

Regular Council Meeting

May 11, 2023

FRESNO CITY COUNCIL



Public Comment Packet

ITEM(S)

This public comment packet includes submitted comments for Unscheduled Communication (1), (23-627) - Proclamation for Historic Preservation Month (1), and Consent Calendar item 1-V (23-709) – Approve a consultant agreement with Baker Tilly US, LLP (1)

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From: Pesky Citizen
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2023 4:12 PM
To: Clerk,
Cc: Tyler Maxwell; Annalise.Perea@fresno.gov; Andrew Janz; Luis Chavez; Garry Bredefeld; Miguel Arias; Mike Karbassi; Nelson Esparza; Georgeanne White; Jerry Dyer
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENTS - May 11, 2023 - CITY COUNCIL MEETING PARKING

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This e-mail is meant to be Included in the "**Official Public Record**" for City of Fresno regular Council Meeting minutes **UNSCHEDULED COMMENTS.**

I ask the City Clerk, that this email... which is just under **450 words** or **3 mins** to be read out loud, during the "**Unscheduled Comments**" time slot.

My name is **Lynn Dee Owens**. I am a **D3 Homeowner** since 1999. I worked for **Gottschalks & K-Jewel** thru **Bennett Frost**.

I volunteered & then worked at **San Joaquin River Parkway** as a Seasonal **River Guide**, a job I truly loved. I was the Rental Event Coordinator at **Coke Hallowell Center for River Studies**. The River Center. I've worked for **Manco Abbott & Niacc-Avitech Technologies** aka **Heico**.

I just wanted to show everyone, I am responsible and invested in this Community.

I attended my 1st Council Mtg on April 27 in order to address the Council regarding FPD Corruption. I arrived late and noticed **City vehicles parked in METERED parking spaces**. Many marked **Code Enforcement**.

City vehicles obstructing Public Parking is of great concern. Security vehicles are parked in Public Parking. Extra Security is required for the Council Meetings. That means MORE cars blocking the People.

I had asked Security to call **Parking Enforcement & issue Citations to all City Employee vehicles without a Front Plate**.

Maybe she REFUSED to call because **she didn't have a front license plate either. But all Security inside, also Refused.**

3 vehicles in the Council Members parking are LACKING Front License plates. 8-10 more in Council Staff Parking.

This may seem minor to some, but **#PeskyCitizens get Cited for this**. It also shows, no attention to detail at the highest level of Fresno Government.

City Leaders **MUST** set an Example. What this **Parking Lot Audit** tells me, is the City isn't Concerned with Law, when it is **INCONVENIENT** for the City.

This is called **Selective Enforcement**. **City Contractors** enjoy it, too. I posted proof on **You Tube** in **2019**. The video demonstrates **FPD's disdain and complete lack of empathy towards the Public**.

When City of Fresno doesn't follow the LAW... Tax Payers ALWAYS PAY DOUBLE. One way or another. ACTUAL TAX DOLLARS go out, ZERO PUBLIC TRUST comes back. **#TheDisconnect** is on You.

PLEASE enforce **ALL the POLICIES & PROCEDURES** in your **MANUALS** finalized by Licensed Accredited Lawyers. All with Bar Cards, **#WeThePeople** pay for.

Please **ENFORCE ALL CVC's on all City Employees**. I am **SPEAKING to 3 ELECTED OFFICIALS DIRECTLY**. On **yourself** and on your **staff**.

Your personal vehicles are not the **RESPONSIBILITY** of the Taxpayer. You each have a **\$500/month Car Allowance**. Get your Front Plates.

Video links for "**Remove Rays Towing from Fresno Tow Rotation**" You Tube **Miss 5250**.

Part 2 - re: Front Plate

https://youtu.be/H83_qe7UPFw

Part 1

<https://youtu.be/lZ3-e3Tx21s>

Thank you.

From: Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2023 8:11 AM
To:
Subject: FW: Fresno city Council Meeting on 5-11-23: my public comment on agenda item # ID 23-627 : proclamation of the Month of May as "Historic Preservation Month"

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From: Brian Leighton
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2023 8:56 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Fresno city Council Meeting on 5-11-23: my public comment on agenda item # ID 23-627 : proclamation of the Month of May as "Historic Preservation Month"

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Fresno City Clerk; regarding the Subject line above I wish to lodge my public comments to that agenda item and request you add my comments below to the City council members Agenda packet. My Name is Brian C. Leighton, an attorney in Clovis , who represents a whole host of persons who reside or have businesses on , and who closely identify with the communities associated with California Ave, Ventura street and Kings Canyon--- 3 historic streets you just 2 months ago voted to cancel, erase, destroy and obliterate from your maps, addresses and lexicon, at your March 9, 2023 meeting. At that March meeting you either heard or callously tuned out the heart-rendering pleas from the folks who call those streets their homes and communities. Those are legacy and iconic street names with so much rich history going back many decades and two streets which go back 130 years : Ventura Street is shown on Fresno maps in 1873, some of kings canyon Boulevard going back to the 1930's and California Ave dating back to over 70 years ago.

Now, almost 2 months after you blew up that legacy history you have the audacity, tone deafness and/or hypocrisy of passing a proclamation proclaiming May as “**FRESNO HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH**” !

Your proclamation begins:

WHEREAS, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve and protect the heritage that has shaped us as a people; and WHEREAS, we honor the residents and business owners who understand the economic, educational, and environmental benefits of "Saving Places" in Fresno. Aside from serving as an economic engine for our communities, their work also enhances community vibrancy, fosters a sense of pride and identity among our residents, all while telling our stories;

Your vote on March 9th destroyed any semblance of credibility you have in making said proclamation now. You erased—not preserved—the history of those 3 iconic streets and replaced them with the name of a divisive labor organizer who never even resided in Fresno.

Your Proclamation continues:

WHEREAS, designating May as Fresno Historic Preservation Month provides an opportunity to celebrate our rich cultural heritage and appreciate the unique historical significance of our city. Fresno Historic Preservation Month – a celebration of people saving places, serves as a reminder to honor our past in order to build a healthy future.

Just how can your vote on March 9th “celebrate our rich cultural heritage” when those 3 streets were considered home to generations of several nationalities, races and multi-cultural groups whose heritage identified with those streets? You did NOT show any “honor [of] our past in order to build a healthy future” ---when you just destroyed the “past”. Just HOW did you, “proclamating” City Council, “appreciate the unique

historical significance of our city” when you just voted to eviscerate 3 of the most iconic street names in Fresno City history?

The Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church , which is on the National and Fresno historical registers was built in 1903 on VENTURA Street: You can feel so proud now that you have located it on “Cesar Chavez Boulevard”. Is THAT your “sincere” effort to “appreciate the unique historical significance” of said historical church and home to so many in the Armenian community now being instantly uprooted to Cesar Chavez Blvd?

You can save face, show some humility, admit you were wrong, and do the right thing by rescinding your vote to rename those 3 streets and restore their historical names; or you can make a further mockery of your vote by following through on your hollow and totally insincere and hypocritical proclamation.

Sincerely, Brian C. Leighton

BRIAN C. LEIGHTON
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Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 3:03 PM
To: Todd Stermer; Briana Parra
Subject: FW: Support for Item 1.-V.

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From: Mike
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Cc: Georgeanne White <Georgeanne.White@fresno.gov>
Subject: Support for Item 1.-V.

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On the agenda for Thursday, May 11 is item 1.-V. for the City Council to consider authorizing an agreement with a consultant to provide services on the development of an assessment with recommendations and options to improve the services and affordability of electricity in the City of Fresno.

The BIA supports the action recommended by Staff.

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