



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES
July 15, 2014 7:00 PM
Council Chambers, Civic Auditorium
400 N. Douty Street**

CLOSED SESSION WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK:

Mayor Gary Pannett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Jim Irwin, Joleen Jameson, Lou Martinez, Russ Curry, Gary Pannett

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

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1. CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

Adjourned to closed session at 6:01 p.m.

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- A.** CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (d)(1):
CASE NAME: City of Hanford v. County of Kings
CASE NUMBER: Kings County No. 14C0058
CASE NAME: Michael Hamburger, et al. v. City of Hanford, et al.
CASE NUMBER: Kings County No. 13C0256
- B.** CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6

Agency designated representatives:
Robert Dowd, and Mario Zamora

Unrepresented employee:
City Manager

Agency designated representatives:
Darrel Pyle, Robert Dowd, and Mario Zamora

Employee Organization:
Hanford Firefighters Local 3898, IAFF

ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK:

Mayor Pannett called the regular meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Present: Jim Irwin, Joleen Jameson, Lou Martinez, Russ Curry, Gary Pannett

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FLAG SALUTE:

The flag salute was led by Council Member Irwin.

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INVOCATION:

The invocation was led by Mayor Pannett.

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2. CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

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There was nothing to report.

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - 7:00 PM

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

Police: Recognition of Sergeant Albert Cano regarding Toughest Competitor Alive competition.

Police: Recognition of Hanford Police Department Crisis Negotiations Team

Police: Promotion of Janet Gibbs from Dispatcher to Lead Dispatcher. Hiring of Francisco Amador to Police Officer. Promotion of Officer Chad Allen to Senior Officer. Promotion of Senior Officer Stephanie Huddleston to Police Sergeant. Promotion of Senior Officer Justin Vallin to Police Sergeant. Promotion of Lt. Pat Crowe to Police Captain.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bob Ramos commented on a recent newspaper article regarding the upcoming tax measure for the November ballot and the agreement with the Executive Management Employees to receive salary increases and stated his opposition.

Paula Massey described recent events at a local bar and damages being done to personal property to nearby residents. She would like a greater presence by the police in that area during the night. She provided copies of photos to the City Clerk.

Donna Hines discussed criminal activity in her neighborhood and complained about the poor response by the police department.

Mike Lamb commented on the newspaper article discussing the potential raises to executive managers and stated his opposition.

Glenda Dwyer discussed the one cent tax increase that is being proposed for the November ballot and her support for a special tax for fire, but not a general tax that could go to other purposes. She suggested a public workshop to educate the community about the proposed tax and its purpose.

Kevin Henshaw expressed his opposition to the proposed tax and the difficulty for local businesses to prosper due to specific signage codes. He also commented on his support of a community garden. Also, he discussed a parking ordinance that was approved earlier this year.

A woman complained about her business' water bill and has been told that her water meter is not working, but her bill is not being reduced and the meter is not being changed. Staff met with her after her comments to address the issue.

Josh Golden announced that this is his last meeting representing Assembly Member Rudy Salas as he has accepted another position.

Rose Shapley commented on numerous issues including power lines, stray dogs, fireworks, flushing fire hydrants, parking of city vehicles, and cone zones.

Council Member Irwin requested the City Manager to respond to some of the issues.

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WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE:

3. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager Darrel Pyle addressed the 8% and 9% raises being proposed on the agenda for the department heads.

A special meeting will be scheduled for August 5th at 5:30 p.m. to discuss council priorities and what the budget may look like if the measure passes.

Public Works Director Lou Camara commented on new regulations announced by the State regarding water usage. This will be brought back to Council for further review and action at the August 5th City Council meeting.

Craig Miller announced the upcoming Concert in the Park on August 5th.

Mr. Pyle provided a brief update on the power poles owned by the phone company.

Mayor Pannett called for a brief recess. The meeting commenced again at 8:21 p.m.

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4. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion to approve consent calendar except item 4B by :Joleen Jameson/Lou Martinez. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Curry , Irwin , Jameson , Martinez , Pannett .

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion (**ROLL CALL VOTE required**). For discussion of an item on the Consent Calendar, it will be removed at the request of any member of the City Council or any person in the audience and made a part of the regular agenda.

- A.** Administration: Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with the Executive Management Employees Association.
- B.** Community Development: Adopt Resolution 14-36-R approving the City's FY 2014-2018 Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan, the first year's Annual Action Plan and Amendments to the Citizen Participation Plan

Council Member Martinez pulled the item for an overview of how the funds will be distributed. City Manager Darrel Pyle discussed the program and what the CDBG funds will be used for.

Council Member Jameson stressed the importance about checks and balances to this program. Mr. Pyle will bring a report to a future meeting to show verification that recipients met the qualifications as recipients.

Motion to approve 4B as presented by :Joleen Jameson/Lou Martinez. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Martinez , Jameson , Pannett , Irwin , Curry .

- C.** City Clerk: Deny claim for damages and direct the City Clerk to send out notification of such to Tony Corona.
- D.** Public Works: Accept the Avigation and Clearance Easement from Jennifer and David Rios; and authorize the City Manager to sign the Certificate of Acceptance and direct the City Clerk to record the Easement with the Kings County Recorder's Office.
- E.** Public Works: Adopt Resolution 14-35-R, as it pertains to the vacation of Hayden Avenue east of 12th Avenue due to realignment of street with the 12th Avenue Interchange Project.
- F.** Public Works: Approve the Suggested Routes to School for Hanford Elementary School District and Saint Rose-Thomas McCarthy School
- G.** Public Works: Approve the Suggested Routes to School plans for Pioneer Elementary School District
- H.** Public Works: Authorize staff to advertise for bids for the Grangeville Boulevard at 9 1/4 Avenue Traffic Signal

Project

- I. Public Works: Approve a Notice of Completion for the FY 13/14 Slurry Seal on Residential Streets Project, and authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest and file said Notice with the Kings County Recorder's Office.
- J. Fire: Award a contract to TDJ Construction Inc. of Hanford, CA, in the amount of \$36,906.25 to repair the bathroom at Fire Station #2.
- K. Fire: Approve the purchase of a Hazardous Materials Atmospheric Monitor in the amount of \$6,090.00
- L. Information Technology: Approve the purchase of replacement computers from CDW-G in the amount of \$40,917.54.
- M. Finance Department: Warrant Register June 26, 2014 through July 9, 2014

5. DEFERRED BUSINESS: NONE

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. City Attorney: Review, and discussion, and possible amendment of City Manager's Employment Agreement

City Attorney Mario Zamura presented the proposed amendments as follows:

Amend Section 5D to read "Employee will receive one percent (1%) management cafeteria pay described in Policy 8.13 of the Management Employee Policy, as may be amended, but not life insurance coverage."

Amend Section E to read "Employee will be allowed to use a City-owned vehicle to carry out his duties as City Manager."

Motion to approve contract as amended by :Jim Irwin/Joleen Jameson. Passed. 3- 2. Ayes: Irwin , Jameson , Pannett . Nays: Curry , Martinez .

- B. City Manager: Discussion of the City's Purchasing System and direction for possible ordinance amendment.

City Manager Darrel Pyle provided a brief overview of the current purchasing system. Vice Mayor Curry stated that he liked Option 2, that if a contract goes over \$20,000 then it comes back for Council approval.

Council Member Martinez would like items to come before council if it goes over the approved budget.

Council Member Jameson requested clarification on contracts for services and would like a mechanism by Finance to track when spending has exceeded \$20,000.

Council Member Irwin suggested Option 4, leaving the policy as is.

Mayor Pannett wants the departments to work within the budgets that were approved for the fiscal year. He does not want to micromanage staff. If something is going to go over budget, he would like it to come back to Council for approval.

The City Attorney requested consensus from the council to select an option for staff to refine the policy and bring back for approval at a future meeting. The Council provided a consensus for Option 2.

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7. COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Council Member Irwin stated that he attended a Chamber meeting and also remarked on the 4th of July festivities. Additionally, he met with the City Manager to review the agenda.

Council Member Jameson attended a ribbon cutting for The Crossing multi-family housing and praised the development. She recently enjoyed a Concert in the Park. Ms. Jameson expressed concern about the size of the August 5th Concert in the Park and interfering with the City Council meeting. She intends to attend the concert that evening.

Council Member Martinez attended 4th of July celebrations and the Thursday Night Market. He also attended Kids Day on Saturday, and it was great.

Vice Mayor Curry attended the Thursday Night Market and the last Planning Commission meeting regarding the Costco project. He met with Tom Skinner and Ty Mizote, because he had a lot of questions regarding the Costco EIR and was able to get several answers.

Mayor Pannett was unable to have his routine meeting with the City Manager to review the agenda. He inquired about filling the Tree Commission vacancy. Staff will address this at a study session when they meet for goals and objectives to determine if boards

should be combined. He volunteered for the 4th of July event and has been getting positive feedback about the program. He requested an update from staff on the vacant buildings owned by the City.

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8. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pannett adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Gomez
City Clerk

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