

Agenda date: May 21, 2020

FRESNO CITY COUNCIL



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The Following Items were Commented On:

File ID 20-00628 (10:15 A.M.) - RESOLUTION - Repealing all City Emergency Orders related to COVID-19

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File ID 20-00597 (1-Q) – Actions pertaining to the Police Department’s Axon Body Worn Cameras.

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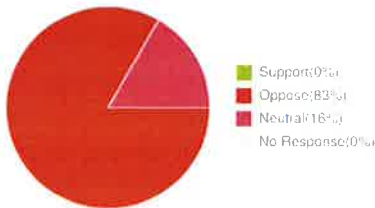
City Council on 2020-05-21 9:00 AM - Regular Meeting
05-21-20 09:00

Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
1-Q ID 20-00597 Actions pertaining to the Police Department's Axon Body Worn Cameras 1. Award a sole source contract in the amount of \$839,900 for the first year and \$788,500 per year for the remaining four years, for the maintenance and upgrade of 556 Taser X26P conducted energy weapons (CEW's, also known as "TASERS"), 556 Flex 2 body-worn video cameras, and unlimited video storage through TASER's Evidence.com storage service. 2. ***RESOLUTION - Adopt a Resolution authorizing the establishment of a contract for the purchase and service of body-worn cameras, data storage, and conducted electrical weapons with Axon International, Inc. without advertised competitive bidding (Subject to Mayor's Veto)	2	0	1	1
ID 20-00628 RESOLUTION - Repealing all City Emergency Orders related to COVID-19	2	0	2	0
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Sentiments for All Agenda Items

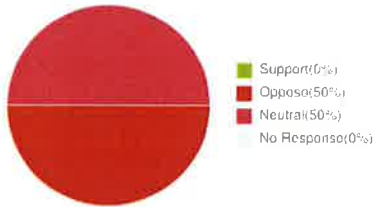
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Overall Sentiment



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Ashley Rojas

Location: 93702, Fresno

Submitted At: 3:44pm 05-21-20

Fresno Police department occupies a 201 million dollar Budget. We are concerned about any additional dollars being allocated to such an already massive budget during an economic crisis. Have these funds already been allocated in an approved budget or is this a new request? If this is a new request, we strongly oppose in addition to being concerned that PD failed to budget their needs appropriately for such critical equipment. Our folks are losing their living places, going with out food, and suffering extreme mental health consequences to the reverberations of COVID-19. Especially when Young people of color, most impacted by police violence, in our city have requested for preventative investments for a decade at least. Furthermore, FPD has a history of failure to supply the public with body-cam footage which is often only made available by anonymous leaking of such content. Lastly, what accountability measures will there be for officers who use excessive force in lieu of deescalation tactics like the use of a taser in place of a handgun?

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Location: 93722

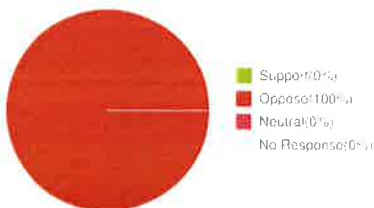
Submitted At: 3:24pm 05-21-20

District 1 resident (Lions Park/Slater Elementary neighborhood).

FPD wants more \$ and we want accountability. Furthermore, if cams are are needed then we want responsive (Taking responsive action means looking into the patterning of those prevailing conditions in more deeply that continue to plague FPD..ie lawlessness/non transparent reporting of FPD/open check book by way of City hall) access to footage and most importantly I don't want FPD getting this \$ if the equipment is not in need of upgrades.

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Overall Sentiment



Dan Waterhouse

Location: 93704

Submitted At: 5:44pm 05-20-20

I oppose this. It is a waste of the council's time since the Mayor and City Manager can reimpose these orders immediately following approval of this resolution.

Matthew Woodward

Location:
Submitted At: 6:55pm 05-16-20

Councilmen Bredefeld, this is dangerous.

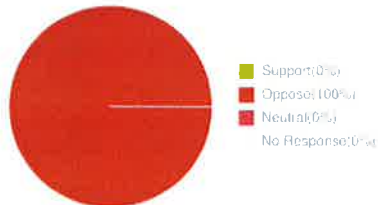
I understand that small business owners have had a terrible time getting loans from the federal, local, and county and that we look ridiculous in comparison to other countries that are doing a much better job of keeping their unemployment rates low during this crisis. But that does not justify endangering our friends, neighbors, and family essential workers and not that are elderly, have chronic respiratory illnesses such as asthma, have serious heart conditions, and have other illnesses such as diabetes, chronic kidney disease, liver disease, severe obesity, or are immunocompromised.

If you want to help our small businesses enough to potentially endanger their customers, employees, family, and friends then do what you can to help the \$3 trillion stimulus bill get passed in the senate. That bill includes funding to contact tracing, extension of the coronavirus unemployment benefits program from July to Jan. 2021, a 2nd \$1200 stimulus check for Americans, and a TON of funding that can help the citizens of our valley. If you could get this stimulus bill passed in the Senate somehow, you might just prove all of us Bredefeld haters wrong.

I dare you to impress me.

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Ronnie Lopez

Location: 93702, Fresno
Submitted At: 3:59pm 05-21-20

My name is Ronnie Lopez I am 21 years old, born and raised in Fresno, I am very involved in my community I am dedicated to changing where I live because I think I can create a positive change to give hope for the future generations. Since the COVID 19 outbreak, my community has been experiencing domestic violence and other hardships. This is happening because we have been locked up in there houses and because we have limited resources. There should be a focus on supplies for the community and more health resources as well since people are struggling to get them.

Raymond Zavala

Location: 93725, fresno
Submitted At: 3:56pm 05-21-20

1Q ID 20-00597 police body cams

My Name is Raymond Zavala I am 18 years old and im graduating from Cambridge HS this summer. I am a member of Fresno Barrios Unidos Men with Heart since it started. They helped me do my community hours for my probation. I want to ask how you all going to prioritize for young people. My friend Otilio told the youth commission about what the city going to do for youth needs and that at times Big 5 sold out of bullets. On the South east on Kings canyon Big 5 A block away from my school. There needs to be programs for youth, jobs for youth activities for us. Body cams and tasers is not going to stop the violence we seeing. Lil Zay was my friend that got killed by police body cams did not bring Isaiah justice or my friend London Wallace.

Marco Martinez-Velasquez

From: Mark Edwards <mark@markdedwards.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 10:50 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: ID 20-00628

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Councilmembers, today you have an opportunity to fulfill your obligation to adhere to and uphold the inalienable rights of Fresno's to work pursuant to the California Constitution at Article 1 ("Declaration of Rights"), Section 1 ("Inalienable Rights"), which states, "All people are by nature free and independent and have inalienable rights. Among these are enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and pursuing and obtaining safety, happiness, and privacy." California courts have held that work is "property" within Article 1, Section 1. Specifically, in *Billings v. Hall* (1857), the court stated, "The right of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property is one of the primary objects of government, is guaranteed by the Constitution, and cannot be impaired by the Legislature." *Pipkin v. Board of Supervisors* (1978) stated, "The right to continued permanent employment is so important and so substantially affects the individual that it is a fundamental right." *New Method Laundry CO. v. MacCann* (1916) stated, "The right of a citizen to pursue any calling, business or profession he may choose is a property right, to be guarded by equity as jealously as any other form of property." Finally, *Hofberg v. County of Los Angeles Civil Services Com.*, stated, "Although public employment is not a constitutional right, one cannot properly be barred from public employment for arbitrary, unreasonable and capricious reasons." Obviously, the inalienable right to acquire property under Article 1, Section 1, is rendered moot wherein the City Council completely strips its citizens of their ability to work. Inalienable rights are not given to Fresno's from the city council...they are given by birth. As such, the City Council has no right to take them away. Moreover, the Fresno City Charter, at Section 200 ("General Powers"), provides that the City may not have laws which violate the California Constitution as it clearly states, "The City shall have the power to make and enforce all laws and regulations in respect to municipal affairs, subject only to such restrictions and limitations as may be provided in this Charter and in the Constitution of the State of California.." The Council also needs to bear in mind that there is both legislative effort to terminate Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-33-20 dated 3/19/2020 ("order") pursuant to California Government Code §8629 and a multitude of lawsuits concerning violation of numerous violations of other fundamental rights under the US Constitution and the California Constitution. Finally, the Order is clearly an overreach of the California Dept. of Public Health Director's regulatory authority as there is no authority under her quarantine powers to force healthy people (and/or business owners) to stay home and should be relied upon by the City.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Edwards, JD, Esq.

Marco Martinez-Velasquez

From: Daemar Potts <daemar.pottskp@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 9:13 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: public comment

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My name is Daemar Potts I grew up on west side 93706 and graduated from Edison HS I am currently attending college and playing basketball at Gavilan college I am a member of Men with Heart. At times while away from home I have had to tough it out, I have been homeless while attending college and maintaining a GPA that allows me to play for my team. Since the Corona Virus I been home with my mother and sister and nephews I work when I can in the fields, factory or temp jobs it hasn't been consistent. I am not able to save money because no work is available and don't qualify for unemployment. What can people like me who are 21,22 black trying to do right to do? When I was younger at Edison we met with councilmember Baines we asked for jobs, parks, better youth police relationships. Not much has changed.