



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

**November 3, 2015 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

6:00 PM CALL TO ORDER STUDY SESSION & CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Russ Curry called the sessions to order at 6:00 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.

STUDY SESSION:

A. Discussion regarding possible reorganization in Public Works for Utilities and Wastewater Divisions

Public Works Deputy Director John Doyel presented a proposed organization chart showing 4 new positions, moving 5 employees to Wastewater Treatment Plant, shifting Sewer Collections to WWTP, and moving Meter Readers from Water back to Utility Billing. Mr. Doyel reflected on the benefits regarding staffing and improved maintenance of the Storm Drainage system. Projected Storm Drain costs are approximately \$275,000, including 2 staff, 1 vehicle, and equipment. The City does have the funds available to implement these changes.

Staff responded to questions and comments by the City Council. The consensus of the Council was for staff to move forward with the proposed changes and bring back budget amendments at a future meeting.

B. Proposed Signage for Roundabout

Public Works Deputy Director John Doyel provided a presentation regarding signage for the Regional Shopping Center Roundabout. Mr. Doyel provided different options of wood, brick veneer, and stone veneer. The consensus of the Council was to use the stone veneer.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

Mayor Curry adjourned to closed session at 6:28 p.m.

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

CASE NAME: Dorothy Callihan Weiss v. City of Hanford

CASE NUMBER: Kings County No. 15C0203

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

Number of Potential Cases - 1

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

Property APNs 010-234-021, 429 N. Irwin St.; 010-234-022, 431 N. Irwin St.; 010-234-023

Agency Negotiators: Darrel Pyle and Ty Mizote

Negotiating Party: Michael Mayer

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	5:26 PM
David Ayers	Vice-Mayor	Present	5:28 PM
Gary Pannett	Council Member	Present	5:29 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Council Member	Present	5:45 PM
Justin Mendes	Council Member	Present	5:50 PM

FLAG SALUTE:

Vice Mayor Ayers led the flag salute.

INVOCATION:

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

There was nothing to report.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

Rogelio Caudillo from Senator Andy Vidak's office presented a Certificate of Recognition to Council Member Ramirez for his recent appointment by the Governor to the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Board of Directors.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager Darrel Pyle stated that there a couple of city properties that Habitat for Humanity may want to develop homes on. These would be affordable housing projects that would be appropriate for these locations. Council agreed for staff to bring an item back on the agenda for action.

Public Works Director Lou Camara noted that the community is responding positively to water conservation and that staff will continue to educate the public.

Community Development Director Darlene Mata commented that staff is moving forward with the environmental impact report on the General Plan Update and are also reviewing the process regarding the zoning ordinances. They

are also conducting a downtown survey of commercial buildings to determine which ones are actually habitable and are true vacancies rather than including abandoned buildings.

Police Chief Parker Sever announced plans for an upcoming basketball tournament where the Police Department has challenged the Fire Department.

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.*

Shaka Sudds supports the proposed project with Habitat for Humanity, but would like to see more support for those with mental issues.

Skip Athey inquired where a citizen could go to ask questions. The City Clerk responded that the public could go to the website and share ideas or concerns on Civic Voice, otherwise citizens could always contact the City Clerk directly and she will contact the appropriate staff to respond to their inquiries.

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.

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 October 20, 2015 City Council Meeting
- B. City Clerk: Approve contract with Lyle Sumek Associates for consultant services for a Strategic Plan in an amount not to exceed \$25,000
- C. City Manager: Adopt Resolution 15-55-R consenting to the inclusion of Properties within the Territory of the City of Hanford in the CSDA Open PACE Programs
- D. Public Works: Authorize the Public Works Director to execute Work Order No. 1 with Peters Engineering Group of Clovis, CA for Traffic Signal Design and Engineering Services; and Work Order No. 4 with Zumwalt Hansen, Inc. of Hanford, CA for Professional Engineering Services for the 11th Avenue at Houston Avenue Traffic Signal Installation Project.

- E. Public Works: Authorize the Public Works Director to execute Work Order No. 2 with Peters Engineering Group of Clovis, CA for Traffic Signal Design and Engineering Services; and Work Order No. 5 with Zumwalt Hansen, Inc. of Hanford, CA for Professional Engineering Services for the Hanford Armona Road at Irwin Street Traffic Signal Installation Project.
- F. Police: Approve road closures for the Sole 2 Soul Sports 5K Run on December 6, 2015
- G. Finance: Warrant Register

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Administration: Authorization to Execute an Agreement between the City of Hanford and the Hanford Sentinel to Develop and Implement a City of Hanford Phone App

Council Member Ramirez recused himself from this item and left the room.

City Manager Darrel Pyle provided an update to this proposed agreement. Staff recommended a six month agreement at \$500 a month with a benchmark of 1,000 downloads within that time frame. Mr. Pyle noted that there are discussions with KART and their phone app and to develop a relationship with them too. Davis Taylor from the Hanford Sentinel discussed the marketing tools they are using to promote the app. Mr. Pyle and Mr. Taylor responded to questions and comments by the City Council.

Motion to approve the item as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 1]
MOVER:	Gary Pannett, Council Member
SECONDER:	Justin Mendes, Council Member
AYES:	Ayers, Pannett, Mendes
NAYS:	Curry
RECUSED:	Ramirez

- B. Public Works: Adopt Resolution 15-56-R and Resolution 15-57-R regarding Tract No.823, The Greens II Subdivision, Initiation of Landscape Assessment District Proceedings

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

Motion to adopt Resolutions 15-56-R and 15-57-R.

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

- C. Public Works: Introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance 15-14 amending Section 10.28.010 of the Hanford Municipal Code pertaining to speed limits; and approve the 2015 Speed Study

Deputy City Engineer Lisa Dock discussed the 2015 Speed Study and the proposed amendment to the Municipal Code pertaining to speed limits. Staff responded to questions and comments by the City Council.

Motion to approve the 2015 Speed Study.

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

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Motion to introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance 15-14.

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

D. Police: Approve contract for service with Urban Essentials 101 in the amount of \$25,072 to develop the Hanford Area Reconciliation Project

Police Chief Parker Sever discussed the proposed program and service that would develop a youth program that would target our cities at risk children and direct them in a more positive direction. The program has been titled Hanford Area Reconciliation Project (HARP). Similar programs have had high success rates by providing closure for the victim, and for the offender to see the results of their actions and to perform acts of restitution.

Motion to approve the item as presented.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Council Member Mendes attended the Special City Selection Committee meeting, as well as the EDC dinner on Thursday. He also attended a Main Street Hanford meeting and shared their discussions. He expressed his concern that both the Mayor and Vice Mayor attended even though the Mayor did not participate, as it may give the perception that the Council is violating the Brown Act. Mr. Mendes announced his challenge to the City of Lemoore for the annual Milk Can football game.

Council Member Ramirez commended the Police Department for assisting children cross at Longfield Center today. He announced that he will be recognized in the 2015 Class of the 40 under 40.

Council Member Pannett attended KCAO meetings and the EDC dinner. He has been contacted by downtown business owners that would like to discuss the double fees that they are having to pay, therefore he would like a study session to invite the business owners to address this subject before the Council. Mr. Pannett expressed safety concerns around Courthouse Square and would like a study session to discuss further. He also inquired about his request for a study session regarding Main Street Hanford's fees and operations. Staff responded that this will be coming before the Council in the next month. He also asked when the commissions' item will be brought back for action. Staff stated that it will be on the next agenda.

Vice Mayor Ayers commended Public Works Director Lou Camara for immediately assisting a citizen that contacted him regarding her sewer line.

Mayor Curry attended the Main Street meeting, various commission meetings, and the EDC dinner.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Curry adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Gomez
City Clerk