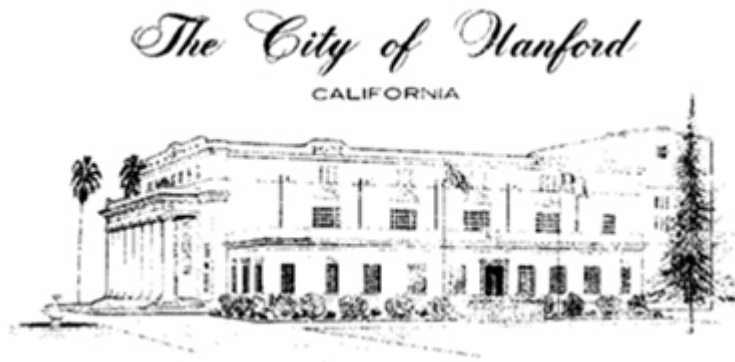




**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES
March 17, 2015 7:00 PM
Council Chambers, Civic Auditorium
400 N. Douty Street**

The Study Session will begin at 5:00 p.m.

The City of Hanford Public Improvement Corporation meeting will be held concurrent with the regular City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK:

Mayor Russ Curry called the study session to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Justin Mendes, Francisco Ramirez, Gary Pannett, David Ayers, Russ Curry

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bob Ramos desires that the funds approved to repair the Plunge should be used as a joint project with the schools to construct an Olympic size pool and would like the Council to reconsider that project and sell off the property for additional revenue.

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1. STUDY SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. City Manager: Goals & Objectives of the City Council

Public Works Director Lou Camara and Deputy Public Works Director John Doyel provided an overview of their eight divisions' various functions and goals.

Staff proposes the creation of a temporary hybrid position that would be a Project Manager/Construction Inspector where that person can be in the field for inspections or do office work in order to meet current obligations. They would utilize the staff they currently have, but will need a budget amendment for the difference in salary and will bring it back for approval on a future agenda for the next fiscal year.

Staff would like to develop a sidewalk improvement program and will bring a proposal back in a few months. They are also discussing the conjoint purchase of new holiday decorations with Main Street Hanford and the Chamber of Commerce.

The issue of water rates will be discussed in April to receive direction from Council to address the increase in expenditures and decrease in revenue. Staff also discussed the major projects of the Capital Improvement Program.

Finance Director Tom Dibble and Bill Patterson from Sampson, Sampson & Patterson reviewed the City's financial statements. Staff responded to questions and comments by the City Council.

Mayor Curry adjourned the study session at 6:19 p.m. and called the closed session to order.

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ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK:

Mayor Russ Curry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Justin Mendes, Francisco Ramirez, Gary Pannett, David Ayers, Russ Curry

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FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Curry led the flag salute.

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INVOCATION:

Chad Fagundes provided the invocation.

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RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

Recognition of Tristan Cullum

Mayor Curry commented on the heroic actions taken by Tristan Cullum and presented Tristan with a Proclamation on behalf of the City Council.

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Police: Oaths of Office for New Hires

City Clerk Jennifer Gomez provided the Oaths of Office to Jarred Cotta, Raymond Diaz, Rolando Jaime, and Tiffiney Price.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Shaka Sudds commented on the seasonal banners and would like them to stay in the historical district. She stated that she does not understand why the City still pays for the Carousel when the Chamber of Commerce operates it. She requested that consideration of community grants be given to more non-profits to feed the homeless and not just to the church which is creating a problem of homeless people in Civic Park. Ms. Sudds also stated the City needs to take more initiative to write and apply for grants.

Glenda Dwyer enjoyed tonight's study session and found it very informational. She stressed the importance of adding a new fire station and wants the City to find a way to fund a station, equipment, and staff. The City should look at programs that are not working and consider selling assets like the undeveloped part of Hidden Valley Park.

Bob Ramos echoed the needs of a new fire station and also supported selling city assets.

Rose Shaplie proposed that the Parks & Recreation Department offer live music, three times a week, year round as that will be a benefit to our community.

Haley Hanse spoke on the HERO program and how it benefits home owners and requested that the City approve this program.

Skip Athey requested that the City Council place an item on the agenda to purchase a ladder truck.

Noor Memon spoke on the upcoming event at Hidden Valley Park and the importance of parks.

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WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE:

2. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Staff commented on upcoming events and current projects.

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3. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Vice Mayor Ayers pulled item I from the consent calendar.

Motion to approve the consent calendar except item I by :David Ayers/Gary Pannett. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Ayers, Curry, Mendes, Pannett, Ramirez.

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. City Clerk: Approve Meeting Minutes for February 3, 2015
- B. City Clerk: Approve Meeting Minutes for February 17, 2015
- C. City Clerk: Approve Meeting Minutes for February 24, 2015
- D. City Clerk: Approve Meeting Minutes for March 3, 2015 Joint Meeting
- E. City Clerk: Approve Meeting Minutes for March 3, 2015 Special Meeting
- F. City Manager: Approve and sign the attached letter of support for Senate Bill 5 by Senator Vidak
- G. Police: Waive the second reading and approve Ordinance 15-01 pertaining to the amendment of Chapter 12.16 of Title 12, Regulating City Park and Recreational Facilities Use Regulations.
- H. Public Works: Approve a Notice of Completion for Tract No. 794, Unit No. 1, Quail Park Subdivision, and authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest and file said Notice with the Kings County Recorder's Office.
- I. Finance Department: Accept and file the Fiscal Year 2014 audit reports and financial statements for the City of Hanford, the Single Audit Report, and the Appropriations Limit Report filed by the CPA firm of Sampson, Sampson & Patterson, LLP, Certified Public Accountants.

Vice Mayor Ayers noted for the public that the City's audit reports and financial statements were discussed earlier during the Study Session.

Motion to approve consent item I by :David Ayers/Gary Pannett. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Ayers, Mendes, Curry, Ramirez, Pannett.

- J. Finance: Approve warrant register for period February 12, 2015 through February 25, 2015.
- K. Finance: Warrant Register for period February 26, 2015 through March 11, 2015.

Adjourn to the Public Improvement Corporation

Mayor Curry adjourned the meeting and called the meeting for the Public Improvement Corporation to order at 7:48 p.m.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments given.

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4. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. Finance Department: Fiscal Year 2014 Audit Report on the City of Hanford Public Improvement Corporation

Following action on this item, Mayor Curry adjourned the Public Improvement Corporation meeting and reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Motion to accept the item as presented by :David Ayers/Justin Mendes. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Ramirez, Pannett, Mendes, Curry, Ayers.

ADJOURN AS THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Community Development: Hold a public hearing and provide direction for the development of the City's FY 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan.

Housing Specialist Sandra Lerma-Martinez provided an overview regarding CDBG. Staff responded to questions and comments by the City Council. Mayor Curry opened public comments at 8:03 p.m.

Jeff Garner, a representative from Kings Community Action Organization, requested continued support of their youth program. Savino Perico provided information on the program and services they provide and responded to questions by the City Council. Veronica Hernandez spoke as a parent whose children participate and praised the program. Flora Hernandez stated how much this program has helped the two children grow that she is raising. A student named Matthew commented on his favorite activities.

Bob Ramos requested an explanation about Scenario 2 for Code Enforcement's amount of \$62,500. He requested funding be provided to Women With Visions Unlimited. He expressed concern about the increasing costs of KCAO and does not want to approve additional funding.

Shaka Sudds spoke on behalf of Carolyn Hudgins. She also discussed the Big Brothers Big Sisters program and would like them to be considered for some funding.

Bree Comstock from Ashwood Construction requested \$300,000 in funds to support Northstar Senior Villas Apartments, a low-income senior housing project, and believes they meet all three criteria for approval.

Glenda Dwyer inquired if there is a report provided by the organizations to show how the funds were used.

Noor Memon expressed concern about how the money is used.

Mayor Curry closed public comments at 8:27 p.m. Speakers were requested to respond to various questions and comments by the City Council. Council discussed various options to provide \$300,000 to Ashwood Construction by taking funds from the other potential recipients. The consensus of the City Council was to decrease Housing Rehabilitation by \$50,000, decrease Centennial Park ADA Improvements by \$50,000, and use the \$200,000 from the Acquisition of 4-plex Permanent Supportive Housing to provide \$300,000 to Ashwood Construction for the Northstar project. The other proposed allocations were acceptable to the Council.

Following this agenda item, the Mayor called a recess at 8:51 p.m. and reconvened at 8:58 p.m.

Motion to direct staff to amend the allocations as discussed by : Justin Mendes/Gary Pannett. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Ayers, Curry, Mendes, Pannett, Ramirez.

6. DEFERRED BUSINESS: NONE

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. City Manager: Appointments for unexpired terms to City Commissions - Two (2) seats on the Parking and Traffic Commission; and One (1) seat on the Hanford Tree Commission.

Mayor Curry made the recommendation to appoint Shaka Sudds and Safwan Numi to the Parking & Traffic Commission. The Council concurred with the appointments.

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- B. City Manager: Nominate a Council Member to fill the local elected official appointment to the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley**

City Manager Darrel Pyle provided background information for the Council to consider a nomination. Vice Mayor Ayers and Council Member Ramirez expressed interest in the nomination. Council directed staff to submit both names for consideration.

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- C. City Clerk: Approve revised City Council policy regarding requests for proclamations, certificates, and other accolades.**

City Clerk Jennifer Gomez provided background information for the Council's review and consideration.

Motion to approve the policy as presented by :Justin Mendes/Francisco Ramirez. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Ayers, Curry, Mendes, Pannett, Ramirez.

- D. Public Works: As it relates to FY 2015/16 Local Transportation Fund (LTF) Claims:**
1. Adopt the attached resolution regarding the Public Transit needs within the City of Hanford and authorize the City Manager to sign and submit claim for funds and any subsequent amended claims required.
 2. Determine, based on City's financial participation in and support of the existing Kings County Area Public Transit System, that there are no areas within the City of Hanford with unmet public transit needs which could reasonably be met by the expansion of the existing system or by the establishment of a new system.
 3. Approve the filing of a Notice of Exemption to certify that projects to be constructed with these funds are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

Public Works Director Lou Camara provided background information for the Council's review and consideration.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 15-07-R by :Justin Mendes/Gary Pannett. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Ayers, Curry, Mendes, Pannett, Ramirez.

Motion to approve item D2 as presented by :Francisco Ramirez/Justin Mendes. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Mendes, Curry, Ayers, Ramirez, Pannett.

Motion to approve item D3 as presented by :Gary Pannett/Francisco Ramirez. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Ramirez, Pannett, Mendes, Curry, Ayers.

- E. Public Works: Reimbursement to Woodside O6N, LP in the amount of \$159,492.62, credit park impact fees for 74 lots within Tract No. 794, Unit 1 and appropriate and additional \$9,492.62 from Park Impact Fees to fully fund the reimbursement.**

Public Works Director Lou Camara provided an overview of this development to the City Council. Mr. Camara responded to questions and comments by the City Council.

Motion to approve the item as presented by :Gary Pannett/Francisco Ramirez. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Ayers, Curry, Mendes, Pannett, Ramirez.

- F. Parks & Recreation: Overview of Chamber of Commerce 2015 events.**

Parks & Recreation Director Craig Miller provided an overview of the 2015 Chamber of Commerce events and discussed the current policy of allowing community events to take place at Civic Park or Civic Auditorium at no charge. Council Member Ramirez expressed concern that the fees for all of the events for the Chamber are waived, but other non-profits only are allowed one event. Council Member Mendes inquired about operating costs for staff to set up the event. Chamber of Commerce CEO Mike Bertaina responded to questions and comments.

Motion to accept the 2015 events and current policy as presented by :Gary Pannett/Russ Curry. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Ayers, Curry, Mendes, Pannett, Ramirez.

- G. Community Development: A request for an amendment to the FY 14/15 - 15/16 Budget for the Community Development Department.**

Community Development Director Darlene Mata provided an overview of the amendment and reorganization.

Motion to approve a budget amendment for FY 15/16 as presented by :Justin Mendes/Francisco Ramirez. Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Ramirez, Pannett, Mendes, Curry, Ayers.

- H. Community Development: Initiation of Municipal Code Amendments amending the definition of Hotels and Motels, and the removal of the requirement of a conditional use permit for medical offices greater than 6,000 square feet in the DC-Downtown Commercial zone.

Community Development Director Darlene Mata gave a brief overview of the proposed amendments. Based on the comments at the Town Hall Meeting and subsequent discussions with constituents, Council Member Mendes requested that an amendment be initiated to address the movie theater in the mall by changing the definition of a mall. Mayor Curry disagreed with the addition and wanted to take action only related to hotels and motels, and medical offices. Further discussion was held by the Council members and staff.

Motion to initiate the Municipal Code Amendments process as amended with the additional item by :Justin Mendes/Francisco Ramirez. Passed. 3-2. Ayes: Mendes, Ramirez, Pannett. Nays: Ayers, Curry.

8. COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Council Member Mendes commented on projects prioritized by the EDC and the upcoming meetings that he will attend. He would also like to identify potential properties downtown for specific types of facilities, how much it would cost for development, and the sources of funding. Mr. Pyle stated that staff has started gathering information and will bring something to Council at a future meeting.

Council Member Ramirez requested a study session to review properties that could be sold and fund the projects that are their priorities. He also requested a study session to look at using a lobbyist again. The consensus by Council was to agendize these study sessions.

Council Member Pannett submitted his report to the City Clerk and also commented on his attendance at the Grand Opening of Dr. Faucet's new Veterinary Hospital and Happy Faces pet boarding and praised the new facility.

Vice Mayor Ayers briefly commented on various meetings that he has attended. He recommended that the Council review the East Side Project Master Plan as well as the priorities by past City Councils.

Mayor Curry had nothing to report.

Council Member Pannett and Vice Mayor Ayers volunteered to be on the interview panel for the salary and compensation study.

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9. CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

Mayor Curry adjourned to closed session at 6:19 p.m. following the study session.

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- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4)

NUMBER OF POTENTIAL CASES: 1

- B. 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

10. CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

- A. Closed Session - Action Report

There was nothing to report.

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11. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Curry adjourned the meeting at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Gomez
City Clerk

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