

City of Fresno

City Hall Council Chambers
2600 Fresno Street



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

6:00 PM

Regular Meeting

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Planning Commission

Chairperson – Peter Vang

Vice Chair - Kathy Bray

Commissioner – David Criner

Commissioner – Monica Diaz

Commissioner – Jacqueline Lyday

Commissioner - Linda M Calandra

Commissioner – Gurdeep Singh Shergill

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I. ROLL CALL

Chair Vang called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Also present were Jennifer Clark, Phillip Siegrist, Erik Young, Juan Lara, Kari Camino, Jenny Araiza-Chavez, and Heather Thomas (CAO).

Present 5 - Chairperson Peter Vang, Commissioner Kathy Bray, Commissioner Jacqueline G. Lyday, Commissioner Linda Calandra, and Commissioner Gurdeep Singh Shergill

Absent 2 - Commissioner David Criner , and Commissioner Monica Diaz

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

6:01 p.m.

III. PROCEDURES

6:01 p.m.

Chair Vang read the procedures aloud.

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

6:03 p.m.

Siegrist reported no changes to the agenda.

On motion of Vice Chair Bray, seconded by Commissioner Lyday, the AGENDA was APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairperson Vang, Commissioner Bray, Commissioner Lyday, Commissioner Calandra, and Commissioner Shergill

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Criner , and Commissioner Diaz

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

6:03 p.m.

On motion of Vice Chair Bray, seconded by Commissioner Calandra, the CONSENT CALENDAR was APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairperson Vang, Commissioner Bray, Commissioner Lyday, Commissioner Calandra, and Commissioner Shergill

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Criner , and Commissioner Diaz

V-I [ID 25-958](#) June 18, 2025 Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

VI. REPORTS BY COMMISSIONERS

6:04 p.m.

Commissioner Shergill spoke about Measure C, and encouraged the residents of Fresno to attend the upcoming meetings.

VII. CONTINUED MATTERS

N/A

VIII. NEW MATTERS

VIII-A ID 25-949

Consideration of Text Amendment Application No. P25-00974 and related Environmental Finding for Environmental Assessment No. P25-00974, amending Table 15-1102 and Section 15-2728 of the Fresno Municipal Code, related to Drive-In and Drive-Through Facilities in Mixed-Use Districts.

1. **RECOMMEND ADOPTION** (to the City Council), of a finding set forth in Environmental Assessment No. P25-00974, that Text Amendment Application No. P25-00974 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3).
2. **RECOMMEND ADOPTION** (to the City Council), of Text Amendment Application No. P25-00974, to amend Table 15-1102 and Section 15-2728 of the Fresno Municipal Code (FMC), relating to existing establishments with drive-through facilities that are required to relocate as a result of a taking by eminent domain.

6:05 p.m.

Young made a presentation on the Text Amendment Application that proposes to provide flexibility to existing drive-through facilities required to relocate due to the property being acquired as a result of a taking by eminent domain. He explained existing regulations, proposed changes, showed examples of properties affected, public outreach, and Staff's recommendation.

Commissioners asked about public comments received, examples of drive-through's, relocation of existing restaurants, and pedestrian safety. Clark clarified this Text Amendment wasn't for a specific project, but examples of projects that could benefit from the flexibility in choosing a new location near-by to keep their existing customer base.

Public Comment:

No public comment was given.

On motion of Commissioner Calandra, seconded by Vice Chair Bray, that the above Action Item be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairperson Vang, Commissioner Bray, Commissioner Lyday, Commissioner Calandra, and Commissioner Shergill

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Criner , and Commissioner Diaz

VIII-B [ID 25-998](#) Workshop: Basics of Annexation

6:20 p.m.

Lara presented a workshop on the Basics of Annexation, including the Sphere of Influence, City limits versus unincorporated, City and County Tax Sharing Agreement, and general definition of an Annexation. He went into further detail of the pre-application process, including confirming logical boundaries, confirming if a property is inhabited or uninhabited, required neighborhood meetings, and the approval process. Once approved by the City, a Notice of Intent is sent to Fresno County, and an application submitted to the Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo). Once an Annexation is approved by LAFCo, it is recorded after a 30 day reconsideration period, and the completed documents are provided to the GIS team. Lara was available for questions.

Commissioners asked how often LAFCo denies Annexations, benefits of Annexation into the City of Fresno, how easy the process is, and cost. Lara answered that LAFCo does not deny Annexations very often as revisions can be made. Some benefits include sidewalk and street upgrades, parks, Police protection, and connection to the City of Fresno water and sewer services. He concluded that most developers apply for Annexations, and the cost is approximately \$12,000.00.

IX. REPORT BY SECRETARY

6:42 p.m.

Clark stated that the West Area Specific Plan (WASP) and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) are available for review on the City of Fresno website, and will be heard in late August. She anticipates the Central Southeast Specific Plan (CSSP) will be heard in October, and the Tower District Specific Plan (TDSP) will be heard in November. She encouraged Commissioners to read and familiarize themselves with the upcoming Specific Plans that are coming before them.

Commissioner Calandra asked for an update on the City of Fresno's Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR). Director Clark responded that Staff is reviewing the updated document and compiling a cheat sheet, and anticipates being able to provide a quick summary at the next Planning Commission meeting.

X. SCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

N/A

XI. UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

6:46 p.m.

None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Vang adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.