



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

**July 19, 2016 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

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

Mayor Justin Mendes called the sessions to order at 5:30 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.

Bob Ramos was pleased to see some use being proposed for the Armory building.

STUDY SESSION:

A. Presentation by Accela - Citizen Relationship Management (Mobile App)

IT Manager Eric Forcey and Accela representative Drew Baker provided an overview of a mobile app, Citizen Relationship Management System. The program has three major components: Community Engagement Tools, Customer Relationship Management, and Reporting & Analytics.

They responded to questions and comments by the Council. The City Council directed staff to move forward with placing this on a future agenda.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

Mayor Mendes adjourned to closed session at 5:52 p.m.

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

Agency designated representatives: Darrel Pyle and Mario Zamora

Employee Organization:

Hanford Police Officers Association (HPOA)

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

Hanford Firefighters Local 3898, IAFF

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

D. 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: APN 010-253-001, 426 W. Lacey Blvd.

Agency Negotiators: Darrel Pyle and Ty Mizote

Negotiating Party: Unknown

Under Negotiation: Terms and Price

Property: 010-490-018, 902 N. 11th Ave.

Agency Negotiators: Darrel Pyle and Ty Mizote

Negotiating Party: Thomas White, National Guard Armory

Under Negotiation: Terms and Price

7:00 PM CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

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

ROLL CALL:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Russ Curry	Council Member	Present	4:56 PM
David Ayers	Council Member	Present	4:56 PM
Gary Pannett	Council Member	Present	5:29 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Vice Mayor	Present	6:52 PM
Justin Mendes	Mayor	Present	5:31 PM

INVOCATION:

The invocation was provided by Kevin Medcalf.

FLAG SALUTE:

Vice Mayor Ramirez led the flag salute.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

There was nothing to report.

PRESENTATION:

A. Jeff Garner - Kings Community Action Organization

Jeff Garner, Executive Director of KCAO, discussed their recent honor of receiving a Nonprofit of the Year Award nominated by Assembly Member Rudy Salas. He also provided an update on their programs and services which they provide to the community.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

A. Kings Community Action Organization

Council Member Pannett presented a Certificate of Recognition to Mr. Garner.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Community Development Director Darlene Mata announced that a new building inspector will be starting next week. She reminded everyone of the joint Planning Commission meeting for Wednesday, July 20th and the Town Hall meeting for Wednesday, July 27th.

Public Works Director Lou Camara provided an update on projects.

Parks & Recreation Director Craig Miller commented on the Concerts in the Park and the Cal Ripkin tournament.

Fire Chief Chris Ekk stated that a new firefighter just started. He also commented on a recent ISO review which determines insurance rates, and the ISO rating was improved from a 4 to a 2.

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.*

Mike Johnston, Chairperson of Downtown Revitalization Committee, spoke on behalf of the committee and presented recommendations to the City Council for their review and consideration.

John Lehn, Vice Chairperson, highlighted some of the recommendations involving zoning, parking, business development and permits, incentives, and funding.

Christian Syverson expressed his concern that there are rumors that the skate park is going to be torn down. He would like the youth to have more community activities.

Bob Ramos claimed that the Grand Jury Report stated that Vice Mayor Ramirez committed perjury and should step down from the position of Vice Mayor.

Luther is a skateboarder and said that there is nothing to do except to go to the skate park. They do not like the gang activity there, but still believes it is a safe place for the skateboarders to go compared to other locations or activities.

City Manager Darrel Pyle clarified that there is no discussion to close the skate park, but there may be an opportunity to make improvements to that area so the youth will continue to benefit from the skate park and other activities.

Maria commended the young men that spoke about their concerns on the skate park.

Nathan Williams provided suggestions on improvements that can be made at the skate park.

Patricia Dickerson of the Carnegie Museum commented on the opportunity that was given to a family visiting from Texas to see the museum and other local sites today.

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

- A. City Clerk: Approve Minutes from the June 21, 2016 Meeting
- B. City Clerk: Approve Minutes from the June 28, 2016 Meeting
- C. City Clerk: Approve Minutes from the City Council July 5, 2016 Meeting
- D. City Clerk: Deny claim for damages and direct the City Clerk to send out notification of such to Genevieve Magnia on behalf of Michael Valdez.
- E. City Clerk: Deny claim for damages and direct the City Clerk to send out notification of such to Deborah Nichols.
- F. Public Works: Suggested Routes to School for Frontier Elementary School, Pioneer Elementary School, and Pioneer Middle School
- G. Public Works: Suggested Routes to School for Hanford Elementary School District and Saint Rose-Thomas McCarthy School
- H. Public Works: Award the FY 15/16 Reclamite Pavement Treatment Project to Graham Contractors, Inc.
- I. Public Works: Approval of 12th Avenue / Highway 198 Relinquishment Agreement between the City of Hanford and State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).
- J. Public Works: 11th Avenue at Houston Avenue Right of Way Acquisition (APN 011-110-012)
- K. Public Works: 11th Avenue at Houston Avenue Right of Way Acquisition (APN 018-231-035)
- L. Public Works: 11th Avenue at Houston Avenue Right of Way Acquisition (APN 018-231-024)
- M. Public Works: 11th Avenue at Houston Avenue Right of Way Acquisition (APN 011-420-030)
- N. Public Works: Award of the Industrial Park Double Fiberized Micro Surfacing Project to Environmental Concepts of Tehachapi, Ca.
- O. Public Works: Approve a new UHF Digital Radio System with J's Communications for a not to exceed price of \$162,177.03.
- P. Finance: Warrant Register

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. City Attorney: Approve Responses to the 2015-2016 Grand Jury Report

Council Member Ayers pulled this item from the Consent Calendar, because he was not comfortable with the response pertaining to Hanford City Councilman. Mr. Ayers requested two separate letters be prepared.

Motion to approve one letter pertaining to Hanford City Councilman to be signed by Mayor Mendes, Vice Mayor Ramirez, and Council Member Pannett; and approve one letter pertaining to Freedom Park, Hanford Water, Alleged Brown Act Violations, and Alleged Misuse of Funds to be signed by the entire City Council.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Finance: Public Hearing regarding the Application and Resolution 16-37-R to issue an operating permit for Bryant Sandoval DBA Amigos Taxi to operate one additional taxicab in the City of Hanford

Finance Director Tom Dibble provided background information for the Council's review and consideration.

Mayor Mendes opened the public comments portion of the hearing at 7:38 p.m. Maria Galante is in favor of the additional vehicle for this taxi service. Mayor Mendes closed the public comments at 7:39 p.m.

Motion to approve Resolution 16-37-R.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. Public Works: Award Contract for Cold In-Place Recycle (CIR) Pavement Resurfacing Project to Avison Construction, Inc.

Public Works Director Lou Camara discussed the project for the Council's review and consideration.

Motion to approve the item as presented.

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

B. Public Works: Introduce and waive the first reading, and pass to a second reading Ordinance 16-06 Amending Section 10.16.130(B) of the Hanford Municipal Code to designate the north side of Hume Avenue from 150' east of Echo Lane to 700' west of Monterey Avenue as No Parking Anytime

Engineering Manager Lisa Dock briefly discussed the proposed designation. This was also taken to the Parking & Traffic Commission for their recommendation. Staff responded to questions and comments by the City Council.

Motion to introduce and waive the first reading, and pass to a second reading Ordinance 16-06.

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

C. Public Works: Introduce and waive the first reading, and pass to a second reading Ordinance 16-07, Prohibited Parking designation – on both sides of Kings County Drive between 12th Avenue and Lacey Boulevard

Engineering Manager Lisa Dock provided background information for the Council's review and consideration. Council Member Pannett expressed concern about parking by the public that would need to use the nearby medical facilities and courthouse. Staff responded to questions and comments by the Council.

Motion to introduce and waive the first reading, and pass to a second reading Ordinance 16-07.

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

D. City Manager: Designation of voting delegate and alternates for the League of California Cities Annual Conference.

City Manager Darrel Pyle discussed the Annual League Conference and the appointments of delegates to take action on resolutions that establish League policy. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made to select Council Member Ayers as the Delegate, Mayor Mendes as the First Alternate, and Vice Mayor Ramirez as the Second Alternate.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Council Member Curry had questions about the Request For Proposal regarding the Bastille, so he will follow up later with the City Manager. He also inquired if there was a change in policy at City Hall about distributing their phone numbers to the public, because he was told by people that they were turned down but allowed to walk over and pick up the business cards which had the phone numbers on them. City Clerk Jennifer Gomez stated that nothing had changed, but will follow up with the staff at the front counter to ensure they understand that the phone numbers are public records and can be given out.

Council Member Pannett attended KCAO meetings. He also expressed his concern that Main Street Hanford was distributing flyers during Thursday Night Market opposing zoning changes. He would prefer to hear issues from them directly. Mr. Pannett also commented on his meeting with representatives from FAST Credit Union. Mr. Pannett would like a discussion with the Council to address what the City can do regarding blighted buildings in the downtown area.

Council Member Ayers had nothing to report.

Vice Mayor Ramirez attended a Kids Day at Coe Park which was a wonderful event. Mr. Ramirez also stated that he met with FAST and is concerned about the misinformation that they had. He reflected on the comments by the skateboarders and hopes to see something done for the youth.

Mayor Mendes was happy to see that the Request For Proposal is ready for the Bastille. He thanked the Downtown Revitalization Committee for their recommendations and would like some examples and discussion at the next joint meeting with the Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Mendes adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Gomez
City Clerk