

# City Council Minutes

## June 9, 2014

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The City Council met in regular session at the hour of 9:00 A.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on the day above written.

### 9:17 A.M. ROLL CALL

Present:	Oliver Baines III	Acting Council President
	Lee Brand	Councilmember
	Paul Caprioglio	Councilmember
	Clinton Olivier	Councilmember
	Sal Quintero	Councilmember
	Blong Xiong	Councilmember
	Steve Brandau	Council President

Also Present:	Bruce Rudd	City Manager
	Renena Smith	Assistant City Manager
	Doug Sloan	City Attorney
	Yvonne Spence	City Clerk
	Todd Stermer	Assistant City Clerk

### **SCHEDULED COUNCIL HEARINGS AND MATTERS CONTINUED**

### 9:00 A.M. FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 BUDGET HEARINGS (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Councilmember Quintero motioned to move the City Clerk's budget onto the motion list to be voted on June 16, 2014. President Brandau seconded the motion.

#### 1. Fresno Yosemite International Airport ("FYI")

Budget Manager Sumpter provided a summary of the FYI budget which included the following: FYI was an enterprise department with revenues from parking, concessions, and federal inspection station fees; revenues were trending up in Fiscal Year ("FY") 2014 and FY 2015; the department was expecting lower debt service payments due to bonds refinancing in 2013; a contractual Master Fee Schedule adjustment of green fees for Airways Golf Course was included in the budget; the budget included the transfer of eleven police officers back the police department for a savings of approximately \$200,000; to make up for the loss of police officers the department added public safety officers; there were decreases to expenditures and revenues due to large capital grants projects wrapping up.

The following member of the public spoke on this item: Barbara Hunt.

Councilmember Caprioglio discussed the following with Director Meikle: the contract concerning Airways Golf Course green fees.

Councilmember Quintero discussed following with Director Meikle: increased green fees at Airways Golf Course; effectiveness of marketing for the airport and; car rentals.

Councilmember Brand discussed the following with Director Meikle: FYI reserves; the status of the GAP loan; whether the airport was making up lost flights to Los Vegas; direct flights to Hawaii; the possibility of flights to New York, and; coordination with outside organizations.

Councilmember Baines discussed the following with Director Meikle: the FY 2015 decrease in intergovernmental revenue.

## 2. Convention Center

Budget Manager Sumpter provided a summary of the Convention Center budget which included the following: a new agreement was recently signed with SMG to run the Convention Center; the proposed budget was in conformance with the agreement as far as the general fund subsidy reduction; the budget included much needed capital improvements; the budget included transfers from the general fund and from APES fee for energy efficiency upgrades.

SMG General Manager Overfelt discussed the Convention Center and noted the following: the proposed budget established a co-promotion fund of \$50,000 to help attract new business and a \$500,000 working capital to better help pay bills on time. Mr. Overfelt requested council authorize SMG to allocate the entire co-promotion fund and \$50,000 of the working capital fund to the Convention and Visitors Bureau to hire a professional salesperson to work solely on attracting new business to the convention center facilities.

The following members of the public spoke on this item: Layla Forstedt, Barbara Hunt, Al Smith.

Acting President Baines discussed the following with SMG General Manager Overfelt: the proposition of funding a position for the Convention and Visitors Bureau; the estimated revenues from various events at the Convention Center; the money set aside for the capital fund improvements.

Councilmember Brand discussed the following with SMG General Manager Overfelt: obtaining comprehensive reports on the status of the Convention Center; the general fund debt service; the proposed energy improvements; naming rights opportunities; the reinvestment of savings from upgrades. Councilmember Brand motioned to transfer \$50,000 from the co-promotion fund and \$500,000 from the working capital fund to fund a position at the Convention and Visitors Bureau. Acting President Baines seconded the motion.

Councilmember Xiong discussed the following with City Manager Rudd and SMG General Manager Overfelt: deferred maintenance impacts at the Convention Center; the capital costs to bring the convention centers up to date; reinvestment of savings from capital updates.

President Brandau discussed the following with SMG General Manager Overfelt: the duties of, and the desired effect from, the proposed position at the Convention and Visitors Bureau; attendance figures and taxable revenue from the Fight for Water boxing event; the financial results for the City from the FFA convention; the benefit of attracting large conventions; the funding sources for the proposed energy efficiency upgrades.

Councilmember Quintero discussed the following with City Manager Rudd and SMG General Manager Overfelt: facility naming rights; lighting the trees and streets of downtown.

### 3. General City Purpose

Budget Manager Sumpter provided a summary of the General City Purpose budget which included the following: the department holds the budget items that do not have direct departmental connections including the Retirement Office, Fresno Revitalization Corporation expenses, and debt services not related to a specific department; general taxes were listed in the department so they can be deposited into the system.

The following members of the public spoke on this item: Barbara Hunt.

Councilmember Caprioglio discussed the following with Budget Manager Sumpter: the FY 2015 increase to the miscellaneous revenues category.

President Brandau discussed the following with Budget Manager Sumpter: recycling revenue as a part of the miscellaneous revenue category; staffing levels and positions.

Councilmember Brand discussed the following with Budget Manager Sumpter: recent calculation changes for budget items in the department; pension obligation bonds; use of the projected residual; the level of general fund support for the department.

### 4. Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services ("PARCS")

Budget Manager Sumpter provided a summary of the PARCS budget which included the following: overall revenues were down 8.2 million dollars due to capital project funding from FY 2014 that will not be in FY 2015; there was an anticipated increase of 16% in operating revenues; some temporary positions were being converted to permanent positions and created an increase in personnel charges;

there were increases to cover anticipated hikes in water and electricity rates as well materials and supplies for the after school programs. There were additional funds for Woodward Park shelters, pools, and the Mosqueda Community Center ("MCC") air conditioning enclosure; money had been budgeted for the emergency projects that inevitably appear each year; new equipment was funded through the General City Purpose budget for supervision and control purposes; the budget included money for resurfacing the outside courts at Romain; \$50,000 had been budgeted for the maintenance yard move from Roeding Park due to the Chafee Zoo expansion; CDBG funds for PARCS items were found in DARM but operational control would remain with PARCS; the department would still use CDBG funds for the Senior Hot Meals and after school programs; the PARCS Director position had been funded; ten of the fourteen proposed new positions were to replace temporary staff.

City Manager Rudd introduced the new PARCS Director, Manuel Mollinedo and acknowledged the PARCS staff for their hard work.

The following members of the public spoke on this item: Barbara Hunt, Marina Magdaleno, Dee Barnes.

Councilmember Quintero discussed the following with City Manager Rudd: success of current activities at MCC; CDBG funds; the need for senior exercise programs; the need to replace the cafeteria chairs and tables at MCC; the possibility of establishing additional programs at MCC; upkeep of MCC; splash park costs; staff time used for improvements at Pilibos Park.

Councilmember Brand discussed the following with City Manager Rudd: impact fees for parks; general fund subsidies; reserves; proposed new positions; temporary and permanent employee statuses; the number of parks in the city; the importance of maintaining parks and creating new parks and trails to make the city a desirable location; the increase of capital improvement and maintenance levels; the Senior Hot Meals program; CCSPCA costs; the possibility of improving CCSPCA services to lower the number of animal euthanized; upkeep of the BMX park within Woodward Park; plans for the Woodward Park dog park; the revenue generation by events at Woodward Park; co-promotion possibilities at Woodward Park; revenue from the annual high school cross country meet; the Asset Management Act and the potential for billboard revenue.

Councilmember Xiong discussed the following with City Manager Rudd: the policy for future park developments and community facilities districts ("CFD"); strategies for park maintenance at parks without CFDs; investments in older parks; the possibility of turning canals into trails and green space; joint use of green space at schools; upkeep of the Veterans auditorium; the distribution of the Veterans Memorial District funds between the Cities of Fresno and Clovis.

Councilmember Caprioglio discussed the following with City Manager Rudd: the sizeable allocation of funds for improvements at Holmes Playground; the possibility of requiring the Chaffee Zoo to pay for the removal of city facilities from Roeding Park; the status of new hires; the locations for new parks in district four; the selection process for park locations; senior recreation and the Senior Hot Meals program in district four.

Acting President Baines discussed the following with City Manager Rudd: new programs in the department; the City's fiscal ability to maintain parks at the level desired by the Department; the value maintaining older amenities and creating new amenities; the need for a restoration tax; the conversion of temporary positions to permanent positions; parks as part of a public safety apparatus of the City.

President Brandau discussed the following with City Manager Rudd and Budget Manager Sumpter: the cost of converting temporary employees to permanent; the reason for the increase in the "other revenue" category.

RECESSED 12:07 P.M. to 1:42 P.M.

## 5. Police

Budget Manager Sumpter provided a summary of the Police Department budget which included the following: the total budget was 151 million dollars of which 149 million dollars were operational costs; non-personnel expenditures reflected a decrease of about \$387,000 primarily due to a decrease in the asset forfeiture fund; new equipment was budgeted from the General City Purposes budget for over sight purposes; new equipment included \$110,000 for portable radios and \$5,500 for gps vehicle tracking units; there were lease payments of \$59,000 for plain police vehicles and about \$42,000 for motorcycles; \$500,000 was budgeted for two lease payments for 50 vehicle order in FY 2014 and \$250,000 for an additional 50 vehicles to be ordered in FY 2015; grant appropriations were down approximately 3 million dollars partly because of the move of CDBG graffiti funds to DARM; the Police Bureau Impact Team was moved to the general fund; sworn positions remained unchanged at 717 officers; the budget included a proposal for six additional non-sworn personnel; there were budgeted increases to employee services that corresponded to contractual obligations.

The following members of the public spoke on this item: Barbara Hunt, Dee Barnes.

Councilmember Brand discussed the following with Chief Dyer and Budget Manager Sumpter: changes to employee leave payout; staffing level changes and effects on health insurance costs; overtime costs; changes to the information systems allocation; liability self-insurance calculations; the effectiveness and cost for five beds at the county jail; early releases at the county jail; the effects a new District Attorney might have on early releases; the possibility of improvements and

efficiencies in the Police Department and at the County Jail; technology options for the department; personal wearable cameras for officers; the status of equipment in the department; the effect that separate servers might have for the department; web based services; the safety of Fresno; identity theft; ideal staffing levels.

Councilmember Xiong discussed the following with Chief Dyer: police presence in the Tower District; the costs to increase police presence in the Tower District; contract policing options; the possibility of opening a writing stations for officers in the Tower District; effectiveness of the currently assigned officer for the Tower District; costs to fund a bicycle unit or officer in the Tower District; Councilmember Xiong motioned to fund a bike unit in the Tower District. Acting President Baines seconded the motion. Councilmember Xiong further discussed: the efficiency of the jail; the fairness of paying for five jail beds when citizens have already paid for use of the jail.

Acting President Baines discussed the following with Chief Dyer: staffing levels of sworn officers; funded and unfunded positions; the timing involved when adding sworn officers; response time to calls for service and the level of service experienced by the community; the time involved before a new officer gets in the field; support staff levels; inefficiencies caused by staffing levels; the effect of increased staffing on overtime; overtime with current staffing levels.

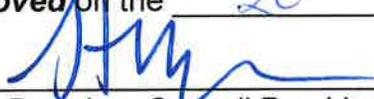
Councilmember Caprioglio discussed the following with Chief Dyer: the impact of civilians in the department and the possible effects on overtime; asset forfeiture reductions; code enforcement involvement with marijuana grows; the Sheriff Departments move to an independent technology system and what could be learned from it; the success of the police training center; the possibility of reserved jail space for identity theft perpetrators. Councilmember Caprioglio stated, for the record, that he would like to see the police substation at Sixth Street and Shaw Avenue re-opened, if at all possible, or at least the opening of a report writing station. Councilmember Caprioglio further discussed the following: the shopping carts and the Homeless Task Force; lack of vertical movement for officers and the resulting structural changes. Councilmember Caprioglio motioned to have a police report writing office at Shaw and Sixth. Acting President Baines seconded the motion.

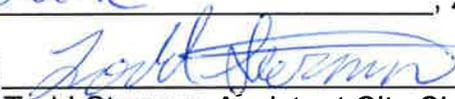
President Brandau discussed the following with Chief Dyer: the status of the recently hired police cadets.

**Action Taken:** HELD

**ADJOURNED – 3:40 P.M.**

Approved on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

  
Steve Brandau, Council President

ATTEST:   
Todd Stermer, Assistant City Clerk