

# **City of Fresno**

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## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Monday, June 3, 2019**

**9:30 AM**

**Budget Hearings**

**Council Chambers**

### **City Council**

***President - Paul Caprioglio***

***Vice President - Miguel Angel Arias***

***Councilmembers:***

***Esmeralda Z. Soria, District 2 - Vacant, Luis Chavez, Garry Bredefeld,***

***Nelson Esparza***

***City Manager - Wilma Quan***

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

***City Clerk - Yvonne Spence, MMC***

**BUDGET HEARINGS** - Commencing on June 3, 2019, the budget hearing 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.

### **9:37 A.M. ROLL CALL**

*Council President Caprioglio was absent during roll call and joined the meeting at 9:43 A.M.*

**Present:** 6 - President Paul Caprioglio  
Vice President Miguel Angel Arias  
Councilmember Esmeralda Z. Soria  
Councilmember Luis Chavez  
Councilmember Garry Bredefeld  
Councilmember Nelson Esparza

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

### **BUDGET HEARINGS**

#### **Monday, June 3, 2019 - 9:30 A.M.**

[ID19-1722](#) Mayor's Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget Presentation

*Mayor Brand introduced the Mayor's Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget.*

*City Manager Quan thanked the budget team for all their hard work on the proposed budget.*

[ID19-1723](#) 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.*

*Upon call, there was no public comment.*

*Councilmember Chavez directed staff to provide a copy of the presentation to Council. He asked for the amount of funded expenditures that were not spent in the previous budget year that was carried over. Budget Manager Fierro responded approximately \$10.9 million was carried over.*

*Councilmember Esparza asked staff if a recession occurred, will there be adjustment made to the budget. Budget Manager Fierro responded that the proposed budget does not include adjustments in the event there is a recession.*

*Council Vice President Arias directed staff to provide a breakdown of Fiscal Year 2019 carryover line by line. He asked what is the amount in Fiscal Year 2019 funded expenditures that were not spent. He directed staff to provide the information regarding the revenue received from Ulta and Amazon and how much the City of Fresno is providing to Ulta and Amazon in payments and/or subsidies. He asked staff why they did not apply a budget to the employee service cost and salary increases for future growth in the general fund and if the current proposed budget is setting aside money for salary and health and welfare benefit increases. He directed staff to provide a breakdown of how much the City owes in MOU agreements for salary increases that still exist from prior years and requested information on the RDA funding being directed to the general fund. He asked where the funding is directed to. Budget Manager Fierro responded.*

*Council President Caprioglio asked staff to address Measure C and the three main categories: public transit, local transportation and region transportation. He expressed his concerns with the local transportation program and the funding to improve the streets and asked the staff if the amount can be increased. Council President Caprioglio requested a meeting with Director Mozier to discuss the amount allocated to the local transportation portion of the budget. Staff responded.*

[ID19-1724](#) Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services ("PARCS")

*Budget Manager Fierro presented an overview of the Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services (PARCs) for the Council.*

*Upon call, the following members of the public addressed Council: Ashley Kuhn, Gloria Heinrichs, Shirley Peters, Nancy McGee, Dr. Bill Daily, Gabriel Lozano, Kimberly McCoy and Pedro Navarro.*

*Councilmember Soria motioned to set aside \$1 million for a specific senior center. Council Vice President Arias seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Soria asked staff several questions regarding the staffing, vacant and filled positions in the PARCs Department. She requested information on the timeline for filling the vacant PARCs Director position and expressed her concerns with the consistent turn over in that position. She spoke regarding the summer programs and the youth leadership program. She requested to meet with Interim Director Miller to discuss the summer internship program. Councilmember Soria asked staff who determines the salary of the temporary hired students. She also asked about the Boys and Girls Club and if the services will continue to be provided. Councilmember Soria spoke regarding the deferred maintenance and if there was a plan for the next year. Staff responded.*

*Council Vice President Arias expressed his frustrations with the budget process and asked what the needs and wants are for the department. He asked why the funds are not being spent and continue to be carried over. He spoke regarding the blue and green space and wanted to know how many children are participating in the green space. He directed staff to provide him with the data of the green space. He spoke regarding the lack of maintenance of the parks restrooms and requested they be sanitized and cleaned properly. Council Vice President Arias asked staff about the Senior Center and asked why there has been a hold up on the project. He spoke regarding Camp Fresno and asked if capital improvements needed to be made for that facility. Council Vice President Arias discussed revenue generating entities needing a strategy and stated he felt that the City does not have a viable plan and would like to see a better management of the revenue.*

*Councilmember Chavez motioned to reclassify \$1 million from Affordable Housing Fund (10502) to the PARCS' budget. Council President Caprioglio seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Esparza asked several questions regarding full time and part time employees. He asked how many community centers are in the City of Fresno and how many of those centers serve seniors. He discussed the City owning the centers locations verses renting. He asked staff about the senior hot meals program and what the inventory of the students and*

*community services were. He also suggested looking at the various solutions and the amount of space per capita.*

*Councilmember Bredefeld asked about Prop 68 and how much money the City of Fresno will get and he spoke regarding the security at Roeding Park.*

*Council President Caprioglio referred to page B96 regarding rate funding increase. He asked if the funding included LED lights. He spoke regarding the community center and Camp Fresno. He stated District 4 is the only district in the City of Fresno that does not have a community center.*

*Council Vice President Arias motioned to allocate \$250,000 for grant writing consultant for the PARCS department. Councilmember Soria seconded the motion.*

**Council recessed for lunch at 11:47 A.M. and returned from lunch at 1:32 P.M.**

*Council President Caprioglio was absent for the remainder of the meeting at 1:32 P.M.*

[ID19-1725](#) Police Department

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

*Upon call, there was no public comment.*

*Councilmember Esparza asked staff about the decrease in the State and Federal grants and what impacts the grants have. He asked about the staffing and what the average vacancy rate was in the Police Department. He asked staff about the 18 FAX officers and if they are home based or community based. Staff responded.*

*Councilmember Bredefeld asked staff how many officers the Police department needs to effectively run the City of Fresno. He asked if AB109 affected the Police department and if the homeless taskforce needed additional resources to help the homeless. He spoke about public safety and mentioned hiring more dispatchers and officers. Councilmember Bredefeld asked staff how many gangs are reported in the City of Fresno.*

*Staff responded.*

*Councilmember Bredefeld motioned to fund the addition of fifteen (15) Police Officers and ten (10) Emergency Service Dispatchers' positions. For the funding for these new positions to come from: 1) \$1Million reclassified from the Affordable Housing fund; 2) \$1.7Million from the 13th Sales Tax Payment in Fiscal Year 2019; and 3) \$1.7Million from defunding the Rental Housing Services Program. Council Vice President Arias seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Chavez spoke regarding the 71 leased vehicles and asked staff why the vehicles are leased and not purchased. He asked who the leases are through and to double check patrol car requirement contracts. He stated he prefers local business when leasing vehicles. Councilmember Chavez also asked what an acceptable data point for crime reduction is. Staff responded.*

*Councilmember Soria spoke regarding the staffing, dispatchers and she directed staff to provide a status of a class and compensation study for dispatchers. She asked about the bike units and stated she would like more officers patrolling the Tower District after 11:00 P.M. She spoke regarding parks and public safety and stated she would like to see more female officers in the future. She asked staff about overtime and if more officers were needed to reduce the overtime pay. She also asked staff to provide an off-line explanation on salary savings. Staff responded.*

*Council Vice President Arias asked staff to explain the \$12 million increase from Fiscal Year 2018 to 2020. He spoke regarding the agreement between the Fresno Unified School District and the Police Department. He directed staff to provide him the numbers regarding the interactions between the students and police officers. Council Vice President Arias asked about the MOUS' obligations and non-MOU obligations. He asked staff to explain the differences in the three types of overtime and what they do with the vehicles they impound. He asked staff about the body cameras and what the replacement time was on the body camera equipment. He directed staff to provide a monthly salary savings total for Fiscal Year 2019 and asked how much has gone into the contingency account. He requested a class and*

*compensation study for police officers, how the City of Fresno compares to other cities and requested information for contract negotiations. He asked how the budget for the liability self-insurance account is determined. Staff responded.*

*Councilmember Soria asked about the \$2.8 million personnel contingency. Staff responded.*

*Councilmember Esparza asked how many Community Service Officers positions are in each district. Staff responded.*

*Council Vice President Arias asked staff what the top priority item was for the Police department that was not proposed in this budget. Staff responded.*

**Council recessed at 3:42 P.M. and returned from recess at 3:51 P.M.**

[ID19-1726](#) Fire Department

*Budget Manager Fierro and Chief Donis presented an overview of the Fire Department for the Council.*

*Upon call, there was no public comment.*

*Councilmember Esparza asked staff several questions regarding staffing, space for staff and the previous allocated dollars in Fiscal Year 2018. Staff responded.*

*Councilmember Esparza motioned to add six firefighters to the Fire Department. Councilmember Soria seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Soria spoke regarding the staffing, vacant positions and overtime. She asked staff what their priority requests are for this proposed budget and she questioned some of the categories and asked why there was such a big shift in salaries. She discussed Station 18 and the current and future impact fees for that station. She asked staff about the deferred maintenance, the audits and their needs for remodeling. Councilmember Soria requested information on Station 9. Staff responded*

*Councilmember Soria motioned to add \$85,000 for a fire inspector.  
Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.*

*Council Vice President Arias spoke regarding the staffing and the decrease in fires. He asked if six additional inspectors would be helpful to the department and if the department plans on buying smaller trucks. He asked staff about the maintenance facility and requested more information on the moratorium on occupancy permits for North West Fresno regarding the builders who have completed their construction but have not been able to obtain an occupancy permit until the fire stations are built. Staff responded.*

*Councilmember Bredefeld spoke regarding the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) calls for service with American Ambulance and the increased rates. He asked about the annual revenue that is generated and asked what the current cost would be for one call.*

*Council Vice President Arias stated he would be open to having legal counsel assist and asked why we can't separate from the County and have the City of Fresno do its own bid process. He stated he does not want staff to give away the house on salary increases, that staff not put a big rainy fund away that shows tax payers that we have more money than are spending, before we ask for some resources, and lastly, revisit the deployment strategy and be more cost effective.*

*City Council adjourned the meeting at 4:46 P.M.*