



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

Tuesday, June 12, 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.

10:28 A.M. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - President Esmeralda Z. Soria
Vice President Steve Brandau
Councilmember Oliver L. Baines III
Councilmember Paul Caprioglio
Councilmember Luis Chavez
Councilmember Garry Bredefeld

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Clinton Olivier

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

BUDGET HEARING

Council President Soria asked Budget Analyst Padilla to speak regarding the \$10 million dollars found in the budget from additional sales tax.

Budget Analyst Padilla spoke regarding the practices of the City and recognizing revenues. Mr. Padilla stated additional revenues are received in August and those revenues should be recognized as part of this proposed budget and that the revenues are being recognized from August 2017 through July 2018.

Councilmember Bredefeld asked staff if the money was received in August 2018, if the current methodology needed to be changed and what is the history for counting months during a fiscal year. Mr. Padilla responded since August 2012 each budget year the revenues in August are counted in the next fiscal year. Assistant City Manager Sumpter explained that there are always 12 months included in each budget, that this is not new money, it will be and has been acknowledged in the budget. Assistant City Manager Sumpter stated we recognize revenues from August through July. If we change we will acknowledge revenues from July to June.

Council Vice President Brandau asked staff why in 2012 was it decided to move to June 2012 to July 2013.

Councilmember Chavez asked staff where this dollar amount is being acknowledged. Mr. Padilla stated it is accounted for in the financial statements. Councilmember Chavez questioned how these funds could have impacted the City's credit rating. Assistant City Manager Sumpter replied the money will go to the General Fund. Council President Soria suggested that the City account for the revenues through July.

Councilmember Baines recommended putting the money in the reserves, but would be interested in hearing from Mayor Brand and allowed the Administration a few days to come up with some options.

Mayor Brand stated that the \$10 million is within the 5 year budget and he is not against rolling it into reserve funds. Mayor Brand stated he would like to have the auditor's review this information and get an independent third party to evaluate and come up with a solution and that spending the money would be a big mistake.

Council Vice President Brandau agreed to a 3rd party like Moody's and recommended that the Council President, Council Vice President and Councilmember Chavez participate in the conversations with Moody along with the Administration.

[ID18-0726](#) Transportation Department (FAX)

Budget Manager Fierro presented an overview of the Transportation Department (FAX) for Council.

No member of the public addressed Council regarding the Transportation Department (FAX).

Council asked staff if they are going to allow the department to participate in the RFP process, asked for a BRT update and if there was an increase in the ridership in the last two to three months and if the Department is on track with their original projections. Director Schaad stated there is a 38% increase in ridership. Councilmember Baines asked staff what are the plans to increase ridership.

Councilmember Chavez spoke regarding route 26 and 39 and asked if we were going to engage in assessment. Councilmember Chavez asked staff about downsizing the BRT stops and if there was an overlap on Blackstone and Kings Canyon. Assistant City Manager Sumpter replied they intend to bring all of that back to Council on June 28, 2018 by way of a workshop.

Council Vice President Brandau asked staff about the state funding dollars that requires a 20% match and asked if the 20% is included in the general fund. Director Schaad stated it is not covered in the general fund, that it is all fare recovery.

Councilmember Baines spoke regarding absenteeism and discussed electric and hydrogen buses.

Council President Soria asked staff how much money is there for improvements at the bus stops and shelters. Director Schaad responded about \$500,000. Council President Soria asked how many shelter can be fixed using the \$500,000, she requested staff come back to Council with an update on how many shelters have been fixed. Council President Soria asked if there are resources available this year to get Inspiration Park connected, if so is there a timeframe. Director Schaad responded about six months after budget approval.

Councilmember Caprioglio asked for a status update on the BRT off Shaw.

Councilmember Chavez spoke regarding the Youth Leadership Institute surveys resulting in individuals wanting Wi-Fi and better frequency for their bus rides. Director Schaad stated there will be Wi-Fi. Council President Soria asked how much is Wi-Fi on the buses, and spoke about bike share and pilot program at Fresno State, Tower District and Fresno City College. Director Schaad stated to add Wi-Fi is would be about \$5,000 per bus and City Manager Quan-Schechter mentioned they are currently working on a pilot program.

Councilmember Baines directed staff to provide information regarding BRT ridership to determine if ridership is on track with projections.

Council President Soria directed staff to provide the per bus cost to add Wi-Fi.

Councilmember Chavez directed staff to meet with Councilmember Chavez prior to the Transportation Department workshop scheduled for June 28, 2018.

[ID18-0724](#) City Clerk's Office

City Clerk Spence presented an overview of the City Clerk's Office for Council.

No member of the public addressed Council regarding the City Clerk's Office.

Councilmember Baines asked City Clerk Spence to discuss what the digital signatures, microfilm and Boards and Commission module was about and how it would help the office.

Council President Soria asked City Clerk Spence why is there turn over in staff and if the salary is comparable to other positions in the City of Fresno.

Council President Soria gave direction to City Clerk Spence to confirm classifications in the City Clerks Office are part of the class and compensation study currently underway.

Councilmember Baines motioned to fund \$11,000 for the implementation of electronic/digital signature to reduce time for signing contracts. Council President Soria seconded the motion.

Councilmember Baines motioned to fund \$30,000 for microfilm and digitize records to record and preserve. Council President Soria seconded the motion.

Councilmember Baines motioned to fund \$17,500 to implementation of Boards and Commissions module of Granicus to better manage the Boards and Commissions vacancies and appointments. Council President Soria seconded the motion.

City Council recessed for lunch at 12:05 P.M. and returned from lunch at 1:41 P.M.

Follow up information on the Fire Department Staffing.

Chief Donis gave an update to Council regarding the Fire Department.

No member of the public addressed Council regarding the Fire Department for Council.

Council asked about filling the current positions and the staff budget and discussed the 23 extra firefighters that are needed. Chief Donis explained what it would take to fund the 23 extra firefighters.

Councilmember Caprioglio discussed fire response and medical response and what the data was last year on response and asked why 80% of the calls are medical calls. Chief Donis responded.

Council Vice President Brandau discussed his concerns about the double services on the call operations and asked Chief Donis to talk about right resource software. Council Vice President Brandau suggested creating a pilot program for file response. City Manager Quan-Schechter stated that this is a meet and confer issue and will discuss this with staff and return to Council with a recommendation. Assistant City Manager Sumpter reminded everyone that any changes to the Fire Departments budget is an ongoing

expense and the money that was discussed is a onetime funding.

Councilmember Baines stated if we are spending \$2.5 million in overtime he would rather see the funds in overtime instead of in the number of position. Assistant City Manager Sumpter replied the funds are in the minimum staffing pay. Councilmember Baines said he would prefer that the funds be put in the category it belongs instead of personnel because it gives a false impression to the public that we require more personnel than needed.

[ID18-0725](#) City Attorney's Office

City Attorney Sloan presented an overview of the City Attorney's Office for Council.

No member of the public addressed Council regarding the City Attorney's Office.

Council and City Attorney Sloan discussed the Asset Team and Code Enforcement. Council asked City Attorney Sloan if there are understaffed. City Attorney Sloan replied no. Council Vice President Brandau asked if City Attorney is apart of the cannabis workshop and if he will be able to project cost to the Department. City Attorney Sloan responded.

Council President Soria motioned to fund a legal secretary \$60,000 and a litigation attorney \$120,000. Council Vice President Brandau seconded the motion.

[ID18-0727](#) City Council Offices

THE ABOVE ITEM WAS CONTINUED TO JUNE 19, 2018

[ID18-0728](#) Mayor and City Manager's Office

THE ABOVE ITEM WAS CONTINUED TO JUNE 19, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

City Council adjourned at 2:51 P.M.

UPCOMING BUDGET HEARINGS

**TUESDAY - JUNE 19, 2018 - 10:00 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**