

City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, June 22, 2020

9:00 AM

Budget Hearings

Electronic Meeting

City Council

President - Miguel Angel Arias

Vice President - Paul Caprioglio

Councilmembers:

Esmeralda Z. Soria, Mike Karbassi, Luis Chavez, Garry Bredefeld,

Nelson Esparza

City Manager - Wilma Quan

City Attorney - Douglas T. Sloan

City Clerk - Yvonne Spence, MMC

City Council met in budget hearing session, City Hall on the date and time written above.

9:00 A.M. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - President Miguel Angel Arias
Vice President Paul Caprioglio
Councilmember Esmeralda Z. Soria
Councilmember Mike Karbassi
Councilmember Luis Chavez
Councilmember Garry Bredefeld
Councilmember Nelson Esparza

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

2. SCHEDULED COUNCIL HEARINGS AND MATTERS

Councilmember Karbassi made a motion to vote on motions prior to hearing the Special Meeting Closed Session items. Councilmember Bredefeld seconded the motion. Motion FAILED 4-3 vote with Councilmember Soria, Councilmember Caprioglio, Councilmember Esparza and Council President Arias vote no.

City Council recessed into the Special Meeting Session at 9:16 A.M. and returned from Closed Session at 12:03 P.M.

City Council recessed for lunch at 12:03 P.M. and returned from lunch at 1:38 P.M.

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Councilmember Bredefeld discussed how other Cities spent their CARES Act funds and made the following motion: To appropriate \$30 million of the CARES Act funding, nearly 1/3 of the entire amount of money the City of Fresno received to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency as follows: \$20 million to Southwest Fresno and \$10 million to Southeast Fresno. The funds would be for any expense allowed under the CARES Act, including but not limited to: 1) Improve technology and internet access infrastructure for remote learning for students and telework for employees; 2) Build sidewalks where none currently exist, improve streets and

landscaping; 3) Similar to Amazon and Ulta, provide incentives to attract major grocery stores to Southwest Fresno to increase availability of fresh food; 4) Initiate more water and sewer infrastructure for greater residential development; 5) Build more parks, trails, and green space; 6) Restore and clean alleys; 7) Create more access to public transportation; 8) Work to eradicate any adverse impacts to air and water quality; and 9) Create more opportunities for business development and expansion. Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.

Councilmember Karbassi motioned to allocate \$10,000 in upgrades to security, including cameras and surveillance at River Bottom Park and Herndon/Milburn Overlook. Councilmember Soria seconded the motion.

Councilmember Karbassi motioned to allocate \$100,000 for a shade structure at Logan Park. Councilmember Bredefeld seconded the motion.

Councilmember Karbassi motioned to allocate \$300,000 in the Public Works budget towards the upgrade of the traffic signal adjacent to Starr Elementary at Sierra and West. Councilmember Bredefeld seconded the motion.

Councilmember Karbassi motioned to allocate \$100,000 per Council District for sidewalk repairs (Total \$700,000). Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Esparza motioned to allocate \$100,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) dollars toward rehabilitation efforts of location 4403 E. Tulare Ave., Fresno, CA 93702 (Fresno Barrios Unidos non-profit building). Councilmember Soria seconded the motion.

Councilmember Soria motioned to use \$1,700 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding (\$500 for feasibility study and \$1,200 to go through vacation) for a feasibility study to vacate the Fresno High School area triangle at Weldon/Echo. Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.

Councilmember Soria motioned to use Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) dollars to complete the acquisition of street widening on the east side of Polk at Shaw, from Gettysburg to Shaw Avenues. Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.

Councilmember Soria motioned to allocate \$50,000 to develop a master plan for additional housing at Blackstone area McKinley grade separation. Councilmember Esparza seconded the motion.

Councilmember Esparza motioned to allocate \$100,000 towards exploration for outreach and analysis of a Property-Based Improvement District (PBID) on the central/southern portion of Blackstone Avenue. In the event it is created the City would be reimbursed by the PBID. Councilmember Soria seconded the motion.

Councilmember Chavez motioned to allocate \$100,000 for façade improvement program for small businesses along the Kings Canyon corridor and the Tower District. Councilmember Bredefeld seconded the motion.

Councilmember Chavez motioned to use \$100,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for artificial turf at Pilibos Soccer Park. Councilmember Soria seconded the motion.

Councilmember Chavez motioned for a tot lot for pocket park at Hamilton and Armstrong. Councilmember Bredefeld seconded the motion.

The following is Council direction to staff:

Councilmember Soria requested line item detail of consolidated General Fund O&M.

Councilmember Soria requested line item detail of Fiscal Year 2020 amended budget and year-to-date expenditures by departments.

Councilmember Chavez requested amounts on each expenditure saving options presented by staff.

Councilmember Soria requested a list of one-time carryover appropriations per the 14th Annual Appropriations Resolution (AAR) amendment.

Councilmember Esparza requested the number of incidents of violent or escalated altercations with homeless individuals reported by the Homeless Taskforce.

Council President Arias stated the vote on motions will be carried over to June 30, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.

City Council adjourned at 2:08 P.M.

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