

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, TO INITIATING THE SPECIFIC PLAN OF THE WEST AREA DRAFT LAND USE MAP AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND THE CORRESPONDING AMENDMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN, AND REPEAL OR AMENDMENT OF THE WEST AREA COMMUNITY PLAN AND HIGHWAY CITY NEIGHBORHOOD SPECIFIC PLAN PERTAINING TO APPROXIMATELY 7,077 ACRES LOCATED IN THE WEST DEVELOPMENT AREA TO ALLOW FOR FUTURE ADOPTION OF A SPECIFIC PLAN OF THE WEST AREA PURSUANT TO FRESNO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 15-5803-C AND 15-4902-B.

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2014, by Resolution No. 2014-226, the City Council adopted the Fresno General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno General Plan includes general goals, policies, and objectives that apply for the City of Fresno as a whole; and

WHEREAS, members of the West Area community expressed a desire to complete a Specific Plan that will encourage consistent and compatible development of future residential and commercial uses; and

WHEREAS, the plan area is bounded by the east side of Garfield Avenue, to the north side of Shields Avenue, to the east side of Grantland Avenue, to the north side of West Clinton Avenue, and along the west side of Highway 99; and

WHEREAS, the plan area is within Council District No. 1, Council District No. 2, and Council District No. 3; and

WHEREAS, two community meetings were held in the spring of 2018 to provide information on the plan process and to solicit ideas for viable solutions; and



WHEREAS, residents of the West Area have identified several issues that require a more specific approach; and

WHEREAS, funds for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report and Infrastructure Financing Plan were allocated in FY2019 budget; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Fresno City Council established an 11-member Steering Committee for the Specific Plan project; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Steering Committee were appointed by the three councilmembers representing the Plan Area; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee organized at their first meeting by electing a chairperson and vice chairperson, and adopting rules to guide the decision-making process; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee has hosted two orientation sessions to learn about the plan process and the Development Code, and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee has met seven times during the period between June 2018 and February 2019, adhering to Brown Act procedures, to consider issues raised by themselves and community members and to deliberate on potential land use related solutions; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee provided City staff direction in the formulation of a draft land use map and guiding principles; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee, with input from the community, made adjustments to the draft land use and guiding principles; and

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2019, the Steering Committee unanimously voted to approve the draft land use map and guiding principles (Exhibit A) and forward it to the Planning Commission and City Council for initiation of the plan, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of 15-5809 of the Fresno Municipal Code, the Planning Commission of the City of Fresno held a public hearing on May 1, 2019 to consider initiation of the Specific Plan of the West Area; and

WHEREAS the Fresno City Planning Commission took action, as evidenced in Planning Commission Resolution No. **** to recommend that City Council formally initiate a Specific Plan for the West Area based upon the attached draft land use map and guiding principles, initiate a corresponding amendment of the Fresno General Plan, and initiate repeal or amendment of the West Area Community Plan and Highway City Neighborhood Specific Plan pertaining to approximately 7,077 acres located in the West Development Area; and also recommended to City Council that staff be directed to continue working with the Steering Committee and community to refine the plan and commence the Program EIR ; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The Council, pursuant to Fresno Municipal Code Sections 15-4902-B and 15-5803-C hereby initiates the Specific Plan of the West Area based on the draft land use map and guiding principles presented in the attached document of that same name, dated February 27, 2019 (Exhibit A).

2. The Council directs staff to continue working with the Steering Committee and community to refine the plan and commence the Program Environmental Impact Report.

3. The Council, pursuant to Fresno Municipal Code Sections 15-4902-B and 15-5803-C, hereby initiates amendment or repeal of the following plans:

- a. West Area Community Plan
- b. Highway City Neighborhood Specific Plan

4. The Council further directs staff to process The Specific Plan of the West Area and the amendment or repeal of the West Area Community Plan and Highway City Neighborhood Specific Plan according to the procedures set forth in Fresno Municipal Code, Chapter 15, commonly referred to as the Zoning Ordinance, and any applicable sections of the California Government Code.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____ 2019.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

YVONNE SPENCE, MMC CRM
City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

By: _____
Talía Kolluri Date
Supervising Deputy City Attorney

Attachment: Exhibit A