



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

**January 5, 2016 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

5:00 PM CALL TO ORDER STUDY SESSION & CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Justin Mendes called the sessions to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

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:

A. Presentation by Hanford Carnegie Museum regarding Visitor Center Proposal

Rob Van Wagoner provided a presentation highlighting their brand, resources, and location. Patricia Dickerson discussed their marketing efforts including social media. They also commented on the services and programs they currently or would like to provide to the community. They are requesting \$80,000 from the City to provide these services as a Visitor Center. Their intention is to be sustainable in two to four years and no longer need funding from the City.

They responded to questions and comments by the Council.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

Mayor Mendes adjourned to closed session at 5:55 p.m.

A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency designated representatives: Darrel Pyle and Mario Zamora
Employee Organization: Hanford Police Officers Association (HPOA)

B. 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

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

Number of Potential Cases - 1

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

Number of Potential Cases - 1

E. 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 Mendes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Russ Curry	Council Member	Present	4:25 PM
David Ayers	Council Member	Present	4:39 PM
Gary Pannett	Council Member	Present	4:53 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Vice Mayor	Present	5:00 PM
Justin Mendes	Mayor	Present	4:57 PM

FLAG SALUTE:

Council Member Curry led the flag salute.

INVOCATION:

Richard Arias provided the invocation.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

There was nothing to report.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Public Works Director Lou Camara announced that they have sand bags available at the Corporation Yard for the public.

Community Development Director Darlene Mata provided a status of the general plan update.

Police Chief Parker Sever noted an 18% reduction in crime in December from last year.

Fire Chief Chris Ekk commented on their current recruitments.

Parks & Recreation Craig Miller stated that they are finishing the Spring and Summer Catalog of activities and that it will be ready by the next council meeting.

Finance Director Tom Dibble will have the audit report later this month.

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.*

Paula Massey, representative of NAACP, invited everyone to attend the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day march on January 18th.

Robin Mattos stated that it appeared a change had been made to the agenda, but she could not tell what it was. City Clerk Jennifer Gomez replied that there was a technical problem which caused the agenda to be published again, but there were no changes to the agenda. Ms. Mattos inquired when she could make comments about one of the public hearing items. Mayor Mendes clarified that comments for public hearing items will be taken when that agenda item is presented.

Skip Athey would like the Council to review the current goals and objectives to see what has or has not been completed this year.

Jennifer Alves thanked the community for their support of the Hanford football team.

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:	Gary Pannett, Council Member
SECONDER:	Francisco Ramirez, Vice Mayor
AYES:	Curry, Ayers, Pannett, Ramirez, Mendes

- A. City Clerk: Approve minutes from December 15, 2015 City Council meeting.
- B. City Clerk: Deny claim for damages and direct the City Clerk to send out notification of such to Rosemarie Serna.
- C. Police: Award of new air conditioner contract for 422 North Douty Street in the amount of \$23,125.00
- D. Public Works: Approve a Notice of Completion for the FY 14/15 Cape Seal Treatment Project, and authorize the Mayor to execute, and the City Clerk to attest and file said Notice with the Kings County Recorder's Office.
- E. Public Works: Permission to Advertise Harris St. Reconstruction/Resurfacing Project, from Cameron Street to Ivy Street, and Elm Street, from Harris Street to Douty Street.

- F. Public Works: Purchase of one portable air compressor from Cen-Cal Machinery in the amount of \$24,778.75.
- G. Public Works: Approval of Final Map and Subdivision Agreement for Tract No. 823, The Greens II Subdivision
- H. Public Works: Authorize the purchase of street right-of-way on East Lacey Boulevard from Lydia Vidaurri Carrillo as shown on the attached map in the amount of \$1,371.00, accept the attached Grant Deed for street right-of-way purposes from Lydia Vidaurri Carrillo and authorize the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to attest and record said deed at the close of escrow, and accept the attached Right of Way Agreement and authorize the City staff to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said agreement.
- I. Public Works: Authorize the purchase of street right-of-way on East Lacey Boulevard from Ravinder Baydal and Kurt Winter as shown on the attached map in the amount of \$19,093.00, accept the attached Grant Deed for street right-of-way purposes from Ravinder Baydal and Kurt Winter and authorize the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to attest and record said deed at the close of escrow, and accept the attached Right of Way Agreement and authorize the City staff to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said agreement.
- J. Finance: Warrant Register

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Public Works: Conduct a public hearing for the Landscape Assessment District No. 15-02 and adopt the attached Resolution 16-02-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.

Mayor Mendes opened public comments at 7:15 p.m., and with no comments given, closed the public comments at 7:16 p.m.

Motion to adopt Resolution 16-02-R.

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

- B. Community Development: Approve Addendum No. 1 to Negative Declaration No. 2010-02 and approve GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2014-05 which proposes to update the previous Housing Element for the City of Hanford. The Housing Element includes analysis of the City's housing needs, as well as updated policies and programs to encourage the construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of housing for all economic segments of the community.

Community Development Manager Melody Haigh briefly discussed the item and stated that no comments have been submitted to the City regarding the Addendum and General Plan Amendment. The City's consultant, John Douglas, provided an overview of the Housing Element requirements and key issues. Ms. Haigh and Mr. Douglas responded to questions and comments by the City Council.

Mayor Mendes opened the public comments at 7:38 p.m.

Glenda Dwyer made several inquiries in which Mr. Douglas and staff responded.

Mayor Mendes closed the public comments at 7:41 p.m.

Motion to approve Addendum No. 1 to Negative Declaration No. 2010-02 for General Plan Amendment No. 2014-05.

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

Community Development: Approve Addendum No. 1 to Negative Declaration No. 2010-02 and approve GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2014-05 which proposes to update the previous Housing Element for the City of Hanford. The Housing Element includes analysis of the City's housing needs, as well as updated policies and programs to encourage the construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of housing for all economic segments of the community.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 16-01-R approving General Plan Amendment No. 2014-05.

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

C. Administration: Hearing on Adoption of Resolution of Necessity for APNs: 014-251-049 and 014-251-050, (8148 East Lacey Boulevard, Hanford, California).

City Attorney Mario Zamora provided background information for the Council's review and consideration.

Council Member Curry discussed each of the six findings that are needed to be met in order to approve this action. Mr. Zamora confirmed that they have all been met.

Mayor Mendes opened the public comments at 7:48 p.m.

Robin Mattos supported the approval of this item. She also noted that a lot of people are in support of the Costco project.

Mayor Mendes closed the public comments at 7:52 p.m.

Motion to adopt RON 2016-001.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. Public Works: Approve Bi-Annual Geotechnical Service Agreement

Public Works Deputy Director John Doyel provided background information for the Council's review and consideration.

Motion to approve the agreement as presented.

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

B. City Clerk: Appointments for expiring terms to City Commissions - Two (2) seats on the Parking & Traffic Commission; One (1) seat on the Parks & Recreation Commission; and One (1) seat on the Planning Commission.

Mayor Mendes recommended the appointment of Alex Dwiggins to the Parking & Traffic Commission. The Council approved the appointment unanimously.

Mayor Mendes recommended the appointment of Shaka Sudds to the Parking & Traffic Commission. The Council approved the appointment 4-1 (Curry voting no).

Mayor Mendes recommended the appointment of Tim Haydock to the Parks & Recreation Commission. The Council did not approve the appointment of Mr. Haydock 2-3 (Curry, Ayers, and Ramirez voting no). Council Member Ayers would like Jen Gudmundsson to be reappointed. Council Member Pannett would like Jack Schwartz to be considered for the appointment.

Mayor Mendes recommended the appointment of Jack Schwartz to the Parks & Recreation Commission. The Council approved the appointment 3-2 (Ayers and Curry voting no).

Mayor Mendes recommended the appointment of John Draxler to the Planning Commission. Council Member Ayers would like Richard Douglas to be reappointed, even though Mr. Draxler would be a good choice. The Council approved the appointment of Mr. Draxler 4-1 (Ayers voting no).

C. City Clerk: Appointments by the Mayor of Council Representatives for various boards and commissions for the 2016 year.

Mayor Mendes recommended the following appointments of the City Council members to the City Commissions:

Parks & Recreation Commission
Francisco Ramirez (Rep)
Russ Curry (Alt)

Parking & Traffic Commission
Russ Curry (Rep)
David Ayers (Alt)

Planning Commission
Gary Pannett (Rep)
Justin Mendes (Alt)

The Council unanimously approved the appointments.

Mayor Mendes made the following changes to the other standing committees:

Main Street Hanford
Russ Curry (Rep)

Chamber of Commerce
David Ayers (Rep)

Russ Curry (Alt)

Kings Economic Development Corporation
Francisco Ramirez (Rep)

Kings County Association of Governments
Justin Mendes (Rep)
Russ Curry (Alt)

Kings County Area Public Transit Agency
Justin Mendes (Rep)
Russ Curry (Alt)

Kings County Abandoned Vehicle Authority
Justin Mendes (Rep)
Russ Curry (Alt)

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Council Member Ayers had a conversation with the facilitator, Lyle Sumek, in preparation for the upcoming goals and objectives session. Mr. Ayers attended a Kings Waste and Recycling Authority meeting.

Council Member Curry had nothing to report.

Council Member Pannett announced that he will be serving as the Chairperson on KCAO.

Vice Mayor Ramirez had nothing to report.

Mayor Mendes stated that the City will provide a victory parade for the Hanford football team on January 21st.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Mendes adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Gomez
City Clerk