

City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

1:00 PM

Special Meeting

Council Chambers (In Person And/Or Electronic)

City Council

President - Nelson Esparza

Vice President - Tyler Maxwell

Councilmembers:

Esmeralda Z. Soria, Mike Karbassi, Miguel Angel Arias, Luis Chavez,

Garry Bredefeld

City Manager - Georgeanne A. White

City Attorney - Douglas T. Sloan

City Clerk - Todd Stermer, CMC

The City Council for the City of Fresno convened for in a special session on April 27, 2022, at 1:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Council President Esparza called the meeting to order at 1:08 P.M.

Councilmember Arias was absent during roll call and joined the meeting at 1:10 P.M.

Present: 7 - Council President Nelson Esparza
Vice President Tyler Maxwell
Councilmember Esmeralda Z. Soria
Councilmember Mike Karbassi
Councilmember Miguel Angel Arias
Councilmember Luis Chavez
Councilmember Garry Bredefeld

APPROVE AGENDA

On motion of Councilmember Soria, seconded by Councilmember Chavez, the above agenda was APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Esparza, Maxwell, Soria, Arias, Chavez and Bredefeld

Absent: 1 - Karbassi

OPEN SESSION

[ID 22-627](#) WORKSHOP - Here to Stay Report

The above workshop was presented to Council by Planning Manager Pagoulatos, and CEO Dr. Destiny Thomas with Thrivance Group, LLC.

Upon call, the following members of the public addressed Council: Brandi Nuse-Villegas; Enedina Banda; Robert McCloskey; Karla Martinez; Dez Martinez; Rubin Espinoza; Kayla Whittle; Marisa Moraza; Greg Terzakis; Grecia Elenes; Lisa Flores; Ernest Gonzalez; Preston Moore; Haley White; Candy Navarro; Jessica Mahoney; Daniel McCoy; Lethal Garcia; and Danae Garza.

PRESENTED

[ID 22-628](#) WORKSHOP - One Fresno Housing Plan

The above workshop was presented to Council by Mayor Dyer, Deputy Mayor Grundy, Planning and Development Director Clark, Planning and Development Assistant Director Skei, and Homeless Services Director Spees.

Upon call, the following members of the public addressed Council: Kyle Lopez-Schmidt; Don Scordino; Nickolas Wildstar; Gloria Hernandez; Eric Payne; Terry (TJ) Shelton; Matthew Jendian; Nicole Linder; Erika Kruse; Lance Kruse; Crystal Reed; Adam Goldfarb; Chrisand Darling; Kimberly McCoy; Charlene Brewet; Janice Schaefer; and Adrian Rivera.

PRESENTED

Council discussed the Here to Stay report and the One Fresno Housing Plan together after presentation of both items.

Deputy Mayor Grundy, Mayor Dyer, Director Clark, and City Manager White responded to questions.

Discussion of these workshops included: rent increases; affordable housing; the need for increased incomes; investors in the City of Fresno; communication with the stakeholders; addressing homelessness; incentivizing homeownership; vacant homes; down payment assistances for first homeowners; housing supply and demand; census data; affordable apartments; pandemic and housing resources; rent control; a regional approach to address housing issues; fully funding the affordable housing trust fund; streamlining the planning process; unrealistic goals regarding 11,000 units; progress over the previous three years; tiny homes; reducing or waiving fees; financial literacy; State grants for down payment assistance; lease to own program; policy to expedite building on vacant lots; fee waiver incentive for the economically challenged, and; insurance requirements; root causes f homelessness; open borders; pandemic impacts on employment; war on poverty; housing developments in neighboring jurisdictions; removing regulations that hinder development, and' the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget.

Councilmember Arias left the meeting at 5:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

City Council adjourned the special meeting at 5:52 P.M.