



City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

President - Esmeralda Z. Soria

Vice President - Steve Brandau

Councilmembers:

Oliver L. Baines, III, Paul Caprioglio, Luis Chavez,

Garry Bredefeld, Clinton J. Olivier

City Manager - Wilma Quan-Schecter

City Attorney - Douglas T. Sloan

City Clerk - Yvonne Spence, MMC

Monday, June 11, 2018

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

Budget Hearings

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

10:12 A.M. ROLL CALL

Councilmember Baines and Councilmember Bredefeld were absent during roll call. Councilmember Bredefeld joined the meeting at 10:15 A.M and Councilmember Baines joined the meeting at 11:33 A.M.

Present: 7 - President Esmeralda Z. Soria
Vice President Steve Brandau
Councilmember Oliver L. Baines III
Councilmember Paul Caprioglio
Councilmember Luis Chavez
Councilmember Garry Bredefeld
Councilmember Clinton Olivier

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

BUDGET HEARING

Monday, June 11, 2018 - 10:00 A.M.

[ID18-0720](#) Public Works Department

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

No member of the public addressed Council regarding Public Works Department.

Council spoke regarding the timing of hiring the new staff and asked Director Mozier to discuss the LED lighting, the funding of Fulton Street and if there is a backup plan for SB1 should it fail as Council explained SB1 funds could be in jeopardy. Council discussed the return on investment in six and a half years and the new division for Fulton Street. Council Vice President Brandau suggested taking the \$700,000 for other purposes. Director Mozier explained his contingency plan and Council addressed their concerns on street maintenance repairs and supports getting more milling machines.

Council discussed Measure C, letting the taxpayers know where their tax dollars are going and asked that the information be put up on the City of Fresno website along with other projects being funded. Council discussed the funds needed to finalize the ADA upgrades to the Convention Center and asked if the \$1.6 million be paid through the gas tax instead of the general fund. Council President Soria asked staff if she can get a list of the projects being paid out of the general fund.

Council asked questions regarding additional street sweepers, if the street sweepers need more trucks, Measure C funds and what are they used for, paving, street light repairs and landscaping. Director Mozier responded.

Council President Soria asked to meet with staff after budget to discuss street sweeping in her district, what processes are being done to notify the public that street sweeping will be taking place and asked questions regarding how the Lowell community received an extra \$70,000. Council President Soria asked where does the funding come from.

Council President Soria directed staff to quantify the number of sidewalks, curbs and gutter repaired in miles, through SB1 dollars.

Council President Soria directed staff to provide the amount of money the City has paid into the PBID.

Council President Soria directed staff to provide the funding sources and backgrounds for certain contracts under \$50,000 that were not required to be approved by Council. President Soria will provide the City Manager Office the contracts in question.

Councilmember Chavez directed staff to provide the dollars budgeted in the FY19 budget for the Active Transportation Program (previously referred to as "Safe Routes to School").

Councilmember Chavez directed staff to provide an outline of projects that utilize SB1 dollars.

Councilmember Chavez directed staff to include the green bike lanes for the first phase of Peach Avenue.

[ID18-0721](#) Airports Department

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

No member of the public addressed Council regarding Airports Department.

Council asked staff for an update on Southwest airlines and any other direct flights to the east coast. Director Meikle responded there is nothing on the horizon for any new non-stop and Southwest is always in the forefront.

Councilmember Baines asked how are the vendors in the airport doing on revenue. Director Meikle replied the vendors are doing well and they are happy with our visitors, Airports will be looking at all the restaurants and vendors as part of the General Plan and there is talk about a taco cart that will be mobile and able to go to the gates and the lower level.

Councilmember Baines also asked about having the Mayor and City Council picture or information displayed at the airport. Council President Soria commented on the new flight to Mexico and asked for an update on the flight to Marillia. Director Meikle stated that the flights to Marillia are right on target.

Councilmember Baines directed staff to look into the possibility of

displaying photographs of the Mayor and City Council at Fresno Yosemite International Airport.

City Council recessed for lunch at 12:04 P.M. and returned from lunch at 1:40 P.M.

[ID18-0722](#) Development and Resources Management (“DARM”) Department

Budget Manager Fierro presented an overview of the Development and Resources Management Department (DARM) for the Council.

The following member of the public addressed Council regarding Development and Resources Management Department (DARM), Gracie Anninis, Office of Accountability.

Council discussed neighborhood revitalization which involves focused efforts in specific neighborhoods and completing a property-by-property analysis identifying violations and matching residents with applicable resources to improve properties and their overall quality of life.

Councilmember Caprioglio asked staff to see the priority list that is going to benefit from this approach, wants a team to work with the Fresno Police Department to work with District 4 to go out and walk through the neighborhood.

Council asked staff if the housing division has the funding necessary to function appropriately. Director Clark responded hiring that specialty is very difficult, and they currently have an RFP out to see if a consultant can perform all of the duties. Council President Soria expressed her concerns with DARM Department having issues recruiting for these positions and asked staff if they have exhausted all efforts in recruiting internally. Director Clark stated there are 12 positions in the Housing Division and there are two vacancies and pending retirements. Council President Soria asked if there are opportunities for advancement for existing staff and if the pay is competitive. She also asked staff how much has been spent to date on the current contract for the auditing that we have currently. Staff responded. What have we expended to date with this contract, what have we gotten.

Council Vice President Brandau asked for more details from the Budget

Analyst regarding if the program cost is \$1.4 million the revenue that goes with it is \$1.2 million which would go away if you got rid of the program. Council Vice President Brandau stated he was still interested in knowing more about the potential splitting of DARM and Code Enforcement. City Manager Quan-Schecter discussed the conversations they have had regarding splitting the DARM department up so it is not so overwhelming. She also stated such a split could take 2-3 years.

Council President Soria suggested a workshop regarding Restore Fresno and Community Revitalization would be a good idea to bring back to Council and Councilmember Caprioglio asked staff to meet with his District regarding El Dorado Park.

Council President Soria directed staff to provide the amount of money that has been spent on the Consultant helping with the Office of the Inspector General audit.

Councilmember Caprioglio directed staff to provide information regarding when the proactive code enforcement known as "neighborhood revitalization" would happen in the El Dorado Park Neighborhood; to provide a priority list for the areas to benefit from neighborhood revitalization, and; to take a meeting with DARM staff to discuss establishing a team that includes Police, to be present in District Four neighborhoods.

Councilmember Caprioglio motioned to add the Sierra Madre Neighborhood, the Teague Elementary School Neighborhood and Highway City (South of Shaw) to the list of neighborhoods to be revitalized on page B-45 of the Proposed Budget. Council President Soria seconded the motion.

City Council recessed at 3:02 P.M. and returned from recess at 3:14 P.M.

[ID18-0723](#) General City Purpose

Budget Manager Fierro presented an overview of the General City Purpose for the Council.

No member of the public addressed Council regarding General City Purpose.

City Manager Quan-Schechter asked Council to make a motion to find \$213,000 to fund SPCA to allow for minimum wage increases.

Council asked SPCA Representative Linda Van Kirk what is the average wait time for the public, How many dispatchers are answering calls each day and is there enough staff to handle City of Fresno population. Ms. Van Kirk responded it takes between 5-15 minutes to get to a call, there are 2.5 people on dispatch handling about 100 calls per day and that more staff is needed. Council asked Ms. Van Kirk if the SPCA keeps data on volume of calls and complaints and if she furnishes the constituents complaints and the resolutions to Administration. City Manager Quan-Schechter stated the Council receives a quarterly report by tray memo. Councilmember Olivier stated that the City has no say, there is no representative on the board.

Council President Soria asked staff what is being done to resolve the challenges. Ms. Van Kirk responded that it's a vicious cycle. There are no other funding sources, they do fund raising for other services except for animal control and there is no budget for the Public Service Announcements. Ms. Van Kirk also state they would love to have more dispatchers, but there is no more room to house them and to have Animal Control Officer's they will need more equipment and would only be paid \$11 per hour.

Councilmember Baines asked Ms. Van Kirk did SPCA request an additional million dollars on top of the \$3,803,300, and if the \$213,000 is for the minimum wage increase for 2019 and partial 2018. Councilmember Baines asked about the SPCA's budget of \$5 million to \$6 million and asked if it included the \$3.8M from the City of Fresno, how did we arrive to our contract price, what is the dollar amount per animal intake and if there was statistics on how many animals they get per year from the City of Fresno. Ms. Van Kirk responded, the total wage increase is \$293,600, SPCA received about \$133 to \$135 per animal and the City of Fresno is \$213,000 for January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018 and the 1st half of Fiscal Year 2019.

Council discussed having a Councilmember sitting on the SPCA Board given the funding that City of Fresno provides. Ms. Van Kirk declined the request.

Councilmember Baines directed Central California SPCA (CCSPCA) to provide the actual number of animals taken in for the City of Fresno as part of the actual total number of animals taken in.

Councilmember Caprioglio motioned for staff to go back and review the budget to find up to \$213,000 for an increase for the CCSPCA contract to cover minimum wage increases. Results of staff review to be presented on Tuesday June 19, 2018. Council Vice President Brandau seconded the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

City Council adjourned at 4:03 P.M.

UPCOMING BUDGET HEARINGS:

TUESDAY - JUNE 12, 2018 - 10:00 A.M.

City Clerk Office, City Attorney Office, Transportation Dept., City Council, Mayor and City Manager's Office

TUESDAY - JUNE 19, 2018 - 9:00 A.M.

VOTE ON MOTIONS

THURSDAY - JUNE 21, 2018 - 9:00 A.M.

VOTE ON FINAL BUDGET

THURSDAY JUNE 28, 2018 - 9:00 A.M.

RESERVED IF NEEDED FOR FINAL BUDGET VOTE