

City of Fresno

*City Hall Council Chambers
2600 Fresno Street*



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

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

Chair Vang called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Also present were Jennifer Clark, Ashley Atkinson, Israel Trejo, Brittany Martin, Kari Camino, Jayda Symonds, Heather Thomas (CAO), Darcy Brown (CAO) and Scott Mozier (DPW).

Present 4 - Peter Vang
Kathy Bray
Jacqueline Lyday
Gurdeep Singh Shergill

Absent 3 - David Criner
Monica Diaz
Linda Calandra

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

6:02 p.m.

III. PROCEDURES

6:02 p.m.

Chair Vang Read the procedures aloud.

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

6:03 p.m.

Trejo reported no changes to the Agenda.

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

Aye: 4 - Vang, Bray, Lyday, and Shergill

Absent: 3 - Criner, Diaz, and Calandra

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

6:04 p.m.

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

Aye: 4 - Vang, Bray, Lyday, and Shergill

Absent: 3 - Criner , Diaz, and Calandra

V-A [ID 26-447](#) February 04, 2026 Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

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V-B [ID 26-293](#) February 18, 2026 Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

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VI. REPORTS BY COMMISSIONERS

6:05 p.m.

Commissioner Shergill offered the following announcements: On Saturday, April 18, 2026, the One Fresno Foundation, in collaboration with Keep America Beautiful for America's 250th anniversary celebration, would be hosting a community cleanup event at Jaswan Sankata Park. The State of California was celebrating Vaisakhi. Several school districts, including Clovis Unified and Fresno Unified, had celebrated Vaisakhi with students and staff. A Vaisakhi parade was scheduled for Sunday, April 19, 2026 in Selma at the Selma Gurdwara

VII. CONTINUED MATTERS

6:06

Chair Vang announced the item ID 26-469 would be continued to May 6, 2026.

VII-A [ID 26-469](#) **CONTINUED TO MAY 6, 2026**

Consideration of Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 6540; Planned Development Permit Application No. P25-01629; and related Environmental Assessment No. T-6540/P25-01629 for approximately 26.25 acres of property located on the west side of North Willow Avenue between North Portofino and North Alicante Drives (Council District 6) - Planning and Development Department.

1. Environmental Assessment No. T-6540 dated April 1, 2026, an Addendum to the Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) State Clearinghouse No. 2000021003 for the proposed project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 6540 proposing to subdivide approximately 26.25 acres of property into a 138-lot single-unit residential development, subject to compliance with the Conditions of Approval dated April 1, 2026, and contingent upon approval of Planned Development Permit Application No. P25-01629 and the related environmental assessment.
3. Planned Development Permit Application No. P25-01629 proposing to modify the RS-4 zone district development standards to allow for reduced front yard setbacks, and reduced lot size, width, and depth, subject to compliance with the Conditions of Approval dated April 1, 2026, and contingent upon approval of Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 6540 and the related environmental assessment.

Sponsors: Planning and Development Department

VIII. NEW MATTERS

VIII-A [ID 26-395](#) Consideration of Street Name Change Application No. P26-00936 changing the name of Cesar Chavez Boulevard to the original street names of California Avenue, Ventura Street, and Kings Canyon Road (Council Districts 3, 5 and 7) - Planning and Development Department.

1. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** (to the City Council) of the Finding of No Possibility of Significant Adverse Effect as prepared for Environmental Assessment No. P26-00936 dated April 15, 2026.
2. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** (to the City Council) of Street Name Change Application No. P26-00936 to restore the original street names California Avenue, Ventura Street, and Kings Canyon Road along a ±6.9-mile street segment that is currently designated as Cesar Chavez Boulevard.

Sponsors: Planning and Development Department

6:06 p.m.

Martin presented street name change application P26-00936, which proposes reverting Cesar Chavez Boulevard to: California Avenue, Ventura Street, and Kings Canyon Road.

On March 23, 2026, The City Council approved Resolution No. 2026-42, citing recent public discourse regarding Cesar Chavez's legacy and expressing the Council's intent that public street names reflect City values. The resolution directed staff to proceed with reverting the street names. The proposed change is consistent with Fresno Municipal Code Section 15.6203, which states that where there are continuations of existing streets, existing street names shall be used. If approved, property owners and tenants along the corridor would be notified by mail prior to implementation. Address numbers and directional's would remain unchanged.

Public notice was published in the Fresno Bee on April 3, 2026. No public comments had been received prior to the hearing.

Vice Chair Bray inquired about the historical age of the street names. Trejo responded that, given the streets' downtown locations, the names likely dated back to the founding of the City of Fresno, approximately 100 years or more, though they are not formally designated as historic under CEQA.

Commissioner Shergill asked whether the original street signs had been saved and whether the City would be spending significant funds on new signage. Trejo confirmed that most, if not all, of the original signs were saved. Commissioner Shergill also raised concerns about community outreach and whether residents and businesses would receive adequate assistance in updating their personal records. Staff confirmed that affected tenants and property owners would be notified by mail if the name change is adopted by Council, and that contact information would be provided.

Public Comment:

Three members of the public spoke in support of the application and two members shared the historical facts of the street names, One member spoke in support of removing the Cesar Chavez Boulevard designation but proposed that the street be renamed after Dolores Huerta rather than reverting to the original names.No members of the public spoke in opposition.

A motion was made by Vice chair Bray to accept staff's recommendation with additional suggestions that the streets be designated as historic as well as that future street name changes undergo more thorough review ;and that Council members' budgets be explored as a funding source to assist businesses and residents who incurred costs from the prior name change. This motion did not receive a second and therefore failed.

Commissioner Shergill raised additional concerns about public involvement and multilingual outreach.Trejo confirmed that the Planning Commission agenda and the Fresno Bee notice contained contact information, and that the public could call 559-621-CITY to be connected to the Planning Department.

On motion of Commissioner Lyday, seconded by Vice Chair Bray, that the above Action Item be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Vang, Bray, Lyday, and Shergill

Absent: 3 - Criner , Diaz, and Calandra

IX. REPORT BY SECRETARY

6:30 p.m.

None

X. SCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

XI. UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Vang adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.