



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

**October 6, 2015 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

5:30 PM CALL TO ORDER STUDY SESSION & CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Russ Curry called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - STUDY SESSION & 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.

STUDY SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. Public Works: Water Rate Study Draft Report

Public Works Deputy Director John Doyel and Fred Lusk of Quad Knopf provided a presentation regarding the water rate study and proposals for rates. The rate structure would include costs for operational improvements, staffing improvements, and an updated capital program. The following options were presented to the City Council:

Option 1 includes billing services, fixed costs based on meter size, and variable costs at \$1.04.

Option 2 includes billing services, fixed costs based on a flat rate, and variable costs.

Option 3 includes billing services, fixed costs based on meter size, and variable costs at \$1.20 to encourage conservation.

The consensus of the Council was to go with Option 1. All revenue will go to the Water Fund.

Staff also discussed the current users that are not on meters. Mr. Doyel proposed a low monthly flatrate surcharge that would be assessed which would cover the cost of eventually switching them over to a meter. After switching to a meter that surcharge would come off of their bill.

B. Public Works: Airport Hanger Standards Update

Public Works Deputy Director John Doyel discussed the current standards for private hangar development and staff's proposed changes.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

Mayor Curry adjourned to closed session at 6:33 p.m.

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

CASE NAME: Hanford Environmental Awareness Team v. City of Hanford

CASE NUMBER: Kings County No. 15C0154

7:00 PM CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

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

ROLL CALL:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Russ Curry	Mayor	Present	5:30 PM
David Ayers	Vice-Mayor	Present	4:50 PM
Gary Pannett	Council Member	Present	5:19 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Council Member	Present	5:16 PM
Justin Mendes	Council Member	Present	5:09 PM

FLAG SALUTE:

Council Member Mendes led the flag salute.

INVOCATION:

Kevin Medcalf led the invocation.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

There was nothing to report.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

A. Proclamation: National Fire Prevention Week

Mayor Curry presented the proclamation to Fire Chief Ekk.

B. Fire: Introductions of Captain Isaac Buller and New Volunteers

Chief Ekk introduced Captain Buller, as well as seven fire fighter volunteers.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Public Works Director Lou Camara gave an update on capital improvement projects. Public Works Deputy Director John Doyel announced the City's water conservation kickoff event for Thursday, October 8th at 4:00 p.m. in the Civic Park.

Community Development Director Darlene Mata reminded the Council about the Joint meeting with the Planning Commission scheduled for October 13th at 5:30 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Director Craig Miller commented that the Renaissance Faire went well and announced other upcoming events.

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.*

Donna Hines commented on speed limits on 13th Avenue.

Lilian Kroenig requested two items to be pulled from the consent calendar. She would like the city to create an exemption for growing food at home from the water restrictions.

Noor Memon is concerned about drawing businesses downtown and has an interest in promoting the Bastille.

David Hall commented on the ducks near his home and the health hazard to people. He would like this problem to be addressed.

Bob Ramos opposes the selling of Rabobank.

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 except for items pulled from the Consent Calendar.

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

- A. City Clerk: Approve Minutes of September 15, 2015 City Council Regular Meeting
- B. City Clerk: Approve Minutes of September 15, 2015 City Council Special Meeting
- C. City Clerk: Deny claim for damages and direct the City Clerk to send out notification of such to Sylvia Barnes.
- D. Police: Approve the purchase of three replacement patrol cars and equipment
- E. Public Works: Notice of completion for FY 15/16 Slurry Seal Project
- F. Public Works: Notice of Completion for the FY 15/16 Reclamite Project.
- G. Public Works: Approve the dedication of an easement for electrical facility installation, access, and maintenance in favor of Southern California Edison for the Wastewater Treatment Plan Solar Project Phase II
- H. Public Works: Award the Airport Taxilane Rehabilitation Project - Phase I to R.J. Berry Jr., Inc. Of Selma, California for \$428,277.90 and establish a construction contingency of \$43,000.00.

- I. Public Works: Approve the Final Map and Subdivision Agreement for Tract No. 843, Unit IV and adopt Resolution 15-53-R approving an amended Engineer's Report and restructuring Landscape Assessment District No. 14-01 to include Unit IV of Tract No. 843.
- J. Public Works: Approval of Final Map and Subdivision Agreement for Tract No. 887, Silver Oaks Addition No. III, Unit 1
- K. Finance: Warrant Register

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT:

Parks & Recreation Director Craig Miller and Parks Superintendent Alvin Dias provided background information for the Council's review and consideration on both items that were removed from the consent calendar.

Motion to approve both items as presented.

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

- A. Parks & Recreation: Approve Amendment of the "Downtown Master Street Tree Plan"
- B. Parks & Recreation: Approve the Master Tree List 2015

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Public Works: Conduct a public hearing for Landscape Assessment District No. 15-01 and adopt the attached Resolution 15-54-R establishing the formation of the district and confirming the levy and collection of annual assessments.

Public Works Director Lou Camara provided background information for the Council's review and consideration. There is only one property owner, and he has given consent to this formation. Mayor Curry opened public comments at 7:42 p.m., and with no comments given, closed public comments at 7:43 p.m.

Motion to approve the item as presented.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Parks & Recreation: Introduce and waive first reading of Ordinance 15-12 amending Chapter 12.12 of Title 12, Street Trees and Shrubs

Parks & Recreation Director Craig Miller and Parks Superintendent Alvin Dias provided an overview of the proposed changes to the city tree ordinance.

Motion to introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance 15-12.

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

B. Community Development: Consideration of Budget Changes in the Community Development Department pertaining to allocated positions in the Building Division.

Community Development Director Darlene Mata and Building Official Tom Webb discussed the current staffing conditions of the building division and increased building activity. Various options were presented to the Council for direction to staff pertaining to the vacant Code Enforcement Officer and adding a Building Inspector.

Motion to freeze Code Enforcement Officer position and add a Building Inspector.

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

C. Public Works: Approval of scope of work order with the firm of Lane Engineers Inc., for the design of building renovation improvements for the Bastille, in an amount not to exceed \$89,550.00

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

Motion to approve the item as presented.

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

D. Public Works: Adoption of new Airport Hanger Standards

Public Works Deputy Director John Doyel made the recommendation to include language that the most current building code be adopted that is in the municipal code so the Standards will not need to be updated every time there is a change in the code.

Motion to approve the item as amended by staff.

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

E. Public Works: Approve the attached Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Transportation "CalTrans" for the construction of improvements on Highway 43 at Lacey Blvd.

Public Works Deputy Director John Doyel briefly commented on the agreement and responded to questions by the City Council.

Motion to approve as presented.

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

CONVENE AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY:

Mayor Curry called the Successor Agency to order at 8:22 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT - SUCCESSOR AGENCY:

Any person may directly address the Board at this time on any item on the agenda, or on any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. A maximum of five minutes is allowed for each speaker.

There were no comments given.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY FOR THE DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. Review and Approval of Administrative Budget for the period January 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016.

City Manager Darrel Pyle provided information to the Council for consideration.

Motion to approve the item as presented.

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

B. Review and approval of the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) for the period January 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016.

Motion to approve the item as presented.

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

ADJOURN AS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY:

Mayor Curry adjourned the Successor Agency at 8:26 p.m.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Council Member Mendes commented on various events that he has attended recently. He requested that staff look into the problem with the ducks and find a resolution.

Council Member Ramirez attended the League of California Cities Annual Conference in San Jose. He also went to the Public Works appreciation breakfast.

Council Member Pannett commented on commission meetings that he has attended. He would like the Council to consider a review of government and municipal code sections in regards to how the city commissions are formed and the issue of filling vacancies. He has been receiving several complaints regarding illegal carports and would like that to be discussed further by the City Council at a future meeting. Mr. Pannett would like an update regarding what actions Main Street Hanford has been taking.

Vice Mayor Ayers discussed the meetings and events that he has recently attended and announced the League General Membership meeting that Hanford will be hosting on Thursday.

Mayor Curry commented on the meetings he has attended. He praised the success of Thursday Night Market this year.

Vice Mayor Ayers & Mayor Curry will interview a couple of applicants for the Planning Commission. Mayor Curry directed the City Clerk to email the applications to the Council Members. He would like the appointments to the Planning Commission and Tree Commission to be placed on the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Curry adjourned the regular meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Gomez
City Clerk