



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

**September 6, 2016 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

6:30 PM CALL TO ORDER STUDY SESSION & CLOSED SESSION:

Vice Mayor Francisco Ramirez called the sessions to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: 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. Review and direction of proposed staff for IT Division

IT Manager Eric Forcey provided an overview of the proposed Technician position including a job description and cost. The consensus of the City Council was for staff to bring back a future agenda item to approve the position and a budget amendment.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

Vice Mayor Ramirez adjourned to closed session at 6:37 p.m.

A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency designated representatives: Darrel Pyle and Mario Zamora

Employee Organization: Service Employees International Union Local 521 (SEIU)

7:00 PM CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

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

ROLL CALL:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Russ Curry	Council Member	Present	6:30 PM
David Ayers	Council Member	Present	6:30 PM

Gary Pannett	Council Member	Present	6:30 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Vice Mayor	Present	6:30 PM
Justin Mendes	Mayor	Absent	

INVOCATION:

Pastor Mark Taylor provided the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE:

Council Member Curry led the flag salute.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

There was nothing to report.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

A. Proclamation - In Memory of Judy Winston

Council Member Pannett presented the proclamation to Ms. Winston's family.

B. Police Activities League (PAL) Boxing Club

Corporal Martinez briefly commented on the Police Activities League. They partnered with the Boxing Club earlier this year to enhance the program which has been quite successful. Coach Ruben Valdovinos of the Boxing Club discussed the Club and introduced two of the participants that spoke highly of the program.

C. Introduction of Firefighter Jessie Singh

Fire Chief Chris Ekk introduced the new firefighter to the City Council.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Police Chief Parker Sever briefly commented on the PAL program.

Public Works Director Lou Camara provided an update on repairs to various streets.

Parks & Recreation Director Craig Miller commented on a Concert in the Park that will take place this week. The County Commission on Aging will be doing a Food Bank on the first Wednesday of each month at the Longfield Center.

Fire Chief Chris Ekk stated that all of the crews are back from the fires around California. He also commented on the recent retirement of Battalion Chief Jim Sunia.

Finance Director Tom Dibble announced that they are fully staffed.

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.*

Kimberly Johnson expressed concerns about the problems her family has faced over the last year and the lack of response from the Police Department.

Rob Van Wagoner of the Carnegie Museum provided an update on their recent and upcoming events.

Patricia Dickerson commented on her family's outings at the Civic Park and the increased problems in the last couple of weeks due to the homeless residents and their dogs.

Maria Guzman-Galante agreed with Ms. Dickerson about the danger the dogs cause in the parks. She praised the PAL Boxing Club and would like additional programs for the youth.

Shelli Barker stated that she wants to make sure that all dog owners are treated the same whether they are homeless or not.

Rob Bentley discussed the undeveloped area next to Hidden Valley Park.

A citizen commented on his support of allowing tattoo establishments in Hanford.

Jeff Porterfield would like to meet with the Fire Chief and Police Chief about emergency responders.

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:	David Ayers, Council Member
SECONDER:	Gary Pannett, Council Member
AYES:	Curry, Ayers, Pannett, Ramirez
ABSENT:	Mendes

- A. City Clerk: Approve Minutes from the August 16, 2016 Regular Meeting
- B. City Clerk: Approve Minutes from the August 16, 2016 Special Meeting
- C. City Clerk: Deny two claims for damages and direct the City Clerk to send out notification of such to Noor Memon.
- D. Administration: Direct the City's Voting Delegate to approve the one resolution presented in the League of California Cities 2016 Annual Resolution Packet
- E. Parks & Recreation: Approve contract with Ray Figueroa Construction for the Centennial Park Pathway Improvement Project in an amount not to exceed \$58,885.00
- F. Police: Approve Out of State Travel to Kansas for Corporal Frank Martinez

- G. Public Works: Purchase of one 2016 police motorcycle from Herwaldt Motorsports, of Fresno, in the amount of \$26,875.73.
- H. Public Works: Award the Airport Taxilane Rehabilitation Project - Phases 2 and 3 to CenCal Paving of Lemoore, California for \$1,062,110.00 And Establish a construction contingency of \$50,000.00.
- I. Public Works: Purchase of four Dodge Charger replacement patrol cars from McPeck's Dodge, of Anaheim, in the amount of \$145,941.87.
- J. Public Works: Adopt Resolution 16-41-R approving the acceptance of a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") for \$1,132,037.00 for the Taxilane Pavement Rehabilitation, Phase 2 and 3 Construction Project and a Pavement Maintenance Program.
- K. Finance: Warrant Register

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT:

- 1. City Clerk: Approve Minutes from the August 17, 2016 Joint Meeting

Council Member Curry pulled this item from the Consent Calendar so that he can abstain from the vote since he was not at the meeting. He has some questions regarding the minutes and will follow up with Community Development Director Darlene Mata.

Motion to approve the item as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 0]
MOVER:	David Ayers, Council Member
SECONDER:	Gary Pannett, Council Member
AYES:	Ayers, Pannett, Ramirez
ABSTAIN:	Curry
ABSENT:	Mendes

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Police: Introduce and waive the first reading, and pass to a second reading Ordinance 16-09, amending Chapter 5.52 of the Hanford Municipal Code regarding Taxicabs, Automobiles for Hire, and Drivers for Hire.

Police Chief Sever provided background information for the Council's review and consideration. Chief Sever responded to the Council's questions and comments.

Motion to introduce and waive the first reading, and pass to a second reading Ordinance 16-09.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Council Member Pannett commented on community events that he has recently attended and the issue of dogs in Civic Park. He stated that the rumor that the City Council is trying to shut down Main Street Hanford is completely false.

Council Member Curry had nothing to report.

Council Member Ayers would like the Council and staff to have a discussion on the process to tear down blighted buildings, such as the one that was in Vice Mayor Ramirez' district. City Manager Darrel Pyle stated that it will be on the next agenda.

Vice Mayor Ramirez had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Mayor Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Gomez
City Clerk