



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**November 17, 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 sessions 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.

Dan Chin inquired about a procedural process and if the Council will allow the public to comment during the study session. Mayor Curry said that he would allow additional comments and questions during the study session.

Shaka Sudds would like the Parking & Traffic Commission to review any issues regarding the Central Parking & Business District. She encouraged people to share their thoughts and opinions with the Council.

Rob Van Wagoner made the request for the Council to fund the Carnegie Museum to take on the role and responsibilities of the Hanford Visitor Agency.

Patricia Dickerson, Curator of Hanford Carnegie Museum, also spoke in support of the Museum taking on this role and discussed their proposed scope of work.

STUDY SESSION:

A. Review of Service Agreements for Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Hanford and Discussion of Central Parking & Business Improvement Area

City Manager Darrel Pyle provided background information on the Central Parking and Business Improvement District. Mr. Pyle discussed the services provided by Main Street Hanford and the Chamber of Commerce and the associated costs. Their current contracts have expired.

Council Member Pannett inquired if the Council has authority over the funds and to determine how those funds should be used. City Attorney Ty Mizote confirmed that the Council has that authority.

Council Member Mendes would like another meeting scheduled to allow for all of the agencies to present their budgets, vision, and proposed agreements. He also listed his concerns that he would like Main Street Hanford to respond to.

Council Member Pannett would like an audit of the organizations to allow more transparency on how the funds are being spent. He would like a process to measure their performance.

The Council encouraged testimony from the public regarding any grievances they may have.

Vice Mayor Ayers supported the Carnegie Museum of wanting to add new responsibilities and looking at reestablishing the Visitor Agency.

Dan Chin commented on the history of the District and the fees charged to the businesses. Those fees are restricted to be used in that district for specific purposes.

Michael Johnston believes it is a joint effort to revitalize downtown. He would like letters to be sent to the owners of the vacant buildings for them to identify their intentions. He also would like building inspections to be done on these vacant buildings.

Mr. Mizote stated that letters could be sent, but the owners are not required to respond. In regards to inspections, the City would need permission from the owner to enter the property unless evidence could be presented to the Court to issue an inspection warrant.

Libby Humason expressed concern over the location of the beer garden for Thursday Night Markets as it affects the business of their tenants.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

Mayor Curry adjourned to closed session at 6:35 p.m.

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

Property: APNs 018-242-077, 018-242-067, 014-251-049, 014-251-050
Agency Negotiators: Darrel Pyle and Ty Mizote
Negotiating Party: Helena Chemical Company
Under Negotiation: Terms and Price

Property: Area of 9 1/4 and Florinda
Agency Negotiators: Darrel Pyle and Ty Mizote
Negotiating Party: TBD
Under Negotiation: Authority to negotiate price, terms and conditions

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

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

Number of Potential Cases - 1

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

Number of Potential Cases - 1

7:00 PM CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Curry called the regular meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Russ Curry	Mayor	Present	4:54 PM
David Ayers	Vice-Mayor	Present	4:57 PM
Gary Pannett	Council Member	Present	5:19 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Council Member	Present	5:10 PM
Justin Mendes	Council Member	Present	5:11 PM

FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Curry led the flag salute.

INVOCATION:

Mayor Curry offered a moment of silence for the victims of the terrorist attacks in France.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

There were no actions taken. Council will return to closed session after the regular meeting.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

A. Introduction of Fire Engineer Dennis Springer

Fire Chief Chris Ekk introduced the department's most recent promotion, Fire Engineer Dennis Springer.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Police Chief Parker Sever stated that the Police Department has termites and are attempting to get rid of them. He attended the Bicycle Master Plan meeting and received a lot of input from the public.

Public Works Deputy Director John Doyel provided a brief update on various projects.

Parks & Recreation Director Craig Miller announced upcoming community events.

Fire Chief Chris Ekk commented on their current staffing levels and the status of a potential agreement with the County regarding support.

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.*

Bob Ramos commented on a letter by Dave Thomas that was published in the Sentinel supporting Council Member Mendes to be the next Mayor. Mr. Ramos disagreed with various proposals and changes that Council Member Mendes has approved over the last year. He also does not want any changes made to the City commissions.

A representative of Party-4-Life invited the Council to attend the event.

Mike Stoddard, a member of the Parks & Recreation Commission, stated that the Council does not take the advice of the Commissions and if the seats are reduced then it will be worse. He believes the Council wants less input.

Glenda Dwyer opposes the reduction of seats on the Commissions.

Kevin Henshaw provided a handout to the City Council regarding food carts and believes they would improve downtown's economic development.

Shaka Sudds would like more collaboration with Main Street Hanford and the Chamber of Commerce. She does not support the consolidation of the City Commissions.

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:	Francisco Ramirez, Council Member
AYES:	Curry, Ayers, Pannett, Ramirez, Mendes

- A. City Clerk: Approve minutes from November 3, 2015 City Council meeting.
- B. Administration: Adopt Resolution 15-58-R related to the City's participation in the California Municipal Finance Authority ("CMFA") Property Assessed Clean Energy ("PACE") Program; Authorize the CMFA to accept applications from property owners, conduct contractual assessment proceedings and levy contractual assessments within the City and authorizing related actions; and authorize the Mayor or City Manager, or designee thereof, to execute all documents and take any actions necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- C. Administration: Approve the request from Koinonia Christian Fellowship for a city donation for the Party-4-Life event scheduled for December 31, 2015.
- D. Human Resources: Adopt Resolution 15-59-R approving the proposed Prohibition of Harassment, Discrimination and Retaliation Policy
- E. Community Development: Authorization for the Mayor to sign a Purchase and Sale Agreement and Escrow Instructions between the City (buyer) and Fernando Romero (Seller) for the property located at 416 West 6th Street, APN 12-064-005 and 012-064-006 for \$184,000 and appropriation of \$200,000 for the acquisition.
- F. Public Works: Waive the 2nd reading and adopt Ordinance 15-14 amending Section 10.28.010 of the Hanford Municipal Code pertaining to Speed Limits
- G. Public Works: Approve the reimbursement of \$50,000.00 to Children's Storybook Garden for improvements made within the City's right-of-way in conjunction with their project located at 10th Street and Harris Street.

H. Finance: Warrant Register

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. City Clerk: Introduce and waive first reading of Ordinance 15-13 amending sections 2.20.010, 2.32.010, 2.36.010 and repealing Chapter 2.40 pertaining to City Commissions

City Clerk Jennifer Gomez reviewed the direction by the City Council from a prior meeting to make the proposed changes. Ms. Gomez noted there was a typo in the proposed Ordinance under section 2.36.010(A) where it should read five members not seven members. She recommended that the agenda item be approved with that minor correction.

Vice Mayor Ayers believes it is important to provide as much public input as possible and does not want to make any changes to the Commissions.

Council Member Pannett is looking for quality over quantity and is in favor of this change.

Mayor Curry read an email from Council Member Pannett dated January 8, 2014 regarding vacancies on commissions. Mr. Pannett stated that he does not recall writing this email. Mayor Curry does not support any changes to the Commissions.

Motion to approve as presented with the correction stated by the City Clerk.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [3 TO 2]
MOVER:	Gary Pannett, Council Member
SECONDER:	Justin Mendes, Council Member
AYES:	Pannett, Ramirez, Mendes
NAYS:	Curry, Ayers

- B. Public Works: Approval of a professional services agreement with the firm of Akel Engineering Group, Inc., of Fresno, Ca., for preparation of the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan, in an amount not to exceed \$39,462.00.

Public Works Deputy Director John Doyel provided background information for the Council's review and consideration. Mr. Doyel responded to questions by the City Council.

Motion to approve the item as presented.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Council Member Mendes had nothing to report.

Council Member Ramirez inquired about what precautions are taken in case of terrorist threats. Police Chief Sever responded in relation to a threat that was made several months ago.

Council Member Pannett attended KCAO's strategic planning meeting.

Vice Mayor Ayers will be attending the League Leaders meeting in Sacramento.

Mayor Curry attended the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting. He also attending the ribbon cutting due to new owners for the Smoke Joint.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Curry adjourned the regular meeting at 7:51 p.m. and returned to closed session.

Mayor Curry adjourned the closed session at 8:28 p.m. There was nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Gomez
City Clerk