

City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, June 6, 2019

9:00 AM

Budget Hearing

Council Chambers

City Council

President - Paul Caprioglio

Vice President - Miguel Angel Arias

Councilmembers:

Esmeralda Z. Soria, District 2 - Vacant, Luis Chavez, Garry Bredefeld,

Nelson Esparza

City Manager - Wilma Quan

City Attorney - Douglas T. Sloan

City Clerk - Yvonne Spence, MMC

BUDGET HEARINGS - Commencing on June 3, 2019, the budget hearing will be considered one continuous meeting.

The City Council met in the budget hearing sessions in the Council Chamber, City Hall on the date and time written above.

9:02 A.M. ROLL CALL

Council Vice President Arias was absent during roll call and joined the meeting at 9:03 A.M. Councilmember Bredefeld was absent during roll call and joined the meeting at 9:20 A.M.

Present: 6 - President Paul Caprioglio
Vice President Miguel Angel Arias
Councilmember Esmeralda Z. Soria
Councilmember Luis Chavez
Councilmember Garry Bredefeld
Councilmember Nelson Esparza

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

BUDGET HEARINGS

Thursday, June 6, 2019 - 9:00 A.M.

[ID19-1727](#) Finance Department

Councilmember Esparza announced an amendment to his motion for the Fire department. Councilmember Esparza motioned to add three ranked specific firefighters and three ranked specific Capitan Safety Officers. Councilmember Chavez seconded the amendment to the motion.

Budget Manager Fierro presented an overview of the Finance Department for the Council.

Council Vice President Arias expressed his concerns and requested additional information regarding the reorganization of the Utility Billing and Collection (UB&C) department based on the skills of the individual. Councilmember Soria asked staff to explain what the charges will be from the general fund and how will they be reported. Council President Caprioglio asked that the services not impact the community. Staff responded.

Council Vice President Arias asked staff several questions regarding the independent auditor. He requested clarification from the City Attorney's Office if the Council is allowed by the Charter, to hire an independent auditor in addition to the internal auditor. He asked how much additional resources there were in personnel cost, if all the positions were filled in the Finance department and if not, where are the vacancies. He expressed his concerns with the timeframe of the internal audit for the Police department and requested an update from the City Manager's Office no later than June 13, 2019. Staff responded.

Councilmember Soria requested details as to the independent auditors placed in the City organization. Staff replied.

Councilmember Esparza asked several questions regarding the internal audits and the number of employees. He asked staff how many audits are done per fiscal year and if the staffing of the auditors is comparable to the 2008-2009 fiscal year. He also asked if there is any history of the City of Fresno contracting out for an internal auditor. Staff responded.

Council Vice President Arias asked staff more questions regarding the internal audit on the Police department.

Upon call, there was no public comment.

[ID19-1728](#) Public Works Department

Budget Manager Fierro presented an overview of the Public Works Department for the Council.

Councilmember Soria and Council Vice President Arias asked staff about the \$200,000 for the staffing allocations for the Money Back Guarantee program. Councilmember Soria asked what the \$200,000 gets in regards to positions and if more positions are needed to prevent the reimbursement of the Money Back Guarantee program. Council Vice President Arias asked if the \$200,000 includes overtime and he requested that the PARCs department projects not be put on the back burner. Staff responded.

Councilmember Bredefeld asked staff to explain the three positions for the Money Back Guarantee program. Staff replied.

Council Vice President Arias spoke regarding a decrease in the Concrete Strike Team program of \$1.2 million and he requested for a schedule that outlines the concrete program operations and capital projects to include SB1 funding which has both, components and neighborhood projects. He expressed his frustrations with the budget process and the differences between the budget binder and the staff requesting additional funds. Staff responded.

Councilmember Chavez asked about the Concrete Strike Team program and asked several questions about leasing of vehicles. He requested that the department reach out to local businesses for leasing vehicles.

Councilmember Esparza spoke regarding the \$3.7 million for the McKinley and Olive projects and asked if it is possible to make them into two projects. He also asked about the funding of the short term projects. Staff responded.

Councilmember Soria asked about the Fleet issues and requested information about charging stations. Staff replied.

Council Vice President Arias asked about the amount of revenue that Facilities or the City of Fresno receives for events held at City Hall, specifically in the council chambers and he asked if the City of Fresno charges rent or for usage. He spoke regarding the lighting in the council chambers and requested Facilities to make the lighting in council chambers a top priority. He requested a status update on no neighborhood left behind and spoke regarding the 5 year capital project plan for streets and infrastructure projects and asked when the plan will be presented Council. Council Vice President Arias noted a packet was handed to Director Mozier regarding the conditions of roads and sidewalks to schools provided by Fresno Unified School District board. He requested a follow up from Director Mozier. Staff responded.

Councilmember Chavez motioned to add \$10,000 to leverage a \$50,000 grant by Community Choice Energy for a feasibility study for low cost

energy for residents and businesses. Councilmember Esparza seconded the motion.

Councilmember Soria requested a closed session item to be placed on the June 13, 2019 agenda regarding the scope of the UB&C remodel project. Councilmember Esparza requested to include an off-line briefing of the scope of the security improvements at City Hall. Staff responded.

Council Vice President Arias motioned to set aside \$500,000 from the UB&C remodel for City Hall security. Councilmember Soria seconded the motion.

Councilmember Soria motioned to add \$800,000 for the completion of the quiet zone and safety upgrade construction near Fresno High School; specifically the Shields/Maroa area near the railroad tracks. Councilmember Esparza seconded the motion.

Council President Caprioglio motioned to use general fund savings from the capital projects in the amount of \$350,300 for the multigenerational facility. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.

Council President Caprioglio spoke regarding the landscape maintenance program and the cost of a chart in the amount of \$14,000. He asked staff several questions regarding Fulton Street and the cost to maintain it. He spoke regarding his district's need for a pot hole maintenance/repair program. He expressed his concerns with the street maintenance funding decrease.

Council President Caprioglio motioned to increase Operational Street Maintenance Repair program in the amount of \$400,000. Council Vice President Arias seconded the motion.

Council Vice President Arias and Councilmember Soria requested an outline of the Fiscal Year 2020 Fulton Mall maintenance expenditures in the amount of \$640,300. Councilmember Soria asked about the McKinley project and if there will be enough money to cover the project. She asked staff when they thought the project would be complete. Staff responded.

Council Vice President Arias asked several questions regarding the stadium and if improvements will be needed in the future. Staff responded.

Upon call, there was no public comment.

City Council called the special meeting - Closed Session at 10:57 A.M. and reconvened Budget hearings at 12:00 P.M.

City Council recessed for lunch at 12:00 P.M. and returned from lunch at 1:09 P.M.

[ID19-1730](#) Convention Center

Assistant City Manager Sumpter presented an overview of the Convention Center for the Council.

Upon call, there was no public comment.

[ID19-1731](#) Department of Public Utilities

*Councilmember Soria returned to the meeting from lunch at 1:18 P.M.
Council Vice President Arias returned to the meeting from lunch at 1:20 P.M.*

Budget Manager Fierro presented an overview of the Department of Public Utilities for the Council.

Council Vice President Arias asked how many residential apartments and condominium dwellers do not have access to curbside pickup services and he requested staff bring back the rate of increase for commercial garbage as compared to the increase in residential garbage over the last seven years. He requested a plan to modify the curbside pickup services for current residents to Council before the end of the budget hearings. He requested staff provide Council a list of all the different changes made to the budget that did not reflect the budget binder they received a couple weeks ago. He spoke regarding hybrid and electric vehicles and asked what the increase rate would be to residents to process recyclables. Staff responded.

Councilmember Soria asked staff about the Convenience Center, its operations and when it will be up and running for the customers. She asked

if the EIR will be enough or if staff anticipated it will be complete by Fiscal Year 2020. She spoke regarding selling City of Fresno water and recyclables and she requested a study be brought forward regarding Prop 218. She discussed "Hope for Youth" and asked how long they have served the City of Fresno and what they do for the City of Fresno. She spoke regarding the outreach for the program and the youth playing a bigger role if possible. She also asked staff to explain the increase in the janitorial costs. Staff responded.

Council President Caprioglio asked if the City of Fresno can water bank. Staff replied.

Councilmember Soria asked several questions regarding the water lobbyist, how much the City of Fresno is paying and what they have accomplished to date. Staff replied.

Councilmember Chavez motioned to eliminate the water lobbyist from the Department of Public Utilities budget. Councilmember Bredefeld seconded the motion.

Councilmember Chavez requested a map of the purple pipe investments that have been made year-to-date and in the current budget. He requested an off-line discussion on outreach and the expansion of other drop-off sites with Director Carbajal. Staff responded.

Councilmember Soria motioned to have a plan to address apartment dwellers and commercial users access and the use of the Convenience Centers. Council Vice President Arias seconded the motion.

Upon call, there was no public comment.

[ID19-1729](#) Development and Resources Management ("DARM") Department

Councilmember Esparza motioned to add \$1.2 million to affordable housing funds, for a total of \$2.2 million with the \$1 million already in place.

Councilmember Soria seconded the motion.

Councilmember Esparza motioned to add \$85,000 for contract consultants

to conduct a tax increments financing study for affordable housing. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Esparza motioned to move the Neighborhood Services Department to the City Attorney's Office. Council Vice President Arias seconded the motion.

Councilmember Chavez motioned to include \$10,000 for the Lane and Burrows Neighborhoods under the Neighborhood Revitalization team. Council Vice President Arias seconded the motion.

Council Vice President Arias motioned to add \$1 million for new market tax credits if there is a gap in funding, as part of the development of the Darling Plant re-location. If insufficient or if the funds are not utilized, the money will go back into the general fund and towards a multigenerational facility. Councilmember Soria seconded the motion.

Council Vice President Arias motioned to set aside \$100,000 to hire consultants to gather correct data for staff to make recommendations for policy on the Anti-Displacement Taskforce. Councilmember Soria seconded the motion.

Council Vice President Arias motioned to add \$250,000 for the EIR that supports the Industrial Compatibility Study and if the money is not used then the money will go towards a multigenerational facility. Council President Caprioglio seconded the motion.

Councilmember Soria asked several questions regarding DARMs staffing and vacancies. She asked about the three positions being added and what their titles would be. She asked about the smart parking meters and if the project has gone out to bid. She requested a detailed listing of all consultants and their cost under account 53302 for outside Professional Services/Consulting. She spoke regarding the HOPWA funding, Neighborhood Service Program, and the Code Enforcement Department. She asked about the methodology of security assessment and requested a list of all charges for security to the departments. She asked how many Code Enforcement officers there were prior to the recession. She requested

a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) summary on repayments for the last five years and requested staff provides Council with a tray memo update from DARM regarding the \$500,000 repayment money that was set aside in CDBG. Staff responded.

Councilmember Bredefeld asked several questions regarding the three new positions hired for the Money Back Guarantee (MBG) program and discussed when the MBG program launched. He asked if there have been any changes to the MBG applications by DARM. Staff responded.

Council Vice President Arias requested an update on the electric scooters and wanted to know when the policy will come back before Council. Councilmember Soria requested staff bring the electric scooters item before the Transportation Committee first. Council President Caprioglio requested a workshop on the pros/cons regarding the electric scooters. Staff responded.

Council Vice President Arias requested a tray memo outlining any changes from what the Council adopted versus what is actually being inspected in Rental Housing program and he would like to know if any changes were made after adopting the program. Staff responded. He requested a Multi-inspections and Alcohol Ordinance and wants an estimated cost for the studies and revenue source tied to the proposed ordinance or text amendment fee to reimburse the program.

Council President Caprioglio requested the electric scooter item be brought before Council in August.

Upon call, the following members of the public addressed Council: Lucia Avila, David Love and Gracie Anninis.

City Council adjourned at 3:21 P.M.