



City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes City Council

President - Mike Karbassi

Vice President - Miguel Angel Arias

Councilmembers:

Annalisa Perea, Tyler Maxwell, Brandon Vang,

Nick Richardson, Nelson Esparza

City Manager - Georgeanne A. White

City Attorney - Andrew Janz

City Clerk - Todd Stermer, MMC

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

Budget Hearings - Continued from June 3, 2025.

The City Council met for resumed budget hearings in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on June 4, 2024, at 9:00 A.M.

9:11 A.M. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Council President Mike Karbassi
Vice President Miguel Angel Arias
Councilmember Annalisa Perea
Councilmember Tyler Maxwell
Councilmember Brandon Vang
Councilmember Nick Richardson
Councilmember Nelson Esparza

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Councilmember Richardson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

The agenda for the budget hearing was approved at the start of the meeting on June 2, 2025.

Wednesday, June 4, 2025 - 9:00 A.M.

City Clerk Stermer announced the Tuesday, June 17, 2025, portion of the published budget hearing agenda simply listed file ID 25-732, Vote On Final Budget. He clarified the vote on the final budget consisted of six separate

parts, and that portion of the budget hearing agenda would be updated to reflect all six parts of the final budget: Salary Resolution Authorization, Position Authorization Resolution, Annual Appropriation Resolution, GANN Appropriation Limit Resolution, the Investment Policy For Public Funds, and Property Tax Override Ordinance.

Council President Karbassi discussed the budget process.

Upon call, the following members of the public addressed Council: Brandi N., Bob McCloskey, and Sam Frank.

[ID 25-717](#) Personnel Services Department

Director Malhi presented the Personnel Department budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

[ID 25-718](#) Fire Department

Fire Chief Alcorn presented the Fire Department budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

[ID 25-719](#) Police Department

Police Chief Casto presented the Police Department budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

[ID 25-720](#) Convention Center / Stadium

Assistant City Manager Quinto presented the Convention Center / Stadium Department budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

[ID 25-721](#) Department of Public Utilities

Director Buche presented the Department of Public Utilities budget for

Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

[ID 25-715](#) Department of Transportation / FAX

Director Barfield presented the Department of Transportation / FAX budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

Council Motions Made June 4, 2025

Council President Karbassi motioned (#12) for \$20,000, funding to be determined, for station two to receive LUCAS device. Vice President Arias seconded the motion. (Fire)

Councilmember Perea motioned (#13) for \$250,000 in contingency for Advanced Peace. Vice President Arias seconded the motion. (Police)

Councilmember Vang motioned (#14) for \$75,000 to the Fresno Police & Neighborhood Watch Association for FY 2026. Vice President Arias seconded the motion. (Police)

Councilmember Vang motioned (#15) to add, amount and source to be determined, bus stop at the corner of Minnewawa and Kings Canyon Ave. Vice President Arias seconded the motion. (FAX)

Council Requests for Information Made June 4, 2025

Councilmember Esparza requested a memo detailing how many households and commercial properties have taken advantage of the Lawn to Rebate program this last year. (Public Utilities)

Councilmember Esparza requested a memo on how many households participated in the various affordability credit programs for water, solid waste, and wastewater as well as the senior sewer rate? Of these households, how many are represented – assuming some households qualify for more than one affordability program? (Public Utilities)

Vice President Arias requested the history of minimum insurance policy for general liability. (Personnel Services)

Vice President Arias requested what is category of funding in DPW for sidewalk repairs? (Public Works)

Councilmember Vang/Councilmember Richardson requested Provide information on individuals that have taken advantage of this program in FY25, their age, and department. D6: Provide the number of positive outcomes, how many are transferred internally or externally to full time employment. (Personnel Services)

Councilmember Maxwell requested staff provide more information on the causes of fires on embankments, numbers and statistics for the last couple of years. (Fire)

Councilmember Maxwell requested staff provide information on the cost recovery program to see what can get reimbursed from other organizations. (Fire)

Councilmember Perea requested how can we get firefighting activities reimbursed from other jurisdictions? (Fire)

Councilmember Vang requested Station 8 number of service calls for the last year. (Fire)

Vice President Arias requested:

What was the billed amount for the fire at the recycling center on Cedar Ave 2021?

Was the fire on Chestnut and Golden State at the metal recycling facility in 2024 billed? Was the fire at Amazon in 2020 billed?

Fresno St./Van Ness flooding: Did the department bill the business due to broken sprinklers? (Fire)

Vice President Arias requested:

Who exactly have you billed for fires in the last two years and who determines if they are billed?

Including JD Homes and all commercial and industrial businesses whose negligence resulted in fires. (Fire)

Vice President Arias requested staff provide the cost of the constant staffing policy (Stratification of ranks) for the purposes of labor negotiations. (Fire)

Councilmember Esparza requested how often are city crews being called for mutual aid outside of the City of Fresno? (Fire)

Vice President Arias requested staff provide confirmation whether the property on 1428 E Belmont has been fined for the numerous fires at the property. (Fire)

Vice President Arias requested staff provide total amount of federal funds the department anticipates operating with in this upcoming year. (Fire)

Vice President Arias requested a list of upcoming concerts and events for the rest of the calendar year at the Stadium. (Stadium)

Councilmember Maxwell requested staff provide information 2021 to today to see trend: total number of accidents that are being responded to, how many fatalities, and how many tickets. (Police)

Councilmember Maxwell requested cost of personnel by sworn vs professional staff, what percentage of that amount is subsidized with grant funding vs general fund. (Police)

Councilmember Maxwell requested total amount left to pay off rest of the leased vehicles. (Police)

Councilmember Vang requested Statistics on auto theft in the City of Fresno by policing district. (Police)

Vice President Arias requested how many days out of the year is bike patrol actually on their bikes? (Police)

Councilmember Vang requested do we have statistics on the number of

facilities who fall under the jurisdiction of FOG in the City of Fresno for District 5? (Public Utilities)

Vice President Arias requested if Measure "C" funds were lost, what would be cut? (FAX)

Councilmember Vang requested demographics breakdown for the Cesar Chavez corridor. (FAX)

ADJOURNMENT

City Council recessed the June 4, 2025, Budget Hearings at 6:06 P.M. to be resumed Wednesday, June 5, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

The above minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the City Council during the June 19, 2025, regular meeting.