



City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes City Council

President - Annalisa Perea

Vice President - Mike Karbassi

Councilmembers:

Miguel Angel Arias, Tyler Maxwell, Luis Chavez,

Garry Bredefeld, Nelson Esparza

City Manager - Georgeanne A. White

City Attorney - Andrew Janz

City Clerk - Todd Stermer, CMC

Monday, July 29, 2024

11:00 AM

Council Chambers

<https://www.fresno.gov/council-meeting>

Special Meeting

The City Council met in special session in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on the date and time above written.

11:10 A.M. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - President Annalisa Perea
Vice President Mike Karbassi
Councilmember Miguel Angel Arias
Councilmember Tyler Maxwell
Councilmember Luis Chavez
Councilmember Garry Bredefeld
Councilmember Nelson Esparza

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance was not given.

APPROVE AGENDA

Vice President Karbassi announced he was in a hospital participating remotely via the Zoom platform under the caregiving provisions of California Government Code section 54953.

City Attorney Janz announced that given the late notification of Vice

President Karbassi's remote attendance, the City was unable to reflect the change in the posted agenda but the procedure was still proper. Under the provisions of California Government Code section 54953, remote participation was also opened to the public for any issue on the agenda.

On motion of Councilmember Esparza, seconded by Councilmember Maxwell, the agenda was APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Perea, Karbassi, Arias, Maxwell, Chavez, Bredefeld and Esparza

[ID 24-1035](#) Notice of Special Meeting - Signed

OPEN SESSION

[ID 24-1032](#) Bill - (for Introduction) - Amending Sections 10-1703(a), 10-1707, 10-2101, 10-2204, 10-2205 of the Fresno Municipal Code, Relating to the Prohibition of Encampments in Public Places

Upon call, the following members of the public addressed Council: Alex Alvarado, Sarita Nam, Kevin Little, Valeria Rodriguez, Rebecca, Krystal, Jamie Castanedo, Sen Zweiflor, Candy Paulsen, Kristin Pothier, Robert Leeper, Tom Haskell, Juan Miann Tiprens, Leticia Navarette, Grace Miller, Dez Martinez, Katherine Jacobs, Leticia A, Jacklin, Sam H, Jonah Tippens, Ashley Tippens, Virginia Burnes, Josefa Vega, Lionel A. Ruano Jre, Rebekah Ernest, Tomika Rodriguez, David Edwards, Alicia Jacoby, Emmanuel Agraz-Torrez, Cindy Piombmo, Brandy Nuse-Villegas, Katie Meyers, Jackie Holmes, Stephanie Blake, Bee, Alison Bowmean, Camila Rivera, Joseph Rodriguez, Lashawna Cedille, Crystal, Tiffany Ayers, Amber Crowell, Michael Romero, Teya Looney, Alicia R., Lethal, Daniel Delgado, Damon, Yonas Paulos, Matthew Kemp, Anonsh Ekpanian, Stevie, Leandra Vernon, Patricia Hill, Mel, Ethan Dignan, Fernando Paul Elizondo, Ms. 5250, Bob McCloskey, Linda Tubach, Luz, Lisa Flores, Lana Jazz Hands, Christina Soto, Ruben E., Minty Rosa, Jade Mcafee, Arieana Castellanos, Hobie Brown, A.J., Reyna Rodriguez, and Bobbi Steve. Public comment closed at 3:24 P.M.

Council discussion included: public and community input including enforcing and applying rules; shelters and restrooms; services provided for the homeless; housing, advocates; encampments; cleaning up after

homeless; trash; schools; neighborhood associations; safety; safe camps; rights of the public; leadership; subsidies; HART program; state and federal funds; mental health; violating rights of the public; Supreme Court ruling; statement by the governor; criminalizing homelessness; programs and services provided by the city, county and state; Measure "P" funds; numbers of unsheltered population; fire department responses; motels for homeless; showers; mobile clinic; defiant persons; crime; law enforcement; rental assistance; eviction protection program; foster youth; domestic violence; small business property damage; nonprofits; public spaces; private property policing; 2017 Unhealthy and Hazardous Act; previous supreme court ruling; not jailing domestic violence victims; Senate Bill SB43; individuals placed in conservatorships; mental health and substance abuse; impacts on the community; CARE Court; percentage of the community experiencing homelessness; accountability; legal tools; effectiveness and details of the ordinance; inhumane conditions; repeat offenders; encampments on private property enforcement; capacity of the jail and available beds.

Councilmember Bredefeld motioned to approve the item with a change to the ordinance title - changing the word "Encampments" to "Camping".

BILL B-23 INTRODUCED AS AMENDED AND LAID OVER

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

Aye: 7 - Perea, Karbassi, Arias, Maxwell, Chavez, Bredefeld and Esparza

CLOSED SESSION

During open session, City Attorney Janz announced that only Closed Session item "B" (ID 24-1034) would be discussed in closed session.

Council withdrew to closed session at 4:44 P.M.

- A.** [ID 24-1033](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - PUBLIC SECURITY - Government Code
Section 54957(a): Discuss security of City Hall.

The above item was not discussed in closed session. There were no open

session announcements for this item.

NOT DISCUSSED

- B.** [ID 24-1034](#) 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) Unit 9; 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. Fresno Airports Public Safety Officers Association (FAPSOA)

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

DISCUSSED

ADJOURNMENT

City Council adjourned from Closed Session at 5:15 P.M

The above minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the City Council during the August 15, 2024, regular meeting.