



# 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-Schechter**

**City Attorney - Douglas T. Sloan**

**City Clerk - Yvonne Spence, MMC**

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**Tuesday, June 5, 2018**

**10:00 AM**

**Council Chambers**

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**Budget Hearings - "Commencing on June 5, 2018, the budget hearings 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.

### **10:10 A.M. ROLL CALL**

*Councilmember Baines was absent during roll call and joined the meeting at 10:24 A.M.*

**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 HEARINGS**

[ID18-0711](#) General Fund Overview by Budget and Management Studies Division

*Budget Manager Fierro discussed the budget hearing procedures and presented an overview of the General Fund Overview for the Council.*

*No member of the public addressed Council regarding the General Fund Overview.*

*There was discussion regarding a decline in sales tax, sales of real property, other revenue and obsolete items. Councilmembers further discussed unclaimed property, additional pay period fund and 10% of the General Fund that goes to debt servicing.*

*Councilmember Caprioglio directed budget staff to identify where the revenue from the "Other Revenues" on page A-85 is plugged into the budget.*

ID18-0712 Police Department

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

*Councilmembers and Chief Dyer discussed recruitment, number of positions in the Police Department, Community Service Officers (SCO's), the 911 operator shortage and the resources spent on the homeless.*

*No member of the public addressed Council regarding Police Department.*

*Maribel Colores Lopez an Emergency Operator spoke about how the council can support the dispatch center in the future.*

*Further discussion regarding a public safety tax, it won't happen in November. Council asked what types of things being discussed today are being funded by a public safety tax. Assistant City Manager Sumpter responded that these types of things are the kind of things that would be funded. If passed in November, an expenditure plan would be brought to council for approval. Council Vice President Brandau stated if passed in November the mid-year budget could make the appropriations. Assistant City Manager Sumpter gave an estimate of \$1.5 million dollars to fund the 25 positions in the Fresno Police Department.*

*Councilmember Chavez motion for the administration to explore adding 12*

*Community Service Officers and additional 13 dispatcher. Council President Soria seconded the motion.*

*Council President Soria motioned to add a permanent bike unit in the Tower District. Councilmember Baines seconded the motion.*

*Council President Soria directed Budget staff to provide the salary information for entry level Dispatcher.*

[ID18-0713](#) Fire Department

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

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

*Councilmembers and Chief Donis spoke regarding what the ideal situation would be and what are some of the gaps that need to be closed. Chief Donis discussed the following number of firefighters on board versus the population, increased fire calls by 21%, the current firefighter staff is at 5.9 per 1,000 people and the cost of a safety officer including a vehicle is about \$535,000 a year which includes 3 Captains, one for each shift. Further discussion regarding the average cost of a firefighter is approximately \$130,000-\$140,000 and drill school will be in September/October of this year but will not add additional positions. Chief Donis stated there are 334 sworn positions budgeted and 311 positions are currently filled and went on to explained the Fire Fleet transfer to the Transportation Department.*

*Council proceeded to ask what Fire Department's greatest needs are and how would they be prioritized. Chief Donis replied Safety Officer consisting of 3 Captains and a vehicle which would cost about \$535,000 a year, to split the water team the Fire Department would need to add three firefighters for a total of about \$450,000 add another company and add another two person squad. Chief Donis continued to state that there are over 30,000 medical calls a year that generate a general fee anywhere from \$50 to \$125 per medical call in other Cities. City of Fresno generates a general fee of about \$6.00 per call.*

*Council discussed the need of a total of 100 firefighters on duty per day which would require hiring another 75 firefighters which is 25 more people per shift per day, that there are 23 vacancies which help with the overtime and asked how many more fire houses would be needed. Council also stated they would like to include a conversation about whether Fresno Fire should be responding to paramedic calls and what that looks like and asked staff what are all of our costs and how can we lower the costs.*

*Councilmember Bredefeld motioned to include a Safety Officer position comprised of three Captains and one vehicle for approximately \$535,000 per year and to also split the Water Team with the addition of three firefighters (one per shift) for approximately \$450,000. Council President Soria seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Bredefeld directed City Manager Quan-Schechter to research what other cities are doing and find out what their costs are per calls and asked if there is an industry standard and how do we compare.*

*Council President Soria directed staff to return during the June 11, 2018 Budget Hearing to provide an overview of the mode and structure for the ideal Fire Department for Fresno (staffing / equipment needs and revenue sources, etc.) .*

*Council Vice President Brandau directed staff to return during the June 11, 2018 Budget Hearing to discuss the best locations for paramedic squads and whether the Department should be responding to paramedic calls and the costs involved.*

[ID18-0714](#)   Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services  
("PARCS")

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

*No member of the public addressed Council regarding PARCs Department.*

*Council asked staff to discuss what the Department would like in terms of staffing and resources. Director Neloms responded he would like to see*

*parks maintenance improve and would like a Parks Supervisor I/II in the amount of \$80,000 and \$96,000 which includes benefits but does not include equipment. Director Neloms continued to state he would like to see two additional laborer and one electrician, more youth and trade programs, Park Ranger program and housing for more children programs.*

*Council discussed the Parks Ranger program and asked how they function with law enforcement. Director Neloms replied that Park Rangers are not armed they are used to report issues and keep the parks safe, they also serve as security officers at public events, open and close gates and restroom. Park Rangers also have radios to communicate with the Police and also have their own car.*

*Council discussed paid internship with Parks and stated Council would like to see the paid summer program continue and grow. Director Neloms stated he would like 53 FTEs and maintenance tools, riding mowers, weed eaters and basic landscape equipment.*

*Councilmember Caprioglio directed City Manager Quan-Schechter to check with Department of Public Utilities to see if pumps and purple recycled water pipes will be along the backside of Granite Park along Dakota for Granite Park Purple Pipe (recycled water).*

*Council President Soria directed staff to provide an estimate for planned maintenance needs (staff and equipment).*

*Council President Soria directed staff to provide pre-recession budget figures and provide analysis as to trends.*

[ID18-0715](#) Finance Department

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

*No member of the public addressed Council regarding Finance Department.*

*Council discussed leave payoff at termination and 2018 personal contingency and if it has been expended and asked Director Lima if he had*

*a wish list for more resources. Director Lima stated there is adequate funding for staff and resources.*

**Wednesday, June 6, 2018 - 10:00 A.M.**

- [ID18-0716](#) Department of Public Utilities
- [ID18-0717](#) Information Services Department
- [ID18-0718](#) Personnel Services Department
- [ID18-0719](#) Convention Center

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

- [ID18-0720](#) Public Works Department
- [ID18-0721](#) Airports Department
- [ID18-0722](#) Development and Resources Management ("DARM")  
Department
- [ID18-0723](#) General City Purpose

**Tuesday, June 12, 2018 - 10:00 A.M.**

- [ID18-0724](#) City Clerk's Office
- [ID18-0725](#) City Attorney's Office
- [ID18-0726](#) Transportation Department (FAX)
- [ID18-0727](#) City Council Offices
- [ID18-0728](#) Mayor and City Manager's Office

**ADJOURNMENT**

*City Council adjourned at 3:35 P.M.*

**UPCOMING BUDGET HEARINGS**

**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**