



City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Council President - Nelson Esparza

Vice President - Tyler Maxwell

Councilmembers:

Annalisa Perea, Mike Karbassi, Miguel Angel Arias,

Brandon Vang,

Nick Richardson

City Manager - Georgeanne A. White

City Attorney - Andrew Janz

Interim City Clerk - Amy K. Aller

Thursday, March 19, 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.

9:13 A.M. ROLL CALL

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

Invocation by Father Sahaya Rubiston Peter, CMF, from St. Paul Catholic Newman Center

Father Sahaya Rubiston Peter 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

A separately noticed special meeting today at 3:00 P.M., or there after, for

an Open session item File (ID 26-376) regarding to Begin the Process To Remove The “Cesar Chavez Boulevard” Street Signs In Support Of The Stand With Farmworkers Integrity Act.

Special Meeting item (ID 26-376) regarding to begin the process to remove the “Cesar Chavez Boulevard” street signs – the resolution is subject to mayoral veto and should have three asterisks before the title and (Subject Mayor’s Veto) should be listed at the end of the title. The supplement for this item reflects the changes in the staff report.

2-O (ID 26-308) regarding renewal of the Fresno Police Department Annual Military Equipment Use Report, this item is being moved to General Administration (3-A), and approval from Council is not being requested at this time. There will be a public meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall for this item. Approval for this item will be on the March 26, 2026, agenda.

2-U (ID 26-326) regarding intention to annex Final Tract Map No. 6475. The subject property is in District 7, not District 5.

Today’s meeting will be adjourned in memory of Don Dyer.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA

2-I (ID26-156) regarding the Trolley Park Lighting and Shade Structure Project – was tabled to April 9th, 2026, by Staff.

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

2-L (ID 26-79) regarding a \$3,000,000 HOME Investment Partnerships Program Agreement with FCTC Family II, LP – was moved to contested Consent by Councilmember Richardson.

2-W (ID 26-199) regarding a one-year FAX revenue agreement, with two optional one-year extensions between the City of Fresno - was moved to contested Consent by Councilmember Richardson.

2-Y (ID 26-201) regarding a two-year Revenue Service Contract, with options for three one-year extensions to STX Commodities - was moved to contested Consent by Councilmember Richardson.

2-AA (ID 26-323) regarding in Support of Criminal Facial Recognition Technology at City Hall - was moved to contested Consent by Councilmember Arias.

2-CC (ID 26-347) regarding to Conduct a Study on the Concentration of Ownership - was moved to contested Consent by Councilmember Arias.

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

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

On motion of Councilmember Arias to Reconsider the Agenda, seconded by Councilmember Richardson. As such, this action was approved 6-1 by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Perea, Karbassi, Arias, Maxwell, Richardson, and Esparza
No: 1 - Vang

On motion of Councilmember Arias to Table item 4:00 P.M. (ID 26-297), seconded by Councilmember Perea, which PASSED 7-0 by the following vote:

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

On motion of Vice President Maxwell to Table item 3:55 P.M. (ID 26-266) to June 18, 2026, at 3:55 P.M., seconded by Councilmember Richardson, which PASSED 4-3 by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Karbassi, Maxwell, Richardson, and Esparza
No: 3 - Perea, Arias, Vang

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

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

No: 1 - Vang

Absent: 1 - Arias

9:00 A.M. 2026 CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

[ID 26-362](#) Election of Council President and Vice President

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

Council discussion was held.

Councilmember Vang motioned to elect Councilmember Richardson as Vice President, and withdrew the motion.

On motion of Councilmember Perea to elect Council Vice President Esparza as President and Councilmember Maxwell as Vice President, seconded by Councilmember Karbassi, 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 26-278](#) Fresno Animal Center presents "Pet of the Month"

PRESENTED

[ID 26-305](#) Proclamation of "Derek Franks Day"

PRESENTED

[ID 26-291](#) Proclamation of "Support Blue Run Day"

PRESENTED

[ID 26-44](#) Proclamation of "National Reading Month"

PRESENTED

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Councilmember Perea Reports and Comments. Thanked Council President Esparza and Councilmember Karbassi for joining her in bringing forward a resolution to replace the Cesar Chavez Boulevard street name and restore the original street names. Noted the item came with a heavy heart following recent public statements alleging physical and emotional abuse by Cesar Chavez. Noted that while the achievements of the United Farm Workers Movement could still be recognized, the actions of its leader could not be overlooked. Expressed support for victims who spoke out and encouraged individuals experiencing physical, emotional, or sexual abuse to seek available resources. Reported meeting with a group of middle school students from Wilson Elementary School who were researching the high cost of child care and working on a project to raise funds for local child care facilities. Stated her office had already been researching child care issues, including support for providers, predominantly women and women of color, and assistance for families facing financial hardship due to child care costs. Reported that her staff has been actively assisting constituents with various neighborhood issues, such as broken sprinklers, street trees, cracked sidewalks, and potholes. Thanked the District 1 team for their ongoing work.

Councilmember Karbassi Reports and Comments. Echoed earlier comments regarding the item concerning Cesar Chavez Boulevard and thanked Councilmember Perea and Council President Esparza for their partnership in bringing forward a proposal to restore the original street names. Noted the importance of keeping the focus on farm workers and victims connected to the issue, with additional discussion scheduled later in the meeting. Reported attending several community events in recent weeks, including the Valley Business Awards, where the Leon S. Peters Award was presented to Northwest Fresno resident Ed Kashian for his longstanding philanthropic contributions to the community. Congratulated Mr. Kashian and thanked the Fresno Chamber of Commerce for organizing the event. Reported the Woman of the Year event was held the previous day to recognize women from across the City. He honored his Chief of Staff, Alyssa Stevens, for her work and contributions to District 2 and thanked her publicly. Thanked Public Works and the PARCS Department for their ongoing collaboration on district projects, noting progress on the rebuilding

of the Milburn Overlook, improvements at Stallion Park, roadway construction projects including the realignment of Herndon Avenue, neighborhood concrete repairs, and installation of speed humps throughout the district. Thanked colleagues for their earlier comments and expressed appreciation for their support.

Councilmember Arias Reports and Comments. Reported he held a press conference the previous day to address misinformation related to the rezoning application scheduled for discussion that afternoon. Clarified that he had received three voice mail messages from Kevin Ramos, Chief Investment Officer for the applicant, rather than one as previously stated, and noted that he did not respond to any of them. Reiterated that, based on the determination of the City's legal counsel, the matter was legislative and Councilmembers were permitted to meet with the public and the applicant. Thanked the Administration and the PARCS Director for completing improvements at Roeding Park in preparation for Easter, including new benches, structures, and ground covering. Stated that additional projects, including new restrooms, pickle ball courts, and picnic shelters, were also moving forward. Reported his office continues to host annual Town Hall meetings and noted that he had held nearly 300 during his seven years on the Council. Announced the schedule for upcoming budget Town Halls in various neighborhoods and invited the public to participate. Thanked the community for its engagement and stated he looked forward to his final budget process as a Councilmember.

Councilmember Vang Reports and Comments. Visited several elementary schools during March to participate in Read Across America activities at Balderas, Fancher Creek, Calwa, and Jackson Elementary Schools, also presented certificates to students. Thanked the students and staff for welcoming him. Reported a new crosswalk was installed on Selma Avenue to improve safety for residents of the Brandhaven Senior Living facility and thanked Public Works for completing the project. Announced upcoming community meetings, including an event in partnership with the PARCS Department at Ayer Elementary to gather input on adding a gym to the Southeast Fresno Sports Complex. Announced a Town Hall hosted by Senior Citizens Village, noting it would be the first of four districtwide Town Halls. Reported attending the City's Women of the Year celebration and an

additional community event hosted by Familias en Acción, recognizing women who actively serve District 5. Expressed support for restoring the previous street names of Kings Canyon Road, Ventura Street, and California Avenue. Noted his personal background as a former farmworker and farmland owner and stated that public infrastructure naming should reflect the values and identity of the community. Noted looking forward to continuing conversations with District 5 residents and businesses regarding the matter.

Councilmember Richardson Reports and Comments. Reported District 6 held the Support Blue Run and thanked participants for attending. Reported a quarterly Town Hall was held with approximately 65 attendees and thanked City departments for assisting and providing information to residents. Stated District 6 is working with local high schools to connect students with employers for summer job opportunities and noted positive participation from schools, parents, and students. Announced a community meeting would be scheduled soon for residents near Maple and Behymer regarding a proposed development. Reported that the speed bump application period opened in March and encouraged residents to contact the District 6 office if interested. Stated District 6 supports renaming Cesar Chavez Boulevard.

Vice President Maxwell Reports and Comments. Reported recent activities, including accompanying Hoover High School art students to the Fresno Art Museum using the FresnoHop Trolley. Visited Holland Elementary School for the Read Across America event and met with the Ampact Literacy Program. Provided an update on literacy initiatives in District 4, including the installation of Little Free Libraries, support for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, and the upcoming launch of the District 4 Book Club. Supported the Girl Scouts of Central California by purchasing cookies for distribution. Presented the District 4 Woman of the Year award to Meghan Velasquez, Executive Director of the Valley Caregiver Resource Center. Reported his marriage was convalidated during a ceremony at St. Anthony's Church, and wished his wife a happy anniversary.

Council President Esparza Reports and Comments. Commented on the allegations involving César Chávez and noted that the Council would hold a

special meeting to consider restoring the original street names currently designated as César Chávez Boulevard. Reported participating in the City's 2026 Women of the Year recognition event and congratulated District 7 honoree Rhonda Dueck. Reported the District 7 office hosted spring town hall meetings at Rowell Elementary School and Fresno City College. Attended the Valley Business Awards with the Fresno County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and recognized several award recipients. Toured 'The Dakota,' a housing project at Blackstone and Dakota that will include 114 homes, including units for veterans and their families.

MAYOR/MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mayor Dyer Reports and Comments. Thanked the Council for adjourning the meeting in remembrance of his father. Expressed support for restoring the original street names currently designated as César Chávez Boulevard and noted that the signs were in storage, with additional signs to be ordered and installation expected to begin in April. Attended a groundbreaking for Zaatar in the Galleria downtown and recognized Kym Dildine and Natalie Capale, co-CEOs of the California Food Bank. Announced a ribbon cutting at the Lexus dealership on North Palm and reported that a groundbreaking for the Senior Binion Cottages affordable housing project would take place the following morning. Reported that his administration held approximately 35 budget meetings with departments over the past two weeks and stated that efforts were underway to bring the FY27 budget back into balance for presentation in May.

City Manager White Reports and Comments. Thanked Councilmember Karbassi for his service and acknowledged the collaborative work involved in preparing agenda items, and as her returning seatmate. Thanked Councilmember Richardson for his roll as her previous seatmate.

1. SCHEDULED COUNCIL HEARINGS AND MATTERS

9:10 A.M.

[ID 26-277](#) HEARING to Receive Public Comment on the 2025 Housing Element Annual Progress Report

The above item was called to order at 9:52 P.M. and was presented to Council by Project Liaison Pagoulatos. Upon call, the following members of the public addressed Council: Gabriel Lozano, and Nikki Real. Public

comment closed at 2:12 P.M.

Council discussion was held.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED

9:20 A.M. (TO BE HEARD AT 3:55 P.M. OR THEREAFTER)

[ID 26-266](#)

HEARING to consider the adoption of the Central Southeast Area Specific Plan and related Environmental Assessment. The following Plan Amendment and Rezone applications (collectively numbered as application P23-00400) have been filed by the Fresno City Council and pertain to approximately 2,067 acres in the Southeast area of the City of Fresno (Council Districts 5 and 7)

1. ADOPT - Recirculated Mitigated Negative Declaration (SCH 2023020138) for Environmental Assessment No. P23-00400 dated December 19, 2025, and the associated Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) prepared pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15070 through 15075.
2. RESOLUTION - to repeal of the Roosevelt Community Plan (Plan Amendment Application P23-00400).
3. BILL (for Introduction and Adoption) - to repeal of the Butler/Willow Specific Plan (Plan Amendment Application P23-00400).
4. ***RESOLUTION - to Adopt the Central Southeast Specific Plan (Plan Amendment Application No. P23-00400) (Subject to Mayor's Veto)
5. RESOLUTION - Updating the Land Use Map (Figure LU-1) of the Fresno General Plan to Incorporate the Central Southeast Area Specific Plan (Plan Amendment P23-00400)
6. ***BILL (for Introduction and Adoption) - Approve Rezone Application No. P22-00400 to Amend the Official Zoning Map to Rezone Approximately 119 acres of Property within the Central Southeast Area Specific Plan area to be consistent with the Planned Land Use Map (Subject to Mayor's Veto).

Vice President Maxwell motioned to Table the item to June 18, 2026, at 3:55 P.M.

TABLED

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

Aye: 4 - Esparza, Maxwell, Karbassi and Richardson

No: 3 - Perea, Arias and Vang

4:00 P.M.

- [ID 26-297](#) HEARING to consider Plan Amendment Application No. P23-03006, Rezone Application No. P23-03006 and related Environmental Assessment pertaining to approximately 55.31 acres of property bounded by East Annadale Avenue to the north, State Route 41 to the east, South Elm Avenue to the west, and East Chester/East Samson Avenue (alignment) to the south (Council District 3)
1. DENY - Addendum to Final Program EIR (SCH No. 2017031012) for the Southwest Fresno Specific Plan, dated February 20, 2025, for the proposed project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15164.
 2. DENY - Plan Amendment Application No. P23-03006 proposing to amend the Fresno General Plan and the Southwest Fresno Specific Plan to change the planned land use designation for the subject properties from Neighborhood Mixed-Use to Employment - Light Industrial and amendment to Policy LU-8.1 of the Southwest Fresno Specific Plan.
 3. DENY - Rezone Application No. P23-03006 proposing to rezone the subject properties from the NMX (*Neighborhood Mixed-Use*) zone district to the IL/cz (*Light Industrial/conditions of zoning*) zone district.

Councilmember Arias Motioned to Table the item.

TABLED

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

Aye: 7 - Esparza, Maxwell, Perea, Karbassi, Arias, 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: Rene, Campos, Sam Frank, Jonathon Schertz, Ari, Dee Barns, Sonia Davis, Gina Kane for Tasha Jones, Brian Smith, John Trogger, Melody Lamp, Brandi N., Kayla, Alfred Aldready, Desiree Ledesma, and

Nikki Real.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

- 2.-A. [ID 26-319](#) Approval of the Minutes for February 26, 2026, Regular and Special Meeting

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-B. [ID 26-283](#) ***Bill B-3 (Introduced February 26, 2026)(For Adoption) - Amending Sidewalk Vending Ordinance, Section 10-2604, Regarding Vending Time Limits (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

ORDINANCE 2026-4 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-C. [ID 26-344](#) Actions pertaining to amendment of various ordinances:
1. BILL - (for introduction) - Amending Chapter 1, Articles 3 and 5, sections 1-303, 1-308, and 1-503 of the Fresno Municipal Code
 2. BILL - (for introduction) - Amending Chapter 9, Article 24, sections 9-2402, 9-2403, and 9-2405 of the Fresno Municipal Code
 3. BILL - (for introduction) - Amending Chapter 10, Articles 1 and 6, sections 10-106, 10-603, 10-604, and 10-605 of the Fresno Municipal Code
 4. BILL - (for introduction) - Amending Chapter 11, Articles 3 and 4, sections 11-305, 11-328, and 11-405 of the Fresno Municipal Code
 5. BILL - (for introduction) - Amending Chapter 12, Article 20, sections 12-2003, 12-2013, and 12-2014 of the Fresno Municipal Code

BILL B-4 INTRODUCED AND LAID OVER

BILL B-5 INTRODUCED AND LAID OVER

BILL B-6 INTRODUCED AND LAID OVER

BILL B-7 INTRODUCED AND LAID OVER

BILL B-8 INTRODUCED AND LAID OVER

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-D. [ID 26-204](#) Approve a Consultant Services Agreement with Lighthouse Public Affairs, LLC., for an amount not to exceed \$396,000 for Professional Lobbying and

Consulting Services in California, term is for three years with the option to extend for one year

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-E. [ID 26-186](#) Actions related to the Lease Agreement with Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for Terminal Space at Fresno Yosemite International Airport (FAT). (Council District 4).
1. Adopt a finding of Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15301/Class 1 (Existing Facilities), under of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines; and
 2. Approve the Lease Agreement with Transportation Security Administration (TSA), for Terminal Space at Fresno Yosemite International Airport for a term of five (5) years and an extension of five (5) additional years for a total term of ten (10) years. The amount of potential revenue generated by this Lease is \$3,405,385.32 over the full term.

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-F. [ID 26-284](#) Actions related to the Non-exclusive On-airport Rental Car Concessions Agreements at Fresno Yosemite International Airport (FAT). The potential revenue of the three contracts is \$4,846,238 annually. The total anticipated revenue for the five-year term of the three contracts is approximately \$24,231,190. (Council District 4).
1. Adopt a finding of Exemption pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense) and Class 1/Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines;
 2. Approve a Non-exclusive On-airport Rental Car Concessions Agreement (RAC Concessions Agreement) with Avis Budget Car Rental, LLC., at FAT for a five-year term;
 3. Approve a RAC Concessions Agreement with Enterprise Rent-A-Car Company of Sacramento, LLC., at FAT for a five-year term;
 4. Approve a RAC Concessions Agreement with The Hertz Corporation at FAT for a five-year term

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-G. [ID 26-285](#) Actions related to the Service Facility Lease Agreements at Fresno Yosemite International Airport (FAT) (Council District 4)
1. Adopt a finding of Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines; and
 2. Approve the First Amendment to the Extended and Restated Service Facility Lease Agreement with Avis Rent A Car System, Inc.

- (Avis); and
3. Approve the First Amendment to the Extended and Restated Service Facility Lease Agreement with Budget Rent A Car System, Inc.(Budget); and
 4. Approve the First Amendment to the Extended and Restated Service Facility Lease Agreement with The Hertz Corporation (Hertz); and
 5. Approve the Third Amendment to the Service Facility Lease Agreement with Enterprise Rent-A-Car Company of Sacramento, LLC. (ERAC).

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-H. [ID 26-289](#) Approve the First Amendment to the Service Agreement with Animal Balance, a California Public Benefit Nonprofit Corporation, increasing the contract amount by \$42,000 for a total amount of \$126,000 for the primary purpose of community spay and neuter surgical services at the Fresno Animal Center, and extending the term to July 12, 2026

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-I. [ID 26-156](#) Actions pertaining to the Trolley Park Lighting and Shade Structure Project, Bid File 12600535 (Council District 1):
1. Adopt a finding of a Categorical Exemption per staff's determination, pursuant to Section 15301/Class 1 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Environmental Assessment No. PC00222;
 2. Award a Construction Contract in the amount of \$212,936.87 to Geometric Construction, Inc. of Fresno, California, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the Trolley Park Lighting and Shade Structure Project.

During approval of the agenda, Interim City Clerk Aller announced this was tabled to April 9th, 2026, by Staff.

TABLED

- 2.-J. [ID 26-249](#) Actions pertaining to the Roeding Park Restroom Replacement Project, Bid File 12600914 (Council District 3):
1. Adopt a finding of a Categorical Exemption per staff's determination, pursuant to Section 15301/Class 1 and 15302/Class 2 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Environmental Assessment No. PC00278;
 2. Award a Construction Contract in the amount of \$2,059,736.92 to Rakkar Development & Construction of Fresno, California, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the Roeding Park

Restroom Replacement Project.

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-K. [ID 26-279](#) Approve Design-Build Contract Amendment No.2 to change the Design-Builder's name from Swinerton Builders, LLC., to Swinerton Builders, a California Corporation, for the Parking Automation and Video Surveillance Project. This Second Amendment shall not include any additional changes to terms or monetary consideration. (Council District 3)

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-M. [ID 26-281](#) Actions pertaining to the Davu Village project (also known as the Parkside Inn Motel), a 63-unit affordable rental housing project, consisting of the rehabilitation of the existing motel and new construction at the south end of the property located at 1075 N. Warren Avenue, Fresno 93728 (District 3):
1. Approve a HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program Agreement with Fresno Davu Village, LP in the amount of \$1,996,368; and
 2. Approve a HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Program Agreement with Fresno Davu Village, LP in the amount of \$1,861,632

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-N. [ID 26-282](#) Accept the 2025 General Plan Annual Progress Report

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-P. [ID 26-192](#) Approve the Third Amendment to the Consultant Services Agreement with Pavletic Consulting LLC., to increase the compensation by \$75,000.00, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$294,000.00, and authorize the Director of Public Utilities, or designee, to execute the Third Amendment to the Consultant Services Agreement. (Citywide)

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-Q. [ID 26-220](#) Actions pertaining to the Fresno Sanitary Landfill located at 1707 West Jensen Ave (Council District 3):
1. Approve the Sixth Amendment to the Consultant Services Agreement with CDM Smith, Inc., of Concord, California, in the amount of \$575,800.00, to increase the total not to exceed contract amount to \$2,876,491.00, and to extend the term of the Consultant Services Agreement to January 31, 2027, for the Groundwater and Landfill Remediation Services;
 2. Approve the Third Amendment to the Consultant Services Agreement with Tetra Tech BAS, Inc., of Diamond Bar, California, in the amount of \$100,400.00, to increase the total not to exceed

contract amount to \$879,511.00, and to extend the term of the Consultant Services Agreement to January 31, 2027, for the Landfill Gas Collection and Control System and Operations, Maintenance, and Monitoring Services at the City of Fresno Sanitary Landfill;

3. Authorize the Director of Public Utilities, or designee, to sign the Third and Sixth Amendments on behalf of the City of Fresno (City).

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-R.** [ID 26-273](#) Actions pertaining to a water connection to serve Three Palms Mobile Home Park (Council District 3):
1. Approve the First Amendment to the Water System Consolidation Agreement between Three Palms MH Park, LLC and the City of Fresno to amend the scope of work to add provisional language related to well destruction, and adjust the monthly billable amount; and authorize the Director of Public Utilities, or designee, to execute the Amendment;
 2. ***RESOLUTION - Adopting the 39th Amendment to the Annual Appropriations Resolution No. 2025-179 to appropriate \$629,600.00 for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Construction Grant for the Three Palms Mobile Home Park Drinking Water Consolidation Project. (Requires Five Affirmative Votes) (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

RESOLUTION 2026-35 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-S.** [ID 26-276](#) RESOLUTION - Of Intention to Annex Final Tract Map No. 6376 as Annexation No. 161 to the City of Fresno Community Facilities District No. 11 and to Authorize the Levy of Special Taxes; and setting the public hearing for Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 9:15 am (Located on the west side of South Armstrong Avenue and East California Avenue) (Council District 5).

RESOLUTION 2026-36 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-T.** [ID 26-288](#) RESOLUTION - Of Intention to Annex Final Tract Map No. 6475 as Annexation No. 160 to the City of Fresno Community Facilities District No. 11 and to Authorize the Levy of Special Taxes; and setting the public hearing for Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 9:10 am (Located on the northwest corner of North Armstrong Avenue and East McKinley Avenue) (Council District 7).

RESOLUTION 2026-37 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-U. [ID 26-326](#) RESOLUTION - Of Intention to Annex Final Tract Map No. 6475 as Annexation No. 007 to the City of Fresno Community Facilities District No. 18 and to Authorize the Levy of Special Taxes; and setting the public hearing for Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 9:30 am (Located on the northwest corner of North Armstrong Avenue and East McKinley Avenue). (Council District 5)

During approval of the agenda, Interim City Clerk Aller announced the subject property is in District 7, not District 5

RESOLUTION 2026-38 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-V. [ID 26-325](#) RESOLUTION - Of Intention to Annex Final Tract Map No. 6376 as Annexation No. 006 to the City of Fresno Community Facilities District No. 18 and to Authorize the Levy of Special Taxes; and setting the public hearing for Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 9:25 am (Located on the west side of South Armstrong Avenue and East California Avenue). (Council District 5)

RESOLUTION 2026-39 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-X. [ID 26-200](#) Reject all proposals for Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 12600931 - Engineering for Elevator Modernization for Fresno Area Express

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-Z. [ID 26-260](#) Approve the reappointment of Jacob Bailey to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee for a term ending on March 30, 2029

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-BB. [ID 26-345](#) Bill - (For Introduction) - Amending Sidewalk Vending Ordinance, Sections 10-2603 and 10-2604, Regarding Vending of Services.

BILL B-9 INTRODUCED AND LAID OVER

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

CONTESTED CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-L. [ID 26-79](#) Approve a \$3,000,000 HOME Investment Partnerships Program Agreement with FCTC Family II, LP for development of the Sarah's Court II Apartments, a 120-unit affordable rental housing project with 11

HOME-assisted two- and three-bedroom units located at 200 N. Salma Avenue (City Council District 5).

Councilmember Richardson moved the above item to Contested Consent but had all questions answered prior to the item being heard.

There was no Council Discussion.

APPROVED

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

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

Absent: 1 - Arias

- 2.-W.** [ID 26-199](#) Authorize a one-year FAX revenue agreement, with two optional one-year extensions between the City of Fresno (City) and Fresno Pacific University (FPU), to provide transit services for FPU students, faculty, and staff on Fresno Area Express (FAX) fixed-route buses for a total compensation not to exceed \$7,000 annually

Councilmember Richardson moved the above item to Contested Consent but had all questions answered prior to the item being heard.

There was no Council Discussion.

APPROVED

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

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

Absent: 1 - Arias

- 2.-Y.** [ID 26-201](#) Award a two-year Revenue Service Contract, with options for three one-year extensions to STX Commodities at no cost to the City (Bid File 12502230)

Councilmember Richardson moved the above item to Contested Consent but had all questions answered prior to the item being heard.

There was no Council Discussion.

APPROVED

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

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

Absent: 1 - Arias

- 2.-AA. [ID 26-323](#)** RESOLUTION - In Support of Criminal Facial Recognition Technology at City Hall and Direction to City Attorney to Seek a Court Order

Councilmember Arias moved the above item to Contested Consent to confirm the update to the agenda title and to discuss the resolution.

Council discussion was held.

Councilmember Richardson motioned to withdrawal the resolution.

APPROVED

On motion of Councilmember Richardson, seconded by Councilmember Arias, that the above Action to Withdrawal the Resolution was APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 2.-CC. [ID 26-347](#)** ***RESOLUTION - To Conduct a Study on the Concentration of Ownership and Corporatization of the City's Housing Stock (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

Councilmember Arias moved the above item to Contested Consent to get clarification on the resolution.

Council discussion was held.

RESOLUTION 2026-40 ADOPTED

Councilmember Perea motioned to approve with amendment: Section 3 in the resolution states "City Manager shall report back to the City Council," it will be updated to say "City Attorney".

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

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

3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

- 2.-O. [ID 26-308](#) Approve the renewal of the Fresno Police Department Annual Military Equipment Use Report as originally required by Assembly Bill 481, codified under Government Code sections 7070-7075.

During approval of the agenda, Interim City Clerk Aller announced this item is being moved to General Administration (3-A), and approval from Council is not being requested at this time. There will be a public meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall for this item. Approval for this item will be on the March 26, 2026, agenda.

The above item was presented to Council by Police Chief Casto. Upon call, the following members of the public addressed Council: Pastor Isabella.

Council discussion was held.

PRESENTED

UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATION

Upon call, the following members of the public addressed the Council with unscheduled communication: Pastor Isabel Vela, and Nikki Real.

4. CITY COUNCIL

- 4.-A. [ID 26-324](#) RESOLUTION - In Support of State Assembly Bill 2753 to Ban Sex Offenders from Holding Public Office

Upon call, the following members of the public addressed Council: Brian Kelly, Rene Campos, and Pastor Isabel Vela.

Council discussion was held.

RESOLUTION 2026-41 ADOPTED

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

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

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 11:20 A.M., and again at 4:25 P.M., and again at 5:45 P.M.

5.-A. [ID 26-320](#)

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 26-298](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(1):
Jennifer Regan v. City of Fresno, et al.; Fresno Superior Court Case No. 22CECG00876

The above item was discussed in closed session, and continued to March 26, 2026. There were no open session announcements for this item.

DISCUSSED

- 5.-C. [ID 26-287](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(1)
Case Name: *Ryan Torres v. City of Fresno, PSI Administered by Tristar Risk Management, Tristar Claim Number 241135764*

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

DISCUSSED

- 5.-D. [ID 26-271](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(1)

Lisa Ann Newman v. City of Fresno, et al.; Fresno Superior Court Case No. 24CECG04431

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

DISCUSSED

- 5.-E. [ID 26-268](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(1)
City of Fresno Fire & Police Retirement System, et al. v. City of Fresno,
Merced Superior Court Case No.: 25CV-02170

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

DISCUSSED

- 5.-F. [ID 26-270](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(1)
Dara Briseno v. City of Fresno, et al.; Fresno Superior Court Case No.
23CECG04151

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

DISCUSSED

- 5.-G. [ID 26-300](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(1)
Park 7, LLC., and LandValue Management LLC., v. City of Fresno; Fresno
Superior Court Case No. 24CECG04298

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

DISCUSSED

- 5.-H. [ID 26-314](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(1)
Karen Micheli, et al. v. City of Fresno; Fifth District Court of Appeal Case No.
F085599

The above item was discussed in closed session, and continued to March 26, 2026. There were no open session announcements for this item.

DISCUSSED

5.-I. [ID 26-346](#)

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, and continued to March 26, 2026. There were no open session announcements for this item.

DISCUSSED

5.-J. [ID 26-348](#)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(2); Exposure to Litigation:
1 potential case

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

DISCUSSED

5.-K. [ID 26-339](#)

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - Government Code
Section 54956.8
Property: 508-030-48ST (Herndon and Brawley)
Negotiating Parties: City Manager and Lakhjit S. Sandhu, MD.
Under negotiations: Amendment to Purchase and Sale Agreement

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

DISCUSSED

ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting adjourned from open session at 5:44 P.M. in memory of Don Dyer.

The above minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the City Council during the April 9, 2026, regular meeting