



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**October 4, 2016 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

6:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER STUDY SESSION & CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Justin Mendes called the sessions to order at 6:00 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.

There were no comments given.

STUDY SESSION:

A. Discussion regarding Courthouse, Bastille, & Kiosk properties

Public Works Director Lou Camara discussed the improvements that need to be made to the Bastille including a new roof, seismic upgrades, ADA improvements, repair or replace various bricks, and extend primary electrical. He also commented on the issues at the Courthouse including the heating and air conditioning systems.

Community Development Director Darlene Mata discussed the recent flooding and water damage in the building and exterior water issues. She also commented on the current conditions of the kiosks and issues with past tenants.

Council Member Pannett expressed concern about the ongoing costs and lack of successful tenants for the kiosks. Mr. Pannett is interested in a more efficient air conditioning system for the Courthouse. He had no new comments about the Bastille.

Council Member Curry would like some cost estimates on improving the air conditioning system in the Courthouse. Mr. Camara will provide a study to the Council that was done a few years ago. Mr. Curry would like a RFP for improvements to the Bastille. He would support the removal of the kiosks.

Council Member Ayers agrees with Mr. Curry about the Bastille. He inquired about any other improvements that would need to be done to the Courthouse. Staff stated that electrical upgrades may need to be done. He supports looking at the costs to see about making improvements to the Courthouse. Mr. Ayers is concerned about the ADA compliance at the kiosks and would not object to tearing them down.

Vice Mayor Ramirez agrees on getting an RFP for the Bastille. He would like the City to invest in the Courthouse. He would consider an investment to improve the hot dog stand, but the other kiosks can be torn down.

Mayor Mendes supports the current path with the Bastille. He would like to know where the City would get the funding to improve the Courthouse. If we cannot get the funding, then he does not support making more improvements to it. Mr. Mendes agrees that the kiosks can be taken down.

Staff will prepare some material that the Council requested and provide it to them.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

Mayor Mendes adjourned to closed session at 6:48 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)

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 regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Russ Curry	Council Member	Present	6:00 PM
David Ayers	Council Member	Present	6:00 PM
Gary Pannett	Council Member	Present	6:00 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Vice Mayor	Present	6:00 PM
Justin Mendes	Mayor	Present	6:00 PM

INVOCATION:

Council Member Pannett provided the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE:

Vice Mayor Ramirez led the flag salute.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

There was nothing to report.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

A. Certificate of Appreciation - Faryad Ali Akhtar

Mayor Mendes presented the certificate to Mr. Akhtar. Mr. Akhtar provided a few words about his time in Hanford.

B. No on 57 & 64 Presentation by District Attorney Keith Fagundes

District Attorney Keith Fagundes discussed Proposition 64 which would legalize recreational marijuana for anyone over 21 years old. He discussed the problem that there will be with an illegal market of selling to those under age. Today, marijuana is a lot more potent than it used to be and more dangerous. He requested that the Council supports the resolution opposing this proposition.

Mr. Fagundes stated Proposition 57 is a poorly written piece of legislation and removes various enhancements for sentencing, thus allowing the opportunity for early release. He also requested that the Council approve the resolution opposing this proposition.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Community Development Director Darlene Mata stated that Costco is on schedule to open October 27th. She also reminded everyone that the Joint meeting is October 19th for a final review of the zoning ordinance.

Police Chief Parker Sever hopes to have a new hire in the next few weeks.

Parks Superintendent Alvin Dias announced upcoming events at the Civic Park.

Fire Chief Chris Ekk stated that their Open House is this weekend and that they are recruiting for a volunteer firefighter.

A. Public Works: Capital Improvements Projects Change Order Status Report

Public Works Director Lou Camara provided a project status report.

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.*

Paula Massey thanked the Recreation Department for a Hall of Fame event. In front of the Longfield Center is a loose sign that she would like to be secured. She expressed concern over the waste of water when the fire hydrants are opened for testing and would like the water to be captured and used elsewhere.

Brandee Hubbard discussed the current homeless population in Hanford and provided material to the City Clerk for the Council's information.

Bob Ramos concurred with Ms. Massey about the wasted water. He supported the approval of the resolutions pertaining to Prop. 57 & 64. He encouraged the Council to take some time to look into the proposal for the cultivation of medical marijuana and not make a hasty decision. He is opposed to the proposal.

Kimberly Johnson commented on the number of homeless people in Hanford that need assistance.

Maria Galante opposed Proposition 64 and would like more assistance provided to those that need it.

Mike Lopez would like the ordinance to be changed and allow cultivation in the industrial park as it will fill a vacant building, add jobs, and increase revenue to the City.

Mike Lamb stated that marijuana uses a lot of water which is very valuable here. He also commented on the crime associated with marijuana and the negative effects of using it.

Jerry Irons inquired about the status of the RFPs that were submitted on the Bastille. City Manager Darrel Pyle stated that there is an item on the agenda to make improvements to the Bastille and the RFPs will be brought to the Council at a future meeting.

Patricia Dickerson of the Carnegie Museum provided an update on their events this month. As a citizen, she opposed the approval of marijuana in Hanford.

Nathan Odom commented on the medical benefits of marijuana and provided information on how Colorado has benefited from it financially.

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 September 20, 2016 Meeting
- B. City Clerk: Waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance 16-10 amending Section 2.20.040 Pertaining to Commissioners' Terms and Reappointments, and Amending Chapter 2.04 Pertaining to City Council.
- C. Administration: Approve the request from Koinonia Christian Fellowship for a city donation for the Party-4-Life event scheduled for December 31, 2016.
- D. Parks & Recreation: Purchase of One Walker High Dump Lawnmower from California Turf Equipment & Supply Inc. in The Amount Of \$21,700.
- E. Public Works: Purchase of a 2016 Graco Pavement Line Striper for Street Division
- F. Public Works: Approve a Work Order with the firm of Mead and Hunt of Roseville, Ca. for design and construction management and inspection services, for The Airport Taxilane Rehabilitation Project Phase II & III for a cost not to exceed \$185,666.00.
- G. Finance: Warrant Register

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Public Works: Permission to Advertise the Bastille Building Renovation Project

Mayor Mendes pulled the item for clarification on the RFP process. Public Works Director Lou Camara stated that this is not an RFP process, but it will be going out to bid for the renovation project.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. Administration: Adopt Resolution 16-42-R opposing Proposition 57

City Manager Darrel Pyle briefly discussed the resolution.

Motion to adopt Resolution 16-42-R.

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

B. Administration: Adopt Resolution 16-43-R opposing Proposition 64

Motion to adopt Resolution 16-43-R.

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

C. Police: Adopt Ordinance 16-11 replacing Chapter 8.32 of Title 8 of the Hanford Municipal Code Prohibiting Recreational Marijuana Cultivation, Delivery and Mobile Marijuana Dispensaries

Police Chief Parker Sever provided background information for the Council's review and consideration.

Motion to introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance 16-11.

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

D. Community Development: General Discussion and Direction on the request to allow medical marijuana cultivation in the Heavy Industrial zone.

Community Development Director Darlene Mata provided a presentation regarding medical marijuana including state law vs. Federal law. Ms. Mata discussed the Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act and commented on the complex licensing and permitting processes. She briefly noted the changes that would need to be made to the city's ordinance if the Council chose to make a change to medical marijuana. Ms. Mata cited city examples that have adopted ordinances allowing medical marijuana cultivation and dispensaries. She and the Police Chief would like direction on how to proceed.

Mayor Mendes would like to allow the staff to travel and become more educated on the subject. If the Council moves forward with it he supports it to be allowed in the heavy industrial zone for cultivation and is against any dispensaries.

Vice Mayor Ramirez sees this as another agricultural use in regards to water needs. He supports it being located in the industrial zone and does not support dispensaries.

Council Member Ayers agreed that staff should travel to other states to do additional research. He agreed with the location and supports it if there is enough information provided to the Council to show it will be properly regulated.

Council Member Curry opposed changes to the ordinance and does not want to allow any use of marijuana. He agreed with sending staff to the other states to get more information on the effects of medical marijuana.

Council Member Pannett agreed with allowing the out of state travel. He questioned the proposal and claims that were presented to the Council by Purple Heart. He stated many concerns and questions that he had regarding the proposal. He is concerned about security, but does believe the facility would be in a good location.

The consensus of the Council was to allow out of state travel, and staff will bring back their findings to receive further direction on the potential amendment of the city ordinance.

E. Community Development: Review of City Owned Property and Initiation of Declaration of Surplus Property

Community Development Director Darlene Mata briefly commented on the five additional buildings for Council's discussion and direction on declaring them surplus.

Council Member Pannett would not support placing any of the properties as surplus until the public and the Planning Commission have the opportunity to provide input.

Council Member Curry is not in favor of declaring all of the properties as surplus. He would support listing the old firehouse and Goodwill location as surplus.

Council Member Ayers is in favor of the old firehouse and Goodwill locations as surplus or even the entire block.

Vice Mayor Ramirez was in favor of declaring all of the properties as surplus, but to include provisions to protect the Rabobank, Bastille, and Courthouse structures. He would still like to see a recreational facility constructed at the Goodwill location.

Mayor Mendes supported all of the properties to be declared as surplus.

The consensus of the Council was to add the old Fire Station and Goodwill to the list.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Council Member Pannett commented on events and meetings that he has recently attended.

Council Member Curry had nothing to report, but praised Main Street Hanford on another successful year of Thursday Night Market.

Council Member Ayers had nothing to report.

Vice Mayor Ramirez requested that an agenda item be placed on the next agenda to remove Glenda Dwyer from the Parking & Traffic Commission.

Mayor Mendes disagreed with Mr. Ramirez on his request because the circumstances involved a political organization and does not pertain to the City. There was not a consensus from the Council to add this to a future agenda.

Council Member Pannett also requested a copy of their Rules & Regulations to be distributed to the Council. He also added his concern about a KART bench that was installed then quickly removed from Civic Park. Staff stated that they are addressing the issue regarding the bench.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Mendes adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Gomez
City Clerk