

# **City of Fresno**

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## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, October 13, 2020**

**9:00 AM**

**Continued Budget Hearings**

**Council Chambers**

### **City Council**

***President - Miguel Angel Arias***

***Vice President - Paul Caprioglio***

***Councilmembers:***

***Esmeralda Z. Soria, Mike Karbassi, Luis Chavez, Garry Bredefeld,***

***Nelson Esparza***

***City Manager - Wilma Quan***

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

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

City Council met in budget session, City Hall on the date and time written above.

**9:04 A.M. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 7 - President Miguel Angel Arias  
Vice President Paul Caprioglio  
Councilmember Esmeralda Z. Soria  
Councilmember Mike Karbassi  
Councilmember Luis Chavez  
Councilmember Garry Bredefeld  
Councilmember Nelson Esparza

**Tuesday, October 13, 2020 - 9:00 A.M.**

[ID](#) Information Services Department  
[20-001276](#)

*The Information Services Department budget was presented to Council by Chief Information Officer Horn, Information Services Department (ISD) and Budget Manager Fierro, City Manager's Office. Upon call, there was no public comment.*

*Discussion was held between Councilmembers and staff regarding vacant positions in the department, converting the Assistant Directors position to a lower level position, the City of Fresno Cyber Security, the amount of City employees working remotely and the safety measures ISD is taking to ensure the network is secure. Councilmembers requested a workshop in Closed Session to discuss the cyber security for City of Fresno. Councilmembers discussed the integration of Macintosh Computer (Mac) and requested the meetings continue to include Zoom as an option for public participation.*

*Councilmember Soria requested a report of how much of ISD's Internal Services Fund appropriations are paid for by the General Fund in Fiscal Year 2021.*

*Council President Arias requested the dollar amount ISD has been reimbursed by CARES Act and asked for a replacement plan for the various software and devices.*

[ID](#) Personnel Services Department  
[20-001277](#)

*The Personnel Services Department budget was presented to Council by Director Cardell, Personnel Services Department and Budget Manager Fierro, City Manager's Office. Upon call, there was no public comment.*

*Discussion was held between Councilmembers and staff regarding vacant positions in the department, the Liability Self-Insurance Fund, which claims and lawsuits were anticipated to be finalized this Fiscal Year to justify the \$500 million, and Councilmembers asked about the Risk Management department. Councilmembers spoke regarding special events, block parties and the insurance process for the events.*

*Councilmember Soria requested an audit of the current Alternative Dispute Resolution vendor and that small business and minority businesses that are allowed to participate in the discussion regarding Personnel Services Department barriers on bidding opportunities.*

*Council President Arias requested a full list of claims to be paid by Liability Self-Insurance Fund, including those carried over from Fiscal Year 2020 and he requested a workshop by Personnel Services Department regarding risk assessments for vendors and levels of coverage.*

[ID](#) Finance Department  
[20-001278](#)

*The Finance Department budget was presented to Council by Director Lima, Finance Department and Budget Manager Fierro, City Manager's Office. Upon call, there was no public comment.*

*Council President Arias requested a current list of risk assessment of internal audits.*

*Councilmember Soria motioned to fully staff and prioritize to fill the Central Printing vacancy. Councilmember Karbassi seconded the motion.*

*Discussion was held between Councilmembers and staff regarding the*

*Central Printing Department and the vacancy for a full time employee. Councilmembers asked about the Parking and Police audits and when Council will have a list of all the final audits up-to-date.*

**City Council recessed from 10:34 A.M. and returned from recess at 10:50 A.M.**

[ID](#) Police Department  
[20-001279](#)

*The Police Department budget was presented to Council by Chief Hall, Police Department and Administrative Manager Watahira, Police Department. Upon call, the following members of the public addressed Council: Mariah Thompson, Ivanka Saunders, Kathryn Forbes, Kimberly McCoy, Marisa Moraza, Gloria Hernandez, Lisa Flores, Dez Martinez, Brandi Villegas, Andy Levine, Alexandria Ramos-O'Casey, and D'Aungillique Jackson.*

*Discussion was held between Councilmember and staff regarding Advance Peace, Community Service Officers (CSO) and additional raises for Police Officers.*

*Council President Arias requested the dollar amount of 3% salary increase for the Police Officers and for a current list of businesses using Contract Law Enforcement Services.*

*Councilmember Esparza requested for the Police Department to keep Council in the loop regarding changes to Policing District boundaries and Community Services Officers contracts.*

*Councilmember Karbassi motioned to direct staff to meet with the Sheriff Department, US Attorney, and District Attorney to explore a partnership for targeting validated gang leaders and have the ability to hold them in jail cells to try and reduce the exploding gang shootings occurring in the City of Fresno. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.*

*Council Vice President Caprioglio motioned to fill five (5) current vacant Community Service Officer (CSO) positions and add two (2) more CSO positions to Fiscal Year 2021 Revised Budget for each district. Councilmember Esparza seconded the motion.*

City Council recessed for lunch at 12:25 P.M. and returned from lunch at 2:05 P.M.

[ID](#) Fire Department  
[20-001280](#)

*The Fire Department budget was presented to Council by Chief Donis, Fire Department. Upon call, there was no public comment.*

*Discussion was held between Councilmembers and Chief Donis regarding the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant, the \$2.2 million increase in revenue, and the five (5) year costing projects for Fire Department. Councilmembers spoke regarding the recent Creek fires, the revenues received, and asked where the reimbursements will go in the General Fund.*

*Council President Arias requested Fire Department provide Council with what new services would be provided with \$2.2 million additional Inspection and Fire Hydrant fees.*

*Councilmember Soria motioned to start the planning process to explore the building of a Fire training facility. Councilmember Bredefeld seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Karbassi motioned for staff to come back in 90 days with a plan for acquisition of land for Fire Station 12. Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion.*

### **Motion and Directions**

[ID](#) Council Motions and Directions for October 13, 2020 budget hearings.  
[20-001443](#)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*City Council adjourned the October 13, 2020 budget at 2:54 P.M.*