



City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes City Council

President - Mike Karbassi

Vice President - Miguel Angel Arias

Councilmembers:

Annalisa Perea, Tyler Maxwell, Brandon Vang,

Nick Richardson, Nelson Esparza

City Manager - Georgeanne A. White

City Attorney - Andrew Janz

City Clerk - Todd Stermer, MMC

Thursday, April 10, 2025

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

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

9:07 A.M. ROLL CALL

District 5 Councilmember-elect, Brandon Vang, was present during roll call but did not participate until after approval of agenda item ID 25-227 and the administration of the Oath of Office.

Present: 7 - Council President Mike Karbassi
Vice President Miguel Angel Arias
Councilmember Annalisa Perea
Councilmember Tyler Maxwell
Councilmember Brandon Vang
Councilmember Nick Richardson
Councilmember Nelson Esparza

Invocation by Shanti Path, Vandana Pandit, and Shruti Jani from B.A.P.S Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Fresno.

Shanti Path, Priya Parikh, and Shruti Jani from B.A.P.S Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Fresno gave the invocation..

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

City Manager White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

CITY CLERK STERMER ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

Invocation was given by Shanti Path, Priya Parikh, and Shruti Jani from B.A.P.S Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Fresno.

10:00 A.M. (ID 25-456) regarding the appearance of Therese Gulesserian - removed from the agenda at the request of the speaker.

2-U (ID 25-505) regarding a resolution urging denial of parole for Rudolph Martin Acosta - moved from the Consent Calendar to the City Council section of the agenda by request of Councilmember Perea.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA:

2-J (ID 25-469) regarding approval of a citywide requirements contract to Universal Protection Services, LP dba Allied Universal Services of Fresno, California - tabled to the April 24, 2025, Meeting by Staff.

2-S (ID 25-438) regarding the summary vacation of a portion of a public street easement on North Fresno Street, south of East McKenzie Street - tabled to the May 1, 2025, meeting by Vice President Arias.

THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS WERE MOVED TO THE CONTESTED CONSENT CALENDAR FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:

2-E (ID 25-432) regarding the South Cedar Avenue Completes Streets Project. - moved to Contested Consent by Vice President Arias and Councilmember-elect Vang.

2-H (ID 25-431) regarding the new 911 Emergency Call Center Project - moved to Contested Consent by Vice President Arias.

2-O (ID 25-349) regarding renewal of the Fresno Police Department Annual Military Equipment Use Report - Moved to Contested Consent by Vice

President Arias.

2-W (ID 25-517) regarding the amendment of Section 7-1101 of the Fresno Municipal Code, relating to business license exemptions for honorably discharged or honorably relieved veterans and active duty or reservist military personnel - moved to Contested Consent by Councilmember Richardson.

On motion of Councilmember Maxwell, seconded by Vice President Arias, the Agenda was ADOPTED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Karbassi, Arias, Perea, Maxwell, Richardson and Esparza

Excused: 1 - Vang

[ID 25-227](#) Actions pertaining to the Special Election held on March 18, 2025.

1. ***RESOLUTION - Declaring the results of the Special Election held within the City of Fresno on March 18, 2025. (Subject to Mayor's veto)
2. Installation and Administration of Oath of Office to the newly elected Councilmember.
3. Statement by incoming Councilmember Vang

Following adoption of the resolution declaring the results of the March 18, 2025, Special Election and after administration of his Oath of Office, Councilmember Vang made a few statements and participated in the remainder of the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2025-87 ADOPTED

On motion of Vice President Arias, seconded by Councilmember Perea, that the above Action Item be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Karbassi, Arias, Perea, Maxwell, Richardson and Esparza

Excused: 1 - Vang

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS

[ID 25-452](#) Proclamation for "FPD Citizens On Patrol Volunteer Unit"

PRESENTED

[ID 25-341](#) Proclamation for “Lue N. Yang Day”

PRESENTED

[ID 25-439](#) Proclamation for “Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month”

PRESENTED

[ID 25-514](#) Proclamation for “Black Maternal Health Week”

PRESENTED

[ID 25-342](#) Proclamation “Honoring Fresno Poet Laureate”

PRESENTED

[ID 25-495](#) Proclamation “Honoring Jet Lim”

PRESENTED

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Councilmember Perea Reports and Comments: Reported the district team had been distributing flyers informing residents of upcoming infrastructure projects. Discussed past town hall meetings at Fresno High and upcoming events. Announced she had thrown the "best" first pitch of all her Council colleagues at the Fresno Grizzlies first home game of the season at Chuckchansi Park. Wished Vice President Arias a happy birthday.

Councilmember Maxwell Reports and Comments: Discussed the success of the first District 4 SpringFest event and acknowledged all involved in organizing the event. Announced distribution of free books through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library had begun and enrollment was still open. Congratulated Chief Casto for a successful Chief's Gala.

Councilmember Vang Reports and Comments: Thanked the Mayor's Office, City Manager's Office, City Clerk's Office, Adrienne Kinney and Marisol Sanchez for all the support and guidance which made for a smooth transition into the offices of Council District 5.

Councilmember Esparza Reports and Comments: Welcomed Councilmember Vang to the dais. Discussed recent Town Hall Meetings in District 7 regarding the upcoming budget and district projects. Reported

throwing a "wild" pitch during the first Fresno Grizzlies home game of the season. Attended the grand opening ceremony of the Laotian American Community of Fresno's new office which benefited from Measure "P" grant funding. Participated in the Clean California Community Day in which trees were planted and litter removed in the Hidalgo Elementary School neighborhood and the community garden at Romain Park was restored. Discussed a Neighborhood Watch meeting held in the Fresno and Shields area.

Councilmember Richardson Reports and Comments: Welcomed and congratulated Councilmember Vang. Reported staff had visited every senior living facility in District 6 to keep residents connected with their representatives. Wished a happy 100th Birthday to Donna from Fresno Senior Living. Attended the Willy Wonka production at Copper Hills Elementary and congratulated the students on their performance. Announced the first Fresno FitFest at Todd Beamer Park, a free event focusing on mental, physical, emotional and financial fitness.

Vice President Arias Reports and Comments: Reported on four recent District 3 neighborhood meetings to provide updates on district projects and gather input related to the upcoming budget hearings. Highlighted the upcoming vendor education workshops to be held ahead of the changes to mobile food vendor regulations that take effect in June. Welcomed Councilmember Vang to the dais.

Council President Karbassi Reports and Comments: Discussed ADA and soft-fall surfacing at the Logan Park playground, improvements at Orchid Park, and field lights at Koligian Park. Acknowledged Public Works and Capital Projects staff for repaving and improving roads including portions of Alluvial Avenue, and upcoming work on Herndon and Blackstone Avenues. Recognized District 2 staff for delivering top notch constituent services to residents. Congratulated Fresno County Supervisors for passing a Copper Wire Ordinance to address copper wire theft.

MAYOR/MANAGER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mayor Dyer Reports and Comments: Reported throwing a decent pitch at the Fresno Grizzlies home opener baseball game. Attended the Police

Chief's Gala to support the Fresno Police Chief's Foundation. Participated in the recent Fire Awards Ceremony. Reported on the demolition of a building in Chinatown to make way for a 35 unit affordable housing project. Announced the groundbreaking of the City's first cricket pitches at Jaswant Singh Khalsa Park, and the Regional Sports Complex. Recognized the Expressry Deli and Market by Community Hospital for its incredible food and big city feel. Reported on the dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Dan Martin Stadium at Fresno Pacific University. Announced his participation in an upcoming Fireside Chat hosted by the Fresno Economic Development Corporation.

City Manager White Reports and Comments: Welcomed Councilmember Vang and looked forward to working with him.

1. SCHEDULED COUNCIL HEARINGS AND MATTERS

10:00 A.M.

[ID 25-456](#) Appearance by Therese Gulesserian regarding "Parking along Liberty Hill and Saybrook" (District 6 Resident)

During approval of the agenda, City Clerk Stermer announced the speaker withdrew her request to speak.

REMOVED

10:03 A.M.

[ID 25-477](#) Appearance by Jesse Nieves regarding "The Southeast Development Area Plan and concerns about existing infrastructure costs" (District 6 Resident)

APPEARED

10:06 A.M.

[ID 25-489](#) Appearance by Erika Leonard regarding "Concerns about the Southeast Development Area plan" (District 1 Resident)

APPEARED

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon call, for public comment on all Consent, Contested Consent and

Closed Session items, the following members of the public addressed Council: Ruben (2-O), Whitney Sandersien (2-O), Ari C (2-O), Dez Martinez (2-D), and Cindy Pimpino (2-O).

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Vice President Arias, seconded by Councilmember Esparza, the CONSENT CALENDAR was hereby approved by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Karbassi, Arias, Perea, Maxwell, Vang, Richardson and Esparza

- 2.-A.** [ID 25-481](#) Approval of the minutes for March 27, 2025

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-B.** [ID 25-429](#) Approve the Fourth Amendment to the Consultant Services Agreement with Carollo Engineers, Inc. of Fresno, California, to increase the total contract by an amount not to exceed \$637,228, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$3,801,877, with a remaining contingency amount not to exceed \$374,000, all of which to be paid on a time and materials basis, and to extend the term of the agreement to December 31, 2027, for the Downtown Area Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements Study. (Council District 3)

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-C.** [ID 25-424](#) Actions pertaining to Milburn Overlook Redesign and Construction Project (Bid File No. 12501391) (Council District 2):
1. Adopt a finding of Categorical Exemption per staff's determination, pursuant to Section 15301/ Class 1 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Environmental Assessment No. PC00219, for the Milburn Overlook Redesign and Construction Project;
 2. ***RESOLUTION - Adopting the 46th Amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution No. 2024-122 appropriating \$89,000.00 for the Milburn Overlook Redesign and Construction Project. (Requires 5 Affirmative Votes) (Subject to Mayor's Veto);
 3. Award a construction contract in the amount of \$1,262,759.15 for the base bid plus all two (2) Add Alternates to Truxell & Valentino Landscape Development, Inc., of Fresno, California, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the Milburn Overlook Redesign and Construction Project.

RESOLUTION 2025-88 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-D. [ID 25-428](#) Approve the First Amendment to the Consultant Services Agreement with Michael K. Nunley & Associates, Inc., to increase the total contract by an amount not to exceed \$96,026, paid on a time and materials basis for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$466,501, with a contingency amount not to exceed \$55,570, for the Reclamation Well Pipeline and Associated Site Improvements Project. (Council District 3)

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-F. [ID 25-433](#) Approve the First Amendment to Utility Agreement No. PW00763-2 with Pacific Gas & Electric Company, increasing the original agreement amount from \$93,542 to a total of \$195,758, for the design and adjustment of Pacific Gas & Electric Company electrical facilities needed to complete construction of the proposed Midtown Fresno Trail: McKinley Avenue Gap Closure Project, Millbrook Avenue to Clovis Avenue. (Council Districts 4 and 7)

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-G. [ID 25-434](#) Actions pertaining to the North Blackstone Avenue Roadway Improvements from Minarets Avenue to Nees Avenue Project (Bid File No. 12500516): (Council Districts 2 and 6)
1. Adopt Environmental Assessment No. PW00929, dated June 5, 2024, a determination that the proposed project qualifies for Categorical Exemption pursuant to Sections 15301/Class 1, 15303/Class 3, and 15304/Class 4 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines;
 2. Approve the Second Amendment to the Consultant Services Agreement with Provost and Pritchard Engineering Group, Incorporated, of Fresno, California in the amount of \$8,432, for a total increased contract amount of \$137,598, with \$384 in remaining contingency;
 3. Award a construction contract in the amount of \$2,732,629 to Yarbs Grading and Paving Incorporated, of Fowler, California.

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-I. [ID 25-404](#) ***RESOLUTION - Adopting the 44th amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution No. 2024-122 to appropriate \$765,500 to the FY 2025 Fire Department budget for out of county responses under the California Firefighters Assistance Agreement (Requires 5 Affirmative Votes) (Subject to Mayor's Veto).

RESOLUTION 2025-91 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-J. [ID 25-469](#) Approve the award of a citywide requirements contract to Universal Protection Services, LP dba Allied Universal Services of Fresno, California for one year with four optional one-year extensions for security services in an amount not to exceed \$3,350,000 per year plus annual CPI and minimum wage increases (Bid File 9686)

TABLED TO APRIL 24, 2025

- 2.-K. [ID 25-473](#) Actions pertaining to the lease of city-owned agricultural land at the Fresno-Clovis Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility (Bid File #101824DN) (District 3):
1. Adopt a finding of Categorical Exemption per staff determination pursuant to Sections 15301/Class 1 and 15304/Class 4 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines
 2. Approve a Lease Agreement between the City of Fresno and James F. Cook in the amount of \$243,200 annually for lease of approximately 400 acres of City-owned agricultural land at the Fresno-Clovis Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility (RWRF) for an initial term through December 31, 2028, plus one optional four-year extension; and authorize the Director of General Services or designee to execute the Lease Agreement and subsequent extensions on the City's behalf

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-L. [ID 25-468](#) ***RESOLUTION - Adopting the 48th Amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution No. 2024-122 to appropriate a \$10,000 reimbursement from the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) for costs associated with the 2024 summer season cooling center operations (Requires 5 Affirmative Votes) (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

RESOLUTION 2025-92 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-M. [ID 25-387](#) ***RESOLUTION - Adopt the Fifteenth Amendment to the FY 2025 Salary Resolution No. 2024-120, amending Exhibit 14, Management Classes (CFMEA), by modifying the salary step plan range for the Building Services Manager classification, effective April 21, 2025 (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

RESOLUTION 2025-93 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-N. [ID 25-430](#) ***RESOLUTION - Adopt the Sixteenth Amendment to the FY 2025 Salary Resolution No. 2024-120, amending Exhibit 13-1, Unit 13, Exempt

Supervisory and Professional (CFPEA) by adding the new classification of Trolley Supervisor and providing a monthly salary step plan range, effective April 21, 2025; and amending Exhibit 14, Management Classes (CFMEA), by adding the new classification of Trolley Manager and providing a monthly salary step plan range, effective April 21, 2025 (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

RESOLUTION 2025-94 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-P. [ID 25-466](#) Approve a consultant services agreement with BSK Associates for an annual amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 per year for two years with three single year optional extensions, plus annual Consumer Price Index adjustments, to provide testing services for potable and non-potable water analysis; and authorize the Director of Public Utilities, or designee, to sign the Agreement on behalf of the City (Bid File 12501235). (Citywide)

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-Q. [ID 25-425](#) RESOLUTION - Approving the Final Map of Tract No. 6211, and accepting dedicated public uses offered therein except for dedications offered subject to City acceptance of developer installed required improvements - located on the west side of North Millbrook Ave. south of East Nees Ave. (Council District 6)

RESOLUTION 2025-95 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-R. [ID 25-436](#) RESOLUTION - Of Intention to Annex Final Tract Map Number 6414 as Annexation Number 153 to the City of Fresno Community Facilities District Number 11 and to Authorize the Levy of Special Taxes; and setting the public hearing for Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 9:10 am (Located on the northwest corner of West Dakota Avenue and North Hayes Avenue). (Council District 1)

RESOLUTION 2025-96 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-S. [ID 25-438](#) Actions pertaining to the summary vacation of a portion of a public street easement on North Fresno Street, south of East McKenzie Street (Council District 3)
1. Adopt a finding of Categorical Exemption per staff determination, pursuant to Section 15332/Class 32 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Environmental Assessment Number P24-02896
 2. RESOLUTION - Approving the summary vacation of a portion of a

public street easement on North Fresno Street, south of East McKenzie Street

TABLED TO MAY 1, 2025

- 2.-T. [ID 25-457](#) Approve Amendment No.1 to Measure C Cooperative Project Agreement for the Peach Avenue - State Route 180 to McKinley Avenue project (Urban project, I-4), in the amount of \$4,151,000 with the Fresno County Transportation Authority; and authorize the Public Works Director or designee to execute the amendment on behalf of the City. (Council District 7)

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-V. [ID 25-516](#) ***RESOLUTION - Adopting the 50th Amendment to the Annual Appropriations Resolution (AAR) No. 2024-122 reallocating \$195,000 from the Public Works Department to the City Council Department (Requires 5 Affirmative Votes) (Subject to Mayor's Veto)

During approval of the Consent Calendar, Council President Karbassi and Councilmember Richardson each reregistered a NO vote for the above item. As such, this item was approved 5-2 by the following vote:

*Aye: 5 – Perea, Arias, Maxwell, Vang, Esparza
No: 2 – Karbassi, Richardson*

RESOLUTION 2025-98 ADOPTED

APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

CONTESTED CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.-E. [ID 25-432](#) Actions pertaining to the South Cedar Avenue Complete Streets Project (Bid File No. 12500348) on South Cedar Avenue from East Jensen Bypass to East Church Avenue (Council District 5, County Supervisorial District 3):
1. Adopt Environmental Assessment No. PW00928, dated June 4, 2024, a determination that the proposed project qualifies for categorical exemption as set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15301/Class1 and Section 15302/Class2;
 2. Award a construction contract in the amount of \$1,748,236 to Cal Valley Construction, Inc. of Fresno, CA, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the South Cedar Avenue Complete Streets Project (Bid File No. 12500348).

Vice President Arias and Councilmember Vang moved the above item to Contested Consent to discuss the infrastructure improvement project located south of Cedar.

Council discussion included: the anticipated summer 2025 construction start date; the fall 2025 expected completion date; potential traffic disruptions around Calwa Elementary School, and; traffic control measures to minimize disruption.

On motion of Councilmember Vang, seconded by Vice President Arias, that the above Action Item be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Karbassi, Arias, Perea, Maxwell, Vang, Richardson and Esparza

- 2.-H.** [ID 25-431](#) Actions pertaining to the new 911 Emergency Call Center Project (Bid File No. 12500493) (Council District 3):
1. Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration as prepared for Environmental Assessment No. P23-04199 (SCH 2024080018) dated December 2, 2024, for the proposed project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines;
 2. RESOLUTION - Declaring the official intent to use proceeds of future indebtedness to reimburse the City for certain expenditures related to the construction of the new 911 Emergency Call Center (Requires 5 Affirmative Votes);
 3. ***RESOLUTION - Adopt the 47th Amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution No. 2024-122 appropriating \$7,664,800.00 for the 911 Emergency Call Center construction contract (Requires 5 Affirmative Votes) (Subject to Mayor's Veto);
 4. Award a construction contract in the amount of \$12,936,795.00 for the Base Bid plus one (1) Add Alternate to Solpac Construction, Inc. dba Soltek Pacific Construction Company of San Diego, California, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the 911 Emergency Call Center Project.

Vice President Arias moved the above item to Contested Consent to discuss the construction schedule for the new 911 call center.

Council discussion included: dependence of the project on third-party underground work; the \$75,000 adjustment tied to local business preference policies in the bidding process; the contractor for Fire Station 12 and assurances that separate crews would manage both projects to avoid

delays, and; the significance of the new 911 call center.

RESOLUTION 2025-89 ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2025-90 ADOPTED

On motion of Vice President Arias, seconded by Councilmember Maxwell, that the above Action Item be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Karbassi, Arias, Perea, Maxwell, Vang, Richardson and Esparza

- 2.-O.** [ID 25-349](#) Approve the renewal of the Fresno Police Department Annual Military Equipment Use Report as originally required by Assembly Bill 481, codified under Government Codes 7070-7075.

Vice President Arias moved the above item to Contested Consent for clarification on transparency and legality of public meetings related to military equipment legislation.

Council discussion included: public meeting requirements under Assembly Bill 481; equipment utilization data; the decommissioning process for non-consumer grade equipment; drone use; encouraging public input; officer wellness and training investments, and; the need for certain equipment when officers face elevated threats by criminals with military grade weapons.

Vice President Arias requested a public memo detailing annual utilization rates of all equipment listed in the inventory.

APPROVED

On motion of Vice President Arias, seconded by Councilmember Esparza, that the above Action Item be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Karbassi, Perea, Maxwell, Vang, Richardson and Esparza

Absent: 1 - Arias

- 2.-W.** [ID 25-517](#) Bill - (For Introduction) Amending Section 7-1101 of the Fresno Municipal Code, relating to business license - exemptions for honorably discharged or honorably relieved veterans and active duty or reservist military

personnel

Councilmember Richardson moved the above item to Contested Consent to discuss supporting veterans transitioning back into the community by helping them become entrepreneurs and business owners.

Council discussion included: the City of Clovis model for supporting veteran-owned businesses; the need for research to ensure correct implementation of the initiative; collaboration with the City Manager's Office and local businesses to gather additional information; the need for an additional time to gather information.

TABLED TO MAY 15, 2025

On motion of Councilmember Richardson, seconded by Councilmember Esparza, that the above Action Item be TABLED to the May 15, 2025, council meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Karbassi, Arias, Perea, Maxwell, Vang, Richardson and Esparza

3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

- 3.-A.** [ID 25-474](#) RESOLUTION - Approve three (3) street corridors for thirty percent (30%) preliminary conceptual design as part of the Active Transportation Plan Update currently being developed. (Citywide)

The above item was presented to Council by Chief Engineering Technician Aguilar. Upon call, no members of the public addressed Council.

There was no council discussion.

RESOLUTION 2025-99 ADOPTED

On motion of Council President Karbassi, seconded by Councilmember Esparza, that the above Action Item be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Karbassi, Perea, Maxwell, Vang and Esparza

No: 1 - Arias

Absent: 1 - Richardson

UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATION

Upon call, the following people addressed Council with unscheduled communication: Diana Vero, Wickey Twohands, and Dez Martinez.

4. CITY COUNCIL

- 4.-A.** [ID 25-508](#) Actions pertaining to regulating the possession of, Commercial Scrap Metal.
1. Adopt a finding that the Ordinance to add Article 36 to Chapter 9 of the Fresno Municipal Code is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the common sense exemption set forth in section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this action will have a significant effect on the environment.
 2. BILL (for Introduction) adding Article 36 to Chapter 9 of the Fresno Municipal Code, relating to Commercial Scrap Metal.

Council discussion included: Copper wire theft as a major public issue. Economic & safety impact city-county partnership. Legal enforcement & prosecution concerns. Ordinance capabilities. Budget planning & resource allocation. Demand for accountability. Upon call, no members of the public addressed Council.

BILL B-10 INTRODUCED AND LAID OVER

On motion of Councilmember Maxwell, seconded by Councilmember Perea, that the above Action Item be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Karbassi, Arias, Perea, Maxwell, Vang and Esparza

Absent: 1 - Richardson

- 2.-U.** [ID 25-505](#) RESOLUTION - A Resolution of the Council of the City of Fresno, California, Urging the California Board of Parole Hearings to Deny Parole for Rudolph Martin Acosta (CDCR # H50445)

During approval of the agenda, City Clerk Stermer announced the above item had been moved from the Consent Calendar to the City Council section of the agenda at the request of Councilmember Perea.

Council discussion included: the crimes and victims of Rudolph Martin

Acosta; recognition of survivor voices; characterization of the crimes; calls for justice and accountability; recognition of upcoming community action efforts, and; gratitude and recognition for survivor bravery.

Upon call, no members of the public addressed Council.

RESOLUTION 2025-97 ADOPTED

On motion of Councilmember Perea, seconded by Vice President Arias, that the above Action Item be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Karbassi, Arias, Perea, Maxwell, Vang and Esparza

Absent: 1 - Richardson

5. CLOSED SESSION

During open session, City Attorney Janz announced each of the items that would be discussed in closed session.

Council withdrew to closed session at 2:33 P.M.

5.-A. [ID 25-355](#)

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); 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. Unrepresented Employees in Unit 2 (Non-Represented Management and Confidential Classes): Airport Public Safety Manager, Assistant City Attorney, Assistant City Manager, Assistant Controller, Assistant Director, Assistant Director of Personnel Services, Assistant Director of Public Utilities, Assistant Director of Public Works, Assistant Police Chief, Assistant Retirement Administrator, Background Investigator, Budget Analyst, Budget Manager, Chief Assistant City Attorney, Chief Information Officer, Chief Labor Negotiator, Chief of Staff to Councilmember, Chief of Staff to the Mayor,

City Attorney (City Negotiator, Council President Karbassi), City Attorney Investigator, City Clerk (City Negotiator, Council President Karbassi), City Engineer, City Manager (City Negotiator, Mayor Dyer), Community Coordinator, Community Outreach Specialist, Controller, Council Assistant, Deputy City Attorney II, Deputy City Attorney III, Deputy City Manager, Director, Director of Aviation, Director of Development, Director of Personnel Services, Director of Public Utilities, Director of Transportation, Economic Development Coordinator, Economic Development Director, Executive Assistant to Department Director, Executive Assistant to the City Attorney, Executive Assistant to the City Council, Executive Assistant to the City Manager, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, Fire Chief, Governmental Affairs Manager, Human Resources Manager, Independent Reviewer, Internal Auditor, Investment Officer, Management Analyst II, Payroll Accountant, Payroll Manager, Police Chief, Principal Budget Analyst, Principal Internal Auditor, Principal Labor Relations Analyst, Project Liaison/Program Administrator, Public Affairs Officer, Public Works Director, Retirement Administrator, Retirement Benefits Manager, Retirement Office Manager, Senior Budget Analyst, Senior City Attorney Investigator, Senior Deputy City Attorney I, Senior Deputy City Attorney II, Senior Deputy City Attorney III, Senior Human Resources/Risk Analyst, Senior Law Clerk, Supervising Deputy City Attorney, Veterinarian

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

DISCUSSED

5.-B. [ID 25-396](#)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(1)
Gerry Goodman v. City of Fresno, Fresno Superior Court Case No. 22CECG01072

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

DISCUSSED

5.-C. [ID 25-485](#)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(1)
Joshua Spengeman v. City of Fresno, Fresno Superior Court Case No. 22CECG02760.

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

DISCUSSED

5.-D. [ID 25-475](#)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(4)
1 potential case

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

DISCUSSED

ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting adjourned from session at 3:30 P.M.

The above minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the City Council during the April 24, 2025, regular meeting with Councilmember Richardson absent.