

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SPECIAL MEETING/BUDGET STUDY SESSION**

**Special Meeting  
6:00 P.M.**

**April 1, 2025  
Council Chambers**

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Mayor Bernal called the Special Meeting to order at 6:01 P.M., and City Clerk Rhodes called the roll.

Present: Council Members District 3 Freitas, District 4 Wilson, Mayor Pro Tem (District 2) Rocha and Mayor Bernal  
Absent: Council Member District 1 Torres-Walker

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Bernal led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BUDGET STUDY SESSION**

**1. FISCAL YEAR 2025-27 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

City Manager Scott introduced the Budget Study Session.

Finance Director Merchant presented the staff report dated April 1, 2025, recommending the City Council provide feedback and direction regarding the budget development information provided for the Fiscal Year 2025-27 Budget.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Buenting thanked staff for facilitating the meeting and assisting in gathering the budget information. Director of Public Works/City Engineer Buenting and Deputy Public Works Director Zepeda gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Public Works Fiscal Year 2025-2027.

Council provided the following feedback on the Public Works Fiscal Year 2025-2027 Budget:

Facilities Maintenance (100-2190) Contracts

- Direction to staff to identify contracts paid for through the General Fund

Street Maintenance (100–2160)

- Direction to staff to explore options for utilizing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems funds (NPDES) as a revenue source for additional street sweeping

Signal/Street Lights (100-2170)

- Direction to staff to investigate re-striping needs for streetlights that do not line up with the travel lane

Landscape Maintenance (100-2196)

- Direction to staff to provide an update on the soundwall painting program

Marina Administration (631-2410)

- Direction to staff to provide an update on reinstating costs for parking at the marina

Street Lighting Landscape Maintenance District Funds

- Councilmember Freitas suggested polling property owners to determine their level of support for an assessment for street lighting and landscaping within their areas/districts
- Direction to staff to provide total general fund expenditures for all landscape zones and districts

SLLMD Maintenance District Administration (257-4580)

- Direction to staff to identify proactive versus reactive tree maintenance work

Channel Maintenance Operations (229-2585)

- Direction to staff to continue discussions with the Fairground Board on state funding opportunities for cleaning the channel

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Fund (229)

- Direction to staff to explore raising the NPDES rate to sustain mandated services

Storm Damage Fund (Fund 261-1250)

- Direction to staff to provide a list of storm damage projects

Capital Improvement Program General Fund Projects

- Direction to staff to provide the status for all the listed projects

RMRA Fund (Fund 209)

- Direction to staff to provide the 5-year list of street projects

Gas Tax (213)

- Direction to staff to provide estimate for undergrounding utilities on “A” Street

Measure J (222)

- Direction to staff to separate neighborhood from City-driven traffic calming improvements

East Lone Tree Specific Plan Benefit District (Fund 270)

- Direction to staff to bring back options to utilize the East Lone Tree Specific Plan Benefit District funds

Kaiser Public facility Benefit District (271)

- Direction to staff to identify future revenue generation opportunities

CFD 2018-02 Public Services Fund (281)

- Direction to staff to explore options to enhance residents’ quality of life

Capital Improvement (311)

- Direction to staff to identify the money available to spend

Mayor Bernal thanked Acting Director of Public Works/City Engineer Buenting for the comprehensive report.

Andrew Becker spoke in support of the City reviewing developer impact fees to adequately address the needs in the community. He suggested a cohesive plan be developed for signage and landscape maintenance and requested an audit of the Water Park.

Kimberly requested an update on signalization projects, separated bike lanes on Lone Tree Way and Amtrak Station improvements. She expressed concern for the lack of maintenance at her neighborhood park.

Council consensus continued the item to the April 8, 2025, Council Special Meeting/Budget Study Session for Council discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Rocha the City Council members present unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Kitty Eiden  
KITTY EIDEN, Minutes Clerk