bank at Swanson Road. Detective Norseen says that county abatement has to haul it away.
    c. Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District – Not present.
    d. Stanislaus County Public Works Department (Jason McCormick) – There is a chip seal program for Waterford, Oakdale, Valley Home and Hughson. Oakdale-Waterford Highway is scheduled for a chip seal. Hickman will be getting sidewalks/curbs on 4th Street and I Street.
    e. Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors, Vito Chiesa, District 2 –
        i. Supervisor Chiesa introduced his new field representative, Kiana Garcia
        ii. There will be curbs/sidewalks installed on both sides of 4th street, and one side of Montpelier, using funds from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Other county projects using ARPA funds include: Denair "Safe Routes to School", installing

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lights in LaGrange, incorporating "islands" that currently exist in the City of Turlock, etc.

iii. Supervisor Chiesa and Supervisor Condit combined funds to purchase another paver for patch crews to use to repair roads

iv. Paving rotation is coming up again for Hickman (they try to keep county roads at 70 on the paving index)

v. Valley Improvement Projects (VIP) limits spraying of pesticides in our community. There is a "sniffer" machine that measures phosphates, etc. in the air (ideal range is .21 to .5). They are also advocating a workday of 8am to 4 p.m. for farmworkers over a 40-year period.

f. Stanislaus County Chief Executive Office, Jennifer Hidalgo – no report.

g. Stanislaus County Mobile Crisis Response Team - Horacio Madueno was not present due to a lot of calls, but Jennifer Hidalgo had statistics: there were 144 referrals in April and 1,153 total calls in 2025. There will be more treatment teams to service our community. County residents can call (888) 376-6246 (option 4) for crisis team, or call 911 if there's a safety issue. May is "Mental Health Awareness" month.

6. Information Item(s) – Chair Stephens gave an update on the water pipeline being installed under the Hickman Road Bridge: they are currently "T testing" the pipeline, and the tie in will be in about two weeks.
7. Action Item(s) – Election of MAC officers for 2026: Member Reece made a motion to keep officers "as is" with Nicklaus Stephens as Chair, Ryan Reece as Vice-Chair, and Meredith Clark as secretary; Member Rose seconded. Motion passed.
8. Correspondence – None
9. Council Comments and Suggestions for Future Agendas – Jennifer Hidalgo will schedule a Mental Health presentation for our August meeting.
10. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.