

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FRESNO GENERAL PLAN FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM POLICY RC-9-C (PLAN AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. P18-03553)

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2014, by Resolution No. 2014-226, the City Council adopted the Fresno General and by Resolution No. 2014-225 certified Master Environmental Impact Report SCH No. 2012111015 (MEIR) which evaluated the potentially significant adverse environmental impacts of urban development within the City of Fresno's designated urban boundary line and sphere of influence, and by Resolution No. 2016-212 certified Program Environmental Impact Report SCH No. 2017031012 (PEIR) which evaluated the potentially significant adverse environmental impacts of urban development within the boundaries of the Southwest Fresno Specific Plan;

WHEREAS, On March 3, 2017, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2017-61, initiating Plan Amendment No. P18-03553, an amendment to the text of Fresno General Plan Policy RC-9-c, which calls for a Farmland Preservation Program.

WHEREAS, initiating Resolution No. 2017-61 proposes to amend the Fresno General Plan Farmland Preservation Program Policy Rc-9-C to clarify and add flexibility to the program design, within the parameters of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as noted in Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, the environmental assessment conducted for the proposed Plan Amendment resulted in the filing of an Addendum to the above-noted MEIR and PEIR; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2018, the District 1 Plan Implementation Committee met and the members present supported the proposed application; and

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WHEREAS, on April 2, 2018, the District 2 Plan Implementation Committee met and the members present supported the proposed application; and

WHEREAS, the District 3 Plan Implementation Committee was unable to meet to consider the application; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2018, the District 4 Plan Implementation Committee met and the members present supported the proposed application; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2018, the District 5 Plan Implementation Committee met and the members present supported the proposed application; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2018, the District 6 Plan Implementation Committee met and the members present supported the proposed application; and

WHEREAS, the District 7 Plan Implementation Committee was unable to meet to consider the application; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2018, the Fulton-Lowell Design Review Committee met and the members present supported the proposed application; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2018, the Tower District Design Review Committee met and the members present opposed the proposed application; and

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2018, the Fresno City Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider General Plan Text Amendment Application No. P18-03553 and the associated Addendum prepared for Environmental Assessment No. P18-03553; and,

WHEREAS, the Fresno City Planning Commission took action, as evidenced in Planning Commission Resolution No. 13525 to recommend approval of General Plan Text Amendment Application No. P18-03553; and,

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on October 23, 2018, in which 6 members of the public were in attendance, and in which 1 member spoke in opposition; and

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2018, the Fresno City Council held a public hearing to consider General Plan Text Amendment Application No. P18-03553 and received both oral testimony and written information presented at the hearing regarding General Plan Text Amendment Application No.P18-03553.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno, based upon the testimony and information presented at the hearing and upon review and consideration of the environmental documentation provided, as follows:

1. The Council finds in accordance with its own independent judgment that an addendum to MEIR No. SCH 2012111015 and PEIR SCH No. 2017031012 is appropriate given that none of the conditions described in Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred; and new information added is only for the purposes of providing minor changes or additions, in accordance with Section 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines. Accordingly, the Council adopts the Addendum prepared for Environmental Assessment No. P18-03553 dated November 21, 2018.

2. The Council finds the adoption of the proposed General Plan Text Amendment as recommended by the Planning Commission is in the best interest of the City of Fresno.

3. The Council of the City of Fresno hereby adopts General Plan Text Amendment Application No. A-18-03553 amending General Plan Farmland Preservation Program Policy RC-9-c as noted in Exhibit A; located within the Planning Area of the Fresno General Plan.

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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION
STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, California, at a regular meeting held on the 6th day of December, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

YVONNE SPENCE, MMC CRM
City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

By: _____
Talia Kolluri-Barbick Date
Supervising Deputy City Attorney

Plan Amendment Application No. P18-03553
Initiated by City Council Resolution No. 2017-61
Attachment: Exhibit A