

City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

9:00 AM

Budget Hearing

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.

9:09 A.M. ROLL CALL

Councilmember Soria was absent during roll call and joined the meeting at 9:10 A.M. and Councilmember Bredefeld was absent during roll call and joined the meeting at 9:12 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

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[ID19-1736](#) City Attorney's Office

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

Upon call, there was no public comment.

Councilmember Bredefeld asked several questions about receiverships. He stated he would like to expand the Asset Team to include slumlords for apartments and larger units. He asked staff how they are informed when a home or apartment is not up to code. Councilmember Bredefeld recommended that the Asset Team be moved to the City Attorney's Office. Staff responded. City Manager Quan expressed her concerns with moving Code Enforcement under the City Attorney's Office.

Councilmember Soria motioned to add \$42,000 to fund training and CLE, \$5,000 to office supplies, \$10,000 for publications and subscriptions, \$15,000 for new computers, \$81,700 each for 2 paralegals for PRA Personnel, and \$100,000 for hiring/retention/promotions. Councilmember

Chavez seconded the motion.

Council Vice President Arias asked if the City Attorney's office charges other departments for their services and staff's time. He asked how much staff cost is recovered through other departments. He asked staff if the Police department has any attorneys in house and if so who do they report to. Staff responded.

Council Vice President Arias motioned to fund a Liquor Inspections: Investigator/Expenses in the amount of \$97,000, Increase Contract Counsel line item from \$175,000 to \$200,000 and to transfer all or some of Code Enforcement functions to City Attorney's Office at no net cost to the City Attorney's budget. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Esparza motioned to reallocate \$50,000 for budget analyst at no cost within the City Attorney's budget. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Esparza motioned to fund and authorize two additional legal investigators in the amount of \$85,000 for a total of \$170,000 to the City Attorney's budget. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Esparza motioned to amend previous motion "to move the Neighborhood Services Department to the City Attorney's Office" to 1) The Neighborhood Services Department, as described in the Mayor's proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Budget, including all of its functions, authority, and resources, shall be reorganized to be under the City Attorney; 2) The transfer shall be effective as of July 1, 2019 (date of transfer). The effects upon represented personnel should be minimal, as this action was already proposed to be separated from DARM in the Mayor's proposed Budget, and merely transfers oversight authority, and represented employees will continue to perform the same job functions for the same compensation and employment terms. Nonetheless, the Personnel Director and City Attorney shall immediately provide notice to affected bargaining units and allow for comment on the effects, if any, of this transfer; 3) All equipment, supplies, vehicles, facilities, office space, contracts, and all other resources currently assigned to the applicable code enforcement functions and personnel and

necessary to carry out this motion shall be transferred to the City Attorney's Office. The Administration shall coordinate with the City Attorney to provide substantially the same necessary and efficient City Hall office space to allow for minimal disruption of code enforcement activities, with at least much space as is being provided currently for the applicable code enforcement activities; in the event the allocation of physical space and resources cannot be agreed upon, the Council will give direction on the unresolved issues; 4) All funding, as described in the proposed Budget for Neighborhood Services, of \$10,430,000, and related fine and fee revenue, interdepartmental charges, and grants, necessary to carry out this motion shall be transferred to the City Attorney's Office, without interruption, as of the date of transfer. The intent is for this transfer to be over-all budget neutral; 5) All 80 employees designated in the proposed Budget for Neighborhood Services shall as of the date of transfer be added to and under the authority of the City Attorney, as will also be reflected in the Position Authorization Resolution; 6) Council hereby directs the Administration, Staff, and the City Attorney to take all actions necessary to implement this motion. Councilmember Soria seconded the motion.

Councilmember Chavez requested a list of actual Public Records Act (PRA) requests from Fiscal Year 2018.

[ID19-1737](#) City Clerk's Office

City Clerk Spence presented an overview of the City Clerk's budget to the Council.

Upon call, there was no public comment.

Council Vice President Arias asked where the special election money comes from. He asked staff what their priority budget request was and what the records consultant would do for the City Clerk's Office. He asked what the liability was if the records are not kept up for the department. He also asked if the City Clerk's office could bill other departments for their services. Staff responded.

Council Vice President Arias motioned to add a \$50,000 for a Records Consultant and \$61,000 for a Records Supervisor position for a total of

\$111,000 to the City Clerk's budget. Councilmember Soria seconded the motion.

Council President Caprioglio asked staff what the difference was between the Records Consultant and the Records Supervisor position. Staff replied.

[ID19-1738](#) General City Purpose (Includes Retirement)

Budget Manager Fierro presented an overview of the General City Purpose budget to the Council.

Upon call, there was no public comment.

Councilmember Soria requested a summary/background of the Historic Preservation program and the annual grant funding. She asked if \$50,000 was enough, how many are being funded and how many have been funded in the past. She asked staff when did it start and how they are promoting the program. She asked for an update on the Animal Control and SPCA contract. She expressed her concerns with the SPCA contract and asked staff why the contract continues to increase. Councilmember Esparza asked how many proposal has Administration received and how long will the SPCA contract be extended to. Council Vice President Arias directed City Manager's staff to meet with Council regarding the SPCA contract and would like the SPCA representative to be at the next budget meeting. Staff responded.

Councilmember Soria asked several questions regarding the HEAP program and wanted to know where the program is with the funding and how much was spent. She asked if the Sub-committee has approved the street to home program and if the dollars are contingent upon the vote. Staff replied.

Council Vice President Arias asked several questions regarding the Economic Development Corporation (EDC). He asked how many businesses has EDC located in the City of Fresno and requested a clear list of projects that have successfully relocated or expanded in the City of Fresno, a performance report from the EDC. He asked about the Fresno County Fair and requested a breakdown of all parades budgeted for Fiscal Year 2020. Staff responded.

Councilmember Chavez motioned to add \$30,000 for Department of Public Utilities to pay for water for the Fresno Fair green space watering on the corner of Maple/Butler. Council President Caprioglio seconded the motion.

Council Vice President Arias asked about the California Food Expo and when it will be independently operating without the City of Fresno's contribution. He requested an annual report that shows the successes of shows from the California Food Expo. He asked about the Senior Clerk position in the retirement office and why Granite Park is not under the PARCs department. He also requested a list of credits and waivers that the Convention Center issued. Staff responded.

Councilmember Bredefeld spoke regarding the Youth Leadership and would like to see more accountability of the program. He expressed his concerns with funding a consultant for \$100,000 and suggested he can find an individual who will work for the program without any money being spent. Councilmember Chavez and Councilmember Soria responded.

Councilmember Bredefeld motioned to cut the funding for \$100,000 and reallocate the money to Community Service Officers, 911 Dispatchers, Police and Fire department. Motion failed for lack of seconded.

Councilmember Bredefeld asked staff several questions regarding the \$50,000 for the HEAP program. Staff replied.

Councilmember Chavez motioned to add \$40,000 for the Fresno Historic Society. Councilmember Esparza seconded the motion.

Councilmember Chavez motioned to identify \$500,000 to help with the funding gap for the Cesar Chavez Foundation project using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME, Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or General Fund dollars. Councilmember Soria seconded the motion.

Councilmember Esparza asked several questions regarding the Redevelopment Agency (RDA) funding and spoke regarding reallocating

money to affordable housing. Staff replied.

Council President Caprioglio requested the following information from staff: Outreach on the Summer Youth program from Personnel, detail on line item on account 57101-Land Acquisition for Fiscal Year 2018 in the amount of \$4.3 million, line item detail on account 54301 - O/S Repair, Maintenance & Service-Building and Account 58005 - Miscellaneous Expenditures. He also requested information on the CMAC contract, a breakdown of funds 70213 account 58011 - Debt Redemption broken out between the Bee building and Granite Park. Staff replied.

Council President Caprioglio motioned to move \$200,000 from account 57101- Land Acquisition in the General City Purpose department, but if the dollars are not spent it will go to the Multigenerational center. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.

Council Vice President Arias motioned to cut the Federal and State lobbyist from the Fiscal Year 2020 budget. Councilmember Bredefeld seconded the motion.

Councilmember Soria requested information from staff on the following: detail on line item account 58004-Special Project in the amount of \$1,625,000, Fiscal year 2019 actuals to date on account 58010 -Taxes an Bonds Premiums, a breakdown of line item account 58016 - Memberships and dues, line item detail on account 59117 - Overhead Charge to Capital and account 59120 - Facility Repair and Replace Projects in the amount of \$150,000 each in Fiscal Year 2020. She also asked for Fiscal year 2019 actuals to date on fund 51511 account 51109 - Leave Payoff at Termination, she asked staff to provide a current as of today Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019 budget-to-actual report by line item account for all funds in the General City Purpose department No. 200000. The report should indicate how much of the actual amounts, if any, is encumbered. She requested to provide a Fiscal Year 2017 - 2018 Year-End and Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019 Year-to-date trail balance for fund no. 24069 - Economic Incentives. She requested staff to provide a current list of all active encumbrance balances for the General Fund 10101 by department. Staff responded.

Councilmember Chavez asked how much was the City of Fresno charging for dog licenses and what enforcement mechanisms are being used. He asked how much revenue from the dog licenses have been collected in the past. Staff replied.

Council Vice President Arias requested utility increase detail at the Fresno Metropolitan Museum Fund 21502 Account 54101. Staff replied.

[ID19-1739](#) City Council Offices

Councilmember Esparza motioned to move \$50,000 from discretionary funding to the base budget for all Council district. Council Vice President Arias seconded the motion.

Council Vice President Arias motioned to add one time funding for a Public Safety memorial. Councilmember Soria seconded the motion.

Council Vice President Arias motioned to add \$500,000 from a one time funding to implement recommendations made by the Immigration Affairs Committee. If not used, the money will stay in the General fund. Councilmember Soria seconded the motion.

Council Vice President Arias motioned to add \$200,000 to each district for a total of \$1.4 million for infrastructure which included tree trimming and sidewalk projects. Councilmember Soria seconded the motion.

Upon call, there was no public comment.

[ID19-1740](#) Mayor and City Manager's Office

Budget Manager Fierro gave an overview of the Mayor and City Manager's Office to the Council.

Upon call, there was no public comment.

Councilmember Soria asked what the differences are in space rentals throughout City Hall. Staff replied.

Councilmember Esparza asked the Administration what the five new

positions are in the Mayor/City Manager's Office. Staff responded.

Council Vice President Arias requested a list of percentages of general fund budget growth for all departments Fiscal Year 2019 to Fiscal Year 2020. Staff replied.

City Council adjourned at 11:48 A.M.