



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

April 5, 2016 7:00 PM

Council Chambers

400 N. Douty St.

6:30 PM CALL TO ORDER CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Justin Mendes called the closed session to order at 6:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

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.

Bob Ramos discussed his concerns about the future of the Bastille.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

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

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

Property: APN 010-265-001, 113 Court Street

Agency Negotiators: Darrel Pyle and Ty Mizote

Negotiating Party: TBD

Under Negotiation: Terms and Price

7:00 PM CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Mendes called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Russ Curry	Council Member	Present	6:04 PM
David Ayers	Council Member	Present	6:29 PM
Gary Pannett	Council Member	Present	6:13 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Vice Mayor	Present	6:24 PM
Justin Mendes	Mayor	Present	6:27 PM

FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Mendes led the flag salute.

INVOCATION:

Bobby Guerra provided the invocation.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

There was nothing to report.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

A. Fire: MDA Fill the Boot

Fire Chief Chris Ekk acknowledged Derek Weisser for his work for the Fill the Boot project. Mr. Weisser stated that they did exceptionally well compared to other cities throughout the state and recently received various honors and awards for their accomplishment. He introduced a couple of local children that are diagnosed with muscular dystrophy and stated that the funds stay local to help those in Hanford. They raised \$25,786 this year.

B. Parks & Recreation: Arbor Day Proclamation 2016

Mayor Mendes read the Proclamation and presented it to Parks Superintendent Alvin Dias.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Public Works Deputy Director John Doyel briefly commented on upcoming construction projects. He discussed a recent letter that went out to utility users regarding the process to install a water meter.

Community Development Manager Melody Haigh noted that a new building inspector will be starting soon.

Police Chief Parker Server provided an update on security cameras at the police department and the ongoing construction.

Parks & Recreation Director Craig Miller announced the upcoming community events.

Finance Director Tom Dibble stated that the audit report will be available for the next meeting and that they are working on the next budget.

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.*

Glenda Dwyer stated that the rubberized matting at Freedom Park should be approved. She addressed the policy to regulate individual Council Member's utilization of City Attorney services and disagrees with it and that a Council Member should not be prohibited from addressing concerns with the City Attorney.

Chris Soares thanked the community for their support for Freedom Park and would like the Council to approve the rubberized matting. She would like Freedom Park's future to be maintained and consistent with this material.

Joan Shoop stated that Freedom Park allows her daughter to move about the playground equipment and enjoy it. She encouraged the Council to approve the matting.

Linda Cooley read statements from Change.org supporting the matting to be used at Freedom Park.

Bob Ramos disagreed with any regulation of a Council Member to limit the utilization of the City Attorney services. He also agreed with the other speakers regarding Freedom Park.

Chad Draxler commented that none of the other parks in town have the matting and does not like that Freedom Park is the only one to receive this preference.

Tyler Lorenzo supported the matting at Freedom Park.

Jeremy Meldon discussed his support of the City funding the Carnegie Museum and the benefits the museum brings to the community.

Rose Shapley expressed her concern over the water rate increase and the cost to install a meter. She had several questions over a recent letter that was mailed by the City regarding the process of installing a water meter.

Mary Lupin would like to see a copy of the street closure for Thursday Night Market and would like Main Street Hanford to elaborate their plans for the area to be closed.

Dennis Fausone raised some questions regarding the Main Street Hanford agreement.

Dan Humason wants Main Street Hanford to be held accountable for the services that they are providing the City.

A volunteer at Carnegie Museum stated there is little to do downtown and would like the Carnegie Museum to be funded to help downtown.

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 for the item pulled for separate consideration.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Russ Curry, Council Member
SECONDER:	Francisco Ramirez, Vice Mayor
AYES:	Curry, Ayers, Ramirez, Mendes
NAYS:	Pannett

- A. City Clerk: Approve Minutes from the March 15, 2016 Meeting
- B. City Clerk: Deny claim for damages and direct the City Clerk to send out notification of such to Calvin Eastwood
- C. City Clerk: Waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance 16-01 amending Municipal Code section 2.28.010 pertaining to Parking & Traffic Commission

- D. Parks & Recreation: Approve contract with Eric Garcia, DBA Specialized Tile in an amount of and not to exceed \$15,792.80 for the Plunge Tile Flooring Project
- E. Parks & Recreation: Approve contract with NCE General Contracting in the amount of and not to exceed \$34,950.00 for the Centennial Restroom Improvement Project
- F. Public Works: Approve a Notice of Completion for the Corporation Yard Refuse Welding Shop and Bay Conversion Project, and authorize the Mayor to execute, and the City Clerk to attest and file said Notice with the Kings County Recorder's Office.
- G. Public Works: Award the FY 15/16 Downtown Street Light Painting Project to Nelson's Painting Inc., of Clovis, in the amount of \$30,345.00 and authorize the City Manager to execute the attached agreement.
- H. Finance: Warrant Register for 02/10/16
- I. Finance: Warrant Register for 03/10/16-03/30/16

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 1. Administration: Adopt Resolution 16-12-R to Authorize State and Federal Level Criminal Background Checks for New Employees City-Wide

City Manager Darrel Pyle noted a correction that needed to be made to the Resolution. The Human Resources department should be authorized to access criminal history information, not the City Council.

Motion to adopt Resolution 16-12-R as amended.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Russ Curry, Council Member
SECONDER:	David Ayers, Council Member
AYES:	Curry, Ayers, Ramirez, Mendes
NAYS:	Pannett

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Community Development: Prezone No. 2015-02, a request to pre-zone 21.69 acres "R-1-12" Very Low-Density Residential and 29.88 acres "R-1-6" Low-Density Residential. Annexation/Reorganization No. 151, a finding of consistency that the proposed 51.58 acre annexation/reorganization is consistent with the Hanford General Plan. The actions require consideration of Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 2015-11. The project is located north of Stagecoach Drive and Mustang Drive, east of 13th Avenue, and west of Centennial Drive (APN 009-030-145 and 009-030-147).

Assistant Planner Gabrielle De Silva provided background information for the Council's review and consideration. She responded to questions and comments by the Council.

Mayor Mendes opened the hearing for public comments at 8:23 p.m.

Alex Dwiggins on behalf of the applicant Stu Clark spoke in favor of the annexation and requested that the item be approved as presented.

Stu Clark requested that the Council approve the item as presented.

Doug Wisecarver clarified his concerns about being annexed into the City and the future housing that will be developed. He also commented on his business that is on the property. Mr. Wisecarver also opposed annexation and new development due to drought issues.

Bob Ramos opposed the annexation due to the lack of water and the stress it will place on public safety.

Alex Dwiggins responded to some of the comments in opposition.

Mayor Mendes closed public comments at 8:36 p.m.

Motion to adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 2015-11.

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 2]
MOVER:	Russ Curry, Council Member
SECONDER:	David Ayers, Council Member
AYES:	Curry, Ayers, Pannett
NAYS:	Ramirez, Mendes

Motion to introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance 16-02.

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 2]
MOVER:	Russ Curry, Council Member
SECONDER:	David Ayers, Council Member
AYES:	Curry, Ayers, Pannett
NAYS:	Ramirez, Mendes

Motion to adopt Resolution 16-11-R.

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 2]
MOVER:	Russ Curry, Council Member
SECONDER:	David Ayers, Council Member
AYES:	Curry, Ayers, Pannett
NAYS:	Ramirez, Mendes

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. Parks & Recreation: Approve material and funding for Freedom Park Fall Surfacing Project

Parks & Recreation Director Craig Miller provided a history of the material used at Freedom Park. He discussed the replacement of the material as a capital improvement project which was approved two years ago. Mr. Miller commented on the recommendation by the Parks & Recreation Commission to approve the rubberized matting. He responded to questions and comments by the City Council. Staff was directed to establish an equipment replacement fund for future repairs.

Motion to approve the rubberized matting and an equipment replacement fund.

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

B. Administration: Appointment of Representative and Alternate to Special City Selection Committee of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

Mayor Mendes appointed Francisco Ramirez as the Representative and Russ Curry as the Alternate.

C. Administration: Adoption of a Policy to Regulate Individual Council Member's Utilization of City Attorney Services

City Manager Darrel Pyle briefly discussed the proposed policy. Council Member Pannett does not believe this will be a restriction, but a prudent measure to protect funds. Council Member Ayers disagreed and stated that this is a restriction and a council member should feel comfortable in reaching out to the City Attorney. Council Member Curry believes this is a bad policy and does not support it. Mayor Mendes discussed the purpose of the policy and does not see a problem with it.

Motion to approve the policy as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 2]
MOVER:	Gary Pannett, Council Member
SECONDER:	Francisco Ramirez, Vice Mayor
AYES:	Pannett, Ramirez, Mendes
NAYS:	Curry, Ayers

D. Administration: Execution of a Service Agreement with Main Street Hanford for the delivery of services with proceeds from Downtown Assessments

City Manager Darrel Pyle discussed the proposed agreement and addressed concerns that were discussed during public comments.

Shellie Talbert of Main Street Hanford stated the street closure for Thursday Night Market may be changed due to modifications to the street closure process by the City. She also discussed the Board's voting process and proposed inviting the City Clerk to be a part of the process in counting the votes.

Mr. Pyle stated that the Board will have the flexibility to spend the funds in any or all of the four categories.

City Attorney Bob Dowd expressed his concern about exposing the City to liability by becoming too directly involved and controlling the actions of Main Street Hanford.

City Council Members Pannett and Ramirez discussed their concerns about Main Street's past performance and how to hold them accountable in the future.

Motion to approve the agreement as amended by adding a section directing the City Clerk to be present for and observe the opening and tabulation of ballots.

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

E. Administration: Discussion and Direction regarding the development of a Service Agreement with the Carnegie Museum to provide Visitors Services in Hanford.

City Manager Darrel Pyle stated that the current fiscal year does not have a budget for a new agreement, but staff can take direction to establish a budget for the next fiscal year. Patricia Dickerson and Rob Van Wagoner from the Carnegie Museum responded to questions and comments by the Council. The Carnegie Museum is looking for funding over the next two years to assist them in starting additional services. Council Member Ayers expressed concern over duplicating services and would like the Chamber of Commerce, Main Street Hanford, and the Carnegie Museum to meet, along with representatives from the City Council to discuss what services each of them will provide and the potential for collaboration.

Mayor Mendes suggested the direction of not entering into an agreement with the Carnegie Museum at this time, but proposed a Downtown Revitalization committee that includes a Planning Commissioner and members from these different organizations that are downtown business or property owners that will be able to identify the functions of these entities to avoid duplication of efforts. The consensus of the Council was to move forward with this proposal and that the Council Members will submit a list of names to the Mayor to be considered as members of this committee.

F. Community Development: Discussion and Direction on Continued Use of the Civic Park Kiosks

City Manager Darrel Pyle provided an overview of the current conditions and usage of the kiosks. The Council expressed interest in giving flexibility to the businesses on the length of the leases. Mayor Mendes asked Mr. Humason for his observations as someone that sees the kiosks on a daily basis. Mr. Humason expressed his displeasure of the kiosks. The Council would like this to be brought back at a future study session for further discussion and options.

G. Public Works: Introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance 16-03 to prohibit parking on the south side of Ford Street between Park Avenue and Kaweah Street.

Public Works Deputy Director John Doyel briefly discussed the proposed parking restriction.

Motion to introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance 16-03.

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

H. Public Works: Approval of Work Order No. 8 with the firm of Zumwalt Hansen Inc., for construction staking services associated with the Lacey Boulevard Realignment and Roundabout Project, in an amount not to exceed \$92,500.00.

Public Works Deputy Director John Doyel provided information on the work order.

Motion to approve as presented.

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

- I. Public Works: Approve a Work Order with the firm of Mead and Hunt of Roseville, Ca. for construction management and inspection services, for The Airport Taxi-lane Rehabilitation Project for a cost not to exceed \$114,308.00.

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

Motion to approve the item as presented.

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

- J. Public Works: Appropriate \$338,703.80 from the Transportation Impact Fee Reserves and approval of a Professional Services Agreement with the firm of NV5 of Visalia, CA for Resident Engineer and Inspection services associated with the Lacey Boulevard Realignment and Roundabout Project, in an amount not to exceed \$338,703.80.

Public Works Deputy Director John Doyel briefly discussed the item and responded to questions by the Council.

Motion to approve as presented.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Council Member Ayers inquired about a four-way stop at Ivy and Park. Staff stated that issue will be going to the Parking & Traffic Commission at their next meeting. The next League General Membership meeting will be on April 14th in Fresno. He was successfully appointed to the Air Board

Council Member Curry had nothing to report.

Council Member Pannett attended KCAO's strategic planning session. Mr. Pannett requested a status of the needs of the parks.

Vice Mayor Ramirez was reappointed by the Governor to the San Joaquin Valley Partnership and shared some of the topics they discussed at their recent meeting. Mr. Ramirez also discussed a Healthy Scholarship Foundation in Corcoran.

Mayor Mendes had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Mendes adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Gomez
City Clerk