

City of Fresno

City Hall Council Chambers
2600 Fresno Street



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

6:00 PM

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers
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Planning Commission

Chairperson – Peter Vang

Vice Chair - Kathy Bray

Commissioner – David Criner

Commissioner – Monica Diaz

Commissioner – Jacqueline Lyday

Commissioner - Linda M Calandra

Commissioner – Gurdeep Singh Shergill

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I. ROLL CALL

Chair Vang called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Also present were Jennifer Clark, Ashley Atkinson, Sophia Pagoulatos, Phillip Siegrist, Chris Lang, Casey Lauderdale, Kari Camino, and Heather Thomas (CAO).

Present 5 - Chairperson Peter Vang, Commissioner Monica Diaz, Commissioner Jacqueline G. Lyday, Commissioner Linda Calandra, and Commissioner Gurdeep Singh Shergill

Absent 2 - Commissioner David Criner , and Commissioner Kathy Bray

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

6:01 p.m.

Commissioner Shergill arrived at 6:01 p.m.

III. PROCEDURES

6:02 p.m.

Chair Vang read the procedures aloud.

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

6:03 p.m.

Siegrist reported no changes to the agenda.

On motion of Commissioner Diaz, seconded by Commissioner Lyday, the AGENDA was APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairperson Vang, Commissioner Diaz, Commissioner Lyday, Commissioner Calandra, and Commissioner Shergill

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Criner , and Commissioner Bray

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

N/A

VI. REPORTS BY COMMISSIONERS

6:03 p.m.

None

VII. CONTINUED MATTERS

N/A

VIII. NEW MATTERS

VIII-A [ID 25-1229](#) Consideration of an Update to Planning Commission Rules and Regulations (Bylaws) Regarding Submission of Documents

6:04 p.m.

Atkinson gave a brief introduction on the proposed update to the Planning Commission Rules and Regulations (Bylaws). The update can be found in Article 4, Section 3 and proposes to modify the deadline for submitting documents to no later than 4:00 p.m. the day prior to the item being heard. The amendment is designed to ensure that documents timely submitted can be reviewed by Staff, timely disseminated to Commissioners, and duly included in the record.

Public Comment:

No public comment was given.

VIII-B [ID 25-1226](#) Workshop: Basics of Parking Requirements

6:06 p.m.

Lang provided a workshop on the Basics of Parking Requirements including the general goals, on-site loading regulations, required on-site parking in the various districts, and bicycle parking requirements. He explained parking exceptions, reduced parking exceptions for Affordable Housing Developments, transit accessibility, Assembly Bill 2097, and other parking reductions. He concluded with location restrictions, setback requirements, and parking lot landscaping and shading requirements. A copy of the City of Fresno Parking Manual was also provided to the Commissioners.

Commissioners had questions regarding enforcement of shading in parking lots, overflow parking flooding into neighborhoods, and parking in downtown Fresno. Clark responded to their concerns, and spoke of Grant funding for 2 new parking garages in downtown Fresno.

VIII-C [ID 25-1227](#) Workshop: West Area Neighborhoods Specific Plan

6:31 p.m.

Lauderdale gave an update on the West Area Neighborhoods Specific Plan, including the benefits of Specific Plans, history of West Fresno, and concerns from residents such as conditions of roadways, and lack of access. She stated that even with positive steps forward, many challenges remained, and the community members requested a better pattern of development for the West Area, with improved infrastructure and more access to needed amenities. This lead to the initiation of the Specific Plan back in 2017 and 2018, followed by many community meetings, public outreach, and the core visions and guiding principles proposed for the West Area. Lauderdale concluded with a break down of areas impacted that were identified by the Environmental Impact Report, and was available for questions.

Commissioners thanked Lauderdale for her presentation and were excited about growth in Fresno.

IX. REPORT BY SECRETARY

6:56 p.m.

Clark encouraged the Commissioners to read and familiarize themselves with the West Area Neighborhoods Specific Plan that will be coming before them on October 1, 2025. She also spoke of how Planning is a great tool to create vision and encourage development where the market demands it.

She concluded by telling the Commission the next few meetings are full and reminded them of the importance of notifying Staff of their attendance when trying to identify quorum.

X. SCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

N/A

XI. UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

6:59 p.m.

Four members of the public spoke about concerns with the West Area Neighborhoods Specific Plan, boundaries for the Plan, parking, spending of Grant money, and lack of community notification.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Vang adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.