

The City Council met in special session at the hour of 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on the day above written.

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| Present: | Brian Calhoun | Councilmember |
| | Paul Caprioglio | Councilmember |
| | Mike Dages | Councilmember |
| | Jerry Duncan | Councilmember |
| | Henry Perea | Councilmember |
| | Cynthia Sterling | Acting Council President |
| | Blong Xiong | Council President |

Andy Souza, City Manager
 James Sanchez, City Attorney
 Becky Klisch, City Clerk
 Yolanda Salazar, Assistant City Clerk

President Xiong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(‘B’) APPROVE SIDE LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH THE FRESNO POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (FPOA, NON-SUPERVISORY POLICE, UNIT 4), PROVIDING COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS RESULTING FROM AN MOU REOPENER

1. APPROVE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF FRESNO RETIREE HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ARRANGEMENT TO INCLUDE A REVISION TO THE APPENDIX FOR THE POLICE NON-SUPERVISORY UNIT
2. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-224** - 5TH AMENDMENT TO SALARY RES. 2008-165 AMENDING EXHIBIT 4, NON-SUPERVISORY POLICE (FPOA)

City Manager Souza noted this matter was before Council previously and did not get an affirmative vote and added the additional information on the funding had been provided as requested. A motion and second was made to approve staff’s recommendation.

Councilmember Duncan stated he was strongly opposed to this due to the implementation of binding arbitration which he stated would be the first step to an on-going effort to expand that role and take away the responsibilities of Council as elected officials, and urged Council to oppose this and send it back to negotiations to remove the concept of binding arbitration.

Acting President Sterling expressed her support and thanked staff and FPOA for coming together, and spoke briefly to the need to not continue to look at the past and to move forward and work together as a team.

Mr. Souza responded to Councilmember Duncan’s comments stating binding arbitration would be limited to disciplinary matters, the administration was also opposed to binding arbitration that would give up any discretion of this Council, the mayor or the administration, and this binding arbitration would deal only with matters that would ultimately be arbitrated by someone else in the final instance in any matter and further explained, and added he appreciated the concern but checks and balances were in place.

Councilmember Caprioglio stated he shared Councilmember Duncan’s concerns, he felt binding arbitration took negotiation skills away from involved parties, he felt negotiating parties should work together and reach a conclusion without outside help, or interference in some cases, and stated another concern was the budgeting aspect as he was not convinced the projections provided would fulfill the needs of the department adding should that turn out to be the case it would put the matter back into square one.

Councilmember Calhoun stated he opposed this last time because there were only verbal assurances on the funding but the information he wanted was provided in writing as requested and thanked staff, stated there was no reason to not take staff’s word that the dollars are there, and added binding arbitration was not an issue to him as it worked fine in his past service/experience.

Councilmember Dages thanked staff for providing the cost breakdown and upon his request FPOA President Jacky Parks expanded further on binding arbitration and stated his support for it here stating it would only be used for disciplinary matters and was a good thing.

On motion of Councilmember Perea, seconded by Acting President Sterling, duly carried, RESOLVED, the subject Side Letter of Agreement with FPOA and the Amendment to the City of Fresno Retiree Health Reimbursement Arrangement approved, and the above entitled Resolution No. 2008-224 hereby adopted, by the following vote:

Ayes : Calhoun, Dages, Perea, Sterling, Xiong
Noes : Caprioglio, Duncan
Absent : None

The City Council recessed at 8:43 a.m. and convened in joint session with the Redevelopment Agency.

**(‘C’) JOINT MEETING WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A JOINT RESOLUTION TO THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE REGARDING THE PROPOSED STATE BUDGET
1. JOINT COUNCIL/AGENCY RESOLUTION NO. 2008-225/1728 - OPPOSING STATE TAKES OF REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS**

Agency Executive Director Murphey gave an in-depth review of the issue and recommended approval.

Acting President Sterling spoke to the issue and expressed her support for the resolution and made a motion to adopt.

On motion of Acting President/RDA Member Sterling, seconded by Councilmember/RDA Member Dages, duly carried, RESOLVED, the above entitled Joint Council/Agency Resolution No. 2008-225/1728 hereby adopted, by the following vote:

Ayes : Caprioglio, Dages, Duncan, Perea, Sterling, Xiong, Calhoun
Noes : None
Absent : None

The joint meeting was adjourned at 8:52 a.m. and the City Council reconvened in regular session.

(‘A’) ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE DRAFT ‘TEN YEAR PLAN TO END CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS’, AND AUTHORIZE THE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL TO IMPLEMENT, UPDATE, AND AMEND THE PLAN, AS NECESSARY

Chief of Staff White introduced the item and gave an overview of the issue including meetings held and the work/efforts of the leadership council, planning council and work groups, advised the cost benefit analysis data was missing from the draft plan because no responses were received for the study RFQ that was issued, and further advised after city/county approval of the plan the next step will be the re-issuance of the RFQ to conduct the study and then incorporate the data into the plan.

Tom Richards, planning council chair, spoke to the process, the work of the planning council, the plan, the cost benefit analysis and point in time survey, and to the issue of homelessness, and commended and acknowledged planning council members, the consultant, and involved citizens.

Mayor Autry spoke to the background of the issue and the decision made to look at the issue of homelessness differently, to the importance of how a city treats its’ most vulnerable and to how things may have been different for some if this matter had been addressed earlier, stated there now a plan that needed to be moved forward, and acknowledged and thanked everyone involved and introduced guest speaker Mr. Mangano from Washington.

Phillip Mangano, Executive Director of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, stated with approval of this plan Fresno would join a national partnership of 500 communities, spoke in support of the housing first strategy, urged adoption of the plan stating it made common sense, and elaborated on additional related issues including **(2 - 0)** cost studies/cost benefit analysis, findings, needed resources/funding, Washington’s unprecedented allocation of funds these last eight years, Fresno’s receipt of \$25 million over the past five years, and benefits of a ten year plan.

Speaking to the issue were: J.D. McCubbin, who stated the plan was a start, a lot more needed to be done beyond putting people in sheltered housing, and building/zoning/occupancy codes needed to be opened up; Kiel Famellos-Schmidt, planning council member, who spoke to his disappointments with the plan; Jose Luis Barraza, Center for Independent Living, who spoke to the need to consider the homeless that are disabled; Alfonso Williams, homeless, who advised of concerns/offered suggestions; Terance Frazier, support for the plan; “Big Sue”, support for the plan; Preston Prince, Executive Director of the Housing Authority, support for the plan and need for approval to obtain funding; Judy Fletcher, supportive housing program director and member of the Fresno-Madera Continuum of Care; Tom Esqueda, representing Century Builders, support/recommended a re-review of existing planning/ zoning requirements to assist developers who want to be part of the plan; Wanda Bradshaw, transitional housing program director and member of the Continuum of Care, support; Bonnie Rusko, Center for Independent Living and Disabled American Veterans, support; Larry Dyer, program director at the Turning Point Transitional Living Center and member of the Continuum of Care, support; and Chris Rosander, District Director for Congressman Jim Costa, support/commended city and county officials for coming together.

Acting President Sterling stated she was very excited about this and acknowledged and commended the leadership and planning councils for their work, Fresno County for being at the table, Mr. Mangano for his leadership, Mayor Autry and Council for moving forward, staff, and the consultant, and stated this was a working plan and living document and was a start and made a motion to approve staff’s recommendation, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Caprioglio.

Councilmember Calhoun stated there were a lot of thanks to go around but special thanks needed to go to Ms. White for all her work and coordination efforts, spoke to the \$25 million number that was mentioned that came to Fresno stating that was a lot of money into the system and he felt staff needed to look into where those dollars went with a closer look into how they were used, and clarified the system had not been bad or neglectful but he wanted **(3 - 0)** a detailed report from staff on how the \$25 million had been spent as that information had not come across his desk. Councilmember Dages spoke in support of the plan stating it would be a success as it had active, moving parts for the next ten years; stated this issue fell into the same category as “cheaper to educate than incarcerate” and added the plan would help both city and county budgets; and stated he looked forward to supporting this and thanked Mr. Richards and the mayor and his staff for all their time, work and effort. Ms. White responded briefly to questions of Councilmember Perea relative to who the “lead agency” would be, time line for plan implementation, if annual reports will be provided, and the different numbers in accounting of the homeless and what methodology was used. President Xiong thanked everyone involved for their passion and commitment and the Ramsay Group for being the facilitator, stated not everyone will be happy with the plan but there was a greater cost to the community to do nothing, thanked the Continuum of Care for “carrying this load” until the elected policy-makers saw the wisdom of participating, and stated this was a continual process and the city looked forward to working with all the different partners to make sure the plan is effective and continues to address the dynamic changes in our community.

On motion of Acting President Sterling, seconded by Councilmember Caprioglio, duly carried, RESOLVED, the Draft Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness hereby adopted, and the Leadership Council authorized to implement, update, and amend the Plan, as necessary, by the following vote:

Ayes : Calhoun, Caprioglio, Dages, Duncan, Perea, Sterling, Xiong
 Noes : None
 Absent : None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the City Council, the hour of 10:18 a.m. having arrived and hearing no objection, President Xiong declared the meeting adjourned.

Approved on the ___16th___ day of _____September_____, 2008.

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 ATTEST _____/s/_____

Blong Xiong, Council President

Yolanda Salazar, Assistant City Clerk