

# City of Fresno

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, June 5, 2023

9:00 AM

**Budget Hearings - Commencing on June 5, 2023, the budget  
hearings will be considered one continuous meeting  
Council Chambers (In Person and/or Electronic)**

## City Council

***President - Tyler Maxwell***

***Vice President - Annalisa Perea***

***Councilmembers:***

***Mike Karbassi, Miguel Angel Arias, Luis Chavez,***

***Garry Bredefeld, Nelson Esparza***

***City Manager - Georgeanne A. White***

***City Attorney - Andrew Janz***

***City Clerk - Todd Stermer, CMC***

**Budget Hearings - Commencing on June 6, 2023, the budget hearings will be considered one continuous meeting**

**The City Council met in budget hearing open session in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on the date and time above written.**

9:11 A.M. ROLL CALL

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

*Councilmember Bredefeld led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

### **Approve Agenda**

*City Clerk announced a special meeting was separately noticed to discuss the following items:*

*Open Session item A (ID 23-896) regarding hearing to adopt Resolutions and Ordinance to Annex Territory and Levy a Special Tax regarding City of Fresno Community Facilities District Number 9, Annexation Number 58 (Final Parcel Map Number 2007-41) (Northeast and Southeast corners of East Tulare Avenue and North Clovis Avenue) (Council District 5).*

*Open Session item B (ID 23-940) regarding Resolution - In Support of California Governor Gavin Newsom's \$250 Million Recommendation to Fund Downtown Fresno Infrastructure Projects.*

### **Monday, June 5, 2023 - 9:00 A.M.**

*Council President Maxwell announced public comment would be taken at the beginning of each budget hearing for the departments to be discussed that day. Upon call, the following members of the public addressed Council: Lisa Flores, Debbie Darden, Brandi Nuse-Villegas, and Sam Frank.*

*REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION WAS MADE DURING THE JUNE 5, 2023, BUDGET OVERVIEW:*

*Councilmember Arias requested information on the amount received from Measure P year-to-date, the amount set aside for the Cultural Arts Plan, and the rest of the programs.*

*Councilmember Chavez requested a list of budgeted positions that were filled and not filled and asked the information be filtered by department.*

*Vice President Perea requested a memo regarding the up-to-date list of all incomplete or not completely funded District 1 PARCs projects.*

*Council President Maxwell requested the amount of allocation in Fiscal Year 2024 budget for the city's water conservation rebates in total and what the amount of the allocation is for each program and would also like to know where the allocation is referenced in the budget with the list of specific page numbers and sections.*

*Council President Maxwell requested a reference of the budget page numbers where District 4's pending Department of Public Works projects are listed in the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 budget and a list of the funding amount for the Public Works Streets and Landscape Division projects.*

*Council President Maxwell requested information on all Department of Public Works projects, and if any funding is leftover from Fiscal Year 2023 will be carried over into Fiscal Year 2024.*

*Council President Maxwell requested information regarding the project time frame to begin construction for the following projects, including a list of construction that is anticipated to begin in Fiscal Year 2023 in the following locations: Traffic signal at Fresno and Browning, Traffic Signal at Barstow and Bond, and Traffic signal scramble at Chestnut and Weldon Hawk, and Fresno Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon.*

*Council President Maxwell requested the following information regarding the District 4 bicycle unit: Is the El Dorado Park/Shaw bike unit included in*

*the Fiscal Year 2024 budget? If so, he requested a list of the page reference and funding amount, including how many officers will be dedicated to the El Dorado Park/Shaw bike unit.*

*Council President Maxwell requested information regarding a list of projects anticipated to begin construction in Fiscal Year 2024, the construction cost, and if the project is funded or unfunded.*

[ID 23-782](#)    General Fund Overview

*The above General Fund Overview was presented to Council by Director Fierro.*

*Discussion was held between Council and the administration.*

**REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION WAS MADE DURING THE  
GENERAL FUND BUDGET OVERVIEW:**

*Councilmember Karbassi requested that property taxes and cannabis revenue be shared quarterly with the Budget subcommittee.*

*Councilmember Arias requested information on the Fiscal Year 2023 estimate and the year-to-date actuals for cannabis receipts.*

*Councilmember Arias requested the comparison of actual property taxes receipts from April 2023 to a year ago.*

[ID 23-783](#)    General Services Department

*The above General Services Overview was presented to Council by Director Barr.*

*Discussion was held between Council and the administration.*

**REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION WAS MADE DURING THE  
GENERAL SERVICES BUDGET OVERVIEW:**

*Councilmember Arias requested information on how many new vehicles are being funded in the Fiscal Year 2024 budget, and would like the information*

*by department, how many are new, and which vehicles are associated with past purchases.*

*Councilmember Arias requested the percentage of new purchases/vehicles that are EVs.*

*Councilmember Arias requested additional information on the electric update and asked if any of the upgrades facilitate the transition to electrification.*

*Councilmember Arias requested additional options for alternative financing for electrical updates apart from ARPA funding.*

[ID 23-784](#) Information Services Department

*The above Information Services Department overview was presented to Council by Director Horn.*

*Discussion was held between Council and the administration and there were no motions or directions made at this time.*

[ID 23-785](#) Finance Department

*The above Finance Department Overview was presented to Council by Director Danisi.*

*Discussion was held between Council and the administration.*

**REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION WAS MADE DURING THE  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT BUDGET OVERVIEW:**

*Councilmember Arias requested the following information regarding Bitwise: Where has their past revenue been reflected over the past few years, and where is it in the proposed budget.*

*Councilmember Arias requested confirmation that the bonding would be an appropriate use to fund telecommunication infrastructure for public safety.*

*Councilmember Arias requested a list of public facilities that have been*

*bonded against and the amounts.*

*Councilmember Arias requested an audit of cannabis companies to ensure tax revenue is accounted for and asked to exercise the right to perform its audit by the City.*

*Councilmember Arias requested staff to confirm when "no neighborhood left behind" bonds were paid off.*

*Councilmember Esparza requested information on the budget account for the outgoing revenue for Fresno Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD).*

*Councilmember Esparza requested what amount of General Fund is going towards debt service.*

*Councilmember Esparza requested a memo informing if the City has the collateral capacity to enter into \$1 billion worth of bond(s) to address public works deferred maintenance and the resulting debt service requirement from said bond(s).*

*Vice President Perea requested Finance to work with Tower District mobile vendors and work towards compliance.*

[ID 23-786](#) Budget & Management Studies Department

*The above Budget & Management Studies Department Overview was presented to Council by Director Fierro.*

*Discussion was held between Council and the administration.*

**REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION WAS MADE DURING THE  
BUDGET & MANAGEMENT STUDIES DEPARTMENT BUDGET  
OVERVIEW:**

*Councilmember Arias requested staff provide details on the error for Measure P revenues.*

[ID 23-787](#) Airport Department

*The above Airport Department Overview was presented to Council by Director Thompson.*

*Discussion was held between Council and the administration.*

**REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION WAS MADE DURING THE AIRPORT DEPARTMENT BUDGET OVERVIEW:**

*Council President Maxwell requested information on the average for federal grants every year for noise abatement, how many households it allows Airports to assist per fiscal year, and how many it has served so far.*

*Council President Maxwell requested the following information regarding noise abatement: Who does the city contract with, what is the system used to administer, was it a competitive bid, when was the last time Airports bid out that service, the terms of the contract, the terms of eligibility for residents, and specification on the noise mitigation measures provided to homes.*

**THE FOLLOWING MOTION WAS MADE DURING BUDGET OVERVIEW:**

*Council President Maxwell motioned to allocate \$500,000 toward the noise mitigation project. Councilmember Esparza seconded the motion.*

## **Adjournment**

*City Council recessed the June 5, 2023 Budget Hearings at 2:50 P.M. The next Budget Hearings is scheduled for Tuesday, June 6, 2023.*

**The above minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the City Council during the June 15, 2023, regular meeting.**