



City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes City Council

President - Annalisa Perea

Vice President - Mike Karbassi

Councilmembers:

Miguel Angel Arias, Tyler Maxwell, District 5 - Vacant,

Nick Richardson, Nelson Esparza

City Manager - Georgeanne A. White

City Attorney - Andrew Janz

City Clerk - Todd Stermer, CMC

Thursday, January 9, 2025

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

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

9:10 A.M. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Councilmember Annalisa Perea
Council President Mike Karbassi
Vice President Miguel Angel Arias
Councilmember Tyler Maxwell
Councilmember Nick Richardson
Councilmember Nelson Esparza

Council District 5 is vacant pending a March 18, 2025, special election.

Invocation by Bhai Sarbjiet Singh with the Sikh Institute Fresno

Bhai Sarbjiet Singh gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

County Board Supervisor Garry Bredefeld led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

**CITY CLERK STERMER ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO
THE AGENDA:**

2-B (ID 25-12) regarding adoption of the 585th Amendment to the Master Fee Schedule the Airports Public Safety Officer fee should reflect \$57.73 instead of \$56.54 and the Public Safety Vehicle and Officer fee should reflect \$61.73 instead of \$60.54 per the Fresno Airport Safety Officer Association (FAPSOA - Unit 11) MOU increase adopted by Council on 11/7/2024 (ID 24-1524).

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA:

2-S (ID 25-26) approving the Final Map of Tract No. 6410 – was removed and continued to the January 30, 2025, by staff.

5-B (ID 25-11) anticipated litigation regarding Josie Rodriguez v. City of Fresno, Risk File No. RM2022043424 (Police Department) – was removed and continued to the January 30, 2025, by staff.

THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS WERE MOVED TO THE CONTESTED CONSENT CALENDAR FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:

2-B (ID 25-12) regarding adoption of the 585th Amendment to the Master Fee Schedule – was moved to the contested consent by Councilmembers Arias and Maxwell.

2-D (ID 25-18) pertaining to the Garage 9 Renovation Project (Bid File No. 12500982) (City Council District 3) - was moved to contested consent by Councilmember Arias.

2-H (ID 25-16) adopting the 30th amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution No. 2024-122 to appropriate \$1,136,000 to the FY 2025 Fire Department budget – was moved to contested consent by Vice President Karbassi.

2-N (ID 25-19) regarding approval of a consultant services agreement with Beacon Integrated Professional Resources Incorporated, dba Hamner Jewell & Associates - was moved to contested consent by Councilmember Arias.

2-P (ID 25-5) regarding the first amendment to consultant services agreement with Southwest Strategies LLC., to extend the agreement to December 31, 2026 - was moved to contested consent by Councilmember Arias.

CITY ATTORNEY JANZ ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING CHANGE TO THE AGENDA:

2-G (ID 25-56) adopting the 32nd amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution (AAR) No. 2024-122 appropriating \$484,600 for the Tobacco State Grant in Fiscal Year 2025 - the Police Department was added as a co-sponsor.

On motion of Councilmember Arias, seconded by Councilmember Richardson, the Agenda was APPROVED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Perea, Karbassi, Arias, Maxwell, Richardson and Esparza

COMMENTS BY DEPARTING FORMER COUNCILMEMBERS

Former District 5 Councilmember, Luis Chavez

Former District 5 Councilmember Chavez addressed the Council with departing remarks.

Former District 6 Councilmember, Garry Bredefeld

Former District 6 Councilmember Bredefeld addressed the Council with departing remarks.

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS

Installation and Administration of Oaths of Office for Mayor-Elect and Councilmembers-Elect with Statements by those Newly Sworn

[ID 25-52](#) Mayor Jerry Dyer
Oath Administered by Diane Dyer, Jeremy Dyer and Janelle Hastings

OATH ADMINISTERED

[ID 25-49](#) Councilmember Mike Karbassi - District 2
Oath Administered by Interim Police Chief Mindy Casto

OATH ADMINISTERED

[ID 25-50](#) Councilmember Tyler Maxwell - District 4
Oath Administered by Fernanda Santiago

OATH ADMINISTERED

[ID 25-51](#) Councilmember Nick Richardson - District 6
Oath Administered by Thomas L. Richardson

OATH ADMINISTERED

[ID 25-53](#) Election of Council President and Vice President

*VICE PRESIDENT KARBASSI ELECTED AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT
COUNCILMEMBER ARIAS ELECTED AS VICE PRESIDENT*

On motion of Council President Perea to appoint Vice President Karbassi as Council President, and Councilmember Arias as Vice President, seconded by Councilmember Esparza, that the above Action Item be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Perea, Karbassi, Arias, Maxwell, Richardson and Esparza

[ID 25-65](#) Election of Chair and Vice Chair to the Successor Agency to the
Redevelopment Agency of the City of Fresno

*MEMBER ARIAS WAS RE-ELECTED CHAIR
MEMBER ESPARZA WAS ELECTED VICE CHAIR*

On motion of Council President Karbassi to appoint Vice President Arias as Chair, and Councilmember Esparza as Vice Chair to the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Fresno, seconded by Councilmember Maxwell, that the above Action Item be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Perea, Karbassi, Arias, Maxwell, Richardson and Esparza

Closing Invocation by Rod Lowery, CEO of the Resiliency Center of Fresno

CLOSING INVOCATION NOT GIVEN

1:00 P.M. MEETING TO RESUME IN CHAMBERS

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

[ID 25-34](#) Proclamation for "Manchester Gate Elementary and the Fresno Unified
Cross-Country Program Day"

PRESENTED

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Vice President Arias Reports and Comments: Welcomed Councilmember Richardson as the new District 6 Councilmember. Discussed the successful operation of the downtown ice rink. Acknowledged Public Works Department for activating the traffic signal at the Clinton and Valentine. Reported ongoing construction of several parks funded by Measure "P", and current road reconstruction on Jensen Avenue. Requested a moment of silence in honor of President Jimmy Carter, the 39th president of the United States.

Councilmember Maxwell Reports and Comments: Recognized outgoing Council President Pera for her leadership in 2024, and for passing the tax-sharing agreement with the County of Fresno. Congratulated incoming Council President Karbassi. Welcomed Councilmember Richardson and looked forward to collaborating with him.

Council President Karbassi Reports and Comments: Expressed excitement about Councilmember Richardson joining the council, and acknowledged his service to the country. Discussed shared district responsibilities and expressed eagerness to collaborate. Recognized notable elected officials present, and acknowledged the large viewing crowd.

Councilmember Esparza Reports and Comments: Welcomed Councilmember Richardson. Highlighted the tragic wildfires in Los Angeles. Expressed gratitude to all first responders, including Fresno's Fire Department, for their heroic efforts and wished for their safe return. Announced toy giveaways at Manchester Center in partnership with Central California Binational, and at Burroughs Elementary School. Discussed the Hmong New Year celebration and emphasized the event's importance in honoring traditions and community diversity. Attended the swearing-in of new members and promotions within the Fresno Police Department in December. Discussed various community events and initiatives that strengthen the district and the city.

MAYOR/MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mayor Dyer Reports and Comments: Welcomed the District 6 Councilmember Richardson to the dais and highlighted his service to the country. Expressed appreciation for the council's support in making public safety a priority by providing resources for the Police Department. Expressed gratitude for the renaming of the Regional Training Center in his honor. Announced a significant reduction in crime over the past three years including a 68% reduction in shootings, and a 60% reduction in murders. Announced an upcoming meeting with the California Secretary of Transportation to address homelessness and keeping freeways free of tents.

City Manager White Reports and Comments: Expressed gratitude to the council for the work accomplished together in 2024. Welcomed Councilmember Richardson. Acknowledged the number of city employees watching council meetings during their work in order to assist and remain engaged. Expressed optimism and enthusiasm for a successful 2025, emphasizing teamwork and ongoing dedication.

1. SCHEDULED COUNCIL HEARINGS AND MATTERS

9:10 A.M.

ID 25-22

HEARING to adopt resolutions and ordinance to annex territory and levy a special tax regarding City of Fresno Community Facilities District Number 11, Annexation Number 152 (Final Tract Map Number 6360) (Located on the northeast corner of East McKinley Avenue Alignment and North Armstrong Avenue) (Council District 7)

1. ***RESOLUTION - to Annex Territory to Community Facilities District No. 11 and Authorizing the Levy of a Special Tax for Annexation No. 152 (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 2024-2025 and Future Tax Years Within and Relating to Community Facilities District No. 11, Annexation No. 152 (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

The above item was called to order at 1:25 P.M. and was presented to Council by Supervising Engineering Technician Gonzales. Upon call, no members of the public addressed Council. Public comment closed at 1:28

P.M.

There was no council discussion.

RESOLUTION 2025-1 ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2025-2 ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2025-3 ADOPTED

BILL B-1 INTRODUCED / ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE 2025-1

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

Aye: 5 - Karbassi, Arias, Maxwell, Richardson and Esparza

Absent: 1 - Perea

9:15 A.M. JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, THE CITY OF FRESNO IN ITS CAPACITY AS HOUSING SUCCESSOR TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, AND FRESNO REVITALIZATION CORPORATION

ID 25-35

Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Fresno and Fresno Revitalization Corporation (FRC) consider adopting:

1. RESOLUTION - Approving the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule 25-26

The above item was called to order at 1:28 P.M. and was presented to Council by Redevelopment Administrator Murphey. Upon call, no members of the public addressed Council. Public comment closed at 1:28 P.M.

Council discussed the \$1 million revenue generated and how it is allocated and whether the agency was nearing the conclusion of the process.

RESOLUTION SA-56 ADOPTED (Successor Agency)

RESOLUTION FRC-24 ADOPTED (Fresno Revitalization Corporation)

FRESNO REVITALIZATION CORPORATION VOTE: On motion of Member Dyer, seconded by Member Arias, the above item was adopted. The motion

carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Karbassi, Arias, Maxwell, Richardson, Esparza, Dyer

Absent: 1 - Perea

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

Aye: 5 - Karbassi, Arias, Maxwell, Richardson and Esparza

Absent: 1 - Perea

1:00 P.M.

[ID 25-59](#)

The above item was called to order at 1:33 P.M. and was presented to Council by Personnel Services Director Malhi. Upon call, no members of the public addressed Council. Public comment closed at 1:34 P.M.

There was no council discussion.

RESOLUTION 2025-4 ADOPTED

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

Aye: 5 - Karbassi, Arias, Maxwell, Richardson and Esparza

Absent: 1 - Perea

1:30 P.M.

[ID 25-48](#)

Appearance by Kamryn A. Rodriguez regarding "Gun violence in schools"
(District 4 Resident)

APPEARED

1:33 P.M.

[ID 25-8](#)

Appearance by Susan Monet regarding "Animal shelter/reopen stray intake" (District 7 Resident)

DID NOT APPEAR

1:36 P.M.

[ID 25-68](#) Appearance by Matilda Garcia regarding “Emergency Rental Assistance Application” (District 5 Resident)

APPEARED

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon call, for public comment on all Consent, Contested Consent and Closed Session items, the following members of the public addressed Council: Adel Rosendez (2-P).

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Vice President Arias, seconded by Councilmember Esparza, the CONSENT CALENDAR was hereby adopted by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Karbassi, Arias, Maxwell, Richardson and Esparza

Absent: 1 - Perea

2.-A. [ID 25-9](#) Approval of the minutes for December 5, 2024, Regular Meeting, December 12, 2024, Regular Meeting and December 13, 2024, Special Meeting

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

2.-C. [ID 25-10](#) Actions pertaining to the Jaswant Singh Khalra and Regional Sports Complex Cricket Pitch Project (Bid File No. 12500870) (Council District 3):

1. Adopt a finding of Categorical Exemption per staff’s determination pursuant to section 15301/Class 1 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines for the Jaswant Singh Khalra Cricket Pitch Project;
2. Adopt a finding of Categorical Exemption per staff’s determination pursuant to section 15301/Class 1 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines for the Regional Sports Complex Cricket Pitch Project;
3. Award a construction contract in the amount of \$165,785.00, to Juarez Brothers General Engineering, Inc. of Madera, California as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the Jaswant Singh Khalra and Regional Sports Complex Cricket Pitch Project.

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

2.-E. [ID 25-21](#) Actions pertaining to the acquisitions of fee title interest of parcels to

benefit the Blackstone McKinley BNSF Grade Separation Project (Council Districts 1 and 7);

1. Approve the Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Real Property and Escrow Instructions to acquire fee title interest of seven (7) improved parcels, collectively 3.0-acres (130,716 square feet), identified as Assessor's Parcel Numbers 451-071-07, 451-071-08, 451-071-09, 451-071-10, 451-071-23, 451-071-25, and 451-071-38, owned by Rocking Rail LLC, a California limited liability company for an amount of \$4,500,000.00, for the construction of the Blackstone McKinley BNSF Grade Separation Project.
2. Approve the Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Improvements Pertaining to the Realty and Business Furniture, Fixtures, and Rolling Stock and Escrow Instructions to acquire all improvements, business fixtures and rolling stock as identified in the associated Bill of Sale, owned by Jet Black Logistics, Inc., a California corporation, doing business as E-Z Haul Ready Mix and Star Building Supplies for an amount of \$2,872,250.00 for the construction of the Blackstone McKinley BNSF Grade Separation Project.

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-F. [ID 25-23](#) Actions pertaining to Job Order Contracting for General Construction contracts for the Capital Projects Department on City of Fresno capital improvement projects for a term of three years with two one-year optional extensions (Bid File 12500543) (Citywide):
1. Award a Job Order Contracting contract with Ardent General, Inc., of Fresno, California in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 per year;
 2. Award a Job Order Contracting contract with Newton Construction & Management, Inc., of San Luis Obispo, California in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 per year;
 3. Award a Job Order Contracting contract with Aventus NV, Inc., of Boulder City, Nevada in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 per year;
 4. Award a Job Order Contracting contract with Puma Construction, of Fresno, California in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 per year;
 5. Award a Job Order Contracting contract with Walsh Montgomery Construction, Inc., of Clovis, California in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 per year.

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-G. [ID 25-56](#) ***RESOLUTION - Adopting the 32nd amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution (AAR) No. 2024-122 appropriating \$484,600 for the Tobacco State Grant in Fiscal Year 2025 (Requires Five Affirmative

Votes) (Subject to Mayor's veto)

During the approval of the agenda City Attorney Janz announced the Police Department was added as a co-sponsor.

RESOLUTION 2025-6 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-I. [ID 25-13](#) ***RESOLUTION - Authorizing the City Manager or designee to apply for a grant of up to \$100,000 from the California Coastal Conservancy Explore the Coast grant program to provide experiences at the California Coast to older adults, and authorizing the City Manager or designee to accept grant funds and sign all related documents on behalf of the City (Citywide) (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

RESOLUTION 2025-8 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-J. [ID 25-14](#) ***RESOLUTION- Authorizing the submission of a grant application of up to \$400,000 to the State of California Office of Traffic Safety to fund bicycle and pedestrian safety programming and authorizing the City Manager or designee to accept grant funds and sign all related documents on behalf of the City (Citywide) (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

RESOLUTION 2025-9 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-K. [ID 25-15](#) ***RESOLUTION - Authorizing the submission of a proposal to Fresno Unified School District requesting reimbursement of up to \$400,000 for providing aquatics programming at up to seven high schools during Summer 2025 and authorizing the City Manager or designee to accept reimbursement funds and sign all related documents on behalf of the City (Citywide) (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

RESOLUTION 2025-10 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-L. [ID 25-54](#) Actions pertaining to the Fresno City Firefighters Association, IAFF-Basic for Unit 5
1. ***Adopt a successor Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Fresno and Fresno City Firefighters Association (Non-Management Fire - Unit 5) (Subject to Mayor's veto)
 2. ***RESOLUTION - Adopt the Ninth Amendment to FY 2025 Salary Resolution No. 2024-120, amending Exhibit 5, Unit 5 - Non-Management

Fire (IAFF), to provide a salary increase for respective classes as required by the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Fresno and Fresno City Firefighters Association (Non-Management Fire - Unit 5) (Subject to Mayor's veto)

RESOLUTION 2025-11 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-M.** [ID 25-55](#) Actions pertaining to the Fresno City Firefighters Association, IAFF-Management for Unit 10
1. ***Adopt a successor Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Fresno and Fresno City Firefighters Association (Fire Management - Unit 10) (Subject to Mayor's veto)
 2. ***RESOLUTION - Adopt the Tenth Amendment to FY 2025 Salary Resolution No. 2024-120, amending Exhibit 10, Unit 10 - Fire Management (IAFF), to provide a salary increase for respective classes as required by the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Fresno and Fresno City Firefighters Association (Fire Management - Unit 10) (Subject to Mayor's veto)

RESOLUTION 2025-12 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-O.** [ID 25-20](#) Actions pertaining to Master Planning Services for the Department of Public Utilities Operations and Maintenance Facility at 1626 E Street (Bid File 12400574) (Council District 3):
1. Approve a consultant services agreement with William Duff Architects, for an amount not to exceed \$164,816.00, inclusive of a contingency amount of \$15,000.00, for Master Planning Services for the Department of Public Utilities Operations and Maintenance Facility at 1626 E Street.
 2. ***RESOLUTION - Adopt the 31st Amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution No. 2024-122 to appropriate \$136,500.00 for Master Planning Services for the Department of Public Utilities Operations and Maintenance Facility at 1626 E Street. (Requires 5 Affirmative Votes) (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

RESOLUTION 2025-13 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-Q.** [ID 25-57](#) Approval of \$271,066.59 of additional funding for Sodium Hypochlorite Requirements Contract with Univar USA, Inc. to cover outstanding invoices, for a total contract amount of \$1,670,488.59 that incurred during vendor transition. (Bid File 9487) (Citywide)

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-R. [ID 25-25](#) RESOLUTION - Approving the Final Map of Tract No. 6360, and accepting dedicated public uses offered therein except for dedications offered subject to City acceptance of developer installed required improvements - located on the northeast corner of North Armstrong Avenue and East McKinley Avenue. (Council District 7)

RESOLUTION 2025-14 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-S. [ID 25-26](#) RESOLUTION - Approving the Final Map of Tract No. 6410, and accepting dedicated public uses offered therein except for dedications offered subject to City acceptance of developer installed required improvements - located near the northeast corner of South Peach Avenue and East Church Avenue (Council District 5)

During the approval of the agenda, City Clerk Stermer announce this item was continued to January 30, 2024, by staff.

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- 2.-T. [ID 25-69](#) ***RESOLUTION - Authorizing the submission of all subaward agreements from Alliance for Renewable Clean Hydrogen Energy Systems (ARCHES) and authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute all subaward agreements, including all necessary documents, to accept funds for fuel cell electric buses (FCEB) and planning, engineering, and construction of hydrogen fueling infrastructure, on behalf of the City (Subject to Mayor's Veto).

RESOLUTION 2025-15 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-U. [ID 25-64](#) Approve the reappointment of Wyatt Meadows to the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board with a term ending November 1, 2026.

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**CONTESTED CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2.-B. [ID 25-12](#) ***RESOLUTION - Adopting the 585th Amendment to the Master Fee Schedule Resolution No. 80-420 to Add, Adjust, Move, Revise or Delete Various Fees (Subject to Mayor's Veto).

During approval of the agenda, City Clerk Stermer announced corrections to page 8 of the Master Fee Schedule: the Airports Public Safety Officer fee

should reflect \$57.73 instead of \$56.54 and the Public Safety Vehicle and Officer fee should reflect \$61.73 instead of \$60.54. The corrections reflect the Fresno Airport Safety Officer Association (FAPSOA - Unit 11) MOU increase adopted by Council on 11/7/2024 (ID 24-1524).

Councilmembers Arias and Maxwell moved the above item to Contested Consent for clarification on the swim lesson program.

Council discussion included: the number of annual and repeat participants; if the Youth Sports Fee Waiver program could be applied to swimming; confirmation that eligibility extends to all children in a family; proposed \$100 security deposit for advanced reservations; whether the fees are reasonable; free first lessons with fees for additional lessons potentially creating a financial burden; support of \$400,000 in annual funding from Fresno Unified; opposition to the swim fee increase by the Measure "P" Commission; the possibility of utilizing Measure "P" funds to cover the \$10,000 cost of the swim program instead of increasing fees; the logic behind the inline hockey rink fees at Cary Park; charges for out-of-city residents using Camp Fresno; listing zero fee services on the master fee schedule, and; the cost for replacing lost and stolen garbage cans.

Councilmember Maxwell, and Vice President Arias motioned to make the following amendments, (i) add free trashcan repair to the DPU Fees, (ii) add free trash can theft replacement to the DPU Fees, (iii) remove the proposed changes to the swimming fees, and (iv) remove any change to the text regarding in-line hockey.

RESOLUTION 2025-5 ADOPTED

On motion of Councilmember Maxwell, seconded by Vice President Arias, that the above Action Item be ADOPTED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Karbassi, Arias, Maxwell, Richardson and Esparza

Absent: 1 - Perea

- 2.-D.** [ID 25-18](#) Actions pertaining to the Garage 9 Renovation Project (Bid File No. 12500982) (City Council District 3):
1. Adopt a finding of Categorical Exemption per staff's determination

pursuant to section 15301/Class 1 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Environmental Assessment No. HG00020, for the Garage 9 Renovation Project;

2. Approve substitution of the listed subcontractor Door Masters, Inc. with Katch Environmental Inc. dba Katch General to self-perform the work associated with doors, frames and hardware;
3. Award a construction contract in the amount of \$3,462,279.00, to Katch Environmental Inc. dba Katch General of Fresno, California as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the Garage 9 Renovation Project.

Vice President Arias moved the above item to Contested Consent for updates on the garage renovations.

Council discussion included: Clarifying the scope of work and ensuring its alignment with expectations with additional funding. Concerns the project focuses heavily on creating and upgrading office space rather than making improvements to the parking structure itself. What portion of the budget is allocated to actual enhancements of the parking facilities. Future structural integrity of the garage, and concerns about funding sources to address such issues. Current condition of the garage. Assurance that after the planned renovations, the garage would remain accessible to the public without foreseeable structural issues.

APPROVED

On motion of Vice President Arias, seconded by Councilmember Maxwell, that the above Action Item be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Karbassi, Arias, Maxwell, Richardson and Esparza

Absent: 1 - Perea

2.-H. [ID 25-16](#)

***RESOLUTION - Adopting the 30th Amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution No. 2024-122 to appropriate \$1,136,000 to the FY 2025 Fire Department budget for out of county responses under the California Firefighters Assistance Agreement (Requires 5 Affirmative Votes) (Subject to Mayor's Veto).

Council President Karbassi moved the above item to Contested Consent for clarification regarding the funds.

Council discussion included: Fresno's response to the Southern California fires. Allocation and potential use of reimbursed funds related to firefighter operations, and fire mitigation efforts. Where reimbursed money goes, confirming it is placed in the general fund but earmarked for department-specific uses. Whether the funds could be allocated specifically for health and wellness initiatives for firefighters. Urgency of reviewing the item with a suggestion to revisit it on January 30, 2025, to explore additional ideas for revenue allocation. Whether the department is on pace to spend or overspend its overtime budget. Recognition of the significant mitigation work done in recent years to prevent fires, particularly bluff fires, and requests for details on these efforts.

RESOLUTION 2025-7 ADOPTED

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

Aye: 5 - Karbassi, Arias, Maxwell, Richardson and Esparza

Absent: 1 - Perea

- 2.-N.** [ID 25-19](#) Approve a Consultant Services Agreement between the City of Fresno and Beacon Integrated Professional Resources Incorporated, dba Hamner Jewell & Associates, in the amount of \$125,000 to perform Professional Relocation and Real Estate Acquisition Consultant Services on an as-needed basis for various projects and real estate acquisitions with a contract performance period through January 31, 2028; and authorize the City Manager or designee to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

Vice President Arias moved the above item to Contested Consent for clarification on the agreement.

Council discussion included: Proposed contract to hire a consultant for real estate acquisition and relocation services for the city. How the city has managed these services in the past, including Public Works' use of consultants for tasks like infrastructure projects. Importance of consultants background for properly handling relocations, particularly for those transitioning out of shelters, to prevent public complaints or displacement without adequate support. Need for experienced consultants to ensure smooth and effective property acquisition and relocation efforts.

APPROVED

On motion of Vice President Arias, seconded by Councilmember Maxwell, that the above Action Item be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Karbassi, Arias, Maxwell, Richardson and Esparza

Absent: 1 - Perea

- 2.-P.** [ID 25-5](#) Approve the First Amendment to Consultant Services Agreement with Southwest Strategies LLC., to extend the agreement to December 31, 2026, and increase the contract amount by \$128,693.00 to continue education and outreach services for organics and food waste recycling, for a revised total contract amount of \$428,437.00. (Citywide)

Vice President Arias moved the above item to Contested Consent to get clarification on the agreement.

Council discussion included: Extending Southwest Strategies' contract for outreach services related to organic waste. The scope and effectiveness of their outreach efforts, noting that visible efforts seem limited to stickers on garbage cans. Clarification on the extension amount, which includes \$128,000 in additional grant funding. If the extension is fully grant-funded, with no rate payer funds used.

APPROVED

On motion of Vice President Arias, seconded by Council President Karbassi, that the above Action Item be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Karbassi, Arias, Maxwell, Richardson and Esparza

Absent: 1 - Perea

3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

- 3.-A.** [ID 25-61](#) Actions pertaining to the City of Fresno Professional Employees Association, Inc., CFPEA for Unit 13
1. ***Adopt a successor Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Fresno and City of Fresno Professional Employees Association, Inc. (Exempt Supervisory and Professional and Non-Exempt Professional - Unit 13) (Subject to Mayor's veto)
 2. ***RESOLUTION: Adopt the Eleventh Amendment to FY 2025 Salary

Resolution No. 2024-120, amending Exhibit 13-1, Exempt Supervisory and Professional, and Exhibit 13-2, Non-Exempt Professional, to provide a salary increase for respective classes as required by the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Fresno and City of Fresno Professional Employees Association, Inc. (Exempt Supervisory and Professional and Non-Exempt Professional - Unit 13) (Subject to Mayor's veto)

There was no staff presentation. Upon call no members of the public addressed the council.

There was no Council discussion. Vice President Arias read the following in to the record: [a]lthough we suspend the Labor Management Act on the timing issue, staff has provided us all the financial disclosures, and the full cost of the labor agreement as proposed and tentatively approved.

RESOLUTION 2025-16 ADOPTED

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

Aye: 5 - Karbassi, Arias, Maxwell, Richardson and Esparza

Absent: 1 - Perea

UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATION

Upon call, the following people addressed Council with unscheduled communication: Dez Martinez, Kong Cha, Adel Rosendez, and Ruthie Cha.

4. CITY COUNCIL

5. CLOSED SESSION

During open session, City Attorney Janz announced each of the items that would be discussed in closed session.

Council withdrew to closed session at 1:35 P.M., and again at 3:11 P.M.

5.-A. [ID 25-70](#)

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - Government Code Section 54957.6

City Negotiators: Jennifer Misner; Sumeet Malhi

Employee Organization(s): 1. International Union of Operating Engineers, Stationary Engineers, Local 39 (Local 39); 2. Fresno City Employees

Association (FCEA); 3. Fresno Police Officers Association (FPOA Basic), Unit 4; 4. International Association of Firefighters, Local 202, Unit 5 (Fire Basic); 5. Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1027 (ATU); 6. International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 100 (IBEW); 7. Fresno Police Officers Association (FPOA Management) Unit 10; 8. International Association of Firefighters, Local 202, Unit 10 (Fire Management); 9. City of Fresno Professional Employees Association (CFPEA); 10. City of Fresno Management Employees Association (CFMEA); 11. Fresno Airports Public Safety Officers Association (FAPSOA)

The above item was discussed in closed session. There were no open session announcements for this item.

DISCUSSED

5.-B. [ID 25-11](#)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(2)
Significant Exposure to Litigation:
Josie Rodriguez v. City of Fresno, Risk File No. RM2022043424 (Police Department)

The above item was tabled to January 30, 2024.

TABLED

5.-C. [ID 25-17](#)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(1):
City of Fresno v. United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation; US Court of Federal Claims 1:16-cv-01276

The above item was discussed in closed session. There were no open session announcements for this item.

DISCUSSED

5.-D. [ID 25-24](#)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(1)
Emmett's Excavation, Inc. v. City of Fresno; Case Number:
22CECG01106

The above item was discussed in closed session. There were no open

session announcements for this item.

DISCUSSED

ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting adjourned from closed session at 3:36 P.M.

The above minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the City Council during the January 30, 2025, regular meeting.