



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, February 26, 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.

9:15 A.M. ROLL CALL

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

Invocation

Youth Pastor DJ Bernard Jefferson of Saint Rest Baptist Church 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 9:00 A.M., or there after, for

an Open session item (ID 26-272) regarding the amended and restated disposition and development agreement between the City of Fresno, the City of Fresno in its capacity as Housing Successor, and The Park Partners, LLC. for City-owned property located at 815 Fulton Street.

The invocation was given by Youth Pastor DJ Bernard Jefferson of Saint Rest Baptist Church

Ceremonial Presentation regarding proclamation for the “60th Anniversary of Mike’s Pizzeria” – the title has been updated to “Proclamation of the 64th Anniversary of Mike’s Pizzeria Lounge & Italian Dinners”

2-M (ID 26-181) regarding the Park at South Stadium Project, a 174-unit multifamily housing development project - resolution number two has been updated to reflect the new dollar amount of \$3,727,000. The date in the Staff report and the resolutions have also been revised to May 15, 2026, instead of the previously stated April 30, 2026. The revised documents were uploaded to Legistar on February 24, 2026, as a supplement.

2-T (ID 26-234) regarding establish a 20 Miles Per Hour Prima Facie Speed Limit in School Zones – 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 FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA

2-F (ID 26-197) regarding the Runway 11L-29R Reconstruction project at Fresno Yosemite International Airport – was tabled to March 26, 2026, by staff.

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

2-N (ID 26-182) regarding Uptown L.P. for the Uptown Apartments rental housing development located at 1510 Van Ness Avenue in Downtown Fresno - was moved to Contested Consent by Councilmember Richardson.

2-T (ID 26-234) regarding a 20 Miles Per Hour Prima Facie Speed Limit in School Zones - was moved to Contested Consent by Councilmember Richardson.

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

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

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS

[ID 26-133](#) Proclamation for “Dr. James Aldredge”

PRESENTED

[ID 26-187](#) Proclamation of “Andrea Andrade Day”

PRESENTED

[ID 26-264](#) Proclamation for the “60th Anniversary of Mike’s Pizzeria”

During the approval of the agenda, Interim City Clerk Aller announced the title has been updated to “Proclamation of the 64th Anniversary of Mike’s Pizzeria Lounge & Italian Dinners”

PRESENTED

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Councilmember Perea Reports and Comments. Reported that Public Works is actively conducting tree trimming throughout District 1 and has multiple concrete and sidewalk repairs scheduled. Residents experiencing lifted or deteriorated sidewalks were encouraged to contact the Council office so repairs can be added to the work pipeline. Noted several upcoming community events and advised the public to follow the office’s social media channels for announcements regarding neighborhood forums and community service activities. Addressed recent national news regarding a registered sex offender running for Fresno City Council, expressing concern about the implications for public safety and access to government facilities. Stated that effective councilmembers should be able to enter school campuses and that families should feel comfortable bringing children into

City Hall. Indicated that colleagues share similar concerns and expressed an intention to collaborate on legislation addressing individuals with such offenses from holding public office.

Councilmember Arias Reports and Comments. Reported that Public Works engineers recently participated in the second neighborhood meeting in West Fresno regarding the Measure "C" funded Cesar Chavez Boulevard improvements and commended staff for improving their public engagement, communicating project details clearly, and responding respectfully to community concerns. Appreciation was also expressed to Tree Fresno for planting trees in the Tower District and to volunteers preparing for the upcoming Beautify Fresno event on February 28, 2026, which will focus on Chinatown with Central Fish as the meeting location. Acknowledged the grand opening activities at the airport involving Mad Duck and Los Amigos, noting that Los Amigos' opening was delayed due to a construction issue. Addressed concerns about a registered sex offender potentially seeking or holding public office, emphasizing that City Hall and Council Chambers are public spaces frequently visited by children and families. Expressed support for developing an agenda item to establish safeguards or restrictions regarding registered sex offenders serving in this capacity.

Councilmember Maxwell Reports and Comments. Reported a series of recent District 4 activities, beginning with a meeting with the nonprofit Safe to School, a volunteer network advocating for improved safety, infrastructure, and education around speeding near elementary schools. Noted a volunteer visit to Ericson Elementary and emphasized the need for safer driving in school zones. Visited the Education & Leadership Foundation to discuss services supporting immigrant communities amid heightened fears and challenges, and participated in a Fresno State ASI roundtable focused on campus safety issues, including speeding and electric scooter related injuries. Attended the Fresno Cultural Arts Rotary Club, recognition of Lou Gentile's Flower Basket as District 4 Business of the Month, and participation in the kickoff of the Fresno Roller Hockey League following upgrades to the Cary Park Rink. Toured the Fresno Animal Center to highlight adoption and fostering needs, visited Duncan Polytechnical High School to observe career focused robotics and technical programs, and thanked staff for organizing a clothing drive at Stone Soup

that served approximately 50 families. Announced the groundbreaking for new pickleball and football courts at Vinland Park, with a ribbon cutting anticipated in the summer, and conducted a site visit with Care Fresno, which provides after school support for vulnerable youth. Announced the ribbon cutting events at Fresno Yosemite International Airport for new local restaurant offerings, including Mad Duck Brewery, Ike's Love & Sandwiches, and the forthcoming Los Amigos location.

Councilmember Vang Reports and Comments. Reported attending a community cleanup at Fancher Creek Elementary School, thanking Beautify Fresno, Fresno Pacific University student volunteers, including the women's volleyball team, and neighborhood residents who participated. Encouraged residents to enroll in the City of Fresno Civic Academy to learn how city government functions and how to effectively engage with Council offices and City Hall staff. Residents were also invited to take part in the upcoming Tire Amnesty Day on Saturday, February 28 at the Hanoian Shopping Center on Cedar and Butler, offering free tire recycling for Fresno residents.

Councilmember Richardson Reports and Comments. Reported several District 6 updates, beginning with recognition of local businesses, noting the quality and long standing service of Lou Gentile's Flower Basket and congratulating The PM Lounge on its recent grand opening. Residents were invited to participate in the Support Blue Run at Woodward Park on February 28, 2026, an annual event hosted by the Fresno Police and Fire Chaplaincy featuring public safety displays. Announced that \$2.5 million in Pave Now, Pay Later funding has been allocated to safety improvements at the intersection of Friant and Shepherd, where recent collisions underscore the need for enhanced measures. A Veterans Supply Drive is underway to support residents of the Central California Veterans Home, with donation sites at both Sequoia Brewing Company locations. Designated "Baby Yoda," a dog brought to Council Chambers by a former City employee, as the informal pet of the month. Acknowledged the passing of District 6 resident Luigi Allegra, described as a beloved community member whose loss is deeply felt. Reported working closely with the City Attorney's Office to ensure City Hall remains a safe and accessible public space. This includes preserving activities such as elementary school tours and high school internship programs. Emphasized that City Hall must be a place where all

residents feel safe to participate in civic life, bring their families, and engage in community events. Stated that if any individual's behavior prevents others from safely accessing City Hall, the City is failing in its mission. Noted that legislation is already being developed at the City level to address these concerns and reaffirmed that the effort is not about any one person, election, or political issue, but about maintaining City Hall as a safe, open, and welcoming environment for all Fresno residents.

Vice President Esparza Reports and Comments. Congratulated the Fresno Police Department's Employee of the Year honorees, noting that their professionalism and service strengthen the City. Recognition given to the State Center Community College District Wall of Honor recipients and to the upcoming African American Museum Trailblazer Award honorees for their leadership and contributions to the community. Expressed support for a resolution addressing school zone safety, emphasizing the clear data on speeding near schools and the importance of improving safety for students and families. Encouraged participation in Read Across America Week school reading events. Concluded with alignment to colleagues' concerns regarding the possibility of a registered sex offender seeking a Council seat, noting the need for municipal, and ideally statewide, action to prevent such situations and ensure public safety.

Council President Karbassi Reports and Comments. Expressed appreciation for Derek Franks for nearly two decades of service with the Fresno Grizzlies and noted an intention to formally honor him at City Hall. Highlighted the upcoming Support Blue Run, emphasizing its importance as the primary annual fundraiser for the Fresno Police and Fire Chaplaincy, which provides critical emotional and spiritual support to first responders and the public. Commended Public Works staff for completing numerous smaller infrastructure repairs, such as curbs, gutters, and sidewalks, which, while modest in scale, are meaningful to neighborhood residents. Noted participation in a Fresno State summit hosted by the Maddy Institute focused on agriculture and essential workers, underscoring the value of those who grow and deliver food under challenging conditions. Thanked District 2 staff for ongoing district support and expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve.

MAYOR/MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mayor Dyer Reports and Comments. Attending a Cal Cities meeting in Berkeley, and worked to halt a proposed change to the statewide sales tax distribution formula for warehouse based retailers, noting that the proposal would have resulted in an estimated \$16 million annual loss for Fresno. Added that a separate proposal affecting out of state E-commerce tax allocations may still move forward and could reduce Fresno's revenue by approximately \$1 million. Reported on airport expansion efforts, including the recent opening of Concourse "B", plans for two additional gates pending federal funding, runway reconstruction, and new restaurant amenities. Highlighted progress on downtown housing, with 222 units advancing in the South Stadium area, 174 of them mixed income, and 48 market rate units in Uptown. Additional updates included meetings with Hmong community members regarding immigration concerns, attendance at events recognizing military veterans and local business leaders, and participation in the Fresno Police Department's employee of the year banquet. Noted ongoing planning for Fresno's participation in the nation's 250 year celebration, including the installation of 1,000 flags and related downtown events, funded primarily through private contributions.

City Manager White Reports and Comments. Reported that two pets will be recognized as "Pet of the Month" for March due to February's selection being missed, with Jackie Ryle's dog informally acknowledged for February. Noted that the latest update regarding the Arts Council is available on the city's website, accessible through a red banner at the top of the homepage. The update, posted on February 24, 2026, reflects the same information presented at the recent committee meeting and contains all current details available to the public.

1. SCHEDULED COUNCIL HEARINGS AND MATTERS

9:10 A.M.

[ID 26-47](#)

HEARING to consider an appeal of the approval of Development Permit Application No. P23-03606, which proposes to develop a ±4,900 square-foot commercial truck repair shop on approximately 2.23 acres located on the south side of West North Avenue between South Clara and South Elm Avenues. (Council District 3)

1. DENY the appeal and UPHOLD the action of the Planning Commission to approve Development Permit Application No. P23-03606 authorizing the construction of new ±4,900 square-foot metal

building for use as a commercial truck repair shop subject to Conditions of Approval dated August 15, 2025.

The above item was called to order at 10:32 A.M. and was presented to Council by Planning Manager Siegrist. Upon call, the following members of the public addressed Council: Nick S. Public comment closed at 10:47A.M.

Council discussion was held.

On motion of Councilmember Arias to deny the appeal. As well as to approve the development permit with the following modification that the truck lots would go from 9 to 12 and the passenger vehicles would go from 6 to 12, seconded by Councilmember Perea, that the above Action Item be APPROVED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

9:15 A.M.

ID 26-243

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 Ascent 613. 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 11:48 A.M. and was presented to Council by Controller Danisi. Upon call, the following members of the public addressed Council: Nikki Real, and Dez Martinez. Public comment closed at 11:54 A.M.

Council discussion was held.

RESOLUTION 2026-27 ADOPTED

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

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

No: 1 - RICHARDSON

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon call, for public comment on all Consent, Contested Consent and Closed Session items, no members of the public addressed Council.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

Absent: 1 - RICHARDSON

2.-A. [ID 26-218](#) Approval of the Minutes for February 19, 2026, Regular Meeting

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

2.-B. [ID 26-237](#) ***BILL B-2 (Introduced February 19, 2026)(For Adoption) to Amend Section 2-1105 of the Fresno Municipal Code, relating to Campaign Contributions - Limitations on amount and document filing methods (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

ORDINANCE 2026-3 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

2.-C. [ID 26-236](#) Bill - (For Introduction) - Amending Sidewalk Vending Ordinance, Section 10-2604, Regarding Vending Time Limits

BILL B-3 INTRODUCED AND LAID OVER

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

2.-D. [ID 26-190](#) Approve the Second Amendment to the Exclusive Negotiating Agreement

with Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation through May 1, 2026

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-E. [ID 26-245](#) ***RESOLUTION - Adopting the 41st Amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution No. 2025-179 appropriating \$1,500,000 contingent on the amount of Measure P Expanded Access to Arts & Culture funds returned to the City by the Fresno Arts Council. (Requires Five Affirmative Votes) (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

RESOLUTION 2026-28 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-F. [ID 26-197](#) Actions pertaining to the Runway 11L-29R Reconstruction project at Fresno Yosemite International Airport (Council District 4), Bid file 12502600:
1. ***RESOLUTION - Adopt the 38th Amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution (AAR) No. 2025-179 appropriating \$7,500,000 for the AIP 106 Reconstruction Runway Project 11L-29R for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (Requires 5 affirmative votes) (Subject to Mayor's veto).
 2. Award a Construction Contract to A. DeSilva Gates Construction-Vanguard A Joint Venture, of Dublin, California, for the Runway 11L-29R Reconstruction project at Fresno Yosemite International Airport in the amount of \$98,888,888.00 (Bid File 12502600), with a notice to proceed each year contingent on FAA funding.
 3. Approve a Consultant Agreement with Krazan of Fresno, California, to provide geotechnical quality assurance testing and inspection services for the Runway 11L-29R Reconstruction project at Fresno Yosemite International Airport in the amount of \$1,164,070.00 for a term of three (3) years, with a notice to proceed each year contingent on FAA funding.
 4. Approve a Consultant Agreement with Kimley Horn for professional construction management and phasing services in the amount of \$4,391,389.00 for a term of three (3) years, with a notice to proceed each year contingent on FAA funding.

During approval of the agenda, Interim City Clerk Aller announced this item was tabled to March 26, 2026, by staff.

- 2.-G. [ID 26-161](#) Approve the Second Amendment to the Consultant Services Agreement with Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group, of Fresno, California, to increase the total contract by an amount not to exceed \$43,800, paid on a time and materials basis and add an additional contingency amount not to exceed \$11,000, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed

\$259,786 paid on a time and materials basis, and a revised contingency amount not to exceed \$31,000, and extend the term of the agreement to December 31, 2028, for the Wellhead Treatment Improvements at Pump Station 102A Project. (Council District 5)

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-H. [ID 26-160](#) Actions pertaining to the City of Fresno Pave More Now - Bid Package B-1 Project (Bid File No. 12601112) at various locations (Citywide):
1. Adopt Environmental Assessment No. CP00017 PMN Package B-1, dated December 3, 2025, a determination that the proposed project qualifies for categorical exemption as set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Sections 15301/Class 1 and 15302/Class 2;
 2. Award a construction contract in the amount of \$8,329,396.00 to Agee Construction Corporation of Clovis, California, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for pavement construction relating to the City of Fresno "Pave More Now" - Bid Package B-1 Project (Bid File No. 12601112).

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-I. [ID 26-168](#) Actions pertaining to the First Street and Dovewood Lane High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) Project - Bid File 12600263 (Council District 4):
1. Adopt a finding of Categorical Exemption per staff's determination pursuant to Section 15301/Class 1 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines;
 2. Award a construction contract in the amount of \$585,107.01 to Power Design Electric, of Kingsburg, California, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-J. [ID 26-170](#) Actions pertaining to the HAWK Pedestrian Signal at First Street & Home Avenue and Traffic Signal Improvements at Chestnut Avenue & Weldon Avenue Project (Bid File No. 12600944) (Council Districts 4 and 7):
1. Adopt Environmental Assessment No. PW00978, dated January 23, 2026, a determination that the proposed project qualifies for categorical exemption as set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Sections 15301/Class 1 and 15302/Class 2;
 2. Award a construction contract in the amount of \$1,559,200 to Avison Construction, Inc. of Madera, CA, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for installation of infrastructure improvements relating to the HAWK Pedestrian Signal at First Street & Home Avenue and Traffic Signal Improvements at Chestnut Avenue & Weldon Avenue Project (Bid File No. 12600944).

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-K. [ID 26-165](#) Actions pertaining to the Blackstone Smart Mobility Project from State Route 180 to Pine Avenue: (Council Districts 1, 3, and 7)
1. Adopt a finding of Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15301, Existing Facilities (Class 1) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines;
 2. Award a product purchase contract in the amount of \$578,794.87 to AI Construction LLC of Fresno, California - Bid File No. 12600679;
 3. Award a construction contract in the amount of \$5,008,997.00 to Avison Construction, Inc. of Madera, California - Bid File No. 12601094.

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-L. [ID 26-244](#) Approve a Fourth Amendment to the Consultant Services Agreement (Agreement) with Kleinfelder, Inc. for environmental engineering services to extend the term of the Agreement for no additional cost through August 28, 2026, to complete services for Maxie L. Parks site located at 2165 South Elm Street, Fresno, CA 93706.

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-M. [ID 26-181](#) Actions pertaining to the Park at South Stadium Project, a 174-unit multifamily housing development project, located on 815, 829, 835 Fulton St, Fresno California (City Council District 3)
1. ***RESOLUTION - in support of a contribution of City Funds from the Revolving Loan Fund in an amount not to exceed \$8,000,000 toward the housing development project located on 815, 829, 835 Fulton Street, Fresno California (Subject to Mayor's Veto)
 2. ***RESOLUTION - in support of a contribution of City Funds in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 toward the housing development project located on 815, 829, 835 Fulton Street, Fresno California (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

During approval of the agenda, Interim City Clerk Aller announced:

*2. ***RESOLUTION has been updated to reflect the new dollar amount of \$3,727,000. The date in the Staff report and the resolutions has also been revised to May 15, 2026, instead of the previously stated April 30, 2026. The revised documents were uploaded to Legistar on February 24, 2026, as a supplement.*

RESOLUTION 2026-24 ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2026-25 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-O. [ID 26-193](#) Approve the First Amendment to the Consultant Services Agreement between the City of Fresno (City) and GHD, Inc., (Consultant) for Environmental Consultant and Cleanup Services for 1457 H Street Cleanup (Project), to extend the original Agreement term from March 20, 2026, to October 7, 2027, in alignment with the grant operation period.

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-P. [ID 26-195](#) ***RESOLUTION - Repealing and replacing Resolution 2025-68 in its entirety and authorizing joint application to and participation in the Homekey+ program with co-applicant Parkway Prime, LLC for the Parkway Terrace project and authorizing the City Manager or designee to sign all required implementing documents (City Council District 3) (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

RESOLUTION 2026-26 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-Q. [ID 26-202](#) Actions pertaining to the 2025 Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant Program:
1. Authorize the Chief of Police to accept grant funding in the amount of \$11,269 for the 2025 Off-Highway Vehicle grant program awarded to the Fresno Police Department from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation;
 2. Authorize the Chief of Police to execute the agreement and all related documents applicable to the 2025 OHV grant, including amendments and extensions, subject to prior approval as to form by the City Attorney's Office;
 3. ***RESOLUTION - Adopt a Resolution authorizing acceptance of \$11,269 in grant funding from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation for the Fresno Police Department's 2025 Off-Highway Vehicle grant (Subject to Mayor's Veto);
 4. ***RESOLUTION - Adopt the 40th Amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution (AAR) No. 2025-179 to appropriate \$11,269 for the Police Department's Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) grant program (requires five affirmative votes) (Subject to Mayor's Veto).

RESOLUTION 2026-30 ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2026-31 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-R. [ID 26-194](#) Actions pertaining to the Sixth Amendment to the Consultant Services Agreement with Carollo Engineers, Inc., for arsenic and manganese

monitoring and compliance support for the Fresno-Clovis Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility Waste Discharge Requirements Order (Council District 3):

1. Approve the Sixth Amendment to the Consultant Services Agreement with Carollo Engineers, Inc., to extend the agreement term from December 31, 2025, to December 31, 2027, at no additional cost to the City;
2. Authorize the Director of Public Utilities, or designee, to sign the Sixth Amendment on behalf of the City.

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-S. [ID 26-176](#) RESOLUTION - Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the Fresno Council of Governments for the Measure "C" Transit Oriented Development Grant Program Cycle XIV in the amount not to exceed \$1,400,000 to support a transit-oriented development project and Authorizing the Execution of Grant Application and Grant Agreement Documents by the Public Works Director or Designee (Council District 3).

RESOLUTION 2026-32 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

CONTESTED CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-N. [ID 26-182](#) Actions pertaining to Uptown L.P. for the Uptown Apartments rental housing development located at 1510 Van Ness Avenue in Downtown Fresno (Council District 3)
1. Adopt a finding of a Categorical Exemption per staff’s determination, pursuant to Section 15332/Class 32 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Environmental Assessment No. P21-02255/P21-01805.
 2. ***RESOLUTION - in support of a contribution of City Funds from the Revolving Loan Fund in an amount not to exceed \$8,000,000 toward the housing development project located on 1510 Van Ness Ave, Fresno California (Subject to Mayor’s Veto) (City Council District 3)

Councilmember Richardson moved the above item to Contested Consent to get clarification on the revolving loan fund.

Council discussion was held.

RESOLUTION 2026-29 ADOPTED

On motion of Councilmember Richardson, seconded by Councilmember Arias, 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

- 2.-T. [ID 26-234](#) RESOLUTION - to Establish a 20 Miles Per Hour Prima Facie Speed Limit in School Zones

During approval of the agenda, Interim City Clerk Aller announced 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.

Councilmember Richardson moved the above item to Contested Consent to discuss the process of changing the speed limit in school zones.

Council discussion was held.

RESOLUTION 2026- 33 ADOPTED

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

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

3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

- 3.-A. [ID 26-233](#) Presentation of FY 2026 Mid-Year Budget
1. ***RESOLUTION - Adopting the 36th Amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution No. 2025-179 to increase appropriations by \$1,960,800 for Fire Department Expenditures (Requires Five Affirmative Votes) (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

The above item was presented to Council by Mayor Dyer, Finance Assistant Director Chinevere. Upon call, no members of the public addressed Council.

Council discussion was held.

RESOLUTION 2026-34 ADOPTED

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

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

Absent: 2 - Arias and Maxwell

UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATION

Upon call, the following members of the public addressed the Council with unscheduled communication: Charlie Roberts, Jerry Velez, and Ms. Hensley.

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 11:53 A.M

5.-A. [ID 26-219](#)

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 26-247](#) 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. There were no open session announcements for this item.

DISCUSSED

- 5.-C.** [ID 26-250](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4)
1 potential case

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

DISCUSSED

5.-D. [ID 26-258](#)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(4)
Case Name: *City of Fresno v. Sally Zhao (2613 E. Houston Robinson Ave.)*;
Code Enforcement Case Number E25-12051)

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

DISCUSSED

5.-E. [ID 26-259](#)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(4)
Case Name: *City of Fresno v. Wu Junjie*
6311 E Robinson Ave.; Code Enforcement Case Number E25-01927

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

DISCUSSED

5.-F. [ID 26-262](#)

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. There were no open session announcements for this item.

DISCUSSED

5.-G. [ID 26-265](#)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4)
1 potential case

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

DISCUSSED

5.-H. [ID 26-235](#)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(1)
Angela Baskerville. v. City of Fresno, et al.; Fresno Superior Court Case
No. 24CECG00188

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 4:43 P.M.

The above minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the City Council during the March 19, 2026, regular meeting