



# City of Fresno

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## Meeting Minutes City Council

**President - Mike Karbassi**

**Vice President - Miguel Angel Arias**

**Councilmembers:**

**Annalisa Perea, Tyler Maxwell, District 5 - Vacant,**

**Nick Richardson, Nelson Esparza**

**City Manager - Georgeanne A. White**

**City Attorney - Andrew Janz**

**City Clerk - Todd Stermer, CMC**

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**Thursday, January 30, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

**Council Chambers**

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### Regular Meeting

The City Council met in regular session in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on the date and time above written.

9:04 A.M. ROLL CALL

*Council District 5 is vacant pending a March 18, 2025, special election.*

**Present:** 6 - Council President Mike Karbassi  
Vice President Miguel Angel Arias  
Councilmember Annalisa Perea  
Councilmember Tyler Maxwell  
Councilmember Nick Richardson  
Councilmember Nelson Esparza

Invocation by Father Philemon Nashed from the Archangel Micheal Orthodox Church

*Father Philemon Nashed gave the invocation.*

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

*Councilmember Perea led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

### **APPROVE AGENDA**

**CITY CLERK STERMER ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:**

*Ceremonial item (ID 25-104) recognizing FFA students from Central Unified*

*School District, the agenda title has been updated to read:*

*Certificate of Recognition for Central Unified's Pershing-Pathway Continuation High School's FFA Students.*

*2-M (ID 25-28) regarding the first Amendment to state and local fiscal recovery funds Econo North Apartments Agreement, the Environmental Findings Section has a correction and should read:*

*On March 18, 2022, the City Council adopted a finding of Categorical Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15301/Class 1 (existing facilities) and 15302/Class 2 (reconstruction of existing structure).*

*2-R (ID 25-172) regarding the resolution declaring an urgent necessity for the preservation of life, health, property, the title has been updated to the following:*

*Actions pertaining to the emergency Landfill Gas Collection and Control System repairs and site security improvements at the Fresno Municipal Sanitary Landfill superfund site (Council District 3):*

- 1. Adopt a finding of Categorical Exemption per staff determination, pursuant to Section 15308 (Class 8) of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines for the remedial action project for the Fresno Sanitary Landfill.*
- 2. \*\*\*RESOLUTION – Declaring an urgent necessity for the preservation of life, health, property and authorizing the City Manager or designee, to enter into agreements without advertised competitive bidding for the preparation and implementation of emergency landfill gas and collection system repairs and site security improvements at the Fresno Sanitary Landfill Superfund Site (Requires 5 affirmative votes) (Subject to Mayor's veto).*

*Also for 2-R (ID 25-172) the Fiscal Impact section of the staff report should read:*

*The project is located in Council District 3. Funding for this project is available from the approved Solid Waste FY 2025 Budget. Landfill*

*operations costs are funded annually with 50% by General Fund and 50% by Solid Waste Enterprise fund.*

*2-T (ID 25-66) regarding the grant application for the 2025 RAISE program, the title of the grant application in the staff report and resolution has been changed should read:*

*2025 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program.*

*2-CC (ID 25-167) regarding the Anti Human Transportation and Abandonment ordinance - Councilmember Perea is incorrectly listed as Council President and as a sponsor for this item. The correct sponsors are Council President Karbassi, Councilmember Richardson, and City Attorney's Office.*

*THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA:*

*2-U (ID 25-83) regarding the resolution approving the Final Map of Tract No. 6410, and accepting dedicated public uses offered therein - tabled to February 13, 2025, meeting by staff.*

**On motion of Vice President Arias, seconded by Councilmember Maxwell, the Agenda was APPROVED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Karbassi, Arias, Perea, Maxwell, Richardson and Esparza

## **CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS**

[ID 25-115](#) Proclamation for 'Meux Home'

*PRESENTED*

[ID 25-130](#) Proclamation for "Despierta Valle Central"

*PRESENTED*

[ID 25-7](#) Proclamation for "National Human Trafficking Prevention Month"

*PRESENTED*

[ID 25-104](#) Certificate of Recognition for Central Unified's Biola-Pershing FFA Students

*During approval of the agenda, City Clerk Stermer announced the following:*

*The agenda title has been updated to read: Certificate of Recognition for Central Unified's Pershing-Pathway Continuation High School's FFA Students.*

*PRESENTED*

[ID 25-32](#) Fresno Animal Center presents "Pet of the Month"

*PRESENTED*

## **COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

*Councilmember Perea Reports and Comments: Reported the Master Tax Sharing Agreement Subcommittee was automatically dissolved on December 20, 2024, and acknowledged Council for their efforts. Encouraged residents to follow the district's social media channels to stay updated on upcoming district projects and events. Expressed gratitude to the City of Fresno MLK Subcommittee (District 3) for their hard work in making the MLK walk a success. Congratulated local art gallery, A Sense of Place, as District One's Business of the Month.*

*Councilmember Richardson Reports and Comments: Praised the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care's Annual Point in Time Count, recognizing the contributions of volunteers during their survey and resource delivery for homeless individuals in Fresno and Madera County. Announced the District 6 team was actively assessing the homelessness issue, and aim was to develop and implement realistic, responsible solutions.*

*Councilmember Esparza Reports and Comments: Announced the Public Works crews were beautifying medians and urged residents to have patience. Attended and participated in the annual MLK festivities including the garlanding ceremony and the march. Congratulated a local nonprofit in District 7 for celebrating 31 years of service. Announced the grand opening of a new coffee shop on Cesar Chavez Boulevard.*

*Vice President Arias Reports and Comments: Announced a neighborhood meeting addressing public safety concerns and acknowledged the Police Department for attending. Discussed resource drain regarding organizations transporting unhoused people into the City of Fresno. Addressed recent immigration raids in the Central Valley and within the city and emphasize the city's commitment to supporting immigrant communities. Critiqued the Republican Tax Plan.*

## **MAYOR/MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

*City Manager White Reports and Comments: Announced changes to the warming center notification procedures. Encouraged Councilmembers and the public to reach out with any questions regarding the new procedures.*

### **1. SCHEDULED COUNCIL HEARINGS AND MATTERS**

#### **9:15 A.M. (CONTINUED TO FEBRUARY 27, 2025, AT 9:15 A.M.)**

- [ID 25-31](#) HEARING for Consideration of Text Amendment Application No. P23-03410 and related Environmental Finding for Environmental Assessment No. P23-03410, amending Sections 15-2761 and 15-6802 of the Citywide Development Code, relating to Tobacco and Vapor Sales, Smoke Shops, and Definitions.
1. ADOPTION of a finding set forth in Environmental Assessment No. P23-03410 dated January 15, 2025, that Text Amendment Application No. P23-03410 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.
  2. BILL (for introduction) amending Sections 15-2761 and 15-6802 of the Citywide Development Code, relating to relating to Tobacco and Vapor Sales, Smoke Shops, and Definitions.

*CONTINUED AS NOTED*

#### **10:00 A.M.**

- [ID 25-101](#) Appearance by Armida Meza regarding "Homeless problem of Fresno" (District 4 Resident)

*APPEARED*

#### **10:03 A.M.**

- [ID 25-143](#) Appearance by Reba Morris regarding "Homelessness in Fresno" (District 4 Resident)

APPEARED

## **2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

*Upon call, for public comment on all Consent, Contested Consent and Closed Session items, the following members of the public addressed Council: Rex Hime (3-A), Shaun McPherson (2-D), Erin Burd (2-K), Bob McCloskey (2-D & 2-CC), Dez Martinez (2-CC), and A.J. Rassami (2-CC).*

### APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

**On motion of Vice President Arias, seconded by Councilmember Perea, the CONSENT CALENDAR was hereby adopted by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Karbassi, Arias, Perea, Maxwell, Richardson and Esparza

- 2.-A. [ID 25-133](#) Approval of the minutes for January 9, 2025

### **APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2.-B. [ID 25-129](#) Actions pertaining to the expansion of the Code Enforcement Division in the City Attorney's Office:  
\*\*\*RESOLUTION - Adopt the Third Amendment to the Position Authorization Resolution ("PAR") No. 2024-121, adding one permanent, full-time Housing Program Supervisor position in the City Attorney's Office, Division of Code Enforcement (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

*RESOLUTION 2025-17 ADOPTED*

### **APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2.-C. [ID 25-121](#) Approve a consultant services agreement with Leon Environmental Consulting in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, to provide professional inspection, testing, and consultant services for potentially hazardous materials (lead-based paint and asbestos containing materials) as well as supervision of removal of hazardous materials for demolitions of dangerous structures conducted by Code Enforcement; and authorize the City Attorney or designee to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

### **APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2.-E. [ID 25-114](#) Approve the appointment of Richard Burrell to the Housing Authority of the City of Fresno to a term ending April 30, 2028. Approve the appointment of Lydia Zabrycki to the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board to a term ending November 1, 2025.

### **APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2.-F. [ID 25-100](#) Actions pertaining to the Cesar Chavez Boulevard (formerly California Avenue) Improvements Projects from Fruit Avenue to Mayor Avenue (Council District 3):
1. Approve an agreement for Professional Engineering Services with Peters Engineering Group, of Clovis, California, in the amount of \$320,000 with a \$32,000 contingency, for the design and construction support services for the Cesar Chavez Complete Streets Project from Fruit Avenue to Mayor Avenue (Council District 3) (Bid File 12500464)
  2. Approve an agreement for Professional Engineering Services with Peters Engineering Group, of Clovis, California, in the amount of \$910,335 with a \$91,034 contingency, for the design and construction support services for the Cesar Chavez Boulevard Enhancements Project from Fruit Avenue to Pottle Avenue (Council District 3) (Bid File 12500464)

**APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2.-G. [ID 25-91](#) Approve the Second Amendment to the Consultant Services Agreement with Pcubed Associates, Inc. of Glendale, California, to increase the total contract by an amount not to exceed \$184,875, paid on a time and materials basis for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$302,175, with a contingency amount not to exceed \$11,730; and to extend the term of the Agreement to June 30, 2026, for the Forensic Investigation of Structural Components at the Fresno-Clovis Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility Project. (Council District 3)

**APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2.-H. [ID 25-148](#) Actions pertaining to executing the Master Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement:
1. RESOLUTION - Adopt a Resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a Master Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement and certain separate lease schedules with respect to the acquisition, purchase, financing and leasing of equipment for the public benefit; and authorizing the execution and delivery of documents required in connection therewith.
  2. Approve an agreement of the Master Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement (MELPA) with Banc of America Public Capital Corp (BAPCC).
  3. Authorize the City Controller to sign the Master Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement and related documents with BAPCC on behalf of the City.

*RESOLUTION 2025-18 ADOPTED*

**APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2.-I. [ID 25-71](#) Approve the Award of a Cooperative Purchase Agreement with Shade & Partners Technology Solutions, Inc. for the purchase of the Cornerstone Learning Management system for a three-year term, with two optional year extensions, in the amount of \$207,714.50 for year one with annual renewals not to exceed 10% more than the previous year.

**APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2.-J. [ID 25-98](#) Approve a Cooperative Purchase agreement with KIS for server virtualization subscription licensing and support for the City for three years, in the amount of \$797,839.20, in accordance with purchasing procedures from cooperative purchase agreements as set forth in Administrative Order 3-1; and authorize the Chief Information Officer or designee to execute the agreement.

**APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2.-L. [ID 25-30](#) Approve the First Amendment to Local Housing Trust Fund Avalon Commons Phase II Agreement with Avalon Commons Phase II, LP., a California Limited Partnership, to extend the project schedule beyond 180 cumulative days. (Council District 6)

**APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2.-M. [ID 25-28](#) Approve the First Amendment to State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Econo North Apartments Agreement with Better Opportunities Builder, Inc., an affiliate of the Housing Authority of the City of Fresno, to extend the project schedule beyond 180 cumulative days. (District 3)

*During approval of the agenda, City Clerk Stermer announced the following:*

*The Environmental Findings Section has a correction and should read:  
On March 18, 2022, the City Council adopted a finding of Categorical Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15301/Class 1 (existing facilities) and 15302/Class 2 (reconstruction of existing structure).*

**APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2.-N. [ID 25-122](#) Approve a Second Amendment to the Disposition and Development Agreement between Metro Hospitality Services, Inc., and City of Fresno to extend the construction schedule for the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel in Downtown Fresno located at the northeast corner of Inyo and M Street (District 3)



**APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2.-O. [ID 25-63](#) \*\*\*RESOLUTION - Authorizing the submission of a grant application and acceptance of funds from the California Department of Housing and Community Development's 2024 Homeownership Super NOFA for funding under the CalHome Program for Homebuyer Mortgage Assistance, and authorizing the City Manager or designee to sign all necessary implementing documents (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

*RESOLUTION 2025-20 ADOPTED*

**APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2.-P. [ID 25-127](#) Actions pertaining to the 2025 Law Enforcement Specialized Unit Program:
1. \*\*\*RESOLUTION - Adopt a Resolution authorizing acceptance of \$203,142 in grant funding from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services' Law Enforcement Specialized Unit Program for the Fresno Police Department's Domestic Violence Unit 2025 Law Enforcement Specialized Unit Program (Subject to Mayor's veto)
  2. \*\*\*RESOLUTION - Adopt the 36th Amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution No. 2024-122 to appropriate \$101,600 in Law Enforcement Specialized Unit Program Grant funding for the Police Department's Domestic Violence Unit (Requires 5 Affirmative Votes) (Subject to Mayor's Veto)
  3. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Marjaree Mason Center, Inc. for the total grant amount not to exceed \$138,662
  4. Authorize the Chief of Police to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Marjaree Mason Center Inc., on behalf of the City

*RESOLUTION 2025-21 ADOPTED*

*RESOLUTION 2025-22 ADOPTED*

**APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2.-R. [ID 25-172](#) \*\*\*RESOLUTION - Declaring an urgent necessity for the preservation of life, health, property and authorizing the City Manager or designee, to enter into agreements without advertised competitive bidding for the emergency landfill gas collection and control system repairs and site security improvements at the Fresno Municipal Sanitary Landfill Superfund Site (Requires 5 affirmative votes) (Subject to Mayor's veto)

*During approval of the agenda, City Clerk Stermer announced the following:*

*The title has been updated to add the following:*

*Actions pertaining to the emergency Landfill Gas Collection and Control System repairs and site security improvements at the Fresno Municipal Sanitary Landfill superfund site (Council District 3):*

- 1. Adopt a finding of Categorical Exemption per staff determination, pursuant to Section 15308 (Class 8) of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines for the remedial action project for the Fresno Sanitary Landfill*
- 2. \*\*\*RESOLUTION – Declaring an urgent necessity for the preservation of life, health, property and authorizing the City Manager or designee, to enter into agreements without advertised competitive bidding for the preparation and implementation of emergency landfill gas and collection system repairs and site security improvements at the Fresno Sanitary Landfill Superfund Site (Requires 5 affirmative votes) (Subject to Mayor’s veto).*

*Also the Fiscal Impact section of the staff report should read: The project is located in Council District 3. Funding for this project is available from the approved Solid Waste FY 2025 Budget. Landfill operations costs are funded annually with 50% by General Fund and 50% by Solid Waste Enterprise fund.*

**RESOLUTION 2025-23 ADOPTED**

**APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2.-S.** [ID 25-102](#) Award a Requirements Contract to Briner & Son Inc. of Fresno, California, to provide Landscape Maintenance Services to Community Facilities District No. 15 within the City of Fresno, for one year with seven optional one-year extensions in an amount not to exceed \$128,586.28 per year plus an annual 20% contingency (RFP No. 12500184), and to authorize the Public Works Director or designee to sign the contract on behalf of the City. (Council District 6)

**APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2.-T.** [ID 25-66](#) RESOLUTION - Authorizing the Submission of a Planning Grant Application to the Office of the Secretary (OST), US Department of Transportation (DOT) for the 2025 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program for project planning, preparation, and/or design activities for the Shaw Avenue and State Route 99 Freeway Interchange Improvement project; and Authorizing the Execution of Grant Application and Grant Agreement Documents by the Public Works Director or Designee (Council Districts 1 and 2).

*During approval of the agenda, City Clerk Stermer announced the following:*

*The title of the grant application in the staff report and Resolution should read: 2025 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program.*

*RESOLUTION 2025-24 ADOPTED*

**APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2.-U. [ID 25-83](#) RESOLUTION - Approving the Final Map of Tract No. 6410, and accepting dedicated public uses offered therein except for dedications offered subject to City acceptance of developer installed required improvements - located near the northeast corner of South Peach Avenue and East Church Avenue. (Council District 5)

*During approval of the agenda, City Clerk Stermer announced this item has been tabled to February 13, 2025, by staff.*

*TABLED*

- 2.-V. [ID 25-96](#) RESOLUTION - Of Intention to Annex the Territory Known as Assessor's Parcel Number 310-250-13 as Annexation Number 65 to the City of Fresno Community Facilities District Number 9 and to Authorize the Levy of Special Taxes; and setting the Public Hearing for Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 9:15 am. (East side of North Armstrong Avenue and East Harvard Avenue) (Council District 7)

*RESOLUTION 2025-25 ADOPTED*

**APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2.-W. [ID 25-97](#) RESOLUTION - Of Intention to Annex the Territory Known as Assessor's Parcel Number 506-130-04S as Annexation Number 64 to the City of Fresno Community Facilities District Number 9 and to Authorize the Levy of Special Taxes; and setting the Public Hearing for Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 9:20 am (Southwest corner of West Sierra Avenue and North Polk Avenue). (Council District 2)

*RESOLUTION 2025-26 ADOPTED*

**APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2.-Y. [ID 25-108](#) Reject all bids of a three-year base contract, with options for two one-year extensions, for the purchase Radial Tire Leasing Services (Bid File 12500030).

**APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2.-Z. [ID 25-103](#) Approve the appointment of Navkaran Gurm to the Public Financing Authority of the Fresno Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District for a term which serves at the pleasure of the Councilmember.

**APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2.-AA. [ID 25-107](#) Approve the reappointment of Stephen Avila to the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) for a term ending November 1, 2026. Approve the appointment of James D. Martinez to the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District Board for a term ending August 3, 2028. Approve the re-appointment of Raquel Busani to the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District Board for a term ending August 3, 2028.

**APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2.-BB. [ID 25-81](#) Approve the appointment of James Poptanich to the Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging Board for a term ending January 4, 2027.

**APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2.-CC. [ID 25-167](#) Bill - (For Introduction) Adding Chapter 10 of Article 27 of the Fresno Municipal Code, Relating to the Anti Human Transportation and Abandonment Ordinance

*During approval of the agenda, City Clerk Stermer announced Councilmember Perea is incorrectly listed as Council President and as a sponsor for this item. The correct sponsors for this item are Council President Karbassi Councilmember Richardson, and City Attorney's Office.*

**BILL B-3 INTRODUCED AND LAID OVER****APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2.-DD. [ID 25-165](#) Council Boards and Commissions Communications, Reports, Assignments and/or Appointments, Reappointments, Removals to/from City and non-City Boards and Commissions.

**APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR****CONTESTED CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2.-D. [ID 25-178](#) Bill - (For Introduction) Amending Section 10-2204(a) of the Fresno Municipal Code, Relating to the Pre-Removal Notice

*Councilmember Arias moved the above item to Contested Consent for clarification on the ordinance.*

*Council discussion included: clarification on the removal process; concerns about fairness and enforcement; whether the update reflected the intended policy, and; the rationale behind the change.*

**BILL B-2 INTRODUCED AND LAID OVER**

**On motion of Vice President Arias, seconded by Councilmember Perea, that the above Action Item be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Karbassi, Arias, Perea, Maxwell, Richardson and Esparza

- 2.-K.** [ID 25-128](#) RESOLUTION - Adopting the Measure P Expanded Access to Arts and Culture Grant Guidelines.

*Councilmember Arias moved the above item to Contested Consent to clarify the revisions of the grant guidelines.*

*Council discussion included: the changes to the funding requirements, application process, and appeals process; funding limits for established organizations and equity concerns; the importance of expertise in arts and culture management; considerations for funding school-based arts programs; impacts to Measure "P;" collaborating with after school, and supplemental programs, and; qualification thresholds.*

*Vice President Arias motioned to approve the item with the following revisions:*

- Revision one: add the appeals criteria. Any applicant not recommended to receive an award may submit a written appeal to the arts council staff no later than 5:00 p.m. by the 10th business day following the release of this notification. Appeals must be based on the following criteria: clerical error and or incorrect processing required application materials negatively influencing the panel's assessment of the applicants request for funding.*
- Revision two: include the following language: a fiscal sponsor must demonstrate a minimum of two consecutive years of arts and culture programming or indicate that arts and culture work of the sponsor project is consistent and set forth in the organization's nonprofit purpose.*

- *Revision three: any established organization must maintain two years of experience as a requirement to be considered an established organization.*
- *Revision four: the cap on established organizations be adjusted from \$350,000 to \$400,000 as a potential award.*

*RESOLUTION 2025-19 ADOPTED*

**On motion of Vice President Arias, seconded by Councilmember Maxwell, that the above Action Item be ADOPTED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Karbassi, Arias, Perea and Maxwell

**No:** 1 - Richardson

**Absent:** 1 - Esparza

- 2.-Q.** [ID 25-87](#) Approve the Water System Consolidation Agreement between Three Palms Mobile Home Park, LLC and the City of Fresno for a water connection to serve Three Palms MH Park and authorize the Director of Public Utilities to sign the Agreement on behalf of the City of Fresno. (Council District 3)

*Councilmember Arias moved the above item to Contested Consent for clarification on the connection date.*

*Council discussion included questions on the project timeline and anticipated completion.*

**On motion of Vice President Arias, seconded by Councilmember Maxwell, that the above Action Item be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Karbassi, Arias, Perea, Maxwell and Richardson

**Absent:** 1 - Esparza

- 2.-X.** [ID 25-106](#) Submission for informational purposes of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports ("ACFR") regarding the financial activities of the City of Fresno Retirement Systems for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

*Councilmember Arias moved the above item to Contested Consent for clarification on the financial reports.*

*Council discussion included the purpose and value of the report, the funding status of the pension system and the salary adjustment process.*

*REPORT RECEIVED, NO VOTE WAS TAKEN*

### **3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

- 3.-A.** [ID 25-33](#) WORKSHOP - Community Workforce Agreement (Project Labor Agreement) Annual Review.

*The above item was presented to Council by Capital Projects Department Assistant Director Rhodes, and Licensed Engineer Manager Yost.*

*Council discussion included: union performance standards and accountability; the definition of “utmost effort;” potential recourse for non-compliance; cost threshold and project cost determination; the basis for cost estimates; union labor vs. non-union labor costs; Project Labor Agreements (PLA) and performance examples, implementation and historical projects; support for PLAs and improving compliance; local hiring and workforce tracking; hiring practices; impact on taxpayers and the community; future negotiations and renegotiation / extension of the PLA, and; creating an ad hoc committee.*

*PRESENTED*

- 3.-B.** [ID 25-154](#) WORKSHOP - Downtown Fresno Parking Automation

*The above item was presented to Council by Planning & Development Department Division Manager Almaguer, and Walker Consultants Senior Consultant Peter Filice ,*

*Council discussion included: cost and budget considerations; public education; the differences between gated and gateless parking systems; regional parks experience; staffing implications; needed parking rates and fee adjustments; funding through parking rates, and; promoter agreements and fee upcharges.*

*PRESENTED*

### **UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATION**

*Upon call, the following people addressed Council with unscheduled communication: Camilla Sutherland, Steve Diddy, Paul Condon, Dez*



*Martinez, Brandi N. and unnamed person.*

#### **4. CITY COUNCIL**

#### **5. CLOSED SESSION**

*During open session, City Attorney Janz announced each of the items that would be discussed in closed session.*

*Council withdrew to closed session at 2:00 P.M.*

##### **5.-A. [ID 25-85](#)**

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - Government Code Section 54957.6

City Negotiators: Jennifer Misner; Sumeet Malhi

Employee Organization(s): 1. International Union of Operating Engineers, Stationary Engineers, Local 39 (Local 39); 2. Fresno City Employees Association (FCEA); 3. Fresno Police Officers Association (FPOA Basic), Unit 4; 4. International Association of Firefighters, Local 202, Unit 5 (Fire Basic); 5. Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1027 (ATU); 6. International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 100 (IBEW); 7. Fresno Police Officers Association (FPOA Management) Unit 10; 8. International Association of Firefighters, Local 202, Unit 10 (Fire Management); 9. City of Fresno Professional Employees Association (CFPEA); 10. City of Fresno Management Employees Association (CFMEA); 11. Fresno Airports Public Safety Officers Association (FAPSOA)

*The above item was discussed in closed session. There were no open session announcements for this item.*

*DISCUSSED*

##### **5.-B. [ID 25-105](#)**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(1)

Park 7, LLC., and LandValue Management LLC., v. City of Fresno; Fresno Superior Court Case No. 24CECG04298

*The above item was discussed in closed session. There were no open session announcements for this item.*

*DISCUSSED*

##### **5.-C. [ID 25-125](#)**



CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(1)  
*Doredda Grossman, et al v. City of Fresno*; Fresno Superior Court Case  
No. 23CECG00345

*The above item was discussed in closed session. There were no open session announcements for this item.*

DISCUSSED

5.-D. [ID 25-145](#)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION -  
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(1)  
*South Fresno Community Alliance v. City of Fresno, et al.*  
Fresno Superior Court Case No.: 21CECG03237

*The above item was discussed in closed session. There were no open session announcements for this item.*

DISCUSSED

5.-E. [ID 25-166](#)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(1)  
Case Name(s): *City of Fresno v. Fresno Building Healthy Communities*  
Court of Appeal Case No.: F084662; and *Fresno Building Healthy*  
*Communities v. City of Fresno* Court of Appeal Case No.: F084666  
(PARCS Department)

*The above item was discussed in closed session. There were no open session announcements for this item.*

DISCUSSED

5.-F. [ID 25-80](#)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(2)  
Significant Exposure to Litigation:  
*Josie Rodriguez v. City of Fresno*, Risk File No. RM2022043424 (Police  
Department)

*The above item was discussed in closed session. There were no open session announcements for this item.*

DISCUSSED

- 5.-G. [ID 25-150](#) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
1. Government Code Section 54957(b): consider the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, discipline, or dismissal of a public employee.  
Title: City Attorney
  2. Government Code Section 54957.6: conference with labor negotiator. City Negotiator: Council President Mike Karbassi.  
Unrepresented Employee: City Attorney

*The above item was discussed in closed session. There were no open session announcements for this item.*

*DISCUSSED*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*The Council meeting adjourned from closed session at 3:15 P.M.*