



City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes City Council

President - Mike Karbassi

Vice President - Nelson Esparza

Councilmembers:

Annalisa Perea, Miguel Angel Arias, Tyler Maxwell,

Brandon Vang, Nick Richardson

City Manager - Georgeanne A. White

City Attorney - Andrew Janz

Interim City Clerk - Amy K. Aller

Thursday, January 15, 2026

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.

9:12 A.M. ROLL CALL

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

Invocation by Dr. Jerome E. Jackson from the Christian Community Baptist Church

Dr. Jerome E. Jackson gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Councilmember Richardson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES

City Attorney Janz requested to adjourn the meeting in memory of Christina Therrien.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA

9:10 A.M. (ID 26-5) regarding annexation application no. P24-02150, relating to approximately 1.89 acres of property located on the south side of West San Jose Avenue between North Maroa – tabled with no return by staff.

2- B (ID 26-58) regarding actions pertaining to the salary range for Executive Assistant to the City Attorney – tabled with no return by City Attorney Janz.

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

2-D (ID 26-26) regarding the first amendment for the Capital Projects Department's On-Call Consultant Service Agreements – was moved to Contested Consent by Councilmember Maxwell.

2-G (ID 26-25) regarding contract change order no. 4 with Floyd Johnston Construction Company Inc. of Fresno, California in the amount of \$2,924,928.00 - was moved to contested consent by Councilmember Richardson.

2-O (ID 26-14) regarding award a requirements contract for Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Grant 2024 "Testing of Partially Tested Kits" in an amount not to exceed \$525,600 - was moved to contested consent by Councilmember Richardson.

2-S (ID 26-27) regarding a sewer connection to serve Three Palms Mobile Home Park - was moved to contested consent by Councilmember Richardson.

2-T (ID 26-24) regarding authorizing the submission of a grant application for up to \$500,000 from the State of California Office of Traffic Safety to Fund the Procurement - was moved to Contested Consent by Councilmember Maxwell.

2-W ID 26-71) regarding the first amendment to consultant services agreement with BX Consulting, LLC, to increase compensation by \$62,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$110,000 - was moved to contested consent by Councilmember Vang.

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

Aye: 7 - Karbassi, Esparza, Perea, Arias, Maxwell, Vang and Richardson

9:00 A.M. 2026 CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

[ID 26-51](#) Election of Council President and Vice President

Upon call, no members of the public addressed Council with Public comment.

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

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

Abstain: 1 - Perea

[ID 26-52](#) Election of Chair and Vice Chair to the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Fresno

Upon call, no members of the public addressed Council with Public comment.

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

Aye: 7 - Karbassi, Esparza, Perea, Arias, Maxwell, Vang and Richardson

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS

[ID 26-46](#) Proclamation of "State Champion Central East High School Football

Team”

PRESENTED

[ID 26-45](#) Proclamation of “Brian Hughes”

PRESENTED

[ID 26-54](#) Proclamation of “Juan Esparza Loera Day”

PRESENTED

[ID 26-4](#) Proclamation of “Recognizing January as National Mentoring Month and Honoring Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central California”

PRESENTED

[ID 26-12](#) Proclamation of “National Human Trafficking Prevention and Awareness Month”

PRESENTED

[ID 26-11](#) Proclamation of Ralph Edwards

PRESENTED

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Councilmember Perea Reports and Comments. Thanked the PARCS Department, Public Works, and Mayor Dyer for participating in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the reopening of the Lions Park courts. Joined Councilmembers Arias and Maxwell, along with Mayor Dyer, at a press conference announcing a new partnership with the United Soccer League, which is expected to provide economic benefits and expanded youth soccer opportunities. Highlighted Lilyy’s Flower Creations, a new District 1 business, and encouraged residents to visit the shop.

Councilmember Arias Reports and Comments. Commended the City Manager and the Public Utilities Department for an excellent Operation Cleanup effort in the Tower District. Announced the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. Garlanding Ceremony at Courthouse Park, and the MLK march followed by an awards program at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium. Appreciation expressed to the Fresno MLK Unity Committee for decades of volunteer work organizing annual MLK events. Thanked the City Manager, PARCS Department, Risk Management, and others involved for

coordinating the relocation of the Southern Pacific Steam Locomotive Engine 1238. Thanked the Kingsburg community and former Mayor Michelle for their role in completing the project. Expressed concern about reports of increasingly aggressive immigration enforcement actions by ICE nationwide and encouraged residents to exercise their rights to protest peacefully.

Councilmember Maxwell Reports and Comments. Wished a happy birthday to Communications Director, Claire Carrillo, and expressed appreciation for her work on his social media presence.

Councilmember Vang Reports and Comments. Welcomed everyone back to 2026 and to the Council Chambers. Reported his office tabled four days of the Hmong New Year celebration, the largest in the United States, which drew over 100,000 attendees. Thanked attendees of the celebration and noted that attendance increased significantly after the first day. Thanked Dr. Toulou Thao of Hmong Inc. for inviting him to participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony. Thanked Mayor Jerry Dyer for his continued support of the Hmong New Year celebration and for jointly appearing on six welcome billboards at the fairgrounds. Thanked staff for their extensive preparation and for providing District 5, City, and nonprofit information to attendees throughout the four day event. Invited the public to participate in a National Day of Service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Councilmember Richardson Reports and Comments. Congratulated seven recent Fresno State graduates who commissioned into the U.S. Army. Congratulated Summit Physical Therapy on its opening and noted the importance of expanded therapy access for individuals recovering from surgeries, injuries, and chronic conditions. Announced that volunteers are being sought for the next Beautify Fresno event and encouraged the public to sign up through social media or the Beautify Fresno website.

Vice President Esparza Reports and Comments. Thanked the Council for their trust in electing him as Vice President and extended New Year's greetings to City Hall staff and the community. Thanked Council Member Vang for representing the Council at the Hmong New Year celebration, noting he was unable to attend due to illness. Reported participating in the

District 7 Bi-Annual National Toy Drive, which provided holiday gifts to more than one thousand families at Manchester Center. Attended the reopening of the Planned Parenthood Mar Monte Fulton Health Center and recognized its expanded patient capacity and continued provision of vital family services. Thanked Planned Parenthood Mar Monte and its healthcare workers for their commitment to accessible and affordable healthcare. Announced participation in the upcoming MLK Unity Committee events and invited the community to join the annual MLK Jr. March and related weekend activities. Encouraged eligible residents to donate blood following a regional shortage and noted his intention to donate at the Central California Blood Center. Acknowledged birthdays for Communications Director Claire Carrillo and City Attorney Andrew Janz. Expressed concern regarding recent ICE enforcement actions nationwide, citing community fear, loss of life, and erosion of trust in law enforcement, and extended thoughts to affected families.

Council President Karbassi Reports and Comments. Thanked the Council Vice President for returning to leadership and expressed appreciation to the council for unanimously supporting the new leadership team. Thanked staff members Andrew, Alyssa, and Ryan for their continued support in fulfilling Council President duties. Announced that an item will be brought forward at the next meeting to create an Ad Hoc Policy Review Committee to evaluate and update various City policies, including the Transparency Act and District 2 specific policies. Stated that Councilmember Vang has agreed to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee and that the item will be co-sponsored with the Mayor and Administration. Acknowledged City Attorney Andrew Janz's birthday. Noted that, although many constituents have requested comments regarding events in Iran, he will refrain from making statements during council meetings to remain focused on policy matters.

MAYOR/MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mayor Dyer Reports and Comments. Wished the Council and community a happy new year and stated that 2026 is expected to be a strong year due to multiple major projects moving forward. Reported ongoing negotiations with the United Soccer League, noting a one year due diligence period to evaluate site locations primarily in the Downtown Chinatown area, and explore stadium financing options through public private partnerships.

Thanked Councilmembers Maxwell and Arias for attending the related press conference and stated he will continue updating councilmembers as discussions progress. Reported participating in Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration events, including the Black Chamber luncheon and the annual MLK breakfast. Reported continued collaboration with the County and service providers to establish clear roles and funding responsibilities related to homelessness services, especially as state funding declines. Congratulated the Police Department and community partners for achieving a 51 year low in homicides, noting a reduction from 74 homicides in 2020–2021 to 22 in 2025. Provided an update on downtown revitalization funding, confirming that the remaining \$100 million of the state’s \$250 million commitment is included in the upcoming Governor’s budget, bringing total downtown investment to approximately \$300 million when combined with an IIGC grant.

City Manager White Reports and Comments. Wished everyone a happy new year and expressed optimism for a productive 2026. Thanked the City team, the City Manager’s Office, Department Directors, and frontline staff for their work in 2025 and their continued efforts moving into 2026. Stated she looks forward to working with the Council and Council President Karbassi in the coming year. Noted that the team feels recharged after the holiday break and is ready to begin work in 2026.

1. SCHEDULED COUNCIL HEARINGS AND MATTERS

9:10 A.M.

[ID 26-5](#)

HEARING to consider Annexation Application No. P24-02150, relating to approximately 1.89 acres of property located on the south side of West San Jose Avenue between North Maroa and North College Avenues (Council District 4)

1. ADOPT - Environmental Assessment No. P24-02150 dated November 19, 2025, an Addendum to Environmental Assessment No. R-17-020, in accordance with Sections 15162 and 15164 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.
2. RESOLUTION - Authorizing the City Manager or his/her designee to initiate the annexation of the “San Jose-Maroa No. 2 Reorganization” with the Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission (“LAFCO”).

During approval of the agenda, Interim City Clerk Aller announced this tem

was tabled with no return by staff.

TABLED

9:15 A.M.

ID 26-32

Tax Equity and Financial Responsibility Act (TEFRA) public hearing.

1. TEFRA HEARING - To hear and consider financing of the acquisition, development, construction, furnishing and equipping of a student housing facility and related working capital, The new bond will be issued by the Authority. As a jurisdiction in which the facilities are located, the Council must consider authorizing the Authority to issue the obligations for such purposes.
2. ***RESOLUTION- Approving the Issuance by the California Public Finance Authority of not to exceed \$80,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the California Public Finance Authority's Revenue Bonds for the purpose of financing the cost of (1) the acquisition, development, construction, furnishing, and equipping of a student housing facility and related working capital, (2) funding reserve funds and capitalized interest with respect to the bonds, if necessary, and (3) payment of certain costs of issuance of the bonds for the benefit of P3 Foundation Inc. or a related or successor entity, and other matters relating thereto herein specified. (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

The above item was called to order at 10:56 A.M. and there was no presentation to Council. Upon call, the following members of the public addressed Council: Dez Martinez. Public comment closed at 10:57 A.M.

Council discussion was held.

RESOLUTION 2026-1 ADOPTED

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

Aye: 7 - Karbassi, Esparza, Perea, Arias, Maxwell, Vang and Richardson

9:20 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 26-55](#)

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 26-27

The above item was called to order at 10:58 A.M. and was presented to Council by Redevelopment Administrator Murphey. Upon call, the following members of the public addressed Council: Dez Martinez, Nikki Real, and Armando Hernandez. Public comment closed at 11:05 A.M.

Council discussion was held.

RESOLUTION SA-59 ADOPTED (Successor Agency)

RESOLUTION FRC-27 ADOPTED (Fresno Revitalization Corporation)

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

Aye: 8 - Perea, Karbassi, Arias, Maxwell, Vang, Richardson, Esparza, and Dyer

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

Aye: 7 - Karbassi, Esparza, Perea, Arias, Maxwell, Vang and Richardson

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: Nikki Real, and Dez Martinez.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Councilmember Perea, seconded by Councilmember Vang, the CONSENT CALENDAR was hereby adopted by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - KARBASSI, ESPARZA, PEREA, MAXWELL, VANG AND RICHARDSON

Absent: 1 - Arias

- 2.-A. [ID 26-49](#) Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes for December 18, 2025.

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-B. [ID 26-58](#) Actions pertaining to the salary range for Executive Assistant to the City Attorney:
***RESOLUTION - Adopt the Eighteenth Amendment to the FY 2026 Salary Resolution No. 2025-177 amending Exhibit 2, Unit 2, Non-Represented Management and Confidential Classes, by modifying the salary range for Executive Assistant to the City Attorney to \$5560 - \$8340 effective January 1, 2026 (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

During approval of the agenda, Interim City Clerk Aller announced this item was tabled with no return by City Attorney Janz.

TABLED

- 2.-C. [ID 26-56](#) Approve the appointment of Larry Westerlund as the Urban Public Member-at-Large to the Fresno County Transportation Authority (FCTA) to a two-year term.

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-E. [ID 26-20](#) Approve Contract Change Order No. 4 with American Paving Co., Inc., of Fresno, California in the amount not to exceed \$629,496.67 with two hundred (200) additional working days for the Southeast Fresno Sports Complex Project. (Bid File 12402799) (Council District 5)

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-F. [ID 26-23](#) Actions pertaining to the Large Park Restroom Project, Bid File 12600246 (Council District 4):
1. Adopt a finding of a Categorical Exemption per staff's determination, pursuant to Section 15303/Class 3 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Environmental Assessment No. PC00346;
 2. Award a construction contract in the amount of not to exceed

\$608,363.20 with American Paving Co. of Fresno, California, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the Large Park Restroom Project.

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-H. [ID 26-9](#) Reject all bids received for the Fresno-Clovis Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility Warehouse West Side Canopy Project (Bid File No. 12600215) (Council District 3).

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-I. [ID 26-10](#) Actions pertaining to the acquisition of property rights on a portion of a parcel to benefit the Ashlan Avenue Widening - Polk to Cornelia Project (Council District 1):
 1. Adopt a finding of the Mitigated Negative Declaration dated March 28, 2024, prepared for the Ashlan Avenue Widening - Polk to Cornelia Project;
 2. Approve the Agreement for Purchase and Sale of a Permanent Easement and Escrow Instructions for the property identified as Assessor's Parcel Number 511-085-01 in the amount of \$222,000, plus applicable title and escrow costs.

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-J. [ID 26-22](#) Approve Contract Change Order No. 6 in the amount not to exceed \$112,478.32, with sixty (60) additional working days, for the installation of one step-up transformer, battery controllers for the irrigation system, installation of six (6) solar lights, regrading a valley gutter, grading and compacting for the monument sign, the relocation of electrical conduits, and the installation of a bubbler, with Avison Construction Company, Inc. of Madera, CA for the Transformative Climate Communities Park at MLK Magnet Core (Les Kimber Park) Project - Project ID PW00857. (Bid File 12302905) (Council District 3)

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-K. [ID 26-28](#) Approve an increase to the citywide custodial services Requirements Contract with ScrubCan, Inc. of Fresno, California in the total amount of \$605,000 per year, for a revised annual total amount not-to-exceed \$3,005,000 for the remainder of the contract term plus annual CPI and PPI increases, to provide custodial services of parking facilities beginning January 2026 and account for future unforeseen custodial needs citywide moving forward (Bid File 9669)

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-L. [ID 26-29](#) Actions pertaining to the lease of City-owned land at Mosqueda

Community Center (District 5):

1. Adopt a finding of Categorical Exemption per staff determination pursuant to Section 15301/Class 1 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines
2. Approve a Ground Lease Agreement between the City of Fresno's Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services (PARCS) Department and Reading and Beyond in the amount starting at \$40,845 annually for the lease of approximately 4,420 square feet of land at Mosqueda Community Center for an initial term of three years with two options to extend for one-year periods
3. Authorize the PARCS Director or their designee to execute the Agreement and subsequent extensions on the City's behalf

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

2.-M. [ID 26-31](#) Actions pertaining to the Parks, After School Recreation and Community Services Department's (PARCS) maintenance and operation of the McKinley Peace Garden located at 2743 East McKinley Avenue (Council District 7):

1. Adopt a finding of Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15301/Class 1 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines
2. Approve the Landscape Maintenance Agreement (LMA) between the City of Fresno and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for Maintenance of the community garden for a term of 10 years
3. Approve the Transportation Art Maintenance Agreement (TAMA) between the City of Fresno and Caltrans to outline maintenance responsibilities associated with art located in the McKinley Peace Garden
4. Authorize the City Manager or Designee to execute the Agreements and sign all related documents on the behalf of the City

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

2.-N. [ID 26-33](#) Actions pertaining to service agreements for One Fresno Youth Jobs Corps Program between the City of Fresno (City) and the CBOs:

1. Approve the Fifth Amendment to the Agreement between the City and The Downtown Association of Fresno to extend the term of the agreement through February 28, 2026, and increase funds by \$55,000.00 to provide ongoing employment for members in the One Fresno Youth Jobs Corps Program.
2. Approve the Fourth Amendment to the Agreement between the City and Community Media Access Collaborative (CMAC) to extend the term through February 28, 2026, and increase funds by \$6,897.52 to provide ongoing employment for members in the One Fresno

Youth Jobs Corps Program.

3. Approve the Fourth Amendment to the Agreement between the City and Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission (Fresno EOC) to extend the term through February 28, 2026, and increase funds by \$18,000.00 to provide ongoing employment for members in the One Fresno Youth Jobs Corps Program.
4. Approve the Fourth Amendment to the Agreement between the City and Poverello House to extend the term through February 28, 2026, and increase funds by \$37,950.00 to provide ongoing employment for members in the One Fresno Youth Jobs Corps Program.
5. Approve the Fourth Amendment to the Agreement between the City and Career Nexus to extend the term through February 28, 2026, to provide ongoing employment for members in the One Fresno Youth Jobs Corps Program.

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-P. [ID 26-15](#) ***BILL B-63 (Introduced December 18, 2025)(For Adoption) - Repealing Section 10-812 of the Fresno Municipal Code, Relating to Conditions on Police Response to Public Safety Alarm Systems (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

ORDINANCE 2026-1 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-Q. [ID 26-30](#) Actions pertaining to Fresno County AB109 Adult Compliance Team (ACT)
1. Approve a First Amendment to the Service Agreement with the County of Fresno acknowledging annual budget approval, which included continued funding for the reimbursement of five Fresno Police Officers, one Police Sergeant, and one Crime Analyst, which will be assigned to the Adult Compliance Team (ACT)/ Multi-Agency Gang Enforcement Consortium Team (MAGEC) in an amount not to exceed \$1,992,584 for Fiscal Year 2025-26 for a total compensation paid for all services performed for the first and second year of this Agreement not to exceed \$3,932,659.
 2. ***RESOLUTION - Adopt the 25th Amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution No. 2025-179 appropriating \$441,100 for the Police Department's agreement No. 1 to the 2025-2026 Public Safety Realignment Adult Compliance Team (ACT) Program (Requires Five Affirmative Votes) (Subject to Mayor's Veto).

RESOLUTION 2026-2 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

2.-R. [ID 26-6](#)

Approve the First Amendment to the Consultant Services Agreement with Blais and Associates, LLC for Grant Application and Administration Services for the Department of Public Utilities to extend the term by one year to December 31, 2026, with no increase in compensation. (Citywide)

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**2.-U.** [ID 26-7](#)

RESOLUTION - Approving the Summary Vacation of a portion of the Southeast corner of East Divisadero Street and North Roosevelt Avenue. (District 3)

RESOLUTION 2026-5 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**2.-V.** [ID 26-62](#)

***RESOLUTION - Adopting the 33rd Amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution No. 2025-179 to reallocate \$85,000 from the Public Works Department to the City Council Department (Requires 5 Affirmative Votes) (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

RESOLUTION 2026-6 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**CONTESTED CONSENT CALENDAR****2.-D.** [ID 26-26](#)

Actions pertaining to the First Amendment for the Capital Projects Department's On-Call Consultant Service Agreements for Materials Testing and Acceptance Services for capital improvement projects (Citywide):

1. Approve the First Amendment to the On-Call Consultant Services Agreement with Salem Engineering Group Inc., of Fresno, California, for materials testing and acceptance services, increasing the maximum amount payable for all Task Orders by \$1,000,000.00, for a total not to exceed Agreement value of \$1,958,000.00;
2. Approve the First Amendment to the On-Call Consultant Services Agreement with Krazan & Associates, Inc, of Clovis, California, for materials testing and acceptance services, increasing the maximum amount payable for all Task Orders by \$1,000,000.00, for a total not to exceed Agreement value of \$1,958,000.00.

Councilmember Maxell moved the above item to Contested Consent to discuss the agreement.

Council discussion was held.

APPROVED

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

Aye: 5 - Esparza, Perea, Maxwell, Vang and Richardson

Absent: 2 - Karbassi and Arias

- 2.-G.** [ID 26-25](#) Approve Contract Change Order No. 4 with Floyd Johnston Construction Company Inc. of Fresno, California in the amount of \$2,924,928.00 with one hundred (100) additional working days for the Downtown Redevelopment Grant Water and Sewer Improvements Project. (Bid File 12402356) (Council District 3)

Councilmember Richardson moved the above item to Contested Consent to discuss the contract change order.

Council discussion was held.

APPROVED

On motion of Councilmember Richardson, seconded by Councilmember Perea, that the above Action Item be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Esparza, Perea, Maxwell, Vang and Richardson

Absent: 2 - Karbassi and Arias

- 2.-O.** [ID 26-14](#) Award a Requirements Contract for Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Grant 2024 "Testing of Partially Tested Kits" in an amount not to exceed \$525,600 for three years with no extension options to DNA Labs International. (RFP File No. 12600269).

Councilmember Richardson moved the above item to Contested Consent to discuss the sexual assault kit.

Council discussion was held.

APPROVED

On motion of Councilmember Richardson, seconded by Vice President Esparza, that the above Action Item be APPROVED. The

motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Esparza, Perea, Maxwell, Vang and Richardson

Absent: 2 - Karbassi and Arias

- 2.-S.** [ID 26-27](#) Actions pertaining to a sewer connection to serve Three Palms Mobile Home Park.
1. Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (SCH 2024070976) dated November 2024, for the Three Palms Mobile Home Park Wastewater Collection and Disposal Project, pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines;
 2. ***RESOLUTION - Authorizing the Director of Public Utilities or designee to accept funds and execute the financial assistance agreement and any amendments thereto with the California State Water Resources Control Board on behalf of the City of Fresno for a sewer connection to serve Three Palms Mobile Home Park. (Council District 3) (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

Councilmember Richardson moved the above item to Contested Consent to discuss the sewer connection.

Council discussion was held.

RESOLUTION 2026-3 ADOPTED

On motion of Councilmember Richardson, seconded by Councilmember Maxwell, that the above Action Item be ADOPTED.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Karbassi

- 2.-T.** [ID 26-24](#) ***RESOLUTION - Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application for up to \$500,000 from the State of California Office of Traffic Safety to Fund the Procurement of Traffic Data Analysis Software and Authorizing the Public Works Director or Designee to Accept and Execute All Application and Grant Agreement Documents on Behalf of the City of Fresno. (Citywide) (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

Councilmember Maxwell moved the above item to Contested Consent to discuss the agenda item.

Council discussion was held.

RESOLUTION 2026-4 ADOPTED

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

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

Absent: 2 - Karbassi and Perea

- 2.-W.** [ID 26-71](#) Approve the First Amendment to Consultant Services Agreement with BX Consulting, LLC, to increase compensation by \$62,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$110,000 for additional business outreach services

Councilmember Vang moved the above item to Contested Consent to discuss the current agreement.

Council discussion was held.

APPROVED

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

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

Absent: 1 - Karbassi

3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATION**

Upon call, the following members of the public addressed the Council with unscheduled communication: Charlie Maxwell, Dez Martinez, Nikki Real, and Alfred Aldrete.

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 1:58 P.M.

5.-A. [ID 26-50](#)

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); 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. Employee Organization(s): Unrepresented Employees in Unit 2 (Non-Represented Management and Confidential Classes): Airport Public Safety Manager, Airports Public Safety Assistant Manager, Assistant City Attorney, Assistant City Manager, Assistant Controller, Assistant Director, Assistant Director of Personnel Services, Assistant Director of Public Utilities, Assistant Director of Public Works, Assistant Police Chief, Assistant Retirement Administrator, Background Investigator, Budget Analyst, Budget Manager, Chief Assistant City Attorney, Chief Information Officer, Chief Labor Negotiator, Chief of Staff to Councilmember, Chief of Staff to the Mayor, City Attorney (City Negotiator, Council President Karbassi), City Attorney Investigator, City Clerk (City Negotiator, Council President Karbassi), City Engineer, City Manager (City Negotiator, Mayor Dyer), Community Coordinator, Community Outreach Specialist, Controller, Council Assistant, Deputy City Attorney II, Deputy City Attorney III, Deputy City Manager, Director, Director of Aviation, Director of Development, Director of Personnel Services, Director of Public Utilities, Director of Transportation, Economic Development Coordinator, Economic Development Director, Executive Assistant to Department Director, Executive Assistant to the City Attorney, Executive Assistant to the City Council, Executive Assistant to the City Manager, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, Fire Chief, Governmental Affairs Manager, Human Resources Manager, Independent Reviewer, Internal Auditor, Investment Officer, Management Analyst II, Payroll Accountant, Payroll Manager, Police Chief, Principal Budget Analyst, Principal Internal Auditor, Principal Labor Relations Analyst, Project Liaison/Program Administrator, Public Affairs Officer, Public Works Director, Retirement Administrator, Retirement Benefits Manager, Retirement Office Manager, Senior Budget Analyst, Senior City Attorney Investigator, Senior Deputy City Attorney I, Senior Deputy City Attorney II, Senior Deputy City Attorney III, Senior Human Resources/Risk Analyst, Senior Law Clerk, Special Assistant City

Attorney, Supervising Deputy City Attorney, Veterinarian

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

DISCUSSED

- 5.-B. [ID 26-8](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(1)
Case Name: *Miguel Nunez Garcia v. City of Fresno, et al.*
Fresno Superior Court Case No. 25CECG00749

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

DISCUSSED

- 5.-C. [ID 26-18](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(1)
Case Name: *Sarah J. Gray v. City of Fresno and Demetrio Ordas*, Fresno Superior Court Case No. 23CECG04116

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

DISCUSSED

- 5.-D. [ID 26-19](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(1)
Case Name: *La-Kebbia Wilson v. City of Fresno; et al*, Eastern District Court Case No. 1:19-cv-01658

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

DISCUSSED

- 5.-E. [ID 26-63](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(4)
1 potential case

The above item was discussed in closed session. City Attorney Janz announced the City Council voted to issue a limited waiver of attorney client privilege, allowing the City Attorney to disclose that the City Attorney's

Office properly advised former Councilmember Luis Chavez in January 2023 that any future agreements with LGSC for the same services prior was required to go to the City Council for authorization under Fresno Municipal Code Section 4-107(e).

DISCUSSED

ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting adjourned from open session at 4:54 P.M. in memory of Christina Therrien.

The above minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the City Council during the January 29, 2026, regular meeting.