

DRAFT MINUTES
SALINAS CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE
Monday, September 18, 2017
3:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Joe Gunter and Councilmember Tony Barrera were present. Councilmember Scott Davis was absent.

STAFF PRESENT: Assistant City Manager Jim Pia, Fire Chief Edmond Rodriguez, Emergency Medical Services Officer Scott Houchin and Finance Director Matt Pressey

Mayor Gunter called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

A member of the public, Al Espindola, asked what will become of the funding for the Measure G funded police sergeant positions if the SRO's are not funded with the grant.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the July 10, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved by motion of Committee Member Gunter, second by Committee Member Barrera.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. PERS Actuarial Report

Finance Director Matt Pressey explained that the actuarial reports for PERS retirement plans recently released for the FY 2018-19 rates included member contribution projections for the next seven years and those projections included, for the first time, the impact of the discount rate reduction approved in December 2016. Committee Member Gunter requested to see the chart in the same format as the chart previously presented. Committee Member Barrera requested to see the total payment due. Gloria Moore, a member of the public, requested to see the number of active and retired employees. Committee Member Gunter mentioned there is work going on at the state level to improve the situation.

B. Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Vehicle Accident Collision (VAC) Cost Recovery

Fire Chief Edmond Rodriguez provided a brief update of the ALS and VAC cost recovery program including the total billed, total received, total forgiven, total fee reductions, and total EMS responses and how the program has been operating. Councilman Barrera made comments regarding his support of the the program in the beginning and now gets asked, "Why do I have to pay tor this." Gloria Moore voiced her opposition to the program and recommended the program be put to a vote of the public. Al Espindola asked what it would cost to put it on the ballot.

Fire Chief Rodriguez commented on the County ambulance contract. He mentioned it is a 11 year contract worth \$1.2 billion. The average cost per transport was \$4,000 to \$5,000. He mentioned the City's bid would be a lower cost because the City is not in it to make a profit.

The Mayor mentioned that tomorrow, September 19, 2017, the City Council members will hear an administrative report from the Fire Chief.

C. Committee Member Reports

None

4. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday September 25, 2017.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:



Matt Pressey, Finance Director