



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 1, 2016 7:00 PM

Council Chambers

400 N. Douty St.

6:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER STUDY SESSION:

Mayor Justin Mendes called the Study Session and Closed Session 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 on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and the City's involvement with the Mid-Kings River Joint Powers Authority

Public Works Deputy Director John Doyel provided a presentation with an overview of Sustainable Groundwater Management and related deadlines. He discussed creating the Mid-Kings River GSA Joint Powers Authority, which would include Kings County Water District, Kings County, and City of Hanford. The City would be responsible for 23% of the startup costs. A decision needs to be made to either join a forming GSA or create their own in order to meet upcoming deadlines. Mr. Doyel and Dennis Mills from Kings County Water District responded to questions and comments by the City Council. Action items will be brought back at the next meeting for consideration.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

Mayor Mendes adjourned to closed session at 6:34 p.m.

- A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS - Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: APN 012-222-002; 501 S. Brown Street
Agency Negotiators: Darrel Pyle and Ty Mizote
Negotiating Party: Phillip Alonzo
Under Negotiation: Terms and Price

- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

CASE NAME: City of Hanford v. Phillip Alonzo
CASE NUMBER: Kings County No. 16UD-0393

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:

Jack Amarosa provided the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Mendes led the flag salute.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

There was nothing to report.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

A. Proclamation - Small Business Saturday

Mayor Mendes presented the proclamation.

B. Introduction of Firefighter Matthew Martinez

Fire Chief Chris Ekk introduced the City's newest Firefighter.

C. Police: Oath of Office

Officer DJ (Dennis) Vargas
Officer Joshua Chavez
Officer Steven Sitter
Officer Chad Medeiros

City Clerk Jennifer Gomez provided the Oath of Office to the new officers.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Community Development Director Darlene Mata thanked staff for their hard work with the opening of Costco last week.

Public Works Director Lou Camara announced the upcoming leaf pickup service that will be provided to the residents. He also provided an update on street projects.

Parks & Recreation Director Craig Miller commented about an upcoming softball tournament that brings in donations for Christmas.

City Manager Darrel Pyle also thanked staff for their efforts to deliver a successful project with the opening of Costco.

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.*

Maria Galante commented on a new campaign started by MADD. Kings United Way is holding its' first turkey trot, and Ms. Galante invited everyone to participate.

Patricia Dickerson of the Carnegie Museum provided an update on their October events.

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

- A. City Clerk: Approve Minutes from the October 18, 2016 Meeting
- B. City Clerk: Deny claim for damages and direct the City Clerk to send out notification of such to Genevieve Rangel.
- C. City Clerk: Deny claim for damages and direct the City Clerk to send out notification of such to Jenny Gonzales.
- D. City Clerk: Deny claim for damages and direct the City Clerk to send out notification of such to James Freedner.
- E. Public Works: Notice of Completion - FY 15/16 Slurry Seal Project
- F. Public Works: Notice of Completion - FY 15/16 Cape Seal Project
- G. Public Works: Acceptance of easement deeds from the James Chubb Family 2010 Trust for pedestrian access purposes.
- H. Public Works: Award a contract to Shaw Industries Inc., of Chatworth Georgia, for the City Hall Floor Covering Replacement Project, in the amount of \$131,067.62
- I. Finance: Warrant Register

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. City Clerk: Approve Minutes from the October 19, 2016 Joint Meeting

Council Member Curry removed this item in order to abstain since he was not present at this meeting. Motion to approve as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	David Ayers, Council Member
SECONDER:	Francisco Ramirez, Vice Mayor
AYES:	Ayers, Pannett, Ramirez, Mendes
ABSTAIN:	Curry

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. City Clerk: Appointment for unexpired term to City Commission - One (1) seat on the Planning Commission

City Clerk Jennifer Gomez presented the item for the Council's consideration.

Mayor Mendes recommended the appointment of Richard Douglas.

The Council approved the appointment unanimously.

- B. Community Development: Changing the Planning Commission meeting time from 7:00 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month to 5:30 p.m.

Community Development Director Darlene Mata briefly discussed the benefits of changing the time for the Planning Commission meetings.

Council Member Pannett expressed concern about the earlier time and making it harder for citizens to attend the meetings.

Council Member Curry supported a change to 5:30 p.m.

Council Member Ayers agreed with Council Member Pannett.

Vice Mayor Ramirez also agreed with Council Member Pannett.

Mayor Mendes supported a change to 5:30 p.m.

Motion to approve the start time to remain at 7:00 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 2]
MOVER:	David Ayers, Council Member
SECONDER:	Francisco Ramirez, Vice Mayor
AYES:	Ayers, Pannett, Ramirez
NAYS:	Curry, Mendes

- C. Community Development: Adoption of Interim Zoning/Urgency Ordinance 16-12 prohibiting the cultivation of cannabis (marijuana) with certain exceptions in the City of Hanford. (4/5 vote required).

Community Development Director provided background information for the Council's review and consideration.

Motion to adopt Urgency Ordinance 16-12.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Council Member Pannett reported on the meetings that he attended recently. Mr Pannett commented on negative posts by Council Member Curry against Vice Mayor Ramirez and cautioned that it goes against the policies in the City Council Handbook.

Council Member Curry had nothing to report.

Council Member Ayers offered his condolences to Craig Miller for the loss of his father. He requested that the Mayor send a letter to Costco thanking them for their successful opening. Mr. Ayers also commented on other events that he attended.

Vice Mayor Ramirez thanked Shaka Sudds for her volunteer work. He thanked the businesses and organizations that contributed to the Halloween festivities.

Mayor Mendes inquired about the upcoming tours by staff of marijuana facilities. City Manager Darrel Pyle stated that they will bring back an update on their findings at a future meeting. Mr. Mendes requested that Purple Heart provide some additional details on water usage and any potential changes to their proposed tax structure. He also inquired about a final approved city budget that included the budget amendments. Finance Director Tom Dibble stated that hard copies are being printed and will be ready for distribution soon. Mr. Mendes stated that it would also be good to get an update on the Council's goals and objectives at an upcoming meeting.

Council Member Ayers commented that Lyle Sumek would be returning in January for goals and objectives. City Clerk Jennifer Gomez stated that the Council gave direction that goals and objectives should be done every other year to coincide with the two year budget cycle, so Mr. Sumek was not scheduled to return in January.

The Council agreed that some type of review of the goals and objectives would be good to see what has been done so far and a status of remaining actions. Mr. Pyle stated that a study session will be scheduled to provide an update.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Mendes adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Gomez
City Clerk