



SOUTH MODESTO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

P.O. Box 1622, Ceres, CA 95307

Thursday, February 11 , 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 6:06pm by Chair, Matthew Harrington, Elizabeth Morales was absent.

II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

- A. Led by Supervisor Condit

III. 2021 Election of council seats

- A. After discussion of council members present, Vice-Chair, Rebecca Harrington made motion for seats to remain the same, second by Chair, Matthew Harrington.
Chair, Matthew Harrington, Vice-Chair, Rebecca Harrington and Recording Secretary, Silvia Camarillo. All in favor.

IV. Approval of Minutes for November 14, 2019

- A. Motion by Vice Chair, Rebecca Harrington to approve. Second by Chair, Matthew Harrington. All in favor.

V. Report from Chief Executive Office-Erica Inacio

- A. Raul Mendes returned to work with the County.
- B. New Supervisor, Condit, has been catching on quick to his new responsibilities.
- C. “Don’t want it, neither do we” slogan for new program dealing with garbage dumped in the neighborhoods. Working on putting up metal signs in most alleys.
Comment: Vice-Chair, Rebecca Harrington, in her neighborhood, TID owns wood posts. Can signs be placed on them? Erica will have public works look into it.
- D. Monies were allocated for neighborhood clean ups. Cleaned a total of 11 alleys in S. Modesto, approx. 362 parcels with 238 tons of garbage picked up.
- E. Post card mail out with MAC meeting dates will reach approx. 3043 households.
- F. Harvest Hall is being remodeled, so MAC meetings will take place in the Tuolumne Building until it’s finished.
- G. COVID testing and vaccinations; County has been putting a lot of attention on making sure word goes around with locations and assisting those with concerns. Trying out “mobile” vaccines and so far it seems to be working.
Comment: Vice-Chair, Rebecca Harrington, has the county tried radio announcements? Erica; She meets with community leaders every other week to discuss options.
Comment: Recording Secretary, Silvia Camarillo, some residents have been given misinformation on where to go for their 2nd vaccine. Site tells them one thing and

text with reminder tells them something different and with volume of calls being received by Health Dept, no one is available to clarify.

Erica; phone # to call and confirm site is still operating for vaccines is 1/833-954-3566

VI. Supervisor report District 5 – Supervisor Condit

A. He’s been in his new position for 4 weeks now, will try to always make it to the MAC meetings. How to reach him directly, 209/622-7485 or conditc@stancounty.com

Comment: Vice-Chair, Rebecca Harrington, N. Ceres is severely affected by the high cost of sewer hookups. This area pays to both City of Ceres and City of Modesto utilities and when it comes time to take action, neither one of them wants to own the responsibility.

Comment: Chair, Matthew Harrington, some time ago, a meeting took place where the utility companies were fighting over this area for money recovery but not for assisting this community.

VII. Community Reports (5 Minute Maximum)

A. California Highway Patrol – Officer Blake

Staffing levels are low due to Academy being closed during the pandemic. Also, an increase on the amount of retiree’s.

B. Sheriff’s Department – absent

C. Modesto Fire – Battalion Chief, Darin Jesberg

Operating 24/7, received over 3,000 calls with 200 fires, 600 calls were on Haz mat, public assists etc. Staffing is low but the fire stations have a combined total of 23 students in the Academy.

D. Modesto Councilmember – Tony Madrigal, absent

E. Animal Services – A. Graham

Adoption program taking place next 2 days, focusing on S. Modesto “fix” problem and community cat program. Also, pushing microchips on pets, so owners can be easily contacted. Phone # to contact her 209/501-3005.

F. Environmental Resources – Lou Richards

Recycling program; going from 1 residential cart to 3 per state mandate. Fees will increase January 2022. Only exemption is if 75 people or less reside within a square mile. South Modesto, unfortunately, doesn’t have this problem of underpopulated areas. Beginning in January 2024, the department will begin checking for these carts and give citations if not in compliance.

G. Public Works – Mark Hamblin

Crows Landing Road improvement project only needs some work on the intersections to be fully completed. A special crew is needed to do the aligning of the traffic signals but due to the pandemic, that crew has not been able to work.

H. Parklawn Neighborhood – Luis Castillo

It's been one year since they started the alley closures and it's worked out great so far. The alleys that are closed have been kept clean. Are in conversations with Supervisor Condit for sidewalks when funding is available.

Comment: Chair – Matthew Harrington, to please encourage residents from Parklawn to apply for the vacant seat on the MAC.

VIII. Public Comments – Pertaining to Items Not on the Agenda (3 Minute Maximum)

None

IX. Special Order of Business/Updates/Announcements

A. Community events

Vice-Chair, Rebecca Harrington, she is in a committee that has the re-opening of schools as their top priority and how to do it safely.

B. Other order of business or updates

None

X. Council Comments/Issues/Topics for Next Agenda

A. Vice-Chair, Rebecca Harrington, we will also be exploring having virtual meetings vs in person.

XI. Adjournment: 7:19pm, Next Regular Meeting, March 11, 2021