



City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

President - Oliver L. Baines, III

Vice President - Paul Caprioglio

Councilmembers:

Lee Brand, Steve Brandau, Clinton J. Olivier,

Sal Quintero, Esmeralda Z. Soria

City Manager - Bruce Rudd

City Attorney - Douglas T. Sloan

City Clerk - Yvonne Spence, CMC

Monday, June 8, 2015

8:30 AM

Council Chambers

Budget Hearings

The City Council met in regular session in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on the date and time above written.

8:44 A.M. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - President Oliver Baines III
Vice President Paul Caprioglio
Councilmember Lee Brand
Councilmember Steve Brandau
Councilmember Clinton Olivier
Councilmember Sal Quintero
Councilmember Esmeralda Soria

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

BUDGET HEARINGS

[ID#15-511](#) General Fund Overview by Budget and Management Studies Division; Office of the City Attorney; Finance Department; Transportation Department; Airports ("FYI")

GENERAL FUND OVERVIEW

Budget Manager Sumpter presented an overview of the General Fund for Council and discussed the budget hearing procedures. Council discussed the general fund and touched on the following topics: past budget comparisons; the impact of taxes on the past and current budget;

Redevelopment Agency increments; revenues and expenses; city debt and trends; the public safety bond and health and welfare costs.

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Sloan introduced the City Attorney proposed budget to Council. Council discussed the City Attorney budget and touched on the following topics: contract compliance; adequacy of staffing levels; the impact of the litigation management act; the line item for employee awards; the line item for professional services and consulting; goals for the City Attorney's Office; multi year projects and training for staff.

Councilmember Quintero directed the City Manager to provide an update on unrepresented employees to be discussed in closed session.

Councilmember Quintero directed the City Attorney to provide a list of settlements in the last year.

President Baines directed the City Attorney's Office to assign an Attorney or team to work with the District Attorney to make sure Code Enforcement Issues are addressed.

Councilmember Brand motioned to add a second Paralegal position to address contract compliance and Public Records Act requests at a cost of approximately \$65,000 to the City Attorney's Office budget with an offset in cost to be determined. Vice President Caprioglio seconded the motion.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Budget Manager Sumpter presented an overview of the Finance Department proposed budget. Council discussed the proposed budget for the Finance Department and touched on the following topics: succession planning; the senior buyer position; positions in the business license position and frozen positions.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Budget Manager Sumpter presented an overview of the Transportation Department proposed budget. Council discussed the proposed budget for finance and touched on the following topics: ridership levels required for service routes; service to Malaga; Handy Ride services; operating reserves

and fleet reserves; bus replacement levels and fuel systems; bus fares; staffing levels for Fresno Area Express bus service; Bus Rapid Transit; the Strategic Service Evaluation report; purpose and impact of new part time Fresno Area Express staff; night bus service availability for shift workers; cleaning and rehabing of Fresno Area Express buses and facilities; solar lighting at bus stops and security at bus stops; grant money for solar bus stops; the Fresno Area Express budget apart from the Transportation Department as a whole; general fund impacts by the Transportation Department; ridership levels throughout the City; custom and trade standards to determine ridership; CMAC grant funds; reporting of funds for future fiscal years to help Councilmembers better asses for the current budget; the upcoming Fresno Area Express smart phone application; sufficiency of the \$9 million operating reserve, and; funding for bus shelter maintenance.

Councilmember Quintero directed the Transportation Department to review Route 41 to see if the route can be adjusted to go down Jensen Avenue to address senior and disabled access to bus service in Malaga.

Councilmember Olivier directed the Transportation Department to provide the cost of extending night service to address swing shift workers.

Councilmember Quintero directed the Transportation Department to provide the cost of having solar lighting installed at bus stops and to disclose the current locations where solar lighting is being used.

Councilmember Soria directed the Transportation Department to provide details on the CMAC grant for Shaw Avenue and to check to see if it is located in the budget.

Councilmember Soria directed the Transportation Department to provide the status of the Fresno Area Express (bus service) smart phone application.

AIRPORTS DEPARTMENT

Budget Manager Sumpter presented an overview of the Airport Department proposed budget. Council discussed the proposed budget for the Airports Department and touched on the following topics: the GAP settlement restrictions; Honor Flights at Fresno Yosemite International Airport; the status of the number passengers traveling through Fresno Yosemite International Airport; the possibility of adding new routes and picking up old

routes that have been eliminated; landscape maintenance around Chandler Executive Airport; international flights to Guadalajara in Mexico, and; the impacts if additional customs staff were added.

President Baines directed the Airport Department to add a welcome message from the City Council in addition to the Mayor's message already playing at Fresno Yosemite International Airport.

The following member(s) of the public addressed council: George Hostetter of the Fresno Bee, discussed the decision to have salary discussions for unrepresented employees in closed session.

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