

City of Fresno

*City Hall Council Chambers
2600 Fresno Street*



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

6:00 PM

Regular Meeting

**City Hall Council Chambers
2600 Fresno Street**

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

6:02 p.m.

Chair Vang made an announcement that the meeting would begin as soon as quorum was met.

Chair Vang called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Also present were Jennifer Clark, Ashley Atkinson, Phillip Siegrist, Israel Trejo, Robert Holt, Kari Camino, Heather Thomas (CAO), and Luis Adrian Gonzalez (DPW).

Present 5 - Chairperson Peter Vang, Commissioner David Criner , Commissioner Kathy Bray, Commissioner Linda Calandra, and Commissioner Gurdeep Singh Shergill

Absent 2 - Commissioner Monica Diaz, and Commissioner Jacqueline G. Lyday

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

6:03 p.m.

III. PROCEDURES

6:04 p.m.

Chair Vang read the procedures aloud.

Commissioner Shergill arrived at 6:05 p.m.

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

6:06 p.m.

Trejo reported no changes to the agenda.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Diaz, and Commissioner Lyday

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

6:06 p.m.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Diaz, and Commissioner Lyday

V-A [ID 25-1045](#) July 16, 2025 Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

VI. REPORTS BY COMMISSIONERS

6:06 p.m.

Commissioner Shergill thanked Fresno Police Chief Mindy Casto, and the Fresno Police Department for keeping local businesses safe. He also inquired when the West Area Neighborhood Specific Plan would be presented to Planning Commission. Director Clark stated it would be coming before them for consideration in September.

VII. CONTINUED MATTERS

N/A

VIII. NEW MATTERS

VIII-A [ID 25-1007](#) Consideration of Annexation Application No. P24-04526; Pre-zone Application No. P24-04527; Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 6502; Planned Development Permit Application No. P25-00027; and related *E n v i r o n m e n t a l A s s e s s m e n t N o .* T-6502/P24-04526/P24-04527/P25-00027 for approximately 39.51 acres of property located on the north side of East McKinley Avenue, between North Temperance and North De Wolf Avenues (Council District 7) - Planning and Development Department.

1. **RECOMMEND ADOPTION** (to the City Council) of the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for Environmental Assessment No. T-6502/P24-04526/P24-04527/P25-00027 dated July 16, 2025, for the proposed project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.
2. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** (to the City Council) of Annexation Application No. P24-04526 (for the McKinley-Temperance No. 1b Reorganization) proposing detachment from the Kings River Conservation District and Fresno County Fire Protection District and annexation to the City of Fresno.
3. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** (to the City Council) of Pre-zone Application No. P24-04527 proposing to pre-zone approximately 23.56 acres of the subject property from the Fresno County AE-20 (*Exclusive Agricultural*) zone district to the City of Fresno RS-4 (*Single-Family Residential, Medium Low Density*) zone district; and approximately 15.50 acres of the subject property from the Fresno County AE-20 (*Exclusive Agricultural*) zone district to the City of Fresno OS (*Open Space*) zone district.
4. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** (to the City Council) of Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 6502 proposing to subdivide approximately 23.56 acres of property into a 119-lot single-family residential development, subject to compliance with the Conditions of Approval dated August 6, 2025, and contingent upon approval of Annexation Application No. P24-04526, Pre-zone Application No. P24-04527 and the related environmental assessment.
5. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** (to the City Council) of Planned Development Permit Application No. P25-00027 proposing to modify the RS-4 zone district development standards, for 28 of the proposed lots, to allow for gated private streets; a reduction in the minimum lot size, width, and depth; a reduction in the minimum garage, street side yard, and rear yard setbacks; and, an increase in the maximum lot coverage requirement, subject to

compliance with the Conditions of Approval dated August 6, 2025, and contingent upon approval of Annexation Application No. P24-04526, Pre-zone Application No. P24-04527, Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 6502 and the related environmental assessment.

6:08 p.m.

Holt made a presentation on the project including the general location, land use, zoning, proposed Tract Map, public outreach, opposition received, and Staff's recommendation.

Brandon De Young (Applicant) thanked Staff for their hard work. He gave a brief overview of the new development including a variety of lot sizes and floor plans available, options and different levels of affordability, and the new neighborhood park and trail available to all residents.

Commissioners asked about affordable housing and if the houses would be energy efficient. In response, De Young stated the houses would be market-value, high quality homes, and would be considered smart, and energy efficient.

Public Comment:

No public comment was given.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Diaz, and Commissioner Lyday

VIII-B [ID 25-1055](#) Workshop: New State Legislation Affecting CEQA

6:23 p.m.

Trejo gave a brief update on Assembly Bill 130. He spoke of Statutory Exemptions, including elements such as the size of a project site, if the project is consistent with General Plan and zoning requirements, Tribal consultation, and that a Phase I Environmental Assessment will be required for all projects.

He went on to give an update on Senate Bill 131. He explained how a "Near Miss" exemption allows for a streamlined California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review of housing projects which miss qualifying for a statutory or categorical exemption by a single condition. He went on to explain what types of projects the "Near Miss" exemption does not apply to, such as housing projects not "similar in kind", projects which do not meet two or more conditions, and any projects located on protected lands.

Siegrist concluded the presentation by giving examples of projects that are statutorily exempt, such as Day Care centers, Non-Profit Food Banks, Food Pantries, and Advanced Manufacturing facilities when located in an industrial zone, and Federally Qualified Health Centers.

Commissioners thanked Staff for the update.

IX. REPORT BY SECRETARY

6:43 p.m.

Director Clark reminded the Commissioners that the West Area Specific Plan is available for review on the City of Fresno website, and will be brought before the Commission in September. She encouraged the Commissioners to read and familiarize themselves with the upcoming Specific Plans.

X. SCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

N/A

XI. UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

6:44 p.m.

None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Vang adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.