

DRAFT MINUTES
SALINAS CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE
Monday, April 2, 2018
3:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Joe Gunter, Councilmember Tony Barrera, and Councilmember Scott Davis.

STAFF PRESENT: Assistant City Manager Jim Pia, Finance Director Matt Pressey, and Senior Accountant Abe Pedroza.

Mayor Gunter called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

1. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE / COMMENT

Member of the public Al Espindola was present.

Mr. Espindola requested assistance with a senior citizen who had previously paid an ALS fee and now wanted a refund given the revised ordinance. Mr. Espindola also inquired as to what vacant City positions are considered frozen.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the February 13, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved by motion of Committee Member Davis, second by Committee Member Barrera.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Green Waste Disposal Rates

This item was removed from the agenda.

B. FY 18-19 Budget Process

Finance Director Matt Pressey presented an overview on the budget development process for FY 18-19. Mr. Pressey detailed a handout titled "FY 18-19 Budget Process Calendar," which provided the timeline for next fiscal year's budget development, including CIP and Operating budgets as well as executive/departmental meetings and trainings. The document also included the timing of the Finance, Measure E, and Measure G Committee meetings in addition to the City Council study session and adoption dates.

Mayor Joe Gunter requested the May 1 Finance Committee meeting include a discussion regarding the budget process, notably a review of City consultants. Prompted by Assistant City Manager Jim Pia's request for clarification, Mr. Gunter asked that staff identify and make recommendations on potential cuts to consultants, preferring the option over employee layoffs.

Councilmember Tony Barrera asked when the budget document would be made available in relation to the City Council meetings, and if additional time could be allotted for review prior to adoption. Mr. Pressey indicated a draft could be made available as early as May 22, with the study session occurring May 29, and adoption scheduled

for June 5. If necessary, adoption could be re-scheduled to June 19 at the latest.

Councilmember Scott Davis requested that staff identify the benefits made to the City by the consultants during the May 1 Finance Committee meeting as well as provide a list of vacant City positions. Concerned that Cannabis permit holders are not moving forward with the development of their business and the negative impact it could have on City finances, Councilmember Davis also requested an update on the City's Cannabis program. Lastly, Mr. Davis asked for an update on CIP projects that have approved budget but yet to commence work, including any recommendations on outsourcing projects versus doing the work in-house and the projected dates of the accompanying RFPs.

Community member Al Espindola asked if changes will be made to the Measure G budget subsequent to the Measure G Committee meeting. Finance Director Matt Pressey indicated that Measure G Committee suggestions will be considered, but final direction will ultimately come from City Council, per standard operating procedure.

C. Committee Member Reports

None.

4. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 7, 2018.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:



Abe Pedroza, Senior Accountant