

Regular Council Meeting

June 20, 2024

FRESNO CITY COUNCIL



Supplement Packet

ITEM(S)

2-A (ID 24-845)

Approval of the minutes for June 3, 2024 budget hearing, June 4 2024 budget hearing, June 5, 2024 budget hearing

Contents of Supplement: Draft minutes for June 3, 2024, June 4, 2024, and June 5, 2024

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Draft Minutes for June 3, 2024 Budget Hearing



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Meeting Minutes City Council

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Garry Bredefeld, Nelson Esparza

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Monday, June 3, 2024

9:00 AM

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get-hearings/](https://www.fresno.gov/budget-hearings/)**

**Budget Hearings - Commencing June 3, 2024, budget hearings will be
considered one continuous meeting.**

**The City Council for the City of Fresno convened in budget hearing session on
June 3, 2024, at 9:04 A.M.**

9:04 A.M. ROLL CALL

*Councilmember Esparza arrived at 9:05 A.M., Vice President Karbassi
arrived at 9:06 A.M., Councilmember Maxwell arrived at 9:43 A.M.*

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 led by Councilmember Bredefeld.

Approve Agenda

AGENDA APPROVED

On motion of Councilmember Arias, seconded by Councilmember

Bredefeld, the agenda was APPROVED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Perea, Arias, Chavez, Bredefeld and Esparza

Absent: 2 - Karbassi and Maxwell

Monday, June 3, 2024 - 9:00 A.M.

Council President Perea announced public comment would take place at the beginning of each budget hearing.

*Upon call, the following members of the public addressed Council:
Emmanuel Agraz-Torres and Brandi N.*

[ID 24-665](#) General Fund Overview

Budget Director Fierro presented an overview of the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

[ID 24-667](#) General Services Department

General Services Department Director Barr presented the General Services Department budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

[ID 24-674](#) Information Services Department

Information Services Director Horn presented the Information Services Department budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

[ID 24-675](#) Finance Department

Finance Controller Danisi presented a brief overview of the Finance Department budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

[ID 24-676](#) Budget & Management Studies Department

Budget Director Fierro presented a brief overview of the Budget & Management Studies Department for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

[ID 24-677](#) Airports Department

Airports Director Thompson presented the Airports budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

Council Motions Made June 3, 2024

No budget motions were made June 3, 2024.

Council Requests for Information Made June 3, 2024

Vice President Karbassi requested (a) a memo outlining the history of the city's franchise agreement with PG&E detailing when it was first negotiated and approved, addressing amendments and resulting substantive changes; and (b) how City income has changed in relation to the higher rates PG&E charges customers, especially in the past few years.

Councilmember Arias requested (a) the growth of positions throughout the City since FY16 (b) a list of all budget cuts in the proposed budget with details; (c) how much money is set aside for legal settlements; (d) the committed projection of revenue when council approved card tables, how many were tables were active and the revenue over the last 5 years; (e) the trolley drive time from Campus Point to Downtown and a schedule of pick up and drop off times; (f) the structure and ratio for the request for 2 supervisors over 3 trolley drivers; (g) deferred maintenance needs, by priority, for the Veterans Memorial Auditorium and the Tower Theater; (h) all current vacancies with job titles, for all City departments; (i) which city-sponsored events received funding from the Office of Special Events in FY24 with details and current staffing levels; and (j) a cost estimate for the exterior repainting for the Tower Theatre, Water Tower, Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Kearney Blvd. Gateway, the "Downtown Fresno" welcome sign on U Street and the "Van Ness" entrance gate on Van Ness Avenue.

Councilmember Chavez requested (a) an accounting of CARES, ARPA and ERAP funding with details; and (b) a summary/breakdown of amount and types of fire calls by station and police calls by quadrants.

Councilmember Maxwell requested information on the grant program to improve homes under flight paths around the airport including; (a) how many homes have been serviced; (b) how many still require improvements; (c)

how much was received for these repairs over the last 5 years; (d) have funds been allocated from within a department to cover these repairs; (e) the number of homes within the qualifying airport SMART noise abatement area and how many homes that have been serviced; (f) total number of remaining homes that qualify for noise abatement and the amount received in funding over the last 5 years (g); how many applications are pending; how many homes are currently in the design phase versus the construction phase.

Councilmember Maxwell also requested (a) the cost of wrought iron fencing along the Easter and Western border of Reedy Park as well as a chain-link fence along the North & South side of Reedy Park bordering the parking lot on the Northern side and the Garden of the Sun on the Southern side; (b) the status of the Youth Sports Fee Waiver Program and F25 budget details, including anticipated costs / usage, the number of participants in prior years, and the sports offered in FY24; and (c) whether the \$100,000 in general funds previously allocated for a District 4 sensitive use text amendment are still available and have been carried over into the FY25 budget.

Councilmember Esparza requested the results of a survey about implementing Apple products in city offices.

Council President Perea requested (a) an estimate to upgrade the large screen and other upgrades in the Council Chambers; (b) an estimate to repave the alley located between Floradora and Home, east of Van Ness Avenue.

Adjournment

City Council recessed the June 3, 2024, Budget Hearings at 11:17 A.M. to be resumed Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 9:00 A.M.

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Tuesday, June 4, 2024

9:00 AM

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Budget Hearings - Continued from June 3, 2024.

The budget hearings will be considered one continuous meeting.

**The City Council for the City of Fresno convened in budget hearing session on
June 4, 2024, at 9:03 A.M.**

9:03 A.M. ROLL CALL

*Councilmember Esparza arrived at 9:04 A.M., Vice President Karbassi
arrived at 9:05 A.M.*

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 led by Councilmember Bredefeld.

Tuesday, June 4, 2024 - 9:00 A.M.

*Council President Perea announced public comment would take place at the
beginning of the budget hearing for all departments.*

Upon call, the following members of the public addressed Council: Kyle Lopez-Schmit, Emmanuel Agraz-Torres, Debbie Darden, Brandi Nuse-Villegas, MJ Williams, Lisa Flores, Marisa Moraza, Bob McCloskey, Jennifer Cruz, and Lynn Owens.

AGENDA APPROVED

On motion of Vice President Karbassi, seconded by Councilmember Arias, that the above agenda was APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[ID 24-786](#) Capital Projects Department

Capital Projects Department Director Morrison presented the Capital Projects Department budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

[ID 24-680](#) Economic Development Department

Economic Development Department Director Lippincott presented the Economic Development Department budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

[ID 24-681](#) Planning and Development Department

Planning and Development Department Director Clark presented the Planning and Development Department budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

[ID 24-682](#) Public Works Department

Public Works Department Director Mozier presented the Public Works Department budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

[ID 24-678](#) Department of Transportation / FAX

Department of Transportation / FAX Director Barfield presented the

Department of Transportation / FAX budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

[ID 24-787](#) Animal Center

Animal Center Department Director Torres presented the Animal Center Department budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

Council Motions Made June 4, 2024

Councilmember Chavez motioned (#1) to allocate \$700,000 for the Mobile Food Vendor Association usage. In partnership with a nonprofit helping support this effort. Vice President Karbassi seconded the motion.

Councilmember Esparza motioned (#2) for \$100,000 to develop a Property-Based Improvement District (PBID) along the Blackstone Corridor. Councilmember Arias seconded the motion.

Councilmember Esparza motioned (#3) for \$100,000 to develop a Property-Based Improvement District (PBID) along the Belmont Corridor. Councilmember Arias seconded the motion.

Vice President Karbassi motioned (#4) for \$3.5 million for complete realignment of Beechwood - Cost to be borne by Planning Dept. Councilmember Arias seconded the motion.

Councilmember Arias motioned (#5) to restore the Tree Maintenance Fund to FY24 levels and return to a 10-year cycle. Council President Perea seconded the motion.

Councilmember Esparza motioned (#6) to increase the Residential Infill Incentive Program by an additional \$500,000, making the total amount for the program \$1,500,000. Vice President Karbassi seconded the motion.

Councilmember Arias motioned (#7) to fund the freeway cleanup program with Measure C funds. Councilmember Esparza seconded the motion.

Council Requests for Information Made June , 2024

Councilmember Maxwell requested (a) the differences between Federal Requirements and Local requirements for CDBG grant funding; (b) a list of

where \$400,000 of beautification funding will be spent; (c) the status of bus stops with amenities by district and the 75 ADA by district that are ready for construction in phases A/B and C/D; (d) a list of remaining unsheltered bus stops in District 4 with a list of the bus stops pending a shelter as determined by the ADA transition plan and outline which of the bus stops require additional right of way acquisitions in order to have a shelter in place; and (e) the status of street signal holdup on Browning and Fresno Streets.

Councilmember Arias requested (a) Planning and Development revenue and expenditure for the year and how many approved tract maps have yet to be requested for construction, including the unit amount per tract map; (b) the outstanding debt for all parking assets; (c) the total neighborhood investments in the proposed budget compared to last fiscal year, i.e., 7-week projects and sidewalk improvements; (e) the cost estimate for a direct bus route from Poverello house to Clovis Community Medical Center and a direct bus route from CRMC to Clovis Community Medical Center; (f) confirmation of whether the cost for the Police Department's FAX unit was related to the increase in the labor contracts; and (g) updated numbers of historic lamp posts in District 3 and a cost estimate for switching the historic lamppost globes and lights to LED.

Councilmember Esparza requested (a) a report of the current applications that have been received and approved for potential incentives as part of the Residential Infill Incentive Program; (b) a list of the paving projects that constitute the 69.1 miles listed in the proposed budget; (c) a list of the slurry seal projects that have been identified in the proposed budget; (d) a report on the received and completed service requests for the pothole crew since its launch; (e) status update and estimate for construction costs of the Splash Pad Amenity at Manchester Park (f) status update and estimate for construction costs of the Skate Park Amenity at Manchester Park; (g) status update and estimate for construction costs of the restroom renovation at Lafayette Park; (h) status update and estimate on of 2 tennis courts and 1 basketball court at Lafayette Park; and (i) the cost of installations of security cameras at Manchester Park to deter crime.

Vice President Karbassi requested (a) the status of the street racing team, specifically with staffing levels and data on their historic areas of deployment since their inception and information on major operations; (b) status of the traffic division and staffing levels including average vacancy rate over last three fiscal years and the current vacancy rate; (c) the number of tickets issued for speeding, red light/stop sign violations and DUIs in the current

fiscal year and the previous two; (d) the budget motions that were approved and included in the FY 2015, FY2016, & FY 2017 budgets and reconciliation sheets, if available; and (e) information on whether an animal can be taken from its owner as a punitive measure and whether a breeding moratorium can be put in place.

Council President Perea requested (a) a memo outlining the city's current bonding capacity; and (b) information on whether an animal can be taken from its owner as a punitive measure and whether a breeding moratorium can be put in place.

Adjournment

City Council recessed the June 4, 2024, Budget Hearings at 4:51 P.M. to be resumed Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

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Wednesday, June 5, 2024

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Budget Hearings - Continued from June 4, 2024.

The budget hearings will be considered one continuous meeting.

**The City Council for the City of Fresno convened in budget hearing session on
June 5, 2024, at 9:04 A.M.**

9:04 A.M. ROLL CALL

*Vice President Karbassi arrived at 9:05 A.M., Councilmember Maxwell
arrived at 9:09 A.M.*

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

Wednesday, June 5, 2024 - 9:00 A.M.

*Council President Perea announced public comment would take place at the
beginning of the budget hearing for all departments.*

Upon call, the following members of the public addressed Council: Jackie

Grazier, Kyle Lopez-Schmidt, German Quinonez, Brandi Nuse-Villegas, Bob McCloskey, Lynn Owens and Toby A.

AGENDA APPROVED

On motion of Councilmember Esparza, seconded by Councilmember Bredefeld, that the agenda be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Perea, Karbassi, Arias, Chavez, Bredefeld and Esparza

Absent: 1 - Maxwell

[ID 24-683](#) Fire Department

Fire Chief Alcorn presented the Fire Department budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

[ID 24-679](#) Police Department

Police Chief Balderrama presented the Police Department budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

[ID 24-685](#) Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services (PARCS)

PARCS Department Director Aguirre presented the Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services (PARCS) Department budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

PARCS Department Director Aguirre announced the Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission (PRAC) made additional recommendations to the City Council for funding during the PRAC meetings of May 20 and 29, 2024. He read the additional PRAC recommendations into the record as follows:

Recommendation #6 - Funding be provided not exceeding \$100,000 for (DPW) street improvements along Caesar Chavez Ave (Kings Canyon Rd) between Maple Avenue and Chestnut Avenue.

Recommendation #7 - Allocate \$300,000 to Frank H. Ball Park for improvements in their restrooms.

Recommendation # 8 - Three million dollars for non-profits and other community organizations to establish the Dr. Francine Oputa fund to provide after school recreation and community series and workforce development programming through our parks system so they may apply for Measure "P" grant support, with City Council recommendation that guidelines be provided by this Commission for City Council Consideration and adoption.

Recommendation #9 - (modification to recommendation #1 from November 6, 2023) \$75,000 for Arts Council to use in implementation and technical support to carry out arts programs. Allowing it to be used for a broader range of implementation and technical needs.

Recommendation #10 - A sum not to exceed \$30,000 to fund the engineering and construction of a 20x20 shade installation over the table human gathering area of the Puppy Love Small Dog Park at Roeding Park.

Recommendation #11 - Shovel ready project at Storyland - to restore outdated restrooms at Storyland. In need of ADA upgrades. Requesting a sum not to exceed \$400,000 to the upgrade of those restrooms.

Recommendation #12 - Allocation of \$300,000 for the interior renovations of both restroom buildings at JSK Park.

Recommendation #13 - Allocation of \$200,000 for Al Radka Park for the design to start the process of lighting for soccer fields and \$850,000 for Mosqueda, which includes, irrigation repair, design and turf rehabilitation.

Recommendation #14 - \$25,000 for feasibility study - whether basin behind JSK Park can be used for expansion of the park.

Recommendation # 15 - The Commission recommended adoption by the City Council, the Fiscal Year 2025 PARCS Department, Department of Public Utilities, Public Works Department, and Capital Projects Department, Measure "P" budgets.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

[ID 24-686](#) Personnel Services Department

Personnel Department Director Malhi presented the Personnel Department budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

[ID 24-687](#) Convention Center / Stadium

Assistant City Manager Quinto presented the Convention Center / Stadium Department budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

[ID 24-688](#) Department of Public Utilities

Department of Public Utilities Director Buche presented the Department of Public Utilities budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Discussion was held between Council and the administration.

Council Motions Made June 5, 2024

Vice President Karbassi motioned (#8) to be updated once email is received on restoring firefighters. Councilmember Maxwell seconded the motion.

Vice President Karbassi motioned (#9) to allocate \$25k to purchase of apparatus (boat). Councilmember Maxwell seconded the motion.

Vice President Karbassi motioned (#10) to allocate funding and a new position (detective) to focus on petty crime, mailbox theft, residential burglaries, & porch theft. Council President Perea seconded the motion.

Councilmember Esparza motioned (#11) to fund the Fresno Police and Neighborhood Watch in the amount of \$75,000. Councilmember Bredefeld seconded the motion.

Councilmember Chavez motioned (#12) to allocate \$180,000 to fill the gap in funding to complete the Tulare/11th St Park. Councilmember Esparza seconded the motion.

Councilmember Arias motioned (#13) to provide the arts council with \$170k for purpose of auxiliary services, tech assistance, translator services, marketing and outreach, material to be printed in multiple languages. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.

Vice President Karbassi motioned (#14) to allocate \$274,700 for tot lot improvements at Orchid Park - funding to be decided by administration. Council President Perea seconded the motion.

Councilmember Bredefeld motioned (#15) to allocate \$250k from current PARCS D6 dept infrastructure budget to go to BMX park. Vice President Karbassi seconded the motion.

Council Requests for Information Made June 5, 2024

Vice President Karbassi requested (a) an estimate for co-ed friendly remodel of Fire Station 2; (b) last year's council motion to allocate funds for sister city travel and details on how the money was spent and the remaining balance; (c) a list of Interdepartmental charges identifying the \$2.4M change from FY 2023 Actuals to FY 2024; (d) the age and condition of the current sound system at Chuckchansi Park and suggested upgrades and costing estimates; (e) details about any complaints received about the sound system; and (f) details about upgrades available to improve the sound quality from on field microphones.

Councilmember Arias requested (a) how many officers were authorized to work a second job; (b) how many officers' moonlighting results in overtime; (c) the amount of overtime generated based on all MOU language; (d) cost estimates for median beautification on Olive from Palm to Fruit; (e) data of park ranger calls and response times; (f) the status of JSK & SWR cricket courts; (g) all settlement claims the city has approved in last 5 years, include names, amounts, department and when the claim was paid; (h) current practices for determining insurance coverage's; (i) the standard insurance requirements imposed by the City ; (j) a quote for painting all metal and not just the trim at the convention center as well as a cost estimate for security improvements; (k) what would an additional 250k of capital be used for at the convention center.

Councilmember Chavez requested (a) map locating fires in each District on a monthly basis; (b) elder abuse statistics; and (c) the number of lifeguards hired and what schools are they come from.

Councilmember Bredefeld requested data to determine if response times have decreased as new officers have been added.

Councilmember Esparza requested information monthly notification of PARC Department programming being offered in District 7.

Council President Perea requested (a) data on concrete repairs at Bengston Ave from Emerson to Indianapolis Ave and in the neighborhood of Fruit/

Shields/ West/ Clinton; (b) data on street repairs on Shields from N. Brawley to N. Marks if already in the works; (c) data on street repairs on Jeanne Ave from E. Garland Ave to E Shields Ave; (d) street and concrete repair for the greater neighborhood Garland/ Harrison/ Shields/ Jeanne; (e) street repair data on Cornelia from W. Ashlan to W. Parkway; (f) street repair data on the neighborhood of Cornell/ West/ Clinton/ Crystal; (g) street repair data for the neighborhood of Griffith/ Crystal/ Dakota/ Hughes, excluding major streets; (h) a cost matrix for dog park specific amenities for Hamilton Green Space; and (i) a better close out estimate for Trolley Park.

Councilmember Maxwell requested (a) stats on the lawn to garden program participation; and (b) a detailed list of loans provided to others within and outside of DPU.

Adjournment

City Council recessed the June 5, 2024, Budget Hearings at 5:31 P.M. to be resumed Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.