

# City of Fresno

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

9:00 AM

**Budget Hearings Continued From June 6, 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***

City Council resumed the budget hearings in open session in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on the date and time above written.

9:06 A.M. ROLL CALL

*Councilmember Bredefeld led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**Present:** 6 - Councilmember Nelson Esparza  
Vice President Annalisa Perea  
Councilmember Mike Karbassi  
Councilmember Miguel Angel Arias  
Councilmember Luis Chavez  
Councilmember Garry Bredefeld

**Absent:** 1 - Council President Tyler Maxwell

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

*Councilmember Bredefeld led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

## **TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023 - 9:00 A.M. (CONTINUED BUDGET HEARING)**

[ID 23-792](#) Public Works Department

*The above Public Works Department budget overview was continued from June 6, 2023 and presented to Council by Director Mozier.*

*Discussion was held between Council and the administration.*

**REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION WAS MADE DURING THE PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET OVERVIEW:**

*Councilmember Arias requested staff provide a cost estimate for road Paving for the areas Between (Fruit, Kearney Blvd, A St., California).*

*Councilmember Arias requested staff provide a cost estimate for Shields & Valentine intersection for traffic signal installation and road paving.*

*Councilmember Karbassi requested a cost estimate to add protective left-turn phasing to north/south traffic at Shaw and Feland Avenues.*

*Councilmember Arias requested information on the last three years what is the General Fund commitment to Department Public Works that excludes earned income from fees, SGF, Measure C, and council infrastructure.*

*Councilmember Arias requested a complete list of solar projects completed, coming online, and when anticipated to be operational as well as the ones that have yet to put out.*

*Councilmember Arias requested cost of historic lamp posts to be put back up.*

*Councilmember Karbassi requested information regarding the cost to equip each inspector in Public Works Department with iPads/tablets.*

*Councilmember Karbassi requested information regarding security gate around employee parking lot: cost estimate of a phase plan over the next couple of years.*

*Councilmember Chavez requested information on the amount of reassessment for District 5, and the last time they were done.*

*Vice President Perea requested information regarding alley gate program and what is the cost to install one alley gate on each side.*

*Vice President Perea requested a memo on what it would take to bring those in house for Tower District street lights.*

*Vice President Perea requested a memo to get the cost estimate for textured stamped paving for the Fresno High Area (on Echo Ave between McKinley Ave and Weldon Ave) and other methods of traffic calming.*

*Councilmember Chavez requested information regarding Measure C carryover and how much of that Measure C was carryover from previous year by subcategory.*

**THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS WERE MADE DURING BUDGET HEARINGS:**

*Councilmember Chavez motioned to make Tulare, Belmont, Sunnyside, and Fowler priority for paving. Councilmember Esparza seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Chavez motioned to include California, Butler, Hazelwood, and Orange in the rebuild Fresno 2.0 initiative. Councilmember Esparza seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Bredefeld motioned to fund \$3 million in infrastructure projects in District 6. (\$2.1 million for repaving of Herndon-Cedar/Sierra Millbrook, \$425,000 repaving First Street between Herndon and Sierra, \$150,000 repaving Sierra between Fresno and Fwy 41, \$150,000 repaving Thesta between Escalon and Bullard, 17 sidewalk, curb and gutter projects \$169,500). Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Esparza motioned to fund the construction of a roundabout on Wishon and Fountain for \$260,000. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Esparza motioned to fund the installation of street lighting at the intersection of Willow Ave. and Tulare Ave. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Esparza motioned to fund the installation of an in-pavement lighted crosswalk at all intersections of Rowell Elementary School. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Esparza motioned to fund the paving of streets at Tulare/5th, Tulare/6th, Tulare/7th. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Esparza motioned to fund the paving of the Home-First-Pine-Millbrook neighborhood. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Esparza motioned to fund the paving of the Chestnut-Tulare-McKenzie-Winery neighborhood. Councilmember Chavez*

*seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Esparza motioned to fund the installation of street lighting on Tulare Ave between Chestnut Avenue and Peach Avenue.*

*Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Esparza motioned to fund the paving of the Winery-Tulare-Willow-McKenzie neighborhood. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Esparza motioned to fund the paving of Peach Avenue from Olive to McKinley. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Esparza motioned to fund street lighting along Washington Avenue and 4th Street near the cross streets of First Street and Belmont. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Karbassi motioned to allocate \$550,000 for roadwork on Weber Ave to Camp Pashayan in Council District 2. Vice President Perea seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Karbassi motioned to allocate \$500,000 for intersection upgrades at Barstow and Grantland. Councilmember Esparza seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Karbassi motioned to allocate \$150,000 for a memorial for victims of traffic fatalities. Vice President Perea seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Karbassi motioned to allocate \$210,000 for roadwork on Van Ness in Council District 2. Councilmember Arias seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Karbassi motioned to allocate \$855,000 for mill & pave, slurry seal for the neighborhood Herndon-Alluvial, Van Ness to West. Vice President Perea seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Karbassi motioned to allocate \$50,000 for the installation of irrigation infrastructure at vacant lot between Barstow and Bryan (lot not*

*covered by neighborhood's CFD). Vice President Perea seconded the motion.*

*Vice President Perea motioned for \$65,000 to close the Gap funding needed to complete the Yale paving project. Councilmember Arias seconded the motion.*

*Vice President Perea motioned to allocate funding to implement recommendations from traffic intersection study for \$500,000. Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.*

*Vice President Perea motioned to allocate funding to pave residential streets at West Brown, between N. Hughes Ave, N. Crystal Ave., and W. Cornell Ave. Councilmember Arias seconded the motion.*

*Vice President Perea motioned to allocate funding to update historical ornamental lights in the Fresno High neighborhood to LED lights. Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.*

*Vice President Perea motioned to Slurry seal Fruit Ave from Clinton to Dakota Ave. Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.*

*Vice President Perea motioned to update landscaping frontage Median Island along West Ave from Shaw to Norwich Ave. Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Arias motioned to fund \$500,000 for Downtown (Fulton Street) and Chinatown (F Street) for overhead string LED lighting. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Arias motioned to allocate \$1.9 Million in funding for road repaving and concrete repair for a residential area in Southwest Fresno bounded by Jensen, Elm, Church, & Kirk. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Arias motioned to allocate \$4.1 million to repave unfunded streets as identified in the memo in response to council direction #8*

*regarding the Tower District area bounded by Weber McKinley, Palm, & Olive. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Arias motioned to allocate \$200,000 from Beautify Fresno budget to provide trash and pressure washing in Chinatown, similar to what is done in Downtown and Tower District. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Arias motioned to allocate \$2.4 Million for the Chinatown area for road repaving and concrete work that is not funded by TCC grant dollars. Vice President Perea seconded the motion.*

### **Wednesday, June 7, 2023 - 9:00 A.M.**

*City Clerk Stermer announced File ID 23-792 - Public Works Department budget was continued from Tuesday, June 6, 2023, budget hearings.*

*Upon call, the following members of the public addressed Council: Alan McCuen, Brandi Nuse-Villegas, Annie McCuen, Alisha Corchado, Pedro Navarro, Emma Sultan, Lisa Flores, Adrian Zarate, Harman Singh, Ashley Rojas, and Tony Quezada.*

*REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION WAS MADE DURING THE JUNE 7, 2023, BUDGET OVERVIEW:*

*Councilmember Arias requested information regarding the total number of citywide positions that were added in Fiscal Year 2019, Fiscal Year 2020, Fiscal Year 2021, Fiscal Year 2022, Fiscal Year 2023, and those being proposed in Fiscal Year 2024.*

*Councilmember Arias requested a list of all capital improvement projects included in Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023 that were not fully funded or went undeveloped.*

*Councilmember Arias requested information on the current vacant position that is currently unfilled to be focused on the Tower District Business Corridor.*

*Councilmember Karbassi requested a breakdown of the \$1,824,900 cost for replacement of the fire alarm panel at MSC (General Services Budget item).*

*Vice President Perea requested a memo to confirm there's a special fund to capture concert profits to make improvements to the Tower Theater.*

*Councilmember Chavez requested information on fine for selling illegal fireworks.*

**THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS WERE MADE DURING BUDGET HEARINGS:**

*Councilmember Chavez motioned to give direction for legal counsel to establish a community service requirement for people caught graffitiing property. Councilmember Esparza seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Chavez motioned to allocate \$100,000 for Community Affairs for immigrant legal defense fund. Vice President Perea seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Chavez motioned to allocate \$75,000 for Centro La Familia. Vice President Perea seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Bredefeld motioned to allocate \$52,500 for 3 Code Enforcement cameras to catch illegal dumping. Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.*

**[ID 23-793](#)    Fire Department**

*The above Fire Department budget overview was presented to Council by Interim Fire Chief Alcorn.*

*Discussion was held between Council and the administration.*

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

*Councilmember Chavez requested the latest heat map.*



*Councilmember Arias requested information on the amount of multilingual response staff and officers within the Fire Department.*

*Councilmember Karbassi requested a memo regarding how much it costs in Overtime to raise daily minimum staffing to 103 and what other options are there to get to 103.*

**THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS WERE MADE DURING BUDGET HEARINGS:**

*Councilmember Karbassi motioned to allocate \$160,000 to equip all fire staff with ballistic vests and helmets. Vice President Perea seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Karbassi motioned to allocate \$100,000 for any improvement necessary to sustain four fire fighters at a time at Station 2. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.*

[ID 23-794](#) Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services (PARCS)

*The above PARCs Department budget overview was presented to Council by Director Aguirre*

*Discussion was held between Council and the administration.*

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

*Councilmember Arias requested the following information from staff regarding Measure P: How much Measure P money has been received in total, what amount has been appropriated, what amount has not been appropriated, and how much interest has been generated from the Measure P deposits.*

*Councilmember Karbassi requested a memo on the cost to resurface the tennis courts at Logan Park exclusively to pickle ball courts.*

*THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS WERE MADE DURING BUDGET HEARINGS:*

*Councilmember Arias motioned to adopt PRAC's recommendation #1 for free entrance for Fresno residents to City parks on National Parks Day and on a second day, yet to be determined. Vice President Perea seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Arias motioned to adopt PRAC's recommendation #6 to allocate \$250,000 to repurpose the softball field at JSK Park, and to repurpose one of the eight soccer fields at the Regional Sports Complex into cricket fields with guidance from Cricket League leaders on the requirements for a field. Vice President Perea seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Arias motioned to allocate \$2 Million for the completion of the construction of Ted C. Wills' green space. Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Arias motioned to allocate \$6 Million construction of San Pablo Park. Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Arias motioned to identify Basin XX as a high-priority, high-needs for the joint use agreement with the Flood Control District to make it a dual-purpose space; green space and water basin, and allocate \$1 Million for the construction phase of Basin XX. Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Arias motioned to allocate \$1 Million for remediation of the contamination of green space located on the south parcel of Maxie Parks Community Center. Vice President Perea seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Chavez motioned to include flood control property near Church as a future park site. Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Chavez motioned to allocate \$300,000 for the Community Garden/Dog Park on 11th and Tulare. Councilmember Esparza seconded*

*the motion.*

*Councilmember Bredefeld motioned to fund \$800,000 in construction costs to finish the Pickleball Facility at Rotary East Park at Sierra and Cedar. This will update the number of courts, add amenities, and meet the ADA accessibility requirements. Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Esparza motioned to fund acquisition of property at First & Clinton for the expansion of Radio Park for \$1 Million. Councilmember Arias seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Esparza motioned to fund the design and construction of new play structure at Lafayette Park for \$350,000. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Esparza motioned to fund the design of a skate park amenity at Manchester Park for \$190,000. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Esparza motioned to fund year round senior activities for \$482,000. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Esparza motioned to fund a city run Play Streets program for a total of \$200,000. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.*

*Vice President Perea motioned to turn to the Mickingley and Weber basin into a dual use park contingent whether it is needed for recharge. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.*

*Vice President Perea motioned to allocate \$9 Million to the design and construction of Quigley Park. Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.*

*Vice President Perea motioned to allocate \$70,000 for multi use court at Lions Park. Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Karbassi motioned to allocate \$50,000 to upgrade the*

*monument sign with lighting and other improvements at Logan Park.  
Councilmember Esparza seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Karbassi motioned to allocate \$150,000 towards a fireworks show to celebrate Diwali in 2023. Event is to be held in Council District 1 or 2. Vice President Perea seconded the motion.*

[ID 23-795](#)    Personnel Services Department

*The above Personal Service Department budget overview was presented to Council by Assistant City Manager Miller.*

*Discussion was held between Council and the administration.*

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

*Councilmember Arias requested information on all settlements over the last 5 years and the breakdown of the liability ISF charge for personnel.*

*Councilmember Arias request staff provide a sample of a bare minimum exam for 911 dispatchers and FAX bus drivers.*

*Councilmember Arias requested staff provide the total numbers of positions in 2019 compared to FY 2024 Proposed Budget.*

[ID 23-796](#)    Convention Center / Stadium

*Councilmember Arias requested information on what is the outstanding debt for Convention Center facilities.*

*Councilmember Arias requested on what bonds are leveraged against the entire Convention Center facilities, including garages.*

*Councilmember Arias requested a memo of differed maintenance on the Seland Arena/Convention Center.*

*Councilmember Arias requested information on when was the last financial audit conducted for the Grizzlies.*

*Councilmember Arias requested information on how much will the organization invest in the stadium, and towards what improvements.*

*Councilmember Arias requested information on the estimated cost for painting of the buildings.*

*Councilmember Karbassi requested information on the vacancy rate at the Convention Center (number of days and evening events are booked vs. not).*

*Councilmember Karbassi requested the vacancy rate at the Save Mart Center (assuming ASM will provide that).*

*Councilmember Karbassi requested a list of deferred maintenance items (and costs, if available).*

*Councilmember Karbassi requested information on what investments are needed to make the Convention Center a state of the art facility given its present limitations (e.g. seating capacity, parking, etc).*

[ID 23-797](#) Department of Public Utilities

*The above Department of Public Utilities budget overview was presented to Council by Director Buche.*

*Discussion was held between Council and the administration.*

**REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION WAS MADE DURING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BUDGET OVERVIEW:**

*Council President Maxwell requested a memo on the number of homes on average that would be able to be served with \$105,000 in Lawn to Garden rebate program funding, information on how the estimate was calculated, the average square footage per home that applies, and qualifies for a Lawn to Garden rebate.*

*Councilmember Arias is requesting a complete list of how the "Beautify Fresno" Program is funded (all sources - Measure P, General Fund, etc.);*

*where the appropriations lie (by line item) and what they fund.*

*Councilmember Arias requested information on the following: 1.) The status of the Northpointe Settlement Agreement, specifically what is the status of the construction of water and sewer infrastructure for Daleville Community (section 3 of agreement). 2.) What is the status of acquiring portions of E. Central Ave. and S. Cherry Ave. (section 8 of agreement) and what is the estimated cost for acquisition. 3.) What is the cost estimate for a signalized intersection with curb ramps and crosswalks at the E. Central Ave. and S. Cherry Ave. intersection (section 4a of agreement). 4.) What is the status of the installation of 'No Idling' signs throughout the AB617 area (section 9 of agreement)*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*City Council recessed the June 7, 2023 Budget Hearings at 6:01 P.M. The budget hearing was scheduled to resume Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.*

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