



City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes City Council

President - Mike Karbassi

Vice President - Miguel Angel Arias

Councilmembers:

Annalisa Perea, Tyler Maxwell, Brandon Vang,

Nick Richardson, Nelson Esparza

City Manager - Georgeanne A. White

City Attorney - Andrew Janz

City Clerk - Todd Stermer, MMC

Thursday, July 17, 2025

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.

9:10 A.M. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Council President Mike Karbassi
Councilmember Tyler Maxwell
Councilmember Brandon Vang
Councilmember Nick Richardson
Councilmember Nelson Esparza

Absent: 2 - Vice President Miguel Angel Arias
Councilmember Annalisa Perea

Invocation by Pastor Vickie from Wesley United Methodist Church

Pastor Vickie Healy gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

City Attorney Janz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES

The full name of the person providing the invocation was Pastor Vickie Healy of Wesley United Methodist Church.

The meeting will be adjourned in memory of Henry Thompson, Airports Director.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA

9:15 A.M. (ID 25-943) regarding designation of 1844 S Cherry Avenue to the Local Register of Historic Resources – moved to the August 14th Meeting at the request of the property owner.

10:06 A.M. (ID 25-971) regarding an appearance by Christine Thornton regarding “Animal Crisis in Fresno County” – removed from the agenda as the speaker was unable to attend.

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

2-J (ID 25-957) regarding a contract change order in the amount of \$301,686.91 – moved to contested consent by Councilmember Maxwell.

2-Z (ID 25-925) regarding service agreements with Poverello House – moved to contested consent by Councilmember Richardson.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Arias and Perea

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS

[ID 25-820](#) Fresno Animal Center presents “Pet of the Month”

PRESENTED

[ID 25-884](#) Proclamation for “Wilma Tom Hashimoto”

PRESENTED

[ID 25-974](#) Proclamation for “Project First Step- 20th Anniversary”

PRESENTED

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Councilmember Esparza Reports and Comments. Recognized the Jackson Community Development Corporation, Shelley Spencer and other contributors for work on the "Maybe Something Beautiful" mural restoration at Cedar and Tulare Avenues. Discussed a recent Beautify Fresno event at Lafayette Park in which dozens of volunteers picked up litter and refreshed the park. Announced the 7th Annual "Beat the Heat" event at Roma Park which would include free food, games, water slides, community resource information, and a student backpack giveaway. Announced a cross cultural brewing collaboration between South of Shaw Brewing in Fresno with South Horizon Brewing in Kochi, Japan - a Sister City to Fresno.

Councilmember Richardson Reports and Comments. Reported on a fruitful meeting with Copper River residents to address the absence of restroom facilities at a local park. Announced a recent community meeting with the residents of Woodward Executive Estates which covered a variety of community concerns. Discussed the groundbreaking of the new City of Fresno communications center located near the municipal yard. Reported on the opening of a Grocery Outlet at Willow and Nees Avenue.

Councilmember Vang Reports and Comments. Announced the first District 5 "Annual Backpack Giveaway" events at Balderas and Ayer elementary schools for students in grades K–12. Promoted the August 2nd Beautify Fresno event that would begin at Fresno Pacific University and end up at Manchester Center.

Council President Karbassi Reports and Comments. Addressed the controversy and animosity surrounding past comments made about the Cherry Auction. Emphasized that no single Councilmember speaks for the entire council and highlighted the importance of free speech rights. Noted that even though he may personally disagree with the comments made, there is no authority for him to sanction any Councilmember for statements made while on the dais. Expressed condolences for the loss of Henry Thompson, Director of Aviation. Expressed birthday wishes for Ann Kloose, former District 2 chief of staff. Congratulated the Public Works Director on the birth of his first grandchild. Announced he was working to develop a proactive weed abatement program to help reduce the risk posed by illegal fireworks following recent brush fires in District 2. Announced the groundbreaking for the 911 dispatch center and recognized the hard work and challenging conditions faced by 911 dispatchers. Introduced the new Superintendent of Central Unified School District, Dr. Mark Marshall. Expressed full confidence in City Attorney Janz and noted a clerical error on

the part of the California Bar Association caused him to be temporarily listed as intelligible to practice law.

MAYOR/MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

City Manager White Reports and Comments. Expressed condolences for the passing of Henry Thompson, Director of Aviation. Director Thompson's significant contributions to the growth of the city's aviation sector were highlighted. The City of Fresno flag was ordered to fly at half-staff in his memory. The city was providing support and chaplain services to Airport staff.

1. SCHEDULED COUNCIL HEARINGS AND MATTERS

9:10 A.M.

[ID 25-860](#)

HEARING to Consider Plan Amendment Application No. P20-00213; Rezone Application No. P20-00213; Development Permit Application No. P22-03749; Planned Development Permit Application No. P23-03173; and related Environmental Assessment No. P20-00213/P22-03749/P23-03173 for approximately 3.78 acres of property located on the west side of North Chestnut Avenue, between East Behymer and East International Avenues. (Council District 6)

1. ADOPT - Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for Environmental Assessment No. P20-00213/P22-03749/P23-03173 dated May 16, 2025, for the proposed project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.
2. RESOLUTION - Approving Plan Amendment Application No. P20-00213 proposing to amend the Fresno General Plan and Woodward Park Community Plan to change the planned land use designation for the subject property from Employment - Office to Medium High Residential Density.
3. BILL - (for Introduction and Adoption) - Approving Rezone Application No. P20-00213 proposing to rezone the subject property from the O/UGM/cz (*Office/Urban Growth Management/conditions of zoning*) zone district to the RM-1/UGM/cz (*Multi-Family Residential, Medium High Density/Urban Growth Management/conditions of zoning*) zone district.
4. APPROVE - Development Permit Application No. P22-03749 proposing to construct a 48-unit private multi-family residential development, subject to the Conditions of Approval.
5. APPROVE - Planned Development Permit Application No. P23-03173 proposing to modify the development standards of the RM-1 (*Multi-Family Residential, Medium High Density*) zone district to allow for a reduction in the minimum parking setback from back of sidewalk, subject to the Conditions of Approval.

The above item was called to order at 9:55 A.M. and was presented to Council by Supervising Planner Holt. Upon call, no members of the public addressed Council. Public comment closed at 10:21 A.M.

Council discussion included: screening plan details; landscaping plans and commitments; resident feedback; public input and developer responses; setbacks and creativity; tree specifications; commitments to neighbors; Planning Commission recommendations; unit count and lot size; community meetings and neighborhood notifications; the rezoning process and the ministerial proposal, and; the developer's efforts beyond development code requirements.

RESOLUTION 2025-204 ADOPTED

BILL B-32 INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE 2025-32

Councilmember Maxwell motioned to approve the item with an amendment that the screening recommendation from the Planning Commission be included. Councilmember Esparza seconded the motion which was ADOPTED AS AMENDED, by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Karbassi, Maxwell, Vang and Esparza

No: 1 - Richardson

Absent: 2 - Arias and Perea

9:15 A.M.

[ID 25-943](#) HEARING to consider adoption of a resolution designating a property to the Local Register of Historic Resources.

1. RESOLUTION - Designating the Property Located at 1844 S Cherry Avenue to the Local Register of Historic Resources (Council District 3)

TABLED TO AUGUST 14, 2025

9:20 A.M. #1

[ID 25-834](#) Actions pertaining to the acquisition of a permanent easement and right of way upon a parcel to benefit the Traffic Signal Installation at Church Avenue and Walnut Avenue Project (Council District 3):

1. Adopt a finding of Categorical Exemption per Environmental Assessment Number PW01051, pursuant to Section 15301/Class 1 (Existing Facilities) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines;
2. HEARING to consider a Resolution of Necessity for acquisition of a permanent easement and right of way for public street

purposes upon Assessor's Parcel Number 477-030-27, owned by Wat Phouthapathane Lao, a California nonprofit corporation, for the construction of the Traffic Signal Installation at Church Avenue and Walnut Avenue Project;

3. ***RESOLUTION - Determining that public interest and necessity require acquisition of a permanent easement and right of way for public street purposes through and across portions of Assessor's Parcel Number 477-030-27, owned by Wat Phouthapathane Lao, a California nonprofit corporation, for the construction of the Traffic Signal Installation at Church Avenue and Walnut Avenue Project and authorizing eminent domain proceedings for public use and purpose. (Requires 5 affirmative votes) (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

The above item was called to order at 10:23 A.M. There was no staff presentation. Upon call, no members of the public addressed Council. Public comment closed at 10:23 A.M.

There was no Council discussion.

RESOLUTION 2025-205 ADOPTED

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

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

Absent: 2 - Arias and Perea

9:20 A.M. #2

[ID 25-952](#)

HEARING to consider Rezone Application No. P24-04357 and related Environmental Assessment No. P24-04357 for property located on the west side of North Grantland Avenue between West Ashlan and West Gettysburg Avenues (Council District 1)

1. ADOPT Environmental Assessment No. P24-04357, dated April 15, 2025, an Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) State Clearinghouse (SCH) No. 2020039061 for the proposed project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and,
2. BILL (for Introduction and Adoption) of Rezone Application No. P24-04357 proposing to amend the Official Zone Map and existing conditions of zoning relative to timing of the construction of traffic signals for the development of ±155 acres of property from the RS-5/UGM/cz (Single-Family Residential, Medium Density/Urban Growth Management/conditions of zoning) zone district to the RS-

5/UGM/cz (Single-Family Residential, Medium Density/Urban Growth Management/conditions of zoning) zone district, and ±4.64 acres of property from the CC/UGM/cz (Community Commercial/Urban Growth Management/conditions of zoning) zone district to the CC/UGM/cz (Community Commercial/Urban Growth Management/conditions of zoning) zone district.

The above item was called to order at 10:24 A.M. and was presented to Council by Supervising Planner Lang. Upon call, no members of the public addressed Council. Public comment closed at 10:31 A.M.

There was no Council discussion.

BILL B-33 INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE 2025-33

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 - Karbassi, Maxwell, Vang, Richardson and Esparza

Absent: 2 - Arias and Perea

9:25 A.M.

ID 25-985

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

TEFRA HEARING - To hear and consider information concerning the proposed issuance of tax-exempt bonds by California Statewide Communities Development Authority for the purpose of financing or refinancing the acquisition, construction, improvement, equipping, renovation, rehabilitation, remodeling and other capital projects of certain health facilities owned or operated by Kaiser Foundation Hospitals or its affiliates and located in the City of Fresno.

1. ***RESOLUTION- Approving a plan of finance of the California Statewide Communities Development Authority to issue and reissue revenue bonds for a qualified health facilities project for the benefit of Kaiser Foundation Hospitals or its affiliates, and certain other matters relating thereto. (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

The above item was called to order at 10:32A.M. and was presented to Council by Controller Danisi. Upon call, no members of the public addressed Council. Public comment closed at 10:36 A.M.

Council discussion included: Kaiser Permanente as a healthcare option; Kaiser Permanente facility opening timeline, and; community engagement and transparency.

RESOLUTION 2025-206 ADOPTED

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

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

Absent: 2 - Arias and Perea

10:00 A.M.

[ID 25-938](#) Appearance by Kamryn Rodriguez regarding "Immigration within Fresno" (District 6 Resident)

APPEARED

10:03 A.M.

[ID 25-962](#) Appearance by Stephen Dufur regarding "Tenant Rights Violation" (District 4 Resident)

DID NOT APPEAR

10:06 A.M.

[ID 25-971](#) Appearance by Christine Thornton regarding "Animal Crisis in Fresno County" (District 2 Resident)

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

10:09 A.M.

[ID 25-982](#) Appearance by Darius Assemi regarding "The Occupancies at Parc West" (District 2 Resident)

APPEARED

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

During approval of the Consent Calendar, Council President Karbassi reregistered a NO vote for item 2-T (ID 25-976).

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Councilmember Richardson, seconded by Councilmember Maxwell, the CONSENT CALENDAR was hereby

adopted by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Arias and Perea

- 2.-A.** [ID 25-983](#) Approval of the Minutes for June 12, 2025, Regular Meeting, June 17, 2025, Budget Hearing and Special Meetings, June 19, 2025, Regular Meeting, and June 26, 2025, Regular Meeting.

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-B.** [ID 25-968](#) Approve the reappointment of Michael McDonald to the Civil Service Board; the appointment of Kellie Greiner to the Disability Advisory Commission; the reappointments of Paul Halajian and Jason Hatwig to the Historic Preservation Commission; the reappointment of Al Moncada to the Mobile Home Rent Review and Stabilization Commission; the appointments of McKay Duran and Vincent Trillo, and the reappointments of Scott Miller and Laura Ward to the Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission; and the reappointments of Kathy Bray and Jacqueline Lyday to the Planning Commission.

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-C.** [ID 25-987](#) Approve a Property Tax Allocation Agreement between the City of Fresno and the Fresno County Fire Protection District

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-D.** [ID 25-966](#) Actions related to the Non-Exclusive License Agreement with New Tech Aircraft Services, Inc. (dba. NTAS Maintenance & Engineering), a California Corporation, to Provide On-Call Maintenance to Large Transport Category Aircraft Operated by Southwest Airlines Company, a Texas Corporation, at Fresno Yosemite International Airport. (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 a Non-Exclusive License Agreement (License) with New Tech Aircraft Services, Inc. (dba. NTAS Maintenance & Engineering), a California Corporation (Licensee), to Provide On-Call Maintenance to Large Transport Category Aircraft Operated by Southwest Airlines Company, a Texas Corporation (Southwest), at Fresno Yosemite International Airport (FAT) for the Term of two (2) years, not to exceed the Ending Date of April 30, 2027. The minimum amount of potential revenue generated by this License is approximately \$6,000 (in monthly license fees) per year in addition to an eleven percent (11%) of Licensee's

monthly gross revenues from all its operations at FAT. The minimum total anticipated revenue during the life of this License is approximately \$12,000.00, plus eleven percent (11%) of Licensee's monthly gross revenues from all its operations at FAT.

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-E. [ID 25-979](#) Actions related to the Request for Proposals to manage and operate Non-exclusive On-airport Rental Car Concessions 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. (RFP No. 12501615). (Council District 4).
1. Adopt a finding of Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense) and Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines; and
 2. Award Avis Budget Car Rental, LLC., a five-year term Agreement for Non-exclusive On-airport Rental Car Concessions (RAC Concession Agreement) at FAT and authorize the Director of Aviation (Director) to execute the contractual document(s); and
 3. Award Enterprise Rent-A-Car of Sacramento, LLC., a five-year term RAC Concession Agreement at FAT and authorize the Director to execute the contractual document(s); and
 4. Award The Hertz Corporation a five-year term RAC Concession Agreement at FAT and authorize the Director to execute the contractual document(s).

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-F. [ID 25-920](#) Actions pertaining to the Senior Activity Center Project: (Council District 4)
1. ***RESOLUTION - Adopt the Second Amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution (AAR) No. 2025-179 appropriating \$1,582,700 for the Senior Activity Center Project (Requires 5 Affirmative Votes) (Subject to Mayor's Veto);
 2. Approve Design-Build Contract Amendment No. 2 to the Progressive Design-Build Agreement with Integrated Community Development of Woodland Hills, California to increase the design-build fee by an amount not to exceed \$514,647.00, add an Owner Contingency in an amount not to exceed \$1,068,053.00, and modify contract terms related to the use of contingency funds. The total amended contract is an amount not to exceed \$32,119,076.00.

RESOLUTION 2025-207 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-G. [ID 25-953](#) Actions pertaining to the Radio Park Renovation Rebid Project (Bid File 12501299) (Council District 7):
1. ***RESOLUTION - Adopting the 3rd Amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution (AAR) No. 2025-179 reappropriating \$8,113,300.00 of carryover funding for the Radio Park Renovation Rebid Project (Requires 5 Affirmative Votes) (Subject to Mayor's Veto);
 2. Award a construction contract in the amount of \$9,177,239.80, for the Base Bid only, to American Paving Co. Inc. of Fresno, California, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the Radio Park Renovation Rebid Project.

RESOLUTION 2025-208 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-H. [ID 25-947](#) Approve Fourth Amendment to the Consultant Services Agreement, dated January 22, 2019, with BKF Engineers, of San Jose, California, in the amount of \$155,550, increasing the total contract amount not to exceed of \$333,143 for the Midtown Trail Segment 3 Project. (Council District 7)

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-I. [ID 25-950](#) Approve a Sixth Amendment to the Consultant Services Agreement with Blair, Church & Flynn, Consulting Engineers, Inc., of Clovis, California, in the amount of \$368,200.00 to provide additional civil engineering design, bidding, and construction support services for Phase II (Florence Avenue to Church Avenue) and Phase III (Church Avenue to Jensen Avenue) of the Peach Avenue Widening Project (Project), for a total contract value, including Phase I, of \$720,124.00. (Council District 5)

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-K. [ID 25-977](#) Approve Contract Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$195,255.31, with no additional working days for unforeseen work required outside of the original scope with Audeamus, Inc., dba Sebastian, of Fresno, California for the Rebid Jensen Avenue Corridor Intelligent Transportation System Adaptive from Elm to Temperance Avenues Project - Project ID PW00922. (Bid File 3867) (Council Districts 3 and 5)

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-L. [ID 25-972](#) RESOLUTION - Of the Council of the City of Fresno, California, Making Certifications and Claims Concerning Measure C Local Transportation Purposes Pass-Through Projects and Program Funds Annual Allocation for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and Requesting Allocation of Available Funds

RESOLUTION 2025-209 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-M. [ID 25-973](#) Approve the Fourth Amendment to the Bank of America contract for banking services for an additional term to expire on December 28, 2025.

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-N. [ID 25-963](#) Actions pertaining to the City Hall Lift Station Rehabilitation located at 2600 Fresno Street (Bid File 12500159) (District 3):
1. Adopt finding a Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15301 Existing Facilities of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines
 2. Award a construction contract with Estate Design & Construction, of Los Angeles, California, in the amount of \$588,700 for the City Hall Lift Station Rehabilitation project located at 2600 Fresno Street
 3. Authorize the Director of General Services or designee to execute all related documents

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-O. [ID 25-967](#) Approve the Award of a Cooperative Purchase Agreement to PB Loader Corporation of Fresno, California, for the purchase of two Peterbilt 567 dump trucks in the amount of \$691,208 for the Department of Public Utilities and the Department of Public Works

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-P. [ID 25-955](#) Actions pertaining to the License Agreement between the City of Fresno and Fresno County:
1. Adopt a finding of Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15301/Class 1 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines
 2. Authorize the Chief of Police to enter into a License Agreement with the Fresno County Sheriff's Office, effective July 1, 2025, to continue to co-locate the Fresno Police Department and Fresno County Sheriff's Office convicted sexual offender registration programs, through a shared use of facility agreement, located in the South Annex Jail at 2280 Fresno Street, in the amount not to exceed \$20,000 annually, with an initial term of three years and the option for two one-year extensions

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-Q. [ID 25-956](#) Actions pertaining to the License Agreement for City-owned property at Romain Park (District 7):
1. Adopt a finding of Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15301 Class 1 (Existing Facilities) of the California Environmental

Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines

2. Approve the License Agreement between the City of Fresno and New Cingular Wireless PCS LLC, to license use of certain real property, together with access to construct, install, maintain, and operate a seventy-foot communications tower, antenna, and attendant building located at Romain Park at 745 N First Street for an initial term of four years that will automatically extend for five successive four year periods and a total contract revenue of \$1,070,449

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-R. [ID 25-975](#) RESOLUTION - Approving the application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant program for Phase II Development of South Peach Avenue Park project located at 2155 South Peach Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$6 million and authorizing the City Manager or designee to sign all related documents on behalf of the City (District 5)

RESOLUTION 2025-210 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-S. [ID 25-969](#) ***RESOLUTION - Adopting the 1st Amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution No. 2025-179 to Increase Appropriations by \$110,000 for Costs Associated with the July 2025 Summer Swim Aquatics Programming (Requires 5 Affirmative Votes) (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

RESOLUTION 2025-211 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-T. [ID 25-976](#) ***RESOLUTION - Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Apply for and Accept a Grant for up to \$3 million from the Board Of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CALVIP) grant program to fund violence prevention and intervention programming. (Citywide) (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

During approval of the Consent Calendar, Council President Karbassi reregistered a NO vote for the above item. As such, this item was approved 4-1 by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Maxwell, Vang, Richardson, Esparza

No: 1 - Karbassi

Absent: Perea, Arias

RESOLUTION 2025-212 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-U. [ID 25-980](#) ***RESOLUTION - Adopt the First Amendment to the FY 2026 Salary Resolution No. 2025-826 amending Exhibit 8, Unit 8, Non-Represented, by adding the new classification of Per Diem Veterinarian and providing a flat rate per shift, and modifying the Appendix to Salary Resolution to add a new footnote, effective July 28, 2025 (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

RESOLUTION 2025-213 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-V. [ID 25-603](#) Actions pertaining to the emergency repair of Valley Inn, located at 933 N. Parkway Drive, an emergency shelter, APN: 449-335-32 (District 3):
1. Adopt a finding of Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15301/Class 1 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines; and
 2. ***RESOLUTION - Declaring an urgent necessity for the preservation of life, health, property, and authorizing the Planning and Development Director or designee to enter into agreements without competitive bidding for the rehabilitation of units and removal of hazardous materials; and approving a contract with Olsen Construction for the emergency reconstruction of units at the emergency shelter for an amount not to exceed \$75,000. (Requires 5 Affirmative Votes) (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

RESOLUTION 2025-214 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-W. [ID 25-790](#) Actions pertaining to the HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP)
1. Approve the agreement between the City of Fresno and WestCare California Inc. (WestCare) in the amount of \$229,150 to provide homeless prevention services, short- and medium-term rental assistance, and case management.
 2. Approve the agreement between the City of Fresno and Poverello House in the amount of \$229,150 to provide homeless prevention services, short- and medium-term rental assistance, supportive services, and case management.
 3. Approve the agreement between the City of Fresno and Central Unified School District (CUSD) in the amount of \$75,000 to provide utility assistance services.

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-X. [ID 25-900](#) Approve the Fifth Amendment to the Consultant Services Agreement with De Novo Planning Group for environmental analysis services for the West Area Neighborhoods Specific Plan Environmental Impact Report, extending the contract performance period to December 31, 2025, for no

additional cost.

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-Y. [ID 25-906](#) Actions pertaining to the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) program:
1. ***RESOLUTION - Authorizing application for and acceptance of funding from the State of California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency's (BCSH) Department of Housing and Community Department (HCD) as a regional applicant for the sixth round of Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP) and authorizing the City Manager to sign all required implementing documents. (Subject to Mayor's Veto)
 2. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding committing the City to participate in and comply with the jointly completed Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan and application for the sixth round of HHAP

RESOLUTION 2025-215 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-AA. [ID 25-945](#) Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) Semi-Annual Report (October 2024 through March 2025) (Citywide).

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-BB. [ID 25-954](#) RESOLUTION - Approving the Final Map of Tract No. 6387, and accepting dedicated public uses offered therein except for dedications offered subject to City acceptance of developer installed required improvements - located on the northeast corner of North Garfield Avenue and West Ashlan Avenue. (Council District 1)

RESOLUTION 2025-216 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-CC. [ID 25-960](#) RESOLUTION - Of Intention to Annex Final Tract Map No. 6246 as Annexation No. 158 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, August 28, 2025, at 9:10 am (Located on the north side of North Alicante Drive and North Faldo Lane) (Council District 6).

RESOLUTION 2025-217 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-DD. [ID 25-961](#) RESOLUTION - Approving the Final Map of Tract No. 6449, and accepting dedicated public uses offered therein except for dedications offered subject to City acceptance of developer installed required

improvements - located south of West Dakota Avenue between North Hayes Avenue and North Bryan Avenue (Council District 1).

RESOLUTION 2025-218 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-EE.** [ID 25-873](#) Actions pertaining to the Department of Transportation Fresno Area Express (FAX) Bus Stop ADA Upgrades Phase C Project:
1. Adopt Environment Assessment No. P25-873, dated July 17, 2025, a determination that the proposed project qualifies for categorical exemption as set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15301/Class 1 and Section 15302/Class 2, of the State of California CEQA Guidelines.
 2. Award a construction contract to Juarez Brothers General Engineering INC, of Madera, California, in the amount of \$507,828 for the Department of Transportation Fresno Area Express (FAX) Bus Stop ADA Upgrades Phase C project, within the City of Fresno, and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all related documents. (Bid File #12501771)

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-FF.** [ID 25-924](#) Approve the Department of Transportation / Fresno Area Express (FAX) federally mandated Title VI Service Equity Analysis for proposed service changes, with conclusions of no disparate impacts on minority populations or disproportionate burdens on low-income populations.

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-GG.** [ID 25-951](#) Approve the appointment of Robert Topete to the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) for a term ending November 1, 2026.

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

CONTESTED CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-J.** [ID 25-957](#) Approve Contract Change Order No. 11 in the amount of \$301,686.91, with no additional working days for the Overrun of Bid Item Quantities, the repair of pumping subgrade areas, and the addition of two residential traffic circles with Cal Valley Construction, Inc. of Fresno, California for City of Fresno Paving Bid Package at Various Locations Project - Project ID SM00050. (Bid File 12402606) (Council Districts - 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7)

Councilmember Maxwell moved the above item to Contested Consent for clarification of the owner and the contract change order.

Council discussion included: an over of the contract; total change orders and cost increases; the specifics of change order number 11; the project scope and timelines; the addition of a traffic circle; quality control concerns; legal and financial implications of not approving the change order; design and bid estimation challenges; internal capacity for the work involved; the public expectations and the responsibility of the council; the punch list process and resulting payment leverage, and; legal and operational realities.

Councilmember Vang motioned to approve the item as presented. The motion died for lack of a second.

Council President Karbassi motioned to approve original staff recommendation. Councilmember Vang second the motion. The motion FAILED 3-2 by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Vang, and Esparza

No: 3 - Karbassi, Maxwell, and Richardson

Absent: - 2 Perea, and Arias

On motion of Councilmember Richardson to approve the change order with the retention held until work is evaluated and found to be the standards that's expected by the city and by the constituents, seconded by Councilmember Maxwell, that the above Action Item be ADOPTED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Karbassi, Maxwell, Richardson and Esparza

No: 1 - Vang

Absent: 2 - Arias and Perea

- 2.-Z.** [ID 25-925](#) Actions pertaining to Service Agreements with Poverello House (Poverello):
1. Approve an agreement (Bid File 12500851) to operate a 30-bed emergency shelter at Clarion Pointe from July 31, 2025 through December 31, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$2,002,382.75;
 2. Approve an agreement to provide outreach services (Bid File 12501983) in the downtown and Blackstone corridor encampments from July 31, 2025 through October 31, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$1,507,754.00. (Council Districts 3 and 4)

Councilmember Richardson moved the above item to Contested Consent for clarification on the agreement.

Council discussion included: re-evaluation and re-approval of the standing deal with Poverello house; the importance of nonprofits and community partners; concerns from constituents; service implementation and planning; policy and outreach efforts; the continuation of services at the request of business owners; support for businesses and legal remedies; contact information for city officials; the types of services provided; the roles and limitations of the Outreach Team; permission and coordination with property owners; weekly monitoring and efforts to disperse; expert advice and best practices, and; balancing benevolence and business impact.

APPROVED

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

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

Absent: 2 - Arias and Perea

3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

3.-A. [ID 25-902](#) WORKSHOP - Measure C Renewal Presentation

The above item was presented to Council by Robert Phipps, Executive Director of Fresno Council of Governments, and by Kendall Flint, DKS Project Manager.

Council discussion included: the Measure "C" Household contribution estimate; population growth and the Measure "C" duration; funding and possible leverage strategies; the impact on local and regional projects; outreach and community engagement efforts; an update on the Steering Committee structure, governance, and membership; representation disparity on the Steering Committee; the removal of a City of Fresno Steering Committee member, Brooke Ashjian; appointment and re-appointment procedures for Steering Committee members; concerns over City of Fresno representation on the Steering Committee and the authority of the Steering Committee Chair, and; accountability and public trust.

PRESENTED

UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATION

Upon call, the following members of the public addressed the Council with unscheduled communication: Hester Hensley, and Susana Osuna.

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 3:49 P.M.

5.-A. [ID 25-984](#)

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - Government Code Section 54957.6

City Negotiators: Anthony Garcia; 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, 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, 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 25-888](#)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(1)
City of Fresno v. County of Fresno; Fresno Superior Court Case No.:
24CECG01199

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

DISCUSSED

5.-C. [ID 25-897](#)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(1)
Kay Moseley v. City of Fresno, et al., Fresno Superior Court Case No.
22CECG02902

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

DISCUSSED

5.-D. [ID 25-994](#)

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.-E. [ID 25-995](#)

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

ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting adjourned from closed session at 5:01 P.M. in Memory of Aviation Director, Henry Thompson.

The above minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the City Council during the August 14, 2025, regular meeting.