

City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, June 10, 2019

10:00 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 budget session in the Council Chambers, City Hall on the date and time written above.

10:07 A.M. ROLL CALL

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Monday, June 10, 2019 - 10:00 A.M. (or shortly thereafter)

[ID19-1732](#) Airports Department

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

Council Vice President Arias asked staff if there were any changes to the budget since the distribution of the binders. Staff responded no.

Director Meikle gave a brief overview of the Airports Department.

Council President Caprioglio quickly mentioned the sister city with Guadalajara.

Councilmember Soria asked staff what the \$3.4 million will be used towards and if any of the money will go towards maintaining Airports. She asked several questions regarding the Airway Golf Course and the reduction in the permanent salaries. She expressed her concerns with the swimming pool not being in use and requested staff come up with a plan to get the swimming pool up and running. She thanked the staff for all their hard work and for utilizing summer interns. Staff responded.

Council Vice President Arias requested a copy of all lease agreements with non-airport operating functions. He spoke regarding the Chandler Airport and asked who was in charge of maintaining the frontage road. He discussed cannabis advertising and asked staff if advertisement was allowed at the Airports. He requested staff research the cannabis advertising in conjunction with the City Attorney's Office. He also stated he would like to see more City of Fresno advertising and would like more

Hispanic cultures displayed and requested staff provide a copy of the Clear Channel marketing agreement. Staff responded.

Councilmember Esparza asked about the recession in 2009 and asked how a recession would impact the Airports. Staff replied.

Councilmember Bredefeld asked about the assessment dealership and the flight school classes. Staff replied.

Council President Caprioglio asked staff if one custodian was enough for the Airports and if they needed more staff to keep the Airports clean. Director Meikle responded that one helps but does not meet our needs due to record airport growth. If we knew 6 months ago what we know now our budget proposal would look a lot different. Rather than burden staff with last minute adjustments to our budget, I plan on coming back to Council later in the first quarter of FY20 to address our growing needs.

Councilmember Soria asked several questions regarding the revenue for the advertisements and contracting out with the Ad agency. Council Vice President Arias spoke regarding positive advertising of City of Fresno and not just advertising the Casinos.

Upon call, there was no public comment.

[ID19-1733](#) Information Services Department

Budget Manager Fierro presented an overview of the Information Services Department for the Council.

Council Vice President Arias asked staff if there were any changes to the budget since the distribution of the binders. Staff responded no.

Councilmember Soria asked about the 311 call center, the staff, their hours and how much they get paid. She asked about the \$84,000 and why there was an increase to cover copies contract. She asked staff about the PeopleSoft software and when staff expects there to be an upgrade. She spoke regarding the slow network and requested staff provide the cost of doubling the Internet bandwidth/speed provided by AT&T. Staff responded.

Council Vice President Arias requested the total number of new positions being added citywide in Fiscal Year 2020. He expressed his dislike for the current technology and he asked about FresGo and who determines what features are added to the program. He asked several questions about the upgraded plan and about Public Records Act (PRA) requests for the City Attorney's Office and Police Department body camera. He discussed training on the records retention and wanted to know what the City of Fresno can do to become more transparent. Staff responded.

Councilmember Chavez asked several questions regarding the 5G network and the Fiber investments for the City of Fresno. Staff responded.

Council President Caprioglio requested a breakdown of the carryover on all ISD funds and he requested ISD to assist with the acquisition of a new copier in the Council offices to be equal to or better than the current copier. Staff replied.

Upon call, there was no public comment.

[ID19-1734](#) Personnel Services Department

Budget Manager Fierro presented an overview of the Personnel Services Department for the Council.

Councilmember Soria asked several questions regarding the permit process for events and wanted to know if any procedures have changed since the adoption of the Ordinance. She expressed her concerns with the event permits not being consistent and suggested there be an application on the website for transparency and consistency. She spoke regarding the summer internship and would like to create a more robust program that will be all year around. She requested a meeting with her staff and Personnel department to discuss the internship program application process. Staff responded.

Councilmember Soria motioned to add \$100,000 to hire interns and continue supporting the internship program year around. Council Vice President Arias seconded the motion.

Council President Caprioglio spoke regarding the workers compensation and the cost allocation plan and asked how it works. He also asked staff if they are fully staffed. Staff replied.

Council Vice President Arias spoke regarding the risk management and the special events permits. He asked about the rates of the required insurance and the inconsistencies of the permits for the events. He suggested that staff attend the events to get a better idea of what the permits are being used for. Staff responded.

Upon call, there was no public comment.

City Council recessed for lunch at 12:03 P.M. and returned from lunch at 1:12 P.M.

[ID19-1735](#) Transportation Department (FAX)

Budget Manager Fierro presented an overview of the Transportation Department (FAX) for the Council.

Council Vice President Arias spoke regarding the \$50,000 pilot connection program from the California Veterans Home to the Downtown Hub and he would like the State to be a part of the discussion.

Council President Caprioglio spoke regarding BRT ribbon cutting on Shaw Avenue and he requested a status update on the ridership. He requested covered bus stops with benches in District 4. Staff responded.

Councilmember Esparza asked staff to discuss the Manchester Transit Center and asked when they expect the project to be completed. Staff replied.

Council President Arias requested a closed session item to discuss the Manchester Transit Center contract and he asked if other parts of the districts will have the opportunity to be redesigned. Staff replied.

Councilmember Soria asked several questions regarding the Handy Ride Program, if they are at capacity, she asked should they expand the services and is there a plan to address the high demand. She asked if the increase

will help with the funding and the Request for Proposals (RFP) and she would like staff to increase the capacity of riders. She requested an update on the passengers annually and asked how FAX deals with complaints from the public. She spoke regarding the agreements and highlights with the School Districts and wanted to know what the number of riders are that relate to the agreements. She requested Councilmember Esparza to add an item to the School Liaison Sub-committee agenda to discuss the agreements with Fresno Unified School District to find ways to increase ridership. Staff responded.

Councilmember Esparza stated the next School Liaison Sub-committee meeting will be held in the fall and will discuss the riders and routes.

Councilmember Soria spoke regarding the issues with dual enrollment for students due to the lack of connection in bus routes in the West side of the town and she would like staff to look into future expansion. Staff responded.

Council Vice President Arias motioned to add up to \$50,000 towards the pilot connection program from the California Veterans Home to the Downtown Hub. Councilmember Soria seconded the motion.

Council Vice President Arias requested staff to research the reason UB&C has discontinued issuing bus passes at City Hall and requested the function be reinstated. Staff responded.

Upon call, the following member of the public addressed Council: Charles Krugman.

City Council adjourned at 2:00 P.M.