



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 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.

9:30 A.M. ROLL CALL

Councilmember Maxwell joined the meeting at 1:30 P.M.

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

Invocation by Rabbi Rick Winer from Temple Beth Israel

Rabbi Rick Winer 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

Ceremonial item (ID 26-85) regarding proclamation of "Marjaree Mason"

Center Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month” – Councilmember Maxwell has been listed as a co-sponsor.

2-B (ID 26-149) regarding bill - (for introduction) to amend Section 2-1105 of the Fresno Municipal Code, relating to campaign contributions – clerical change to begin with a bracket and that section to read "[California Senate and Assembly limitations and the limit set forth in Government Code Section 85302(a)]" end bracket.

2-R (ID 26-212) regarding resolution in support of the Health and Welfare Trust's efforts to ensure the contract – Councilmember Perea and Vice President Esparza have been listed as co-sponsors. Council approves up to \$50,000 in legal fees. Anything beyond this amount is subject to council approval.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA

2-D (ID 26-215) regarding resolution adopting the 41st amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution No. 2025-179 – tabled to February 26, 2026, as the item needs to go before Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission prior to coming before Council. The PRAC Meeting is being held on Monday, February 23, 2026.

5-I (ID 26-174) regarding conference with legal counsel-existing litigation government code section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(1) Angela Baskerville – tabled to February 26, 2026, by the City Attorney's office.

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

2-H (ID 26-115) regarding actions pertaining to RFP 12600292 for the allocation of the Youth Service Corps Homeless Pilot Program – was moved to the Contested Consent by Councilmember Arias.

2-K (ID 26-36) regarding actions pertaining to emergency shelter operations provided by Elevate Community Services - was moved to the Contested Consent by Councilmember Arias.

2-L (ID 26-37) regarding approve the first amendment to the service agreement with Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission - was moved to the Contested Consent by Councilmember Arias.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Maxwell

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS

[ID 26-85](#) Proclamation of “Marjaree Mason Center Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month”

During approval of the agenda, Interim City Clerk Aller announced Councilmember Maxwell has been listed as a co-sponsor.

PRESENTED

[ID 26-69](#) Proclamation of “Black History Month”

PRESENTED

[ID 26-53](#) Proclamation of “Recognizing the Beginning of Ramadan 2026”

PRESENTED

[ID 26-188](#) Proclamation of “American Heart Month”

PRESENTED

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Councilmember Arias Reports and Comments. Noted that the City proposing changes to online sales tax distribution has simultaneously prohibited distribution centers within its own jurisdiction, avoiding associated traffic and pollution impacts while seeking revenue generated by such facilities elsewhere. Stated confidence that the proposal, previously defeated twice, would be defeated again. Reported that he was scheduled to attend a joint meeting of the Fresno Chaffee Zoo and the Fresno Zoo Authority, where the initial design for the new zoo entrance was under

discussion. Explained that the Zoo Authority disagrees with the Fresno Zoo Corporation's proposed design and is advocating for higher design standards consistent with its responsibilities under the voter approved tax measure. Emphasized the significance of the Zoo entrance as a major public facing asset in a city park and commended the Zoo Authority for upholding its oversight role.

Councilmember Vang Reports and Comments. Attended Fresno Unified's Honor Band and Orchestra performance at Roosevelt High School, recognizing the students selected as top performers in the district and noting the quality of the venue. Attended Calwa Elementary School's first lottery and bingo night, where families and community members participated and prizes were donated by the District 5 office and others, and thanked Vanessa from Community Schools for coordinating the event. Expressed appreciation to Public Works for proactively preparing for recent storms, including filling potholes ahead of the second round of rain, and noted not receiving any flooding complaints in the District 5 office. Announced an upcoming Waste Tire Amnesty Day at the Hanoian Shopping Center on East Butler Avenue, and provided the Code Enforcement Division's contact number for questions.

Councilmember Richardson Reports and Comments. Thanked the 94 volunteers who participated in the January Beautify Fresno event, collecting nearly one ton of garbage in the Blackstone and Abby area, and noted the success of the cleanup effort. Congratulated United Cerebral Palsy Plus (UCP) for hosting a tour of their facility. Acknowledged participation in a recent community panel event and expressed appreciation to its organizers and attendees. Congratulated the fifth-grade class of Ms. Hildreth at McCardle Elementary School for winning a Valentine's Day card making competition for residents of the Fresno Veterans Home, noting the positive emotional impact the students' cards had on the veterans. Announced a Veterans Home donation drive taking place throughout the month of March, noting that donation boxes are available at both Sequoia Brewing Company locations on Olive Avenue in District 1 and on Champlain and Perrin in District 6. Explained that donated items will support the Fresno Veterans Home canteen, which provides residents with essential dry goods. Requested items include nail care products, shower caps, scarves,

blankets, men's razors, combs, brushes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, washcloths, shampoo, shaving cream, grooming supplies, and similar necessities. Encouraged community participation and highlighted that all donated goods will be delivered directly to the Veterans Home.

Vice President Esparza Reports and Comments. Thanked all who participated in the Black History Month reception and proclamation ceremony, noting the honor of recognizing Nancy Whittle. Reported that District 7 staff and volunteers recently joined a Beautify Fresno cleanup event at Webster Elementary School and expressed appreciation for the community's continued efforts to improve local schools and neighborhoods. Highlighted the celebration of the 95th anniversary of the Mexican Consulate in Fresno, acknowledging its vital services and longstanding support for local families, and expressed his commitment to continued collaboration. Announced the grand opening of El Premio Mayor's new location in District 7, noting the restaurant's growth from a food truck into a well known local business with three district locations and expressing enthusiasm for its continued success.

Council President Karbassi Reports and Comments. Thanked his staff for organizing a recent press conference held during inclement weather and recognized Congressman Jim Costa for securing \$2 million in federal funding to expand public access to the San Joaquin River. Noted the long standing regional effort involving the City, Fresno County, Madera County, and the San Joaquin River Conservancy to restore and improve access to the river, emphasizing the importance of the upcoming River West Fresno project, which is expected to break ground later this year. Highlighted that the new federal funds will support ADA improvements and enhancements at locations such as Camp Pashayan and along the Eaton Trail, helping ensure future generations can more easily enjoy the river. Announced a press conference regarding health insurance concerns affecting City employees and others with Blue Shield coverage, stating that the Council is committed to exploring all options to ensure continued access to inpatient care at the region's Level I trauma center.

MAYOR/MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

City Manager White Reports and Comments. Provided several updates and

recognitions, beginning with appreciation for Water Division and Public Works staff who responded to a major waterline break at Minnewawa and Pitt on Christmas Day, working in deep standing water to shut off valves, notify residents, and restore service. Listed the employees involved and commended their exceptional commitment. Acknowledged Water and Public Works crews who responded to another significant water break on the recent Monday holiday in Council District 4, noting their rapid work to stabilize a compromised utility pole and manage boil water notices. Recognized staff from Capital Projects, General Services, and Purchasing for expediting the demolition of multiple vacant city owned buildings at Blackstone and McKinley, highlighting the coordinated effort across departments. Reported that the Mayor was in Berkeley attending the League of California Cities board meeting, where a vote was scheduled regarding a proposal to change the distribution of sales tax from online retailers. Explained that the proposal, which would shift revenue from fulfillment center cities to point-of-sale cities, could result in a \$12–15 million loss to Fresno’s general fund and has created division among cities. Stated that the Mayor was advocating against the measure and would provide updates as the vote occurred.

Assistant City Manager Miller Reports and Comments. Announced that the City’s warming centers would be open from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. at Ted C. Wills Community Center, Mosqueda Community Center, and Maxie L. Parks Community Center. Noted that the centers would also operate the following evening during the same hours, with free FAX transportation available, acceptance of animals, and cots and blankets provided on-site. Explained that the City’s website is continuously updated, and warming center openings are determined when temperatures fall below 35 degrees. Residents can find a three to four day schedule by searching “warming centers” on the City’s website.

1. SCHEDULED COUNCIL HEARINGS AND MATTERS

9:10 A.M.

[ID 26-107](#)

Actions pertaining to the acquisition of easements and right-of-way on a parcel to benefit the Ashlan Widening - Polk to Cornelia Project (Council District 1):

1. HEARING to consider a Resolution of Necessity for acquisition

of a three permanent easements, a temporary construction easement, and right-of-way for public street purposes on portions of Assessor's Parcel Number 511-012-05S, owned by Beatris Medina and Olga Gonzalez, for the construction of the Ashlan Avenue Widening - Polk to Cornelia Project;

2. ***RESOLUTION - Determining that public interest and necessity require acquisition of three permanent easements, a temporary construction easement, and right-of-way for public street purposes through and across portions of Assessor's Parcel Number 511-012-05S, owned by Beatris Medina and Olga Gonzalez, for the construction of the Ashlan Avenue Widening - Polk to Cornelia 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 3:22 P.M. and was presented to Council by Right of Way Agent Manager Bruno. Upon call, the following members of the public addressed Council: Edward Gonzales. Public comment closed at 3:26 P.M.

There was no Council Discussion.

RESOLUTION 2026-14 ADOPTED

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

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

9:15 A.M.

ID 26-76

HEARING to Consider Rezone Application No. P25-01778; Development Permit Application No. P25-01774; and related Environmental Assessment No. P25-01774/P25-01778 for ±3.96 acres of property located on the southeast corner of North Cedar Avenue and East Hampton Way (Council District 4)

1. ADOPT - Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for Environmental Assessment No. P25-01774/P25-01778, dated December 12, 2025, for the proposed project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines; and,
2. BILL (for Introduction and Adoption) - Amending the Official Zoning Map as described by Section 15-508 of the Fresno Municipal Code, and pursuant to the procedures set forth in Article 58, Chapter 15 of the

- Fresno Municipal Code; and,
3. APPROVE - Development Permit Application No. P25-01774, proposing to construct an adult day care facility on ±1.17 acres of property, subject to compliance with the Conditions of Approval dated January 21, 2026, and contingent upon approval of Rezone Application No. P25-01778 and the related environmental assessment.

The above item was called to order at 3:18 P.M. and there was no presentation to Council. Upon call, the following members of the public addressed Council: Nikki Real. Public comment closed at 3:20 P.M.

Council discussion was held.

BILL B-1 INTRODUCED / ORDINANCE 2026-2 ADOPTED

On motion of Councilmember Maxwell, seconded by Council President 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

9:20 A.M.

ID 26-86

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).

The above item was called to order at 2:08 P.M. and was presented to Council by Program Administrator Pagoulatos. Upon call, the following members of the public addressed Council: Dirk Poeschel, Jose Leon Barraza, Debbie McCann, Bonique Emerson, Sue Williams, and Nikki Real. Public comment closed at 2:32 P.M.

Council discussion was held.

Council President Karbassi motioned to table the above item to March 19, 2026 at 9:20 A.M., and directed City Attorney Janz to add a close session item to February 26, 2026 related to the above item.

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

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

No: 2 - Arias and Vang

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: Dez Martinez (2-H, 2-K), and Nikki Real (Closed Session).

During approval of the Consent calendar Councilmember Arias announced his questions were answered and he would like to move item 2-H (ID 26-115) back the Consent Calendar.

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, Vang and Richardson

Absent: 1 - Maxwell

- 2.-A. [ID 26-171](#) Approval of the Minutes for the January 29, 2026, Regular and Special Meetings, and February 10, 2026, Special Meeting.

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-B. [ID 26-149](#) BILL - (For Introduction) to Amend Section 2-1105 of the Fresno Municipal Code, relating to Campaign Contributions - Limitations on amount and document filing methods.

During approval of the agenda, Interim City Clerk Aller announced a clerical change to begin with a bracket and that section to read "[California Senate and Assembly limitations and the limit set forth in Government Code Section 85302(a)]" end bracket.

BILL B-2 INTRODUCED AND LAID OVER

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-C. [ID 26-150](#) Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the Fresno Regional Workforce (FRWBD's) application through the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) for the Adult and Dislocated Worker Career Services Provider Designation

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-D. [ID 26-215](#) ***RESOLUTION - Adopting the 41st Amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution No. 2025-179 appropriating \$XXX,XXX for returned Measure P appropriations from the Arts & Culture Funding (Requires Five Affirmative Votes) (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

During approval of the agenda, Interim City Clerk Aller announced this item was moved by staff to February 26, 2026, as the item needs to go before Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission prior to coming before Council. The PRAC Meeting is being held on Monday, February 23, 2026.

TABLED

- 2.-E. [ID 26-132](#) Actions pertaining to the acquisition of property from a portion of a parcel to benefit the Pump Station 102A Wellhead Treatment Project (Council District 5):
1. Adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration State Clearinghouse Number 2023050144, dated May 5, 2023, prepared for the Pump Station

102A Wellhead Treatment Project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);

- 2. Approve the Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Real Property and Escrow Instructions to acquire fee title interest of a 0.37-acre (16,000 square feet) portion of the property identified as Assessor’s Parcel Number 313-890-06S, in the amount of \$168,000, plus applicable title and escrow costs.

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-F. [ID 26-142](#) ***RESOLUTION - Adopting the 590th Amendment to the Master Fee Schedule Resolution No. 80-420 to Add, Adjust, Move, Revise or Delete Various Fees (Subject to Mayor’s Veto)

RESOLUTION 2026-15 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-G. [ID 26-162](#)

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-H. [ID 26-115](#) Actions pertaining to RFP 12600292 for the allocation of the Youth Service Corps Homeless Pilot Program to fund three organizations to provide meaningful work experience at their worksites
 - 1. Approve three Service Agreements allocating Youth Services Corps Homeless Pilot Program funding to local Community Based Organizations (CBOs) totaling \$700,000 (RFP12600292) to the following organizations: (a) Poverello House \$507,171.00; (b) RH Builders \$137,860.80; and (c) WestCare California, Inc. \$54,968.20
 - 2. Resolution - Granting Authority to the City Manager or designee to enter into agreements with Community-Based Organizations to provide meaningful work experience at their worksites funded by the Youth Service Corps Homeless Pilot Grant Program

During approval of the agenda, Interim City Clerk Aller announced Councilmember Arias moved the above item to Contested Consent.

During approval of the Consent calendar Councilmember Arias announced his questions were answered and he would like to move the item back the Consent Calendar.

RESOLUTION 2026-16 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-I. [ID 26-143](#) Actions pertaining to the Fresno Airports Public Safety Officers' Association (FAPSOA) for Unit 11
1. ***Adopt a Side Letter of Agreement between the City of Fresno and Fresno Airports Public Safety Officers' Association (FAPSOA - Unit 11) (Subject to Mayor's veto)
 2. ***RESOLUTION: Adopt the Eighteenth Amendment to FY 2026 Salary Resolution No. 2025-177, amending Exhibit 11, Unit 11 - Fresno Airports Public Safety Officers' Association (FAPSOA), as required by the Side Letter of Agreement between the City of Fresno and Fresno Airports Public Safety Officers' Association (FAPSOA - Unit 11) (Subject to Mayor's veto)

RESOLUTION 2026-17 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-J. [ID 26-114](#) ***RESOLUTION - Adopting the 35th Amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution No. 2025-179 to appropriate \$1,797,373 from the Local Housing Trust Fund Program for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (Requires Five Affirmative Votes) (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

RESOLUTION 2026-18 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-M. [ID 26-164](#) Actions pertaining to the 2025 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant:
1. Authorize the Chief of Police to accept additional grant funding of \$98,000 for the 2025 STEP grant awarded to the Fresno Police Department from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) through the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for a total of \$733,000
 2. Authorize the Chief of Police or her designee to execute the revised agreement, extensions, and all related documentation applicable to the 2025 STEP grant
 3. ***RESOLUTION - Adopt the 31st Amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution (AAR) No. 2025-179 to appropriate \$98,000 from the California Office of Traffic Safety for the 2025 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant (Requires Five Affirmative Votes) (Subject to Mayor's Veto)
 4. Approve the license agreement between the City of Fresno Police Department and Veritone, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$86,000 for a one-year license for software for the reporting of Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA) data, authorizing the Chief of Police, or her designee, to execute the agreement and any related documents.

RESOLUTION 2026-19 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-N. [ID 26-90](#) ***RESOLUTION - Authorizing the Director of Public Utilities, or designee, to execute a Financial Assistance Agreement, and any Amendments thereto, with the United States Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of \$3,700,214.00 for a Drinking Water System Infrastructure and Sustainability Program grant to replace failing polyethylene water service laterals in the City of Fresno's water distribution system. (Citywide) (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

*RESOLUTION 2026-20 ADOPTED***APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2.-O. [ID 26-121](#) Actions pertaining to the summary vacation of a portion of the public street easement north of the North Riverside Drive and West Palo Alto Avenue intersection (Council District 2):
1. Adopt an addendum to Finding of Conformity to Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR) SCH No. 2012111015, pursuant to Section 15162, of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Development Permit Application Number D-17-030;
 2. RESOLUTION - Approving the summary vacation of a portion of the public street easement north of the North Riverside Drive and West Palo Alto Avenue intersection.

*RESOLUTION 2026-21 ADOPTED***APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2.-P. [ID 26-151](#) ***RESOLUTION - Authorizing the Submission of Grant Application to the Office of the Secretary, US Department of Transportation for the 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Program and Authorizing the Execution of Grant Application and Grant Agreement Documents by the Public Works Director or Designee (Subject to Mayor's Veto) (Council District 3)

*RESOLUTION 2026-22 ADOPTED***APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2.-Q. [ID 26-144](#) Approve the appointment of Aric Mine to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) for a term ending February 18, 2029

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-R. [ID 26-212](#) RESOLUTION - In Support of the Health and Welfare Trust's Efforts to Ensure the Contract Dispute between Community Medical Centers and

Blue Shield of California is Resolved Quickly and Favorably for City Employees

During approval of the agenda, Interim City Clerk Aller announced Councilmember Perea and Vice President Esparza have been listed as co-sponsors. Council approves up to \$50,000 in legal fees. Anything beyond this amount is subject to council approval.

RESOLUTION 2026-23 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

CONTESTED CONSENT CALENDAR

2.-K. [ID 26-36](#) Actions pertaining to Emergency Shelter operations provided by Elevate Community Services (Elevate) under the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) program. (City Council District 3) (Bid File No. 12500851):

1. Approve the First Amendment for Ambassador Inn, a 53-bed shelter located at 1804 W. Olive Avenue (APN 449-231-11). The amended agreement term is from April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027, for an amount not to exceed \$1,324,600.
2. Approve the First Amendment for Villa Motel, a 52-bed shelter located at 817 N. Parkway Drive (APN 449-335-25). The amended agreement term is from April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027, for an amount not to exceed \$1,299,998.
3. Approve the First Amendment for Fresno Home, a 50-bed emergency shelter located at 2550 W. Clinton Avenue (APN 442-081-28). The amended agreement term is from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, for an amount not to exceed \$1,250,000.

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

Council discussion was held.

APPROVED

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

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

- 2.-L. [ID 26-37](#) Approve the First Amendment to the Service Agreement with Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (FEOC) to continue operating eight (8) youth bridge beds located at 1046 T Street, Fresno, CA 93721 (APN 466-043-09) in an amount not to exceed \$504,413. This amendment is funded by the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) program for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028. (Bid File 12402933) (City Council District 3)

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

Council discussion was held.

APPROVED

On motion of Councilmember Arias, 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 26-205](#) Submission for informational purposes the Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports (“ACFR”) regarding the financial activities of the City of Fresno Retirement Systems for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025

There was no presentation to the Council. Upon call, no members of the public addressed Council.

Council discussion was held. City Manager White read a statement into the record.

PRESENTED

On motion of Councilmember Arias, seconded by Council President Karbassi, that the above Action Item be TABLED with no return date. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATION

Upon call, the following members of the public addressed the Council with unscheduled communication: Dez Martinez, Isabel Vela, Brunette, Erabella Thompson, and Nikki Real.

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 11:15 A.M. and again at 3:35 P.M.

5.-A. [ID 26-172](#)

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 26-138](#)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(2) Significant
Exposure to Litigation:
Rhonda Leavitt v. City of Fresno, Risk File No. RM2025046700

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

DISCUSSED

5.-C. [ID 26-184](#)

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

The above item was discussed in closed session.

City Attorney Janz reported: By a vote of 6 to 0 with Council Vice President Esparza absent, the Council has voted to initiate litigation under Government Code Section §54956.9(d)(4) in order to protect certain federal grants, including SAFER grants for firefighters, the Fire Department, and local law enforcement. The action will be filed against the following defendants: Kristi Noem, in her official capacity as Secretary of Homeland

Security; the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Karen Evans, in her official capacity as Acting Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); Doug Burgum, in his official capacity as Secretary of the Interior; the U.S. Department of the Interior; Pamela Bondi, in her official capacity as Attorney General; and the U.S. Attorney General's Office.

DISCUSSED

5.-D. [ID 26-189](#)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(4)
Case Name: *City of Fresno v. Centers Veterans Group, LLC*;
(Code Enforcement Case # E20-08659)

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

DISCUSSED

5.-E. [ID 26-191](#)

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.-F. [ID 26-139](#)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(1)
David Phillips-Kerley v. City of Fresno; et al, Eastern District Court Case No.
1:18-CV-00438

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

DISCUSSED

5.-G. [ID 26-137](#)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(1)
Tutelian & Company, Inc. v. City of Fresno; Fresno Superior Court Case

No. 21CECG02805

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

DISCUSSED

- 5.-H.** [ID 26-136](#) 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.-I.** [ID 26-174](#) 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

During approval of the agenda, Interim City Clerk Aller announced this item was tabled to February 26, 2026, by the City Attorney's office.

- 5.-J.** [ID 26-185](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(1): City of Fresno, et.al. v. United States of America; US Court of Federal Claims 1:21-cv-00375

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

DISCUSSED

- 5.-K.** [ID 26-210](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(4)
Case Name: City of Fresno v. Zhou Huizhen and Guochang Huang
(2959 N. Stanley Avenue; Code Enforcement Case Number E24-16132)

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

DISCUSSED

- 5.-L. [ID 26-217](#) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
1. Government Code Section 54957(b): consider the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, discipline, or dismissal of a public employee.
Title: City Clerk
 2. Government Code Section 54957.6: conference with labor negotiator.
City Negotiator: Council President Mike Karbassi.
Unrepresented Employee: City Clerk

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 4:52 P.M.

The above minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the City Council during the February 26, 2026, regular meeting