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STAFF REPORT

Item # 4

To: Lemoore City Council
From: Holly Smyth, Planning Director
Date: May 9, 2012
Subject: Continued public hearing on Merger Ordinance

Background:

At the May 1st City Council meeting the Council opened the public hearing and continued the public hearing on the draft merger Ordinance to the May 14, 2012 City Council Meeting.

The Merger Ordinance allows persons to utilize a process identical to a Boundary Line Adjustment process rather than a Tentative Map and Final Parcel Map process to consolidate properties together. The merger process is simpler and generally less costly option for applicants to utilize which the City's old zoning ordinance did not have available.

Council should open the public hearing, take any public testimony, close the public hearing and consider adopting the Merger Ordinance.

Budget Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

This is a continued public hearing, therefore it is recommended that any additional testimony be taken, close the public hearing, and Council, by motion, waive the first reading of Ordinance 2012-02 and pass to a second reading.

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