



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

5:30 PM - CALL TO ORDER STUDY SESSION & CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Mendes called the Study Session to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Gary Pannett (5:49 p.m.), 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 public comments.

STUDY SESSION:

A. Adult Use of Marijuana Act

City Manager Darrel Pyle, Police Chief Parker Sever, and Sheriff David Robinson

Police Chief Parker Sever presented information regarding the Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA), which will be on the November 2016 ballot. Citing several problems experienced in Colorado following the legalization of marijuana there (e.g., 25-30% increase in homelessness, 1,100% increase in marijuana-growth related fires, marketing of consumables to children) and additional concerns for the city (e.g., excessive water use in cultivating plants, chemicals being introduced into the city's system), Police Chief Sever and Sheriff Robinson voiced strong opposition to AUMA. Sheriff Robinson stated that he recently did a commercial expressing opposition. City Manager Pyle, Police Chief Sever, and Sheriff Robinson answered questions from the commissioners.

If AUMA passes, the city must decide whether or not to allow marijuana activity that it currently prohibits and will need to amend Municipal Code Title 8.32, changing from "medical marijuana" to "legal marijuana." Police Chief Sever recommended that the amendment be as strict as possible. City Council can amend again later, if necessary.

City Manager Pyle assured the Council that he and Police Chief Sever will keep them up to date with a study session as soon as more information becomes available.

Mayor Mendes adjourned to Closed Session at 6:06 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

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.)

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

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	
David Ayers	Council Member	Present	
Gary Pannett	Council Member	Present	
Francisco Ramirez	Vice Mayor	Present	
Justin Mendes	Mayor	Present	

INVOCATION:

Chaplain Robert Needham, of the Kings County Sheriff's Department, provided the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Mendes led the flag salute.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

There was no action to report.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Community Development Director Darlene Mata reported that the next Planning Commission and City Council Joint Meeting to review the new zoning ordinance will be Wednesday, July 20, 2016, 5:30 p.m. in the Training Room. City Manager Pyle proposed the next Town Hall Meeting date of Wednesday, July 27, 2016, at the Civic Auditorium. Council Members will check their calendars and notify him of their availability.

Police Chief Parker Sever announced that Corporal Chad Allen was promoted to Sergeant. Three new officers were hired this month, and the Community School will be adding a School Resource Officer (SRO). Police Chief Sever competed against Fire Chief Chris Ekk, Mayor Mendes, and Vice Mayor Ramirez in a Blazing Wing Challenge at the newly opened Buffalo Wild Wings. Chief Sever won the competition.

Public Works Director Camara reported that there are several Capital Improvement Projects in process, in various stages. The department is preparing to hire a water conservation officer and a utilities analyst.

Parks and Recreation Director Craig Miller announced that Freedom Park opened Saturday; three Day Camps left; movies at The Plunge had 310 in attendance last Friday.

Finance Director Tom Dibble had no new information.

Chief Ekk reported only one firework-related fire during the Fourth of July holiday; however, he noted that there were many illegal fireworks throughout the community. He is preparing a new Fireworks Ordinance. New firefighter, Matthew Martinez will start July 18. The car seat check-up event with California Highway Patrol will be Saturday, July 9.

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.*

Jason Williams, of Armona, would like to install a plaque for the city's 125th Anniversary, on August 12, 2016. City Manager Pyle will contact Mr. Williams.

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 the Joint City Council & Planning Commission June 15, 2016 Meeting
- B. City Clerk: Deny claim for damages and direct the City Clerk to send out notification of such to Torem & Associates on behalf of Lucila Zaragoza Soto Garcia
- C. City Clerk: Deny claim for damages and direct the City Clerk to send out notification of such to Robert Lee Jones
- D. Police: Waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance 16-05 adding Chapter 9.10 of Title 9, pertaining to loud or annoying noises and repealing Section 9.04.040 pertaining to music boxes and musical instruments.
- E. Public Works: Purchase of 636 residential refuse containers from Toter Wastequip, LLC., in the amount of \$32,506.13 (tax and freight included).
- F. Public Works: Acceptance of an easement deed from Kings Medical Group for pedestrian access purposes.

- G. Fire: Approve Out-of-State Travel for Firefighter Scott Mellon to Attend the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland from August 15-19
- H. Fire: Accept Homeland Security Grant Funding and Authorize Expenditure to Make Improvements to Radio System
- I. Finance: Warrant Register

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Police: Hold a public hearing and approve the use of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for FY 2016 and approve the Interlocal agreement between the City of Hanford and County of Kings.

Mayor Mendes opened the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m. and called for the Staff Report. Police Chief Parker Sever presented the Staff Report, recommended approval, and invited questions from Council.

Following questions from Council, Mayor Mendes opened Public Comment.

FAVOR

None

OPPOSED

Andrew was not opposed to the project, but he asked for an explanation of the Interlocal Agreement.

Police Chief Sever explained that the Interlocal Agreement allows Hanford to distribute the funds.

Mayor Mendes closed the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m. and called for a motion.

Motion to approve the use of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for FY 2016 and approve the Interlocal agreement between the City of Hanford and County of Kings.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Public Works: Approve the purchase and installation of Automated Meter Reading replacement units and the necessary infrastructure to make the system fully operational from Zenner Performance Meters for a not to exceed price of \$625,006.26.

Deputy Public Works Director John Doyel presented the Staff Report, recommended approval, and addressed questions from Council.

Motion to approve the purchase and installation of Automated Meter Reading replacement units and the necessary infrastructure to make the sytem fully operational from Zenner Performance Meters for a not to exceed price of \$625,006.26.

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

- B. Administration: Authorization for the Mayor to Execute the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the County of Kings, and the Cities of Avenal, Corcoran, Hanford, and Lemoore Regarding Equitable Distribution of Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax Revenues.

Police Chief Sever presented the Staff Report and recommended approval.

Motion to approve authorization for the mayor to execute the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Kings and the cities of Avenal, Corcoran, Hanford, and Lemoore regarding equitable distribution of Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax Revenues.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Council Member PANNETT attended a meeting June 22 with 15 KCAO board members and Rudy Salas, with the full Assembly, recognizing KCAO as the outstanding non-profit organization. He would like Council to recognize KCAO at the next meeting and give Director Jeff Garner a few moments to explain what they do. Council Member PANNETT has been meeting with several small business owners regarding what they would like to see downtown and in the Bastille. He stated that Freedom Park looks good, and he thanked Recreation and all involved for completing the project on time and doing a good job. He felt that this was the worst year for illegal fireworks, and he would like Council look at enforcement of this before next year.

Council Member CURRY attended the June 27 Main Street Executive Board meeting and had nothing to report. He asked the City Attorney to explain the approved expenditures for last month. City Pyle will email the details to all Council Members.

Council Member AYERS and Vice Mayor RAMIREZ had nothing to report.

Mayor Mendes attended the June 26 re-grand opening of Fox Theater. He reported that it looks nice, and the event was well attended. He came in last in the Blazing Wings Challenge, but they raised \$311.00 in five minutes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor MENDES adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Black
Deputy City Clerk