



# City of Fresno

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## Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

***President - Paul Caprioglio***

***Vice President - Sal Quintero***

***Councilmembers:***

***Oliver L. Baines, III, Lee Brand, Steve Brandau,***

***Clinton J. Olivier, Esmeralda Z. Soria***

***City Manager - Bruce Rudd***

***City Attorney - Douglas T. Sloan***

***City Clerk - Yvonne Spence, CMC***

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**Tuesday, June 14, 2016**

**9:30 AM**

**Council Chambers**

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### **Budget Hearings**

The City Council met in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on the date and time above written to continue budget hearings.

#### **9:32 A.M. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 6 - President Paul Caprioglio  
Vice President Sal Quintero  
Councilmember Oliver L. Baines III  
Councilmember Lee Brand  
Councilmember Steve Brandau  
Councilmember Esmeralda Soria

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Clinton Olivier

#### **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

#### **BUDGET HEARINGS**

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

[ID16-617](#) General Fund Overview

[ID16-625](#) Public Transportation Department (FAX)

[ID16-618](#) Development and Resources Management ("DARM")  
Department

[ID16-619](#) City Attorney's Office

[ID16-620](#) Personnel Services Department

[ID16-622](#) Office of the City Clerk

[ID16-623](#) Information Services Department

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[ID16-624](#) Airports Department

[ID16-621](#) Finance Department

[ID16-627](#) Mayor and City Manager's Office

[ID16-628](#) City Council Offices

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

[ID16-626](#) Department of Public Utilities

*Budget Manager Sumpter presented an overview of the proposed budget for the Department of Public Utilities.*

*Upon call, no member of the public addressed Council regarding the proposed budget for the Department of Public Utilities.*

*Council discussed the Public Utilities budget and touched on the following topics: developing staff; waste water plant optimization; drought impacts; water conservation and electric vehicles; illegal dumping; redeployment of personnel; reclaimed water (purple pipes) projects, funding, timelines and locations; lobbyist funding and focus; pilot program to address alley dumping and other alley issues; the average water bill after the rate increase; status of the million dollars set aside for low and fixed income seniors; outreach to low and fixed income seniors regarding assistance with utilities; drought stages, the effect of water consumption and state regulations on water rates; water allocations to the city; capacity to store and process water; irrigation of parks; the Ground Water Sustainability Act; options for watering median islands.*

*Councilmember Baines III directed staff to have a public campaign regarding the proposed "convenience sites" to curb illegal dumping.*

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BUDGET DISCUSSED**

[ID16-629](#)      Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services  
("PARCS")

*Budget Manager Sumpter presented an overview of the proposed budget for the Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Service ("PARCS") Department.*

*Upon call, the following members of the public addressed Council regarding the proposed budget for PARCS:*

*Jenine-Lacette Dshazer - discussed the need for education and community outreach regarding feral animals; financial incentives available to adopt out animals instead of killing them. She suggested the city look into programs on the coast and in northern California that will take unadoptable feral animals and place them in vineyards, barnyards and dairies where they are valuable commodities.*

*Kathy Omachi of Fresno United Neighborhoods - supports increased staffing levels for PARCS which has suffered from recession era cuts. She noted the department was lean and had a budget wise director at the helm. Ms. Omachi said parks were a quality of life issue and families need free places to go to enjoy green space. She also commented on the lack of green space in Fresno's China Town.*

*Natasha Mitchell of C and C Education Fund - asked how much money was allocated to the Parks Master Plan; how much money was spent on the Parks Master Plan, and; what it would take to help the City spend the money specifically on parks. She stated the residents of District Three were concerned with the lack of progress with parks in the area. President Caprioglio informed Ms. Mitchell that the Director would answer many of those questions during his presentation.*

*Steven Gutierrez - stated that to get back to the pre-recession funding levels for PARCS a 20% increase to the budget would be required and should be possible during the 2019 - 2020 fiscal year.*

*Dee Barnes of the Fresno City Employees Association - discussed cuts and demotions made to PARCS during the recession. She reminded council that there was more to the fiscal recovery than public safety and stated that parks was a quality of life issue. Ms. Barnes asked council to bring back cut programs, and to restore positions.*

*Grecia Elenes of Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability - requested additional funding for parks because the general fund has recovered from the recession. Ms. Elenes explained that parks were one of the most requested items from the unrepresented and ignored communities her organization deals with.*

*Lucio Avila - requested an increase to the parks budget. Mr. Avila noted that current parks are not kept in good condition and are filled with trash. He stated that increased maintenance on parks would make a world of difference.*

*Gabriela Mares of Cultiva La Salud - requested investment in Southeast Fresno green space and parks. She asked that more parks be created and money be put into existing parks. Ms. Mares said Southeast residents should not need to drive ten or fifteen minutes to reach a nice park.*

*Council discussed the proposed PARCS budget and touched on the following topics: the Parks Master Plan timeframe; Parks Master Plan details and public input; involvement of Community Based Organizations at community centers; Pinedale Community Center; irrigation of Woodward Park; deferred maintenance; funding for new parks in the Parks Master Plan; expanding successful programs; the impact of parks and PARCS programs on public safety; after school positions; status of the Assistant Director recruitment; Adopt-A-Park agreements; the lifeguard program; SPCA funding under PARCS; SPCA outreach and education; SPCA contract monitoring; PARCS accomplishments; the importance of investing in PARCS; goals for the next fiscal year including the replacement of play structures, pool evaluation and maintenance, the youth at risk program and Dinky Creek; maintenance performed by the Public Works Department; the new Public Works organizational layout; past demotions of PARCS Managers to Recreation Supervisors.*

*RECESSED 11:58 P.M. to 1:34 P.M.*

*Council discussion on the PARCS budget continued at 1:34 P.M. and touched on the following topics: the locations of parks in the city; the financial dilemma regarding competing priorities; finding "outside the box" resources for park maintenance costs; faulty Park Impact Fee assumptions of the past; SPCA education and clinics; possibly requiring vets to report vaccinations to assist with enforcement of animal licensing; potential funding*

*sources for new animal education and clinics; possible collaboration with the County on an animal control facility; the potential for animal control impact fees; improvements to the Mosqueda Center and Pilibos Park; improvements to the senior hot meals program; pending improvements to the Mosqueda Cafeteria; ceramics classes; the Reading and Beyond program; Pilibos Park security; funds for the Mosqueda splash park; Calwa Park; Oso de Oro Park; future park improvements, and; Midtown Trail funding.*

*Councilmember Brand exited the Council Chamber at 1:54 P.M. and returned at 2:54 P.M.*

*Councilmember Soria directed staff to provide Council with the figures regarding deferred maintenance being addressed in the proposed budget.*

*Councilmember Soria directed staff to provide Council with information regarding SPCA contract requirements and performance measures.*

*Councilmember Soria directed staff to separate SPCA and PARCS funds in future budgets.*

*Councilmember Soria directed staff to coordinate a meeting with her and the SPCA and to schedule a workshop for Council regarding the SPCA.*

*Councilmember Brand directed staff to provide Council with the Development Code report concerning park acreage throughout the City.*

*Councilmember Brandau motioned to allocate \$70,000 to staff the Pinedale Community Center with programming run by PARCS personnel. Councilmember Soria seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Brandau motioned to include design and engineering to update the irrigation system at Woodward Park. Councilmember Brand seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Soria motioned to include \$14,000 to expand the Youth Lifeguard Program west of Highway 99. Councilmember Baines III seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Baines III motioned to promote / reclassify PARCS Recreation Supervisors to Managers / management. Vice President*

*Quintero seconded the motion.*

*President Caprioglio motioned to set aside \$55,000 of PARCS money to support the programs and ongoing maintenance of Melody Park.*

#### **PARCS BUDGET DISCUSSED**

##### **ID16-630 Police Department**

*Budget Manager Sumpter presented an overview of the proposed budget for the Police Department.*

*Upon call, the following members of the public addressed Council regarding the proposed budget for the Police Department:*

*Dee Barnes of the Fresno City Employees Association - discussed the loss of Community Service Officers and crime prevention programs due to the recession and the impacts on the city. Ms. Barnes stated the Records Division was still understaffed and that the Senior Administrative Clerks in that division were underpaid. She noted that there was more to public safety than the number of officers on the street.*

*Council discussed the proposed Police Department budget and touched on the following topics: violent crime statistics; property crime statistics; vehicle theft statistics; police response times; Police Department restructuring; fatal traffic collision statistics; revenues; personnel levels and hiring; the number of Police Districts; the history of the Central Police District; Cadets; grants used by the Police Department; the Fresno Police Officer's Association thoughts on the proposed budget; investing in schools; restrictions imposed by grants; success of the bonus program as a recruiting tool; plans for a larger substation for Southeast Police District; Skywatch needs and funding history; unmarked vehicle needs; body camera needs; prisoner transport vans; general fund carry over; reduction of internal affairs investigations and excessive force complaints due to body cameras; community policing; middle school officer duties during summer; student resource officers; Citizens Academy funding; Tower District writing station; domestic violence responses; patrol officer numbers after the proposed restructuring; Civilian support staff levels; the ideal number of sworn officers; paid beds at the County Jail; Officer benefit packages; issues with homelessness and possible solutions; Community Service Officers; Deputy Chief and Assistant Chief positions, and; Officer satisfaction and morale.*

*Councilmember Baines III motioned to accept the Police Chief's recommendation and allocate \$25,000 to fund a satellite report writing sub-station in the Tower District. Councilmember Soria seconded the motion.*

*President Caprioglio motioned to allocate \$25,000 to fund a report writing sub-station at Stone Soup. Vice President Quintero seconded the motion.*

#### *POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET DISCUSSED*

##### [ID16-631](#) Fire Department

*Budget Manager Sumpter presented an overview of the proposed budget for the Fire Department.*

*Upon call, no member of the public addressed Council regarding the proposed budget for the Fire Department.*

*Council discussed the Fire Department budget and touched on the following topics: risk management; communications infrastructure; the status of vacant funded positions; firefighter coverage per day; response times; the impact of the SAFER Grant on personnel numbers, and overtime; roll out of the SART report; a risk management approach to mitigate fires; previous staffing increases; upgrades and changes to personal protective equipment; leadership changes; the fleet maintenance shop; scheduled communications infrastructure upgrades; staffing of the fleet maintenance shop, and; the ideal number of firefighters for the city.*

#### *FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET DISCUSSED*

**The meeting was RECESSED at 4:32 P.M. to be CONTINUED on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 9:30 A.M.**

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

##### [ID16-632](#) Convention Center

##### [ID16-633](#) General City Purpose

##### [ID16-634](#) Public Works Department

##### [ID16-697](#) Approve Fiscal Year 2016-2017 program income budget for the Housing Successor to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of

Fresno (Council action only)

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

[ID16-635](#) Council Vote on Motions Made During Budget Hearing

**ADJOURNMENT**

The above minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the City Council during the June 23, 2016 City Council meeting with Councilmember Quintero absent.