

MINUTES CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY MEETING AGENDA May 5, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER 6:00PM

Council Members Present: Ramsey, Singleton, Adkisson, Ramirez, Horn

Others Present: City Manager Marissa Trejo, City Attorney Mario Zamora, Chief of Police Jose Garza, Assistant City Manager Sean Brewer, Financial Services Director Jasmin Bains, City Treasurer Dawn Kahikina, Fire Chief Greg DuPuis, Administrative Analyst Mercedes Garcia, Public Works and Utilities Coordinator Larry Miller, and City Clerk Shannon Jensen

Council Members Absent: None

Others Absent: None

Changes to the Agenda: None

*Motion by Singleton, Second by Adkisson to Approve the Agenda for the meeting of May 5, 2022. Motion **Approved** by 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

2. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Certificate of Recognition – Coalinga High School Cheerleader's Achievements at the 2022 CIF Central Division D3 Cheer and Dance Championships

Mayor Ramsey presented the Certificates of Recognition to the Coalinga High School Cheerleaders for their achievements at the 2022 CIF Central Division D3 Cheer and Dance Championships. Mayor Ramsey stated that no one from the team was available to attend to accept the certificates, but that staff would make sure they were mailed to the honorees.

2. Proclamation: National Public Works Week 2022

Mayor Ramsey read the presented the Proclamation declaring the week of May 15th, 2022 as National Public Works Week.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

The following individual(s) spoke under Citizen Comments:

Mrs. Bonnie Wikler spoke in opposition of the addition of synthetic lawn as an approved material in the Turf Replacement Pilot Program. (Item No. 5.14)

The following individual(s) submitted written comment(s):

Bonnie Wikler

Nathan Vosburg

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve MINUTES – April 21, 2022
2. Check Register: 03/01/2022 – 03/31/2022
3. Information Only: Quarterly Budget Report for Quarter Ending March 31, 2022
4. Information Only: Measure J Quarter 4, 2021 ending December 31, 2021
5. Information Only: Transient Occupancy Tax Quarter 4 ending December 31, 2021
6. Information Only: Cannabis Related Revenue Quarter 4, 2021 ending December 31, 2021
7. Information Only: Bargaining Unit Contract Dates
8. Approve Ten Bench Installations throughout City
9. Approve and Authorize Assistant City Manager to Execute Engineering Task Orders with MKN and Associates for Water Plant Improvements
10. Adopt Resolution No. 4083 Adopting a Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Councilman Adkisson pulled Item No. 5.10 for discussion.

Financial Services Director Jasmin Bains gave a brief overview of the item.

Councilman Adkisson recommended the following changes to the budget:

- All 4 Police Officer Reserve positions to be funded with a start date of July 1, 2022; and
- The 2 Police Officer positions to be funded with a start date of July 1, 2022.

11. Adopt Resolution No. PFA 22-01 Adopting a Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023
12. Adopt Resolution No. A-342 Adopting a Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023
13. Adopt Resolution No. 4086 a Continuation of the Water Conservation Emergency Proclamation and Establishing Water Shortage Regulations
14. Approve Turf Replacement Program Update and Modification

Councilman Horn pulled Item No. 5.14 for discussion.

Public Works and Utilities Coordinator Larry Miller gave a brief overview of the item, stating that nearly all the applicants have requested to use syntenic lawn as an approved material for reimbursement under the program.

15. Waive Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance No. 851 Amending Section 2-1.203 of the Coalinga Municipal Code Relating to City Council Salary
16. Public Works, Utilities & Community Development Quarterly Report for January – March 2022

*Motion by Adkisson, Second by Horn to Approve Consent Calendar Item No. 5.10 Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 with 4 Police Officer Reserves Positions and 2 Police Officer Positions to be Funded July 1, 2022. Motion **Approved** by 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

*Motion by Adkisson, Second by Horn to Approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5.1 through 5.9 and 5.11 through 5.16. Motion **Approved** by 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

6. ORDINANCE PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action considering a Written Request from Koz Real Estate to Develop the Old K-Mart Property
Marissa Trejo, City Manager

City Manager Marissa Trejo gave a brief overview of the item.

Frank Kozlowski and Dean Sparks of KOZ Real Estate outlined their plans for the property.

Mrs. Trejo recommends the Council form an Ad Hoc Committee made up of two Councilmembers, the City Manager and the City Attorney in order to discuss favorable terms for both parties.

Consensus of the Council is to form an Ad Hoc Committee which will include Mayor Ron Ramsey, Councilman Adkisson, City Manager Marissa Trejo and City Attorney Mario Zamora to discuss favorable terms for both parties.

2. Discussion, Direction and Potential regarding Commercial Vehicle Parking
Jose Garza, Police Chief

City Manager Marissa Trejo gave a brief overview of the item.

Mrs. Trejo recommended forming an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Mayor Pro-Tem Singleton and Councilman Ramirez in order to speak with Granite Construction regarding the possibility of using the old airport property for truck parking.

Consensus of the Council is to form an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Mayor Pro-Tem Singleton and Councilman Ramirez to discuss with Granite Construction, the possibility of using the old airport property for truck parking.

3. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action Related to Commercial Cannabis Indoor Cultivation Taxes

Sean Brewer, Assistant City Manager

Assistant City Manager Sean Brewer gave a brief overview of the item.

*Motion by Singleton, Second by Adkisson to Approve Resolution No. 4085 Amending the Annual Business Operations Tax Rate for Licensed Indoor Commercial Cannabis Cultivation and Nursery Operations. Motion **Approved** by 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager's Announcements:

City Manager Marissa Trejo announced that Yvete Venegas, who is in the audience tonight, has been participating in the City of Coalinga Youth In Government Program since August 2021.

Council Member's Announcements:

Councilmember Ramirez recognized the Fire Chief and the department staff for all their work with the recent fire. He urged the citizens to be aware and obey the laws to allow the Fire Department to do their job.

Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor Ramsey announced that Mr. Scott Netherton has been working hard to have a fantastic parade at this year's Derby. Anyone interested in having a float in the parade can contact Mr. Netherton for further information.

Councilman Horn announced that the City will be funding the Fireworks show at this year's Let Freedom Ring Celebration scheduled for Saturday, July 2, 2022.

City Manager Marissa Trejo confirmed the City is sponsoring the Fireworks and the Coalinga-Huron Recreation and Parks District (CHRPD) will be handling this year's event which will take place at the Sports Complex.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

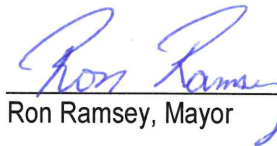
9. CLOSED SESSION

None

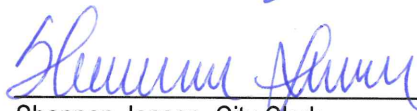
10. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

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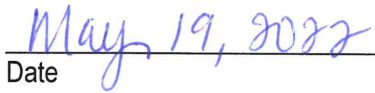
11. ADJOURNMENT 7:02 PM



Ron Ramsey, Mayor



Shannon Jensen, City Clerk



Date

From: [Shannon Jensen](#)
To: [Shannon Jensen](#)
Subject: RE: No to Artificial Grass!
Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 8:28:28 AM

From: Bonnie Wikler <bonniewikler@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 2, 2022 11:33 AM
To: Information <info@coalinga.com>
Subject: No to Artificial Grass!

Hello please give this statement to council members.. Thank you
Bonnie

**Hello, Please consider that the
Water needed to clean artificial
grass will increase total water
usage above current use in our
community, due to the amount of
dust in our community. For pet
owners like myself, the pet odors
in the heat will increase causing
a extremely foul sunbaked
plastic artificial grass.**

**Zero maintenance and lower
water usage was proven
incorrect.**

**Not to mention the serious
environmental concerns and soil
issues.**

**If water conservation is the goal
fake grass will not get us there!**

Artificial grass is a horror

It may look pristine — but at what cost?

November 29 2019



Artificial turf may be destined for landfill © Janet Horton/Alamy

I rather grandly call the area at the bottom of my garden steps “Lurcher’s Leap”. The grass here is ragged, covered with gouges made by my dog Wolfie hitting the ground at full speed after taking all four steps from the patio in a joyous single bound.

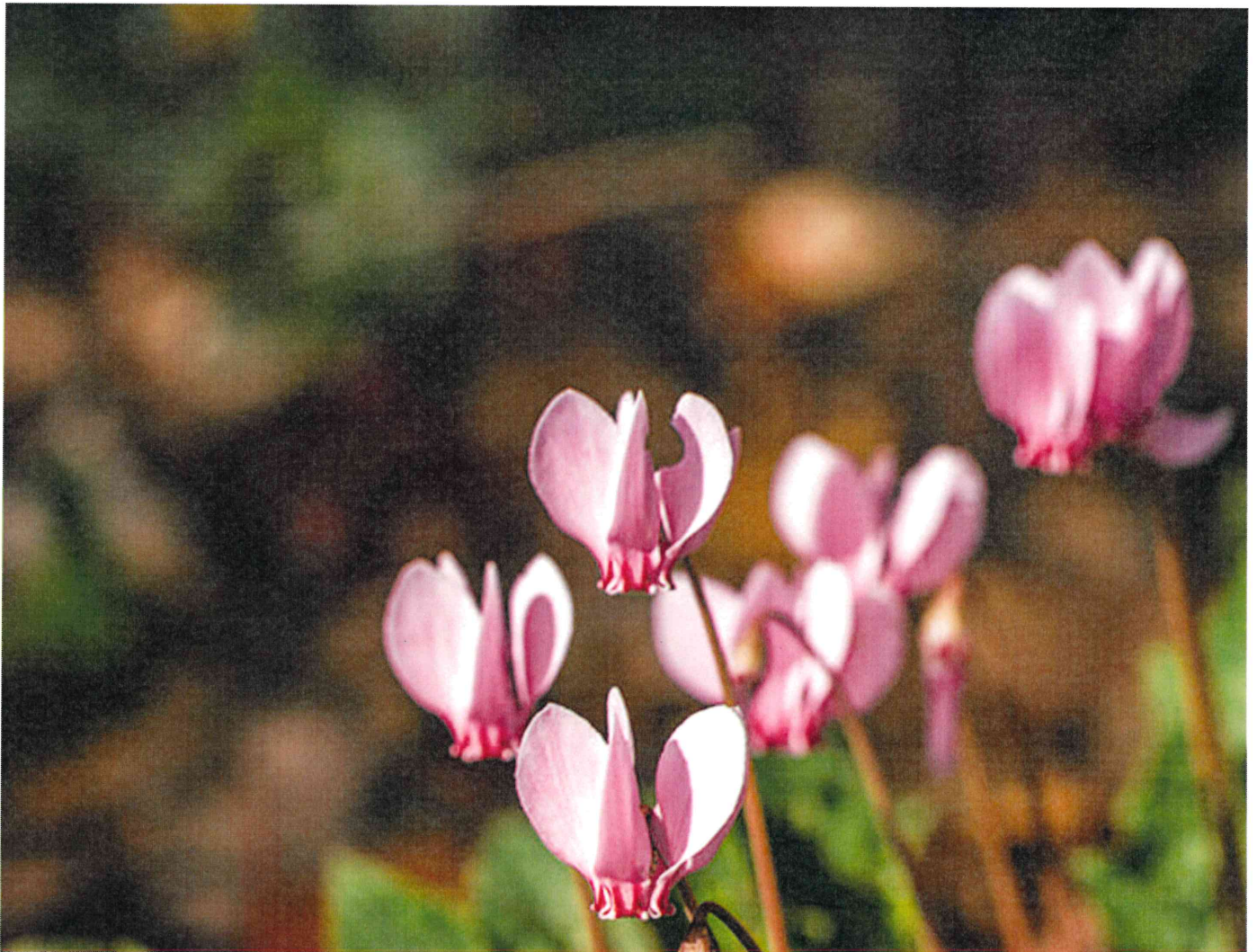
“Have you thought about artificial grass?” asked a fellow dog owner recently. Could I be lured by the prospect of a year-round pristine greensward, I wondered? Many thousands of gardeners have been convinced to swap real grass for fake, in search of a hassle-free green space.

I sought guidance from meteorologist and keen gardener Peter Gibbs, who

investigated artificial lawns for the BBC Radio 4 programme *Costing the Earth*. He tells me he would not choose fake for his own garden, but adds: "I am loath to condemn other people for doing it, particularly in smaller gardens where you might have a problem patch, or you're not interested in gardening but you just want somewhere for the kids to play."

The appeal is obvious. From scarifying and feeding to raking and mowing, taking care of a lawn is irksome to many. I know I would much rather be pottering in my greenhouse or trimming herbs or sowing sweet peas. As well as saving time spent maintaining real grass, you will also avoid wasting water, fertilisers and mower fuel — so goes the argument.

Lancashire-based garden designer Lee Burkhill has spent 2019 trying to garden without plastic. He has delved into the pros and cons of fake lawns, and warns me against the idea that it will be zero-maintenance.





Autumn flowering cyclamen hederifolium © Graham Prentice/Alamy

“It’s like a massive doormat outside,” says Burkhill. That means that although I would be able to retire the mower, anything that lands on the surface — leaves, dog waste, spilled compost — will sit there until it is removed. Artificial turf needs regular brushing, can be home to moss just like real grass and will need hosing down in hot weather if it starts to smell from a build-up of dog or fox urine.

The sand that infills the plastic “blades” may need to be refreshed annually too, and broken glass or spilled paint can cause permanent damage. Rather than feeling cool grass between your toes on a summer’s day, fake lawns can become uncomfortably warm. And if you drop a lit cigarette or hot coal from the barbecue, the resulting mark — in the form of a melted patch — is permanent.

So, I may end up switching one set of maintenance tasks for another. But that is not the deal-breaker for me. Looking out on to my bumpy lawn as I write, it is staring me in the face: the wildlife that treats my grass as vital real estate. There are the gangs of starlings that swoop in to fossick about in the turf for leatherjackets; slug-munching toads (who have inexplicably been christened "Jeffery" by my nine-year-old son) found hunting slugs after dark.

And there are the pollinators: the honeybees and bumblebees that feast on the clover; and selfheal flowers that pepper the grass in summer. Even the lurcher-induced bare patches serve a purpose, providing harvesting spots for female red mason bees to collect earth for the cells they construct to protect their young.

All of these creatures have suffered plummeting populations in the past few decades so, for me, scrubbing out a thriving patch of grass and replacing it with an ecological dead zone just does not make sense.

Despite its imperfections, my lawn will endure far longer than a fake one would. Even the finest artificial grass is likely to need replacing after 10 or 15 years. Gibbs's Radio 4 documentary found that while successful recycling of artificial grass is possible, it is not a straightforward process.

Sand or rubber infill must be removed first, not to mention the fuel miles taken up transporting rolls of superannuated lawn to recycling centres. Real lawns ripped out to be replaced with fake ones often end up in landfill, too.

If you are convinced by the arguments against artificial lawns, there are options. Burkhill says. Permeable paving combined with gravel work in some situations, while gravel gardens full of tough herbs, wood chip or bark for children's play areas, and permeable paving interplanted with ground-hugging perennials all offer plastic-free alternatives.

But it is easy to see why garden owners are confused by the choices, claims

and counterclaims surrounding fake lawns. It is nigh-on impossible to track down figures on the true impact of artificial grass versus real grass, or hard landscaping alternatives such as concrete or paving slabs.

Gibbs and I agree that we need clarity about the environmental impacts of our choices in the garden, and regulation of the lawn industry so consumers understand where their lawns come from — and where they will ultimately end up.

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For me, the many advantages of real grass — even patchy, lurcher-traumatised grass such as mine — far outweigh the temporary thrill of a picture-perfect lawn. And anyway, my lawn does not take up so much of my time, because I am the very opposite of the gardeners who spend hours creating the perfect bowling green.

I am very much of the “if it’s green it’s a lawn” school of turf care. Daisies, clovers, dandelions and buttercups all coexist with the grasses, knitting together to form an ever-evolving matt of foliage that I never water or dose with weedkiller.

The wonderful thing about the grass species commonly used for turf is that they are some of the toughest plants on earth and will bounce back from drought, damage and even lurchers. My grass may turn brown in summer, but by autumn it is back to emerald green, helped by the presence of nitrogen-fixing clovers. It is fed very occasionally with Maxicrop seaweed meal lawn fertiliser, but gets most of its nutrients from leaving some of the mowings in situ to rot down and enrich the turf.

There are a few tricks I employ to make my lawn look better than it really is. A sharply cut edge gives the whole lawn definition, while splashes of colour

draw the eye away from wormcasts and mossy patches.

In autumn, that is provided by candy-pink clumps of *Cyclamen hederifolium* and, in February and March, an ever-increasing swath of *Crocus tommasinianus* “Ruby Giant” glows purple, drawing the eye away from the mudbath at Lurcher’s Leap.

There is still just about time to plant bulbs to naturalise in your lawn, from crocuses and miniature daffodils to choice species tulips such as *Tulipa sprengeri*: the standard advice is to cut a window in the turf, lift it gently, score the soil below and place the bulbs on the surface, settling the turf back on top.

Being the forgetful type, I usually discover a bag of unplanted bulbs at the back of a cupboard around now. So I end up on my hands and knees as the light fades, slicing gashes in the lawn to slide in individual bulbs while the dog potters about shivering disdainfully, wondering what on earth I am doing to his favourite patch of grass. And I would not have it any other way.

Jane Perrone is a gardening writer and presenter of the ‘[On The Ledge](#)’ podcast

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From: [Marissa Trejo](#)
To: [Shannon Jensen](#)
Subject: FW: Truck Parking
Date: Thursday, May 5, 2022 4:43:17 PM
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FYI

From: Nathan Vosburg <nathanvosburg.us@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 5, 2022 11:05 AM
To: Adam Adkisson <aadkisson@coalinga.com>; James Horn <jhorn@coalinga.com>; Jose M. Ramirez <jramirez@coalinga.com>; Ron Ramsey <rramsey@coalinga.com>; Ray Singleton <rsingleton@coalinga.com>; Marissa Trejo <mtrejo@coalinga.com>; Sean Brewer <sbrewer@coalinga.com>
Subject: Re: Truck Parking

Re: Truck Parking in Residential Areas

On May 5th the Coalinga City Council has resolution that would allow for Commercial Trucks to park just outside of Residential Neighborhoods along the South shoulder of Pacific Street between Elm and Forest Avenues and the East shoulder of Merced Avenue between Lucille and Jayne Avenue. The current law does not allow for truck parking in city limits.

First let me state that I completely support our truckers locally and nationwide. Truckers are a backbone of this nation and many of them operate and live in our community. That being said they are just like any other business and must adhere to local zoning and traffic laws.

Currently the trucks are parking right across from Posa Chanet on the side of the street directly past the bridge within city limits and directly adjacent from Posa Chanet community that is part of District 5 and represented by Mayor Ramsey. Understandably the folks in Posa probably do not want them parking there.

I remember I brought up this item to the Council because the City had received many complaints of these vehicles parking in and around residential areas. The idea was to disallow parking in residential areas while finding them a better place to park.

City staff came back with a few options, none of which the council at the time was in favor of. The council tabled the item for a later date when better options could be brought forth. To this date there have been no better options brought forth by Council or City Staff.

The item is now back on the Agenda as a discussion item with no new options.

While I understand there should be a place for them to park, that does not mean that we move them from the Posa Chanet area, to another residential area.

I would like to formally oppose this resolution because of the increased traffic, pollution, damage to the streets, vehicles idling, the smell of diesel fumes, and the public nuisance that will be created by doing so.

It is unacceptable to put the parking next to neighborhoods where kids play, many with asthma and other respiratory related illnesses. Not to mention the extreme damage to the streets that this will

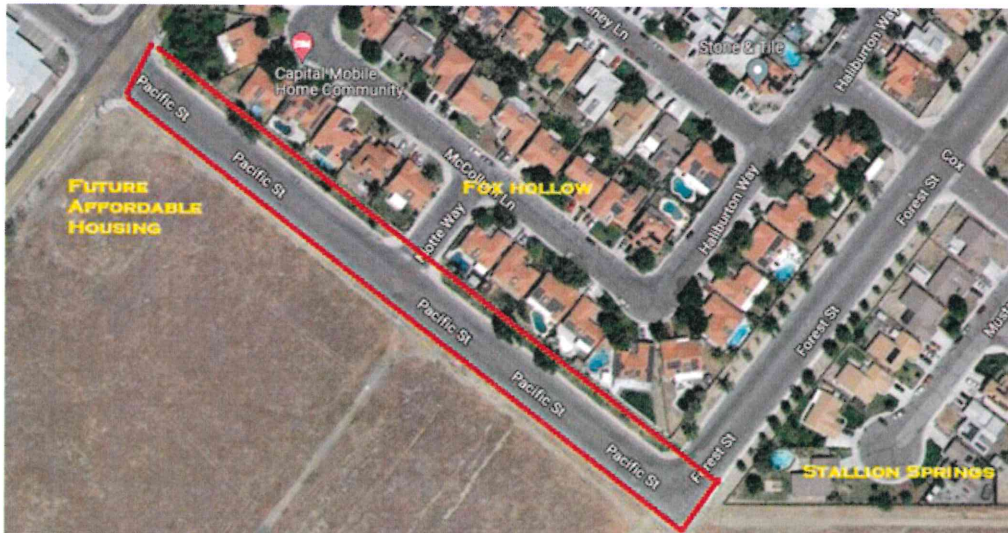
cause without any mitigating factors to replace them once they are destroyed.

The best option would be for a private business to come forward and offer up a solution.

Another temporary option would be to park them in the industrial area where the trucks have already parked in the past and have already damaged that road. There is a cul de sac that could be used to turn around, and the right side would not interrupt the current businesses that are there and is sufficiently away from any residential areas. It should be noted to have them on the right side only as turning in to the industrial park as not to impede next green wave and their construction. I would also consider charging a permit fee so that the city can repair that road as it continues to degrade.

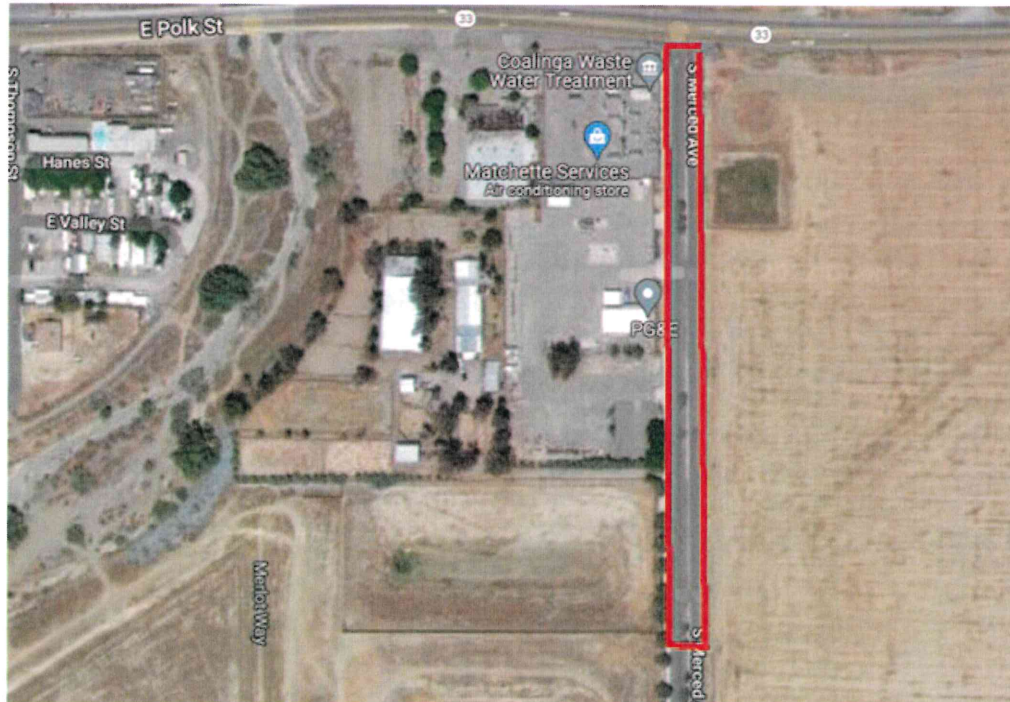
Here are a few pictures of the areas on the agenda compared to the option of having them at the industrial park.

These are not good options as they are both near residential and the residential traffic and residents will be greatly impacted by the concerns listed above. Just think if the kids start playing on the trucks, or someone is injured in the blind spot as they are walking on these paths. People use these walkways for recreation, and putting trucks many that will be idling and dropping and switching transport at these areas is not acceptable.





Merced - This is not a good option, but is better than directly near residential. However there is no good spot for them to turn around



Industrial Park - This option is better than the other three options due to not being next to residential and has a spot to turn around.

