



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

**May 3, 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.

John Doyel, on behalf of G.E.M.A., discussed the reasons their bargaining unit requested a classification and compensation study. Mr. Doyel also expressed their concerns about positions that did not have comparables or sufficient data to establish salaries for this report.

STUDY SESSION:

A. Classification & Compensation Report by Bryce Consulting

Shellie Anderson of Bryce Consulting discussed the classification and compensation study process. She provided an overview of the data elements that they used to compile the results. Ms. Anderson responded to questions and comments by the City Council.

B. Presentation by California USA Wrestling

Rob Valero of California USA Wrestling discussed their ability to bring events to facilities. He stated there are various options to consider and any of them can be successful. They are looking for the opportunity to have their own facility and would like to be located in Hanford. Mr. Valero responded to questions and comments by the City Council. Council directed staff to have further discussions with them and to bring back additional information.

Ed Dias of Schuil & Associates briefly commented on property their real estate agency proposed to be a location for this complex.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

Mayor Mendes adjourned to closed session at 5:54 p.m.

A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6

Agency designated representatives: Darrel Pyle and Mario Zamora

Employee Organization:

Service Employees International Union Local 521 (S.E.I.U.)

General Employees Management Association (G.E.M.A.)

Hanford Police Officers Association (HPOA)

Hanford Firefighters Local 3898, IAFF

Executive Management Employees Association (E.M.E.A.)

B. 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	4:37 PM
David Ayers	Council Member	Present	4:27 PM
Gary Pannett	Council Member	Present	4:51 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Vice Mayor	Present	4:38 PM
Justin Mendes	Mayor	Present	4:50 PM

FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Mendes led the flag salute.

INVOCATION:

Chris Jordan provided the invocation.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

There was nothing to report.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

Barbara Hill and Girl Scout Troop 3049 discussed their project of distributing wildflower seeds around the city.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Community Development Director Darlene Mata stated that the first Joint meeting with the Planning Commission to discuss zoning ordinances will be on May 18th. The Downtown Revitalization Committee will have their first meeting in the next couple of weeks.

Public Works Director Lou Camara provided an update on key projects. Also the "Serve Day" cleanup event was a huge success thanks to the 100 volunteers of Koinonia Church and First Baptist Church.

Police Captain Karl Anderson provided an update on the main police facility and that termites were just discovered in the building which will require it to be tented. He also announced an upcoming Bicycle Rodeo that will take place on May 7th where children can have their bicycles inspected and learn about safe cycling.

Battalion Chief Erik Brotemarkle discussed the recent event where the department was assisted by Koinonia Church to install smoke detectors at Sierra Vista Mobile Home Park.

Parks & Recreation Director Craig Miller briefly commented on the upcoming summer camps.

Finance Director Tom Dibble stated that they are in the process of preparing the next two year 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.*

Shellie Barker spoke on behalf of a landscaper and inquired about the local ordinances and the impacts on existing residences and businesses. He also would like some clarification on what is or is not allowed.

Bob Ramos was concerned about a building on 7th Street at Williams that needs to have some improvements done to it. He also opposed the phone app that the City utilizes with The Sentinel and that the City should consider other organizations to do the app.

Noor Memon spoke in favor of the kiosks in Civic Park.

Glenda Dwyer does not want the City to have an agreement with The Sentinel to provide the phone app as that will create the perception of a biased relationship when reporting news.

John Doyel, representative of G.E.M.A., requested that the agenda item regarding the Classification & Compensation Study be tabled to allow staff to have additional discussion regarding the results.

Scott Milam commented on his claim for damages that was denied by the City and requested in writing the reason why it was denied and wanted to know what the City will do in the future to keep the manhole covers from coming up during storms.

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 removed for separate consideration.

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

- A. City Clerk: Approve Minutes from the April 5, 2016 Meeting
- B. City Clerk: Approve Minutes from the April 18, 2016 Meeting
- C. City Clerk: Approve Minutes from the April 19, 2016 Meeting
- D. Police: Approve travel and costs for Ex-Con Explorer Competition in Las Vegas Nevada
- E. Public Works: Award a contract to Bush Engineering, Inc., of Hanford, CA in the amount of \$21,800.00 for the 12th Avenue Deep Patch Project south of Hanford Armona Road and establish a construction contingency in the amount of \$2,180.00.
- F. Finance: Warrant Register

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT:

- A. Administration: Receive and file the Classification and Compensation Study

Due to concerns raised by employees and questions by the Council, this item was pulled from the Consent Calendar. Motion to table this item.

RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 5/17/2016 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Russ Curry, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Francisco Ramirez, Vice Mayor	
AYES:	Curry, Ayers, Pannett, Ramirez, Mendes	

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Community Development: Public Hearing to Adopt Resolution 16-21-R approving the FY 2016-2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Action Plan

Housing Administrative Analyst Sandra Lerma noted the changes based on Council's recommendations at the March 15th meeting regarding Big Brothers Big Sisters. She provided a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed the FY 2016-2017 Action Plan Budget. Ms. Lerma responded to questions and comments by the City Council.

Mayor Mendes opened the public comments for the public hearing at 7:52 p.m.

Glenda Dwyer inquired if these allocations are set in stone. Staff stated that these are at the approval stage, but can be amended. Ms. Dwyer expressed her concern about the City selling property to KCAO to build a homeless facility and the amount of money KCAO must have. She commented about KCAO and the services that they provide with their current budget and does not believe that they need this additional funding. She

would like those funds to go to other organizations. She also questioned whether Council Member Pannett, who sits on the KCAO Board, could vote to give them funding.

Staff responded to additional questions raised by Mayor Mendes related to Ms. Dwyer's comments. City Manager Darrel Pyle clarified the relationship between the City and KCAO regarding a potential homeless facility. Ms. Lerma stated that seven applications were received for CDBG funds and discussed how much was requested by some of the applicants and then how much was recommended for allocation.

Council Member Pannett asked City Attorney Mario Zamora if he had a conflict of interest regarding KCAO since he is on the Board. Mr. Zamora stated that he has no financial interest or benefit which would require him to recuse himself, but he could recuse himself if he was concerned about a perceived bias on who was receiving the funds. Mr. Zamora stated that he does not believe any of the Council Members have an automatic conflict by sitting on any of the Boards that they are currently on due to their positions on the Council.

Bob Ramos stated that it does not look good for Council Member Pannett to vote on providing funds to KCAO since he sits on the Board. Mr. Ramos complained that not enough organizations applied for the funds and that people must not know that it is available. He also does not believe KCAO should receive any additional funding.

Diane, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters, discussed the new mentoring program that they would like the funding to be used for and responded to questions by the Council Members.

Mayor Mendes closed the public comments at 8:09 p.m.

Staff responded to additional questions by the Council.

Motion to adopt Resolution 16-21-R.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. Administration: Agreement between the City of Hanford and the Hanford Sentinel for the City of Hanford Phone App

City Manager Darrel Pyle provided background information for the Council's review and consideration.

Taylor Davis from The Sentinel stated that the integrity of the newspaper cannot be bought by anyone for any amount, so he does not foresee a bias in their reporting news regarding the City. He provided an update on the information that is provided on the app. Mr. Davis requested that the City approve a new agreement for an additional 18 months at \$500 a month.

IT Manager Eric Forcey commented on the benefits a city phone app can provide from another provider compared to The Sentinel's app.

The Council will follow up with Mr. Davis and staff to answer additional questions. No action was taken at this time.

B. Public Works: Introduce and waive the first reading, and pass to a second reading Ordinance 16-04 to amend Section 10.32.010 of the Hanford Municipal Code to add entrance stops on Humbolt Drive at its intersection with Cerritos Avenue

Deputy City Engineer Lisa Dock provided background information for the Council's review and consideration.

Motion to introduce and waive the first reading, and pass to a second reading.

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

- C. Public Works: Authorize the Public Works Director to execute Work Order No. 3 with Peters Engineering Group of Clovis, CA for Traffic Signal Design and Engineering Services; and Work Order No. 1 with TRC of Fresno, CA for Professional Engineering Services for the 13th Avenue at Grangeville Boulevard Traffic Signal Installation Project.

Deputy City Engineer Lisa Dock briefly discussed the item and staff's recommendation.

Motion to approve the item as presented.

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

- D. Public Works: Authorize staff to reduce the level of an existing engineering position from Senior Engineer to Assistant Engineer and authorize a budget amendment to include an additional Assistant Engineer.

Public Works Deputy Director John Doyel discussed the department's proposal to modify their staffing levels in Engineering. They would like to reduce the Senior Engineer to Assistant Engineer and to fill two positions at that classification.

Motion to approve the item as presented.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Council Member Pannett attended a couple of meetings and will be going to the Bicycle Rodeo.

Council Member Curry attended the City/County Coordinating Meeting as well as the meeting for Main Street Hanford.

Council Member Ayers also attended the Main Street Hanford annual meeting. He also went to the Air Board and Kings Waste Recycling Authority meetings.

Vice Mayor Ramirez announced that Homecoming is coming up. He will be going to Sacramento for a reception to recognize his appointment by Governor Brown.

Mayor Mendes attended the City/County Coordinating Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Mendes adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Gomez
City Clerk