

City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, June 11, 2020

11:30 AM

Notice of Special Emergency Open Session Meeting

Electronic Meeting

City Council

President - Miguel Angel Arias

Vice President - Paul Caprioglio

Councilmembers:

Esmeralda Z. Soria, Mike Karbassi, Luis Chavez, Garry Bredefeld,

Nelson Esparza

City Manager - Wilma Quan

City Attorney - Douglas T. Sloan

City Clerk - Yvonne Spence, MMC

City Council met in special emergency meeting open session, City Hall on the date and time written above.

2:13 P.M. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - President Miguel Angel Arias
Councilmember Esmeralda Z. Soria
Councilmember Mike Karbassi
Councilmember Luis Chavez
Councilmember Garry Bredefeld
Councilmember Nelson Esparza

Absent: 1 - Vice President Paul Caprioglio

Open Session

[ID](#) Approve a Strategic Plan for the use of the Coronavirus Relief Fund
[20-00797](#) monies received by the City of Fresno from the CARES Act.

Councilmember Karbassi stated he will not vote on any of the special meeting items because he did not have time to review the information before voting.

Upon call, the following members of the public addressed Council: Lisa Flores, Shantay Balch, Ivanka Saunders, and Brandi Villegas.

The above item was introduced to Council by Chief of Staff Orman, Mayor's Office.

Councilmember Chavez thanked Chief of Staff Orman for providing the framework and stated he is not ready to vote on the next item regarding action pertaining to COVID-19 response and the Mobile Heal Project. He would like to see the COVID-19 information by zip code. Chief of Staff Orman responded the information is on the website.

Councilmember Esparza suggested to wait on the second wave of COVID cases and stated there is a potential that things can get worse.

Councilmember Bredefeld asked about the \$2 million for arts and culture. Council President Arias responded that there has not been any fund raising and the theatres have been closed down. He stated most were not eligible

for the Save our Small Businesses Program because they are non-profits. Councilmember Bredefeld requested the City be very careful on how the money is spent.

Councilmember Soria wants to flag the mobile units for healthcare services and spoke about improving the Wi-Fi infrastructure for students staying at home.

Council Vice President Arias spoke about COVID testing and finding out information about the statistics, he stated there is a lack of testing in some parts of the City. As folks return back to work they will need more training on how to work in today's environment.

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Action pertaining to COVID-19 response and the Mobile Heal Project:

1. Adopt a finding that approval of this grant agreement is covered by the common sense exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(c)(3) on the basis that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that it may have a significant effect on the environment.
2. Authorize the City Manager to develop and sign a grant agreement with UCSF Fresno for a \$5 million Mobile Heal Project
3. ***RESOLUTION - Adopting the 57th amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution No. 2019-133 appropriating \$5 million from the City's Coronavirus Relief Fund to fund the Mobile Heal Project.

The above item was introduced to Council by Chief of Staff Orman, Mayor's Office.

Councilmember Karbassi motioned to continue the item to June 18, 2020. Councilmember Bredefeld seconded the motion.

Councilmember Karbassi addressed his concerns with not having enough time to read the information before making a decision.

Council President Arias requested the Administration get the council zip code data.

Councilmember Soria requested more details on translations on the mobile unit.

On motion of Councilmember Karbassi, seconded by Councilmember Bredefeld, that the above Action Item be continued. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Arias, Soria, Karbassi, Chavez and Bredefeld

No: 1 - Esparza

Absent: 1 - Caprioglio

ADJOURNMENT

City Council adjourned the special emergency open session meeting at 2:59 P.M.