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June 15, 2023

FRESNO CITY COUNCIL



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1-A (ID 23-941)

Approval of the minutes for June 5, 2023, Budget Hearings, June 5, 2023, Special Meeting, June 6, 2023, Budget Hearings, June 7, 2023, Budget Hearings.

Contents of Supplement: Draft June 5, 2023, Budget Hearings, Draft June 5, 2023, Special Meeting, June 6, 2023, Budget Hearings, Draft June 7, 2023, Budget Hearings.

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, June 5, 2023

9:00 AM

Budget Hearings - Commencing on June 5, 2023, the budget hearings will be considered one continuous meeting Council Chambers (In Person and/or Electronic)

City Council

President - Tyler Maxwell

Vice President - Annalisa Perea

Councilmembers:

Mike Karbassi, Miguel Angel Arias, Luis Chavez,

Garry Bredefeld, Nelson Esparza

City Manager - Georgeanne A. White

City Attorney - Andrew Janz

City Clerk - Todd Stermer, CMC

Budget Hearings - Commencing on June 6, 2023, the budget hearings will be considered one continuous meeting

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

9:11 A.M. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Councilmember Nelson Esparza
Council President Tyler Maxwell
Vice President Annalisa Perea
Councilmember Mike Karbassi
Councilmember Miguel Angel Arias
Councilmember Luis Chavez
Councilmember Garry Bredefeld

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Councilmember Bredefeld led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Agenda

City Clerk announced a special meeting was separately noticed to discuss the following items:

Open Session item A (ID 23-896) regarding hearing to adopt Resolutions and Ordinance to Annex Territory and Levy a Special Tax regarding City of Fresno Community Facilities District Number 9, Annexation Number 58 (Final Parcel Map Number 2007-41) (Northeast and Southeast corners of East Tulare Avenue and North Clovis Avenue) (Council District 5).

Open Session item B (ID 23-940) regarding Resolution - In Support of California Governor Gavin Newsom's \$250 Million Recommendation to Fund Downtown Fresno Infrastructure Projects.

Monday, June 5, 2023 - 9:00 A.M.

Council President Maxwell announced public comment would be taken at the beginning of each budget hearing for the departments to be discussed that day. Upon call, the following members of the public addressed Council: Lisa Flores, Debbie Darden, Brandi Nuse-Villegas, and Sam Frank.

REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION WAS MADE DURING THE JUNE 5, 2023, BUDGET OVERVIEW:

Councilmember Arias requested information on the amount received from Measure P year-to-date, the amount set aside for the Cultural Arts Plan, and the rest of the programs.

Councilmember Chavez requested a list of budgeted positions that were filled and not filled and asked the information be filtered by department.

Vice President Perea requested a memo regarding the up-to-date list of all incomplete or not completely funded District 1 PARCs projects.

Council President Maxwell requested the amount of allocation in Fiscal Year 2024 budget for the city's water conservation rebates in total and what the amount of the allocation is for each program and would also like to know where the allocation is referenced in the budget with the list of specific page numbers and sections.

Council President Maxwell requested a reference of the budget page numbers where District 4's pending Department of Public Works projects are listed in the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 budget and a list of the funding amount for the Public Works Streets and Landscape Division projects.

Council President Maxwell requested information on all Department of Public Works projects, and if any funding is leftover from Fiscal Year 2023 will be carried over into Fiscal Year 2024.

Council President Maxwell requested information regarding the project time frame to begin construction for the following projects, including a list of construction that is anticipated to begin in Fiscal Year 2023 in the following locations: Traffic signal at Fresno and Browning, Traffic Signal at Barstow and Bond, and Traffic signal scramble at Chestnut and Weldon Hawk, and Fresno Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon.

Council President Maxwell requested the following information regarding the District 4 bicycle unit: Is the El Dorado Park/Shaw bike unit included in

the Fiscal Year 2024 budget? If so, he requested a list of the page reference and funding amount, including how many officers will be dedicated to the El Dorado Park/Shaw bike unit.

Council President Maxwell requested information regarding a list of projects anticipated to begin construction in Fiscal Year 2024, the construction cost, and if the project is funded or unfunded.

[ID 23-782](#) General Fund Overview

The above General Fund Overview was presented to Council by Director Fierro.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION WAS MADE DURING THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET OVERVIEW:

Councilmember Karbassi requested that property taxes and cannabis revenue be shared quarterly with the Budget subcommittee.

Councilmember Arias requested information on the Fiscal Year 2023 estimate and the year-to-date actuals for cannabis receipts.

Councilmember Arias requested the comparison of actual property taxes receipts from April 2023 to a year ago.

[ID 23-783](#) General Services Department

The above General Services Overview was presented to Council by Director Barr.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION WAS MADE DURING THE GENERAL SERVICES BUDGET OVERVIEW:

Councilmember Arias requested information on how many new vehicles are being funded in the Fiscal Year 2024 budget, and would like the information

by department, how many are new, and which vehicles are associated with past purchases.

Councilmember Arias requested the percentage of new purchases/vehicles that are EVs.

Councilmember Arias requested additional information on the electric update and asked if any of the upgrades facilitate the transition to electrification.

Councilmember Arias requested additional options for alternative financing for electrical updates apart from ARPA funding.

ID 23-784 Information Services Department

The above Information Services Department overview was presented to Council by Director Horn.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration and there were no motions or directions made at this time.

ID 23-785 Finance Department

The above Finance Department Overview was presented to Council by Director Danisi.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION WAS MADE DURING THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT BUDGET OVERVIEW:

Councilmember Arias requested the following information regarding Bitwise: Where has their past revenue been reflected over the past few years, and where is it in the proposed budget.

Councilmember Arias requested confirmation that the bonding would be an appropriate use to fund telecommunication infrastructure for public safety.

Councilmember Arias requested a list of public facilities that have been

bonded against and the amounts.

Councilmember Arias requested an audit of cannabis companies to ensure tax revenue is accounted for and asked to exercise the right to perform its audit by the City.

Councilmember Arias requested staff to confirm when "no neighborhood left behind" bonds were paid off.

Councilmember Esparza requested information on the budget account for the outgoing revenue for Fresno Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD).

Councilmember Esparza requested what amount of General Fund is going towards debt service.

Councilmember Esparza requested a memo informing if the City has the collateral capacity to enter into \$1 billion worth of bond(s) to address public works deferred maintenance and the resulting debt service requirement from said bond(s).

Vice President Perea requested Finance to work with Tower District mobile vendors and work towards compliance.

[ID 23-786](#) Budget & Management Studies Department

The above Budget & Management Studies Department Overview was presented to Council by Director Fierro.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION WAS MADE DURING THE BUDGET & MANAGEMENT STUDIES DEPARTMENT BUDGET OVERVIEW:

Councilmember Arias requested staff provide details on the error for Measure P revenues.

[ID 23-787](#) Airport Department

The above Airport Department Overview was presented to Council by Director Thompson.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION WAS MADE DURING THE AIRPORT DEPARTMENT BUDGET OVERVIEW:

Council President Maxwell requested information on the average for federal grants every year for noise abatement, how many households it allows Airports to assist per fiscal year, and how many it has served so far.

Council President Maxwell requested the following information regarding noise abatement: Who does the city contract with, what is the system used to administer, was it a competitive bid, when was the last time Airports bid out that service, the terms of the contract, the terms of eligibility for residents, and specification on the noise mitigation measures provided to homes.

THE FOLLOWING MOTION WAS MADE DURING BUDGET OVERVIEW:

Council President Maxwell motioned to allocate \$500,000 toward the noise mitigation project. Councilmember Esparza seconded the motion.

Adjournment

City Council recessed the June 5, 2023 Budget Hearings at 2:50 P.M. The next Budget Hearings is scheduled for Tuesday, June 6, 2023.

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, June 5, 2023

10:00 AM

Special Meeting

Council Chambers (In Person and/or Electronic)

City Council

President - Tyler Maxwell

Vice President - Annalisa Perea

Councilmembers:

Mike Karbassi, Miguel Angel Arias, Luis Chavez,

Garry Bredefeld, Nelson Esparza

City Manager - Georgeanne A. White

City Attorney - Andrew Janz

City Clerk - Todd Stermer, CMC

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

10:29 A.M. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Councilmember Nelson Esparza
Council President Tyler Maxwell
Vice President Annalisa Perea
Councilmember Mike Karbassi
Councilmember Miguel Angel Arias
Councilmember Luis Chavez
Councilmember Garry Bredefeld

APPROVE AGENDA

On motion of Councilmember Arias, seconded by Councilmember Esparza, the above agenda was APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Esparza, Maxwell, Perea, Karbassi, Arias, Chavez and Bredefeld

[ID 23-933](#) Notice of Special Meeting - Signed

OPEN SESSION

10:00 A.M.

- A. [ID 23-896](#) HEARING to adopt Resolutions and Ordinance to Annex Territory and Levy a Special Tax regarding City of Fresno Community Facilities District Number 9, Annexation Number 58 (Final Parcel Map Number 2007-41) (Northeast and Southeast corners of East Tulare Avenue and North Clovis Avenue) (Council District 5)
1. ***RESOLUTION - to Annex Territory to Community Facilities District No. 9 and Authorizing the Levy of a Special Tax for Annexation No. 58 (Subject to Mayor's Veto)
 2. ***RESOLUTION - Calling Special Mailed-Ballot Election (Subject to Mayor's Veto)
 3. ***RESOLUTION - Declaring Election Results (Subject to Mayor's Veto)
 4. ***BILL - (For introduction and adoption) - Levying a Special Tax for the Property Tax Year 2022-2023 and Future Tax Years Within and Relating to Community Facilities District No. 9, Annexation No. 58 (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

The above hearing was called to order at 10:29 A.M. Upon call, there was no staff presentation, no Council discussion, and no public comment. The public comment period closed at 10:30 P.M.

RESOLUTION 2023-170 ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2023-171 ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2023-172 ADOPTED

BILL B -20 INTRODUCED/ ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE 2023-018

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

Aye: 7 - Esparza, Maxwell, Perea, Karbassi, Arias, Chavez and Bredefeld

- B.** [ID 23-940](#) RESOLUTION - In Support of California Governor Gavin Newsom's \$250 Million Recommendation to Fund Downtown Fresno Infrastructure Projects

The above item was introduced to Council by Vice President Perea and Councilmember Esparza. Upon call, the following members of the public addressed Council: Ashley Swearingen; Artie Padilla; Jordan Sanchez; Lisa Flores; Invanka Saunders; Brandi Nuse-Villegas; Eric Payne, and Julian Ramos.

Council unanimously spoke in support of the adopted Resolution.

RESOLUTION 2023-169 ADOPTED

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

Aye: 7 - Esparza, Maxwell, Perea, Karbassi, Arias, Chavez and Bredefeld

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned from special session at 11:02 A.M.

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

9:00 AM

Budget Hearings Continued From June 5, 2023. The budget hearings will be considered one continuous meeting Council Chambers (In Person and/or Electronic)

City Council

President - Tyler Maxwell

Vice President - Annalisa Perea

Councilmembers:

Mike Karbassi, Miguel Angel Arias, Luis Chavez,

Garry Bredefeld, Nelson Esparza

City Manager - Georgeanne A. White

City Attorney - Andrew Janz

City Clerk - Todd Stermer, CMC

City Council resumed the budget hearings in open session in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on the date and time above written.

9:10 A.M. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Councilmember Nelson Esparza
Council President Tyler Maxwell
Vice President Annalisa Perea
Councilmember Mike Karbassi
Councilmember Miguel Angel Arias
Councilmember Luis Chavez
Councilmember Garry Bredefeld

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Councilmember Bredefeld led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tuesday, June 6, 2023 - 9:00 A.M.

Council President Maxwell announced public comment would be taken at the beginning of each budget hearing for the departments to be discussed that day. Upon call, the following members of the public addressed Council: Patience Milrod, Queen Sister, Alyssa Smith, Karla Martinez, Brandi Nuse-Villegas, Sarah Parkes, Camila Rivera, Adela Moreno, Judith Medina, Ruben Espinoza, Robert McCloskey, Nishea Balajadia, Jessica Martinez, Benita Vasquez, Lisa Flores, Michael Yamamura, Ashley Rojas, Juana Vigil, Lilia Becerril, and Eric Payne.

REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION WAS MADE DURING BUDGET OVERVIEW:

Councilmember Esparza requested a memo informing if the city were to raise \$1 billion via the taxpayer- what would be the resulting financial impact on residents.

Council President Maxwell requested a memo on the following Information: 1.) Cost for designing and constructing a splash pad shade structure at Melody Park. 2.) Cost for a rod iron fence along the perimeter of the Rotary West park. 3.) Cost for resurfacing the volleyball and tennis ball courts at Einstein Park. 4.) Remaining Cost for assessing the Old Roessler building to utilize the building. 5.) Cost on all urgent needs that need to be

addressed at the Old Roessler Building

Council President Maxwell requested Information on the Cost of increasing all water conservation rebates at the same rate as CPI for the past 12 months.

Council President Maxwell requested the following Information on the senior center: 1.) Information regarding the Section 108 staff was going to pursue, what is the process for that, has the request to HUD has been submitted, and what the timeline is. 2.) In the Fiscal Year 2024 budget, is there sufficient funding to fulfill the RFQ/proposal for the senior center, if not, what is the funding amount needed.

Councilmember Karbassi requested the following Information regarding trolleys: what does the city do if residents get rowdy, what can be done for drivers to have quick access to safety, and to provide possible suggestions.

Councilmember Karbassi requested an estimate for the design phase of lighting at Oso De Oro Park and an estimate for the design and construction of lighting at Koligian Park.

Councilmember Arias requested a memo regarding the feasibility of Gottchalks as office space.

Councilmember Arias requested Information regarding the city's parking lot security monitoring and to confirm the operational hours.

[ID 23-788](#) Department of Transportation

The above Transportation Department Overview was presented to Council by Director Barfield.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

**REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION WAS MADE DURING
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OVERVIEW:**

Council President Maxwell requested a list of the remaining bus stops

needing shelters in District 4.

Council President Maxwell requested a memo to include the contract details with Provost & Pritchard and any other firm contracted to design and construct bus stop shelters.

Councilmember Chavez requested information regarding pepper spray training for FAX drivers and how many drivers have opted in.

Vice President Perea requested a list of unsheltered bus stops in District 4 based on priority and site criteria.

Councilmember Arias requested information on the amount of the Fiscal Year 2024 proposed PG&E cost increase.

Councilmember Arias requested the last five years of calls for service from FAX to the Police Department.

Councilmember Arias requested a cost analysis of a dedicated route from the downtown community medical center to the Clovis community medical center, a similar model to the trolley.

THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS WERE MADE DURING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DISCUSSION:

Council President Maxwell motioned to allocate \$500,000 to continue reduced-cost services for qualifying populations under the Kaiser grant contingent upon City not receiving funds. Councilmember Arias seconded the motion.

Council President Maxwell motioned to add nine (9) bus stop shelters in District 4 to the current list. Councilmember Esparza seconded the motion.

Councilmember Arias motioned to fund \$500,000 for a route from CRMC downtown to CRMC Clovis. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.

[ID 23-789](#) Police Department

The above Police Department budget overview was presented to Council by Police Chief Balderrama.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION WAS MADE DURING POLICE DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW:

Councilmember Chavez requested information regarding domestic violence incident numbers and the department's capacity.

Councilmember Bredefeld requested information regarding the funding plan by the administration for the need for a helicopter for the Police Department.

Vice President Perea requested a report to discuss the current condition and possible ways to use Cornelia and Swift's location in Northwest Fresno.

Councilmember Arias requested staff provide the last five years of officers and management ratio with civilians.

Councilmember Arias requested the last 10 years of lawsuits, the name of the lawsuit, and the amount.

Councilmember Arias requested the number of officers on long-term medical leave for the last five years.

Councilmember Arias requested the operational hours for all police locations open to the public.

Councilmember Arias requested a memo for response times for 9-1-1 calls for the last five years and a memo for responses for police responding to 9-1-1 for the previous five years in various categories.

Councilmember Arias requested a memo regarding when the Chief decides to pursue accreditation.

Councilmember Arias requested information regarding the City of Fresno

Police Department Facebook page and a memo regarding policies and procedures for posting.

THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS WERE MADE DURING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET DISCUSSION:

Councilmember Chavez motioned to add two positions to the Elder Abuse Unit. Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.

Councilmember Chavez motioned to allocate \$100,000 for Project Spotlight to feed video images into the surveillance command center. Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.

Councilmember Esparza motioned to add \$220,000 to re-launch the Neighborhood Watch Program within the Police Department Budget. Vice President Perea seconded the motion.

Vice President Perea motioned to allocate \$100,000 for small business security camera grants. Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.

ID 23-790 Economic Development Department

The above Economic Development Department budget overview was presented to Council by Director Lippincott.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION WAS MADE DURING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET OVERVIEW:

Councilmember Arias requested a list of businesses that have been attracted or retained due to work done by economic development.

Vice President Perea gave direction to prioritize the Tower District.

Vice President Perea requested a memo on current sites in District 1 that you are currently in the works to attract new business or will be moving forward.

THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS WERE MADE DURING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET DISCUSSION:

Councilmember Karbassi motioned to allocate \$100,000 for a new position of sister city liaison. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Karbassi motioned to allocate \$50,000 for sister city travel. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.

ID 23-791 Planning and Development Department

The above Planning and Development budget overview was presented to Council by Director Clark.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION WAS MADE DURING THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET OVERVIEW:

Council President Maxwell requested additional information on the \$27,420,200 for Miscellaneous State Grants, including various state grants such as Local Early Action Planning, Local Housing Trust Fund funds and Encampment Resolution Funding” (B-158). He requested additional information regarding the exact usage of the following funds: 1.) A list of projects or groups that will receive funding from the grants. 2.) The amount of funds each group or project will receive. 3.) The grant funding source for each project or group, and include any budget pages that can be referenced for detailed information concerning these inquiries.

Councilmember Esparza requested an updated timeline for the CEDA and Environmental Impact Report.

Councilmember Arias requested information regarding the full accounting of housing funds that have been received and awarded by project and amount, and to include funds that have yet to be awarded for the past 3 years.

Councilmember Chavez requested a list of all housing permits currently

being processed, what category they would fall under, and how many are affordable.

Councilmember Chavez requested a copy of the General Plan outline of the anticipated need for housing units based on population growth.

Councilmember Karbassi requested a memo listing all vacancies in the Planning Department, how long they have been vacant, the salary range, a comparison of salary range vs. other entities, e.g., Caltrain, Clovis, Madera County, and what is being done to fill those vacancies.

Vice President Perea requested information regarding the senior home repair program, what has been expended, what is left, and what will be a carryover.

THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS WERE MADE DURING THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET DISCUSSION:

Councilmember Arias motioned to fund \$1 million for the acquisition of Helm Home for the operation of a youth LGBTQ shelter. Vice President Perea seconded the motion.

Vice President Perea motioned to carryover \$50,000 and funded an additional \$275,000 for the West Area Specific Plan. Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.

ID 23-792 Public Works Department

The above Public Works Department budget overview was presented to Council by Director Mozier.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION WAS MADE DURING THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT BUDGET OVERVIEW:

Council President Maxwell requested information on the concrete and paving repair proposed at Browning, Bullard, Millbrook, and Ninth that is

currently on hold and asked if the project includes the frontage road on the south end of Bullard.

Councilmember Arias requested an up-to-date list of all incomplete or not completely funded public works projects in District 3 to be included with status.

Councilmember Chavez requested a list of all the projects that made it into the Fiscal Year 2024 proposed budget and requested a spreadsheet with just District 5 projects.

Council President Maxwell requested information on how often median islands in District 4 are cleaned and the cost to increase the litter removal of median islands in District 4.

Councilmember Chavez requested the following information from the Budget, Personnel Department, and Public Works Department: 1.) What is the historical data for Fresno regarding the sales/use tax trends, what was subsequently reconciled, and the trend specific to the city. 2.) What is the property tax trend in the city. 3.) What positions are being funded at "90%" and what has been the percentage of positions funded in the past 5 years. 4.) How many proposed funded positions were filled in the past 3 years by departments, and a list by departments. 5.) What are the estimates for infrastructure projects that have been coming in over the amount estimated, what is the trend, and are these trends reflected in the new estimates for capital/infrastructure budgets.

Vice President Perea requested information on the estimate to repave the Hughes, Cornell, Crystal, and Brown neighborhoods.

THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS WERE MADE DURING THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT BUDGET DISCUSSION:

Councilmember Arias motioned to allocate \$1.5 million for infrastructure dollars for each council district. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Karbassi motioned to add to Fiscal Year 2023 motion #58. If the property is re-zoned, the funds will be transferred to the Public Works Department for discretionary (by the council member) infrastructure projects in Council District 2. Councilmember Arias seconded the motion

ADJOURNMENT

City Council recessed the June 6, 2023 Budget Hearing at 5:07 P.M. The Budget Hearing was scheduled to resume Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.

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City Council resumed the budget hearings in open session in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on the date and time above written.

9:06 A.M. ROLL CALL

Councilmember Bredefeld led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: 6 - Councilmember Nelson Esparza
Vice President Annalisa Perea
Councilmember Mike Karbassi
Councilmember Miguel Angel Arias
Councilmember Luis Chavez
Councilmember Garry Bredefeld

Absent: 1 - Council President Tyler Maxwell

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Councilmember Bredefeld led the Pledge of Allegiance.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023 - 9:00 A.M. (CONTINUED BUDGET HEARING)

[ID 23-792](#) Public Works Department

The above Public Works Department budget overview was continued from June 6, 2023 and presented to Council by Director Mozier.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION WAS MADE DURING THE PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET OVERVIEW:

Councilmember Arias requested staff provide a cost estimate for road Paving for the areas Between (Fruit, Kearney Blvd, A St., California).

Councilmember Arias requested staff provide a cost estimate for Shields & Valentine intersection for traffic signal installation and road paving.

Councilmember Karbassi requested a cost estimate to add protective left-turn phasing to north/south traffic at Shaw and Feland Avenues.

Councilmember Arias requested information on the last three years what is the General Fund commitment to Department Public Works that excludes earned income from fees, SGF, Measure C, and council infrastructure.

Councilmember Arias requested a complete list of solar projects completed, coming online, and when anticipated to be operational as well as the ones that have yet to put out.

Councilmember Arias requested cost of historic lamp posts to be put back up.

Councilmember Karbassi requested information regarding the cost to equip each inspector in Public Works Department with iPads/tablets.

Councilmember Karbassi requested information regarding security gate around employee parking lot: cost estimate of a phase plan over the next couple of years.

Councilmember Chavez requested information on the amount of reassessment for District 5, and the last time they were done.

Vice President Perea requested information regarding alley gate program and what is the cost to install one alley gate on each side.

Vice President Perea requested a memo on what it would take to bring those in house for Tower District street lights.

Vice President Perea requested a memo to get the cost estimate for textured stamped paving for the Fresno High Area (on Echo Ave between McKinley Ave and Weldon Ave) and other methods of traffic calming.

Councilmember Chavez requested information regarding Measure C carryover and how much of that Measure C was carryover from previous year by subcategory.

THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS WERE MADE DURING BUDGET HEARINGS:

Councilmember Chavez motioned to make Tulare, Belmont, Sunnyside, and Fowler priority for paving. Councilmember Esparza seconded the motion.

Councilmember Chavez motioned to include California, Butler, Hazelwood, and Orange in the rebuild Fresno 2.0 initiative. Councilmember Esparza seconded the motion.

Councilmember Bredefeld motioned to fund \$3 million in infrastructure projects in District 6. (\$2.1 million for repaving of Herndon-Cedar/Sierra Millbrook, \$425,000 repaving First Street between Herndon and Sierra, \$150,000 repaving Sierra between Fresno and Fwy 41, \$150,000 repaving Thesta between Escalon and Bullard, 17 sidewalk, curb and gutter projects \$169,500). Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.

Councilmember Esparza motioned to fund the construction of a roundabout on Wishon and Fountain for \$260,000. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Esparza motioned to fund the installation of street lighting at the intersection of Willow Ave. and Tulare Ave. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Esparza motioned to fund the installation of an in-pavement lighted crosswalk at all intersections of Rowell Elementary School. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Esparza motioned to fund the paving of streets at Tulare/5th, Tulare/6th, Tulare/7th. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Esparza motioned to fund the paving of the Home-First-Pine-Millbrook neighborhood. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Esparza motioned to fund the paving of the Chestnut-Tulare-McKenzie-Winery neighborhood. Councilmember Chavez

seconded the motion.

Councilmember Esparza motioned to fund the installation of street lighting on Tulare Ave between Chestnut Avenue and Peach Avenue. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Esparza motioned to fund the paving of the Winery-Tulare-Willow-McKenzie neighborhood. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Esparza motioned to fund the paving of Peach Avenue from Olive to McKinley. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Esparza motioned to fund street lighting along Washington Avenue and 4th Street near the cross streets of First Street and Belmont. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Karbassi motioned to allocate \$550,000 for roadwork on Weber Ave to Camp Pashayan in Council District 2. Vice President Perea seconded the motion.

Councilmember Karbassi motioned to allocate \$500,000 for intersection upgrades at Barstow and Grantland. Councilmember Esparza seconded the motion.

Councilmember Karbassi motioned to allocate \$150,000 for a memorial for victims of traffic fatalities. Vice President Perea seconded the motion.

Councilmember Karbassi motioned to allocate \$210,000 for roadwork on Van Ness in Council District 2. Councilmember Arias seconded the motion.

Councilmember Karbassi motioned to allocate \$855,000 for mill & pave, slurry seal for the neighborhood Herndon-Alluvial, Van Ness to West. Vice President Perea seconded the motion.

Councilmember Karbassi motioned to allocate \$50,000 for the installation of irrigation infrastructure at vacant lot between Barstow and Bryan (lot not

covered by neighborhood's CFD). Vice President Perea seconded the motion.

Vice President Perea motioned for \$65,000 to close the Gap funding needed to complete the Yale paving project. Councilmember Arias seconded the motion.

Vice President Perea motioned to allocate funding to implement recommendations from traffic intersection study for \$500,000. Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.

Vice President Perea motioned to allocate funding to pave residential streets at West Brown, between N. Hughes Ave, N. Crystal Ave., and W. Cornell Ave. Councilmember Arias seconded the motion.

Vice President Perea motioned to allocate funding to update historical ornamental lights in the Fresno High neighborhood to LED lights. Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.

Vice President Perea motioned to Slurry seal Fruit Ave from Clinton to Dakota Ave. Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.

Vice President Perea motioned to update landscaping frontage Median Island along West Ave from Shaw to Norwich Ave. Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.

Councilmember Arias motioned to fund \$500,000 for Downtown (Fulton Street) and Chinatown (F Street) for overhead string LED lighting. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Arias motioned to allocate \$1.9 Million in funding for road repaving and concrete repair for a residential area in Southwest Fresno bounded by Jensen, Elm, Church, & Kirk. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Arias motioned to allocate \$4.1 million to repave unfunded streets as identified in the memo in response to council direction #8

regarding the Tower District area bounded by Weber McKinley, Palm, & Olive. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Arias motioned to allocate \$200,000 from Beautify Fresno budget to provide trash and pressure washing in Chinatown, similar to what is done in Downtown and Tower District. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Arias motioned to allocate \$2.4 Million for the Chinatown area for road repaving and concrete work that is not funded by TCC grant dollars. Vice President Perea seconded the motion.

Wednesday, June 7, 2023 - 9:00 A.M.

City Clerk Stermer announced File ID 23-792 - Public Works Department budget was continued from Tuesday, June 6, 2023, budget hearings.

Upon call, the following members of the public addressed Council: Alan McCuen, Brandi Nuse-Villegas, Annie McCuen, Alisha Corchado, Pedro Navarro, Emma Sultan, Lisa Flores, Adrian Zarate, Harman Singh, Ashley Rojas, and Tony Quezada.

REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION WAS MADE DURING THE JUNE 7, 2023, BUDGET OVERVIEW:

Councilmember Arias requested information regarding the total number of citywide positions that were added in Fiscal Year 2019, Fiscal Year 2020, Fiscal Year 2021, Fiscal Year 2022, Fiscal Year 2023, and those being proposed in Fiscal Year 2024.

Councilmember Arias requested a list of all capital improvement projects included in Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023 that were not fully funded or went undeveloped.

Councilmember Arias requested information on the current vacant position that is currently unfilled to be focused on the Tower District Business Corridor.

Councilmember Karbassi requested a breakdown of the \$1,824,900 cost for replacement of the fire alarm panel at MSC (General Services Budget item).

Vice President Perea requested a memo to confirm there's a special fund to capture concert profits to make improvements to the Tower Theater.

Councilmember Chavez requested information on fine for selling illegal fireworks.

THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS WERE MADE DURING BUDGET HEARINGS:

Councilmember Chavez motioned to give direction for legal counsel to establish a community service requirement for people caught graffitiing property. Councilmember Esparza seconded the motion.

Councilmember Chavez motioned to allocate \$100,000 for Community Affairs for immigrant legal defense fund. Vice President Perea seconded the motion.

Councilmember Chavez motioned to allocate \$75,000 for Centro La Familia. Vice President Perea seconded the motion.

Councilmember Bredefeld motioned to allocate \$52,500 for 3 Code Enforcement cameras to catch illegal dumping. Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.

ID 23-793 Fire Department

The above Fire Department budget overview was presented to Council by Interim Fire Chief Alcorn.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION WAS MADE DURING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET OVERVIEW:

Councilmember Chavez requested the latest heat map.

Councilmember Arias requested information on the amount of multilingual response staff and officers within the Fire Department.

Councilmember Karbassi requested a memo regarding how much it costs in Overtime to raise daily minimum staffing to 103 and what other options are there to get to 103.

THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS WERE MADE DURING BUDGET HEARINGS:

Councilmember Karbassi motioned to allocate \$160,000 to equip all fire staff with ballistic vests and helmets. Vice President Perea seconded the motion.

Councilmember Karbassi motioned to allocate \$100,000 for any improvement necessary to sustain four fire fighters at a time at Station 2. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.

ID 23-794 Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services (PARCS)

The above PARCs Department budget overview was presented to Council by Director Aguirre

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION WAS MADE DURING THE PARCS DEPARTMENT BUDGET OVERVIEW:

Councilmember Arias requested the following information from staff regarding Measure P: How much Measure P money has been received in total, what amount has been appropriated, what amount has not been appropriated, and how much interest has been generated from the Measure P deposits.

Councilmember Karbassi requested a memo on the cost to resurface the tennis courts at Logan Park exclusively to pickle ball courts.

THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS WERE MADE DURING BUDGET HEARINGS:

Councilmember Arias motioned to adopt PRAC's recommendation #1 for free entrance for Fresno residents to City parks on National Parks Day and on a second day, yet to be determined. Vice President Perea seconded the motion.

Councilmember Arias motioned to adopt PRAC's recommendation #6 to allocate \$250,000 to repurpose the softball field at JSK Park, and to repurpose one of the eight soccer fields at the Regional Sports Complex into cricket fields with guidance from Cricket League leaders on the requirements for a field. Vice President Perea seconded the motion.

Councilmember Arias motioned to allocate \$2 Million for the completion of the construction of Ted C. Wills' green space. Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.

Councilmember Arias motioned to allocate \$6 Million construction of San Pablo Park. Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.

Councilmember Arias motioned to identify Basin XX as a high-priority, high-needs for the joint use agreement with the Flood Control District to make it a dual-purpose space; green space and water basin, and allocate \$1 Million for the construction phase of Basin XX. Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.

Councilmember Arias motioned to allocate \$1 Million for remediation of the contamination of green space located on the south parcel of Maxie Parks Community Center. Vice President Perea seconded the motion.

Councilmember Chavez motioned to include flood control property near Church as a future park site. Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.

Councilmember Chavez motioned to allocate \$300,000 for the Community Garden/Dog Park on 11th and Tulare. Councilmember Esparza seconded

the motion.

Councilmember Bredefeld motioned to fund \$800,000 in construction costs to finish the Pickleball Facility at Rotary East Park at Sierra and Cedar. This will update the number of courts, add amenities, and meet the ADA accessibility requirements. Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.

Councilmember Esparza motioned to fund acquisition of property at First & Clinton for the expansion of Radio Park for \$1 Million. Councilmember Arias seconded the motion.

Councilmember Esparza motioned to fund the design and construction of new play structure at Lafayette Park for \$350,000. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Esparza motioned to fund the design of a skate park amenity at Manchester Park for \$190,000. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Esparza motioned to fund year round senior activities for \$482,000. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Esparza motioned to fund a city run Play Streets program for a total of \$200,000. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.

Vice President Perea motioned to turn to the Mickingley and Weber basin into a dual use park contingent whether it is needed for recharge. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.

Vice President Perea motioned to allocate \$9 Million to the design and construction of Quigley Park. Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.

Vice President Perea motioned to allocate \$70,000 for multi use court at Lions Park. Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.

Councilmember Karbassi motioned to allocate \$50,000 to upgrade the

*monument sign with lighting and other improvements at Logan Park.
Councilmember Esparza seconded the motion.*

Councilmember Karbassi motioned to allocate \$150,000 towards a fireworks show to celebrate Diwali in 2023. Event is to be held in Council District 1 or 2. Vice President Perea seconded the motion.

ID 23-795 Personnel Services Department

The above Personal Service Department budget overview was presented to Council by Assistant City Manager Miller.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

**REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION WAS MADE DURING THE
PERSONNEL SERVICES DEPARTMENT BUDGET OVERVIEW:**

Councilmember Arias requested information on all settlements over the last 5 years and the breakdown of the liability ISF charge for personnel.

Councilmember Arias request staff provide a sample of a bare minimum exam for 911 dispatchers and FAX bus drivers.

Councilmember Arias requested staff provide the total numbers of positions in 2019 compared to FY 2024 Proposed Budget.

ID 23-796 Convention Center / Stadium

Councilmember Arias requested information on what is the outstanding debt for Convention Center facilities.

Councilmember Arias requested on what bonds are leveraged against the entire Convention Center facilities, including garages.

Councilmember Arias requested a memo of differed maintenance on the Seland Arena/Convention Center.

Councilmember Arias requested information on when was the last financial audit conducted for the Grizzlies.

Councilmember Arias requested information on how much will the organization invest in the stadium, and towards what improvements.

Councilmember Arias requested information on the estimated cost for painting of the buildings.

Councilmember Karbassi requested information on the vacancy rate at the Convention Center (number of days and evening events are booked vs. not).

Councilmember Karbassi requested the vacancy rate at the Save Mart Center (assuming ASM will provide that).

Councilmember Karbassi requested a list of deferred maintenance items (and costs, if available).

Councilmember Karbassi requested information on what investments are needed to make the Convention Center a state of the art facility given its present limitations (e.g. seating capacity, parking, etc).

[ID 23-797](#) Department of Public Utilities

The above Department of Public Utilities budget overview was presented to Council by Director Buche.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION WAS MADE DURING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BUDGET OVERVIEW:

Council President Maxwell requested a memo on the number of homes on average that would be able to be served with \$105,000 in Lawn to Garden rebate program funding, information on how the estimate was calculated, the average square footage per home that applies, and qualifies for a Lawn to Garden rebate.

Councilmember Arias is requesting a complete list of how the "Beautify Fresno" Program is funded (all sources - Measure P, General Fund, etc.);

where the appropriations lie (by line item) and what they fund.

Councilmember Arias requested information on the following: 1.) The status of the Northpointe Settlement Agreement, specifically what is the status of the construction of water and sewer infrastructure for Daleville Community (section 3 of agreement). 2.) What is the status of acquiring portions of E. Central Ave. and S. Cherry Ave. (section 8 of agreement) and what is the estimated cost for acquisition. 3.) What is the cost estimate for a signalized intersection with curb ramps and crosswalks at the E. Central Ave. and S. Cherry Ave. intersection (section 4a of agreement). 4.) What is the status of the installation of 'No Idling' signs throughout the AB617 area (section 9 of agreement)

ADJOURNMENT

City Council recessed the June 7, 2023 Budget Hearings at 6:01 P.M. The budget hearing was scheduled to resume Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.