



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

**September 1, 2015 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

6:30 PM CALL TO ORDER CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Russ Curry called Closed Session to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - CLOSED SESSION:

Comments from the public are limited to items on the agenda (GC54954.3a). A maximum of five minutes is allowed for each speaker.

There were no comments given.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

Mayor Curry adjourned to closed session at 6:30 p.m.

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

Number of Potential Cases: 2

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

CASE NAME: Department of Fair Employment and Housing v. City of Hanford

CASE NUMBER: Kings County No. 14C0178

C. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS - Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: APNs 018-242-077; 018-242-067; 014-251-049, 8118 Lacey Blvd.; 014-251-050, 8148 Lacey Blvd.

Agency Negotiators: Darrel Pyle and Ty Mizote

Negotiating Party: Helena Chemical Company

Under Negotiation: Terms and Price

7:00 PM CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

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

ROLL CALL:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Russ Curry	Mayor	Present	5:46 PM
David Ayers	Vice-Mayor	Present	6:27 PM
Gary Pannett	Council Member	Present	6:20 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Council Member	Present	6:15 PM
Justin Mendes	Council Member	Present	6:24 PM

FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Curry led the flag salute.

INVOCATION:

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

There was nothing to report, however, the City Council reconvened closed session following the regular meeting.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager Darrel Pyle noted there were various correspondence received that the City Clerk distributed to the City Council and made a part of the record.

Community Development Director Darlene Mata stated that the last Citizen Advisory Committee meeting will be on September 9th.

Public Works Director Lou Camara commented on upcoming street projects. He also discussed the water conservation order received from the State Water Board and responded to questions by the Council.

City Clerk Jennifer Gomez announced the City's new public engagement tool, Civic Voice.

Police Chief Parker Sever commented on their completion of installing the new playground equipment at the United Cerebral Palsy office.

Fire Chief Chris Ekk discussed their departments' recent promotions and recruitments.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

This is the time for citizens to comment on subject matters not on the agenda within the jurisdiction of the Hanford City Council or to comment on items listed under the Consent Calendar or to request an item from the Consent Calendar be pulled for discussion purposes. Comments related to General Business items or Public Hearing items will be heard at the time the item is discussed.

*A maximum of **five minutes** is allowed for each speaker. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your city of residence.*

Dan Leon spoke on his disappointment in the comments provided by Mayor Curry at the previous meeting, but thanked him for his apology.

Robin Mattos spoke on behalf of HEAT and stated that they have a petition to save Hidden Valley Park from being sold. She requested that a decision be postponed until after the General Plan Update has been adopted. Ms. Mattao made a public records request and also submitted documents to the City Clerk for the record.

Mickey Stoddard provided an overview of prior items on the Parks & Recreation Commission and Planning Commission agendas regarding the undeveloped portion of Hidden Valley Park. He also discussed the definition of open space.

Alfred Davis was glad that Mayor Curry apologized to Council Member Ramirez.

Bob Ramos was also glad that Mayor Curry apologized, but stated that he believed the letters still had merit. Mr. Ramos supports the selling of the park to construct a fire station, but questioned if the funds can be specifically earmarked for that purpose. He stated that Rabobank is an asset to Hanford and should not be sold.

Tammy Nichols lives near Hidden Valley Park and expressed how busy the streets were with traffic. She would like some parking to be added in the undeveloped portion.

Craig Johnson was concerned about the direction the Council is taking downtown and how that will affect investors in that area.

Glenda Dwyer commended Mayor Curry for his apology. She is in favor of selling the undeveloped section of Hidden Valley Park, but only if the funds are used for a fire station. Ms. Dwyer inquired about water usage and potential penalties against the City.

Jason Wicks also lives near Hidden Valley Park and would like the City to do something with the land and not sell it. He inquired about who is purchasing the property.

Paul Broussard inquired if selling the land is legal and stated the land was donated with the intention of it becoming a park. He believes it is wrong to sell the property.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these matters unless a request is made and then the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar to be discussed and voted upon by a separate motion.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar except the items removed for further discussion.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	David Ayers, Vice-Mayor
SECONDER:	Gary Pannett, Council Member
AYES:	Curry, Ayers, Pannett, Ramirez, Mendes

- A. City Clerk: Approve Minutes of August 18, 2015 City Council Meeting
- B. IT: Authorize the purchase and installation of a City Wireless Network from Unwired Broadband in the amount of \$194,054.37
- C. City Manager: Adopt Resolution 15-50-R approving Associate Membership by the City in the California Enterprise Development Authority; Approve Associate Membership Agreement; and Approve Indemnification Agreement regarding Figtree PACE Program
- D. Police: Adopt Resolution 15-51-R authorizing submittal of San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District charging station grant application
- E. Finance: Warrant Register

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR:

Council Member Mendes requested this item be pulled from the Consent Calendar for further discussion.

- A. Administration: Direct the City's Voting Delegate to approve the four resolutions presented in the League of California Cities 2015 Annual Resolution Packet

Motion to direct the Voting Delegate to approve League Resolution Nos. 1, 2, and 4 and not approve Resolution No. 3.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Justin Mendes, Council Member
SECONDER:	Francisco Ramirez, Council Member
AYES:	Curry, Ayers, Pannett, Ramirez, Mendes

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Community Development: Discussion and Review of the Finding of Conformity of the Planning Commission for the Sale of Surplus City Real Property located at the southwest corner of West Cortner Street and N. 11th Avenue, the westerly 18.1 acres of APN 008-360-006.

Community Development Director Darlene Mata discussed the findings of the Planning Commission. She stated that staff's modifications to the acreage are now more accurate with 153.79 acres compared to 126.5 acres previously reported and requested direction from the Council.

Council Member Mendes requested that the updated information be taken back to the Planning Commission for additional review and consideration. The City Council concurred with his recommendation and directed staff to take the item back to the Planning Commission.

This was not an action item and only discussion and direction to staff.

RESULT:	CONSENSUS
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- B. Public Works: Introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance 15-11 to add Two Way Stop Sign Installation on State Street at 11 ½ Avenue.

Deputy City Engineer Lisa Dock provided background information for the Council's review and consideration.

Motion to approve the item as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Justin Mendes, Council Member
SECONDER:	Francisco Ramirez, Council Member
AYES:	Curry, Ayers, Pannett, Ramirez, Mendes

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Council Member Mendes discussed recent meetings that he attended regarding downtown improvements.

Council Member Ramirez met with Proteus and the opportunity for individuals to gain new job skills. Mr. Ramirez again expressed his support for a McDermott Field House type of facility.

Council Member Pannett reported on meetings and community events that he recently attended. He volunteered himself to be available to any investigations by other agencies to bring about more transparency.

Vice Mayor Ayers announced the upcoming League of California Cities General Membership meeting on October 8th in Hanford.

Mayor Curry discussed the attendance of the United States Small Business Association in Hanford and noted the praise by the attendees on the historical structures and cleanliness of the city. Mr. Curry proposed using the one-time funds and fire impact fees to construct a new fire station. Council concurred to schedule a study session to review all of the options.

City Manager Pyle commented on a new phone app by the Sentinel that could benefit the City of Hanford. He inquired if the Council was interested in this potential opportunity. The Council directed staff to bring the item back on an upcoming agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Curry adjourned the regular meeting at 8:18 p.m. and reconvened closed session at 8:18 p.m.

Mayor Curry adjourned closed session at 8:45 p.m. City Manager Darrel Pyle reported out of closed session that a settlement had been reached in the Existing Litigation matter of Department of Fair Employment and Housing v. City of Hanford.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Gomez
City Clerk