



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

May 16, 2017 7:00 PM

Council Chambers

400 N. Douty St.

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

Mayor David Ayers called the study session and closed session to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Justin Mendes, Francisco Ramirez, Sue Sorensen, David Ayers

Absent: Martin Devine

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. Finance: Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2016 Auditor's Report

Finance Director Tom Dibble introduced Bill Patterson of Sampson, Sampson & Patterson who provided an overview of the Report. Mr. Patterson reviewed Financial Highlights, Statement of Activities, Capital Assets, Outstanding Debt, Governmental Funds, Proprietary Funds, Fiduciary Funds, and the Notes to Financial Statements. Staff responded to questions and comments by the City Council.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

Mayor Ayers adjourned to closed session at 6:55 p.m.

A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency designated representatives - Darrel Pyle and Mario Zamora

Employee Organization:

Hanford Firefighters Local 3898, IAFF

Hanford Police Officers Association (HPOA)

7:00 PM CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Ayers called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Martin Devine	Council Member	Absent	
Sue Sorensen	Vice Mayor	Present	7:00 PM
David Ayers	Mayor	Present	7:00 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Council Member	Present	7:00 PM
Justin Mendes	Council Member	Present	7:00 PM

INVOCATION:

Police Chief Parker Sever provided the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Ayers led the flag salute.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

There was nothing to report.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:**A. Proclamation - Kings County Homecoming Week**

Mayor Ayers presented the proclamation to Recreation Supervisor Susie Chavez and Adam from the Chamber of Commerce.

B. National Public Works Week 2017 Proclamation

Mayor Ayers presented the proclamation to Public Works Director Lou Camara.

C. PAL Boxing Presentation

Frank Martinez, Police Activities League coordinator, provided an overview of the Junior Explorers program and the PAL Boxing.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Public Works Director Lou Camara reported on the success of the Serve Day Clean Up event due to the efforts by various churches in the community and discussed the Spring Clean Up that is currently under way.

Police Chief Parker Sever announced a new hire for their department and commented on the clean ups of various homeless encampments.

Fire Chief Chris Ekk commented on their recent program to install smoke alarms for hundreds of residents and thanked Council Member Ramirez for his assistance.

Parks & Recreation Director Craig Miller announced registration for summer day camps and swim lessons.

Utilities & Engineering Direction John Doyel noted that water conservation will be an issue this summer so they are working on educating the public.

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.*

Bob Ramos stated that a Notice of Intention was served on Council Member Ramirez prior to the meeting.

Kevin Henshaw encouraged the Council to look at changing the City ordinance and allow street food vendors.

Darren Clayton from Our Heroes Dreams discussed their efforts to raise funds and materials to install a handicap accessible bathroom at the residence of an Army veteran. They will be doing a Groundbreaking Event on May 19th.

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 items pulled for separate consideration.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Justin Mendes, Council Member
SECONDER:	Francisco Ramirez, Council Member
AYES:	Sorensen, Ayers, Ramirez, Mendes
ABSENT:	Devine

- A. City Clerk: Approve Minutes from the April 18, 2017 Meeting
- B. City Clerk: Approve Minutes from the May 2, 2017 Meeting
- C. City Clerk: Deny claim for damages and direct the City Clerk to send out notification of such to Richard Ellis
- D. City Clerk: Approve the removal of Demeatrus Robinson from the Parking & Traffic Commission.
- E. Public Works: Right of Way Acquisition for Public Street Purposes located at the northwest corner of Hanford Armona Road at Irwin Street (APN 012-193-033).
- F. Public Works: Right of Way Acquisition for Public Street Purposes located at the northeast corner of Hanford Armona Road at Irwin Street (APN 012-231-033)
- G. Utilities and Engineering: Reject all bids and authorize staff to re-advertise and solicit bids for the Courthouse Brick Area Site Improvement Project.

H. Community Development: Authorization for the Mayor to enter into a Cost Recovery and Indemnification Agreement with Genezen LLC. An agreement for the reimbursement of costs associated with the preparation of an ordinance and permits for Commercial Cannabis Activities in the City of Hanford.

I. Finance: Warrant Register

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Fire: Waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance 17-05 amending Section 15.12.040 of the Hanford Municipal Code to add fireworks regulations and remedies for fireworks violations.

John Webster requested that this item be pulled from the Consent Calendar to state his opposition to fining property owners for the actions by tenants for using illegal fireworks.

Fire Chief Ekk clarified that their intention is to fine the individuals using the fireworks and only contact the property owners as a last resort. City Attorney Ty Mizote also briefly commented on the issue and stated that the City has other ordinances setting precedents on holding owners responsible for tenants actions.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 17-05.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Justin Mendes, Council Member
SECONDER:	Francisco Ramirez, Council Member
AYES:	Sorensen, Ayers, Ramirez, Mendes
ABSENT:	Devine

2. Finance: Accept and file the Fiscal Year 2016 audit reports and financial statements for the City of Hanford, the Single Audit Report, and the Appropriations Limit Report filed by the CPA firm of Sampson, Sampson & Patterson, LLP, Certified Public Accountants.

Vice Mayor Sorensen pulled this item because the Council just reviewed this item during the study session and would like this to be brought back at a later meeting.

The Council agreed that as a new policy they would like items relating to a study session to be placed on a separate agenda unless it is absolutely necessary.

Motion to accept the report as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sue Sorensen, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Justin Mendes, Council Member
AYES:	Sorensen, Ayers, Ramirez, Mendes
ABSENT:	Devine

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Public Works: Refuse Enterprise System Rate Increase

Public Works Director Lou Camara provided background information and a review of the proposed increase for the Council's consideration. Mr. Camara responded to questions and comments by the City Council. The City Clerk received 31 letters of protest.

Mayor Ayers opened the Public Comments of the Public Hearing at 8:16 p.m.

John Zumwalt spoke in support of the increase and that the cleanliness of the City is reflected in the level of service that is provided.

Jeolinda Rhoads protested the increase because she does not have much waste and does not need it picked up every week. She submitted a letter of protest to the City Clerk.

Warren Holt recommended that the notice state how many were mailed out and how many are needed to be returned to protest the increase.

Mayor Ayers closed the Public Comments at 8:21 p.m.

Council Member Mendes agreed with Mr. Zumwalt and believes the rates are competitive with neighboring agencies. He stated that he is concerned about the tipping fees and would be willing in the future to look at privatizing solid waste if that would reduce those costs.

Council Member Ramirez was also concerned about the tipping fees raising the costs for the residents.

Vice Mayor Sorensen appreciated that rates had not been increased for several years, but 7.5% at one time can be hard for residents. She also would like to look at the JPA to ensure the costs are being established fairly.

Mayor Ayers recommended in the future that rates be increased 1% or 2% every year in order to avoid a large increase at one time.

Motion to adopt Resolution 17-26-R.

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 1]
MOVER:	Justin Mendes, Council Member
SECONDER:	Sue Sorensen, Vice Mayor
AYES:	Sorensen, Ayers, Mendes
NAYS:	Ramirez
ABSENT:	Devine

B. Utilities and Engineering: Conduct the Public Hearing for the Annexation of Additional Properties to Landscape Assessment District No. 05-01-A regarding Tract 812, Mission Park Subdivision and Tentative Parcel Map 2006-12 (APN 007-030-019), and adopt Resolution 17-31-R establishing the formation of the district and confirming the levy and collection of annual assessments.

Utilities & Engineering Director John Doyel reminded the Council that the Public Hearing and Public Comments were opened at the May 2nd City Council meeting and is still open. Mayor Ayers invited the public to comment at this time.

Alex Dwiggins spoke in favor of the annexation.

Mayor Ayers closed the Public Comments at 8:36 p.m.

The City Clerk announced that ballots for 25 properties were received, 23 in favor and 2 opposed.

Motion to adopt Resolution 17-31-R.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Justin Mendes, Council Member
SECONDER:	Francisco Ramirez, Council Member
AYES:	Sorensen, Ayers, Ramirez, Mendes
ABSENT:	Devine

- C. Community Development: ANNEXATION/REORGANIZATION No. 152 and PREZONE NO. 2016-01: A request to annex 80.86 acres into the City of Hanford and prezone the annexed area as "R-1-6" Low-Density Residential, in accordance with the General Plan, or "R-L-5" Low-Density Residential, should the new zoning ordinance be in effect prior to the recordation of Annexation 152. The project involves simultaneous detachment of the property from the Kings River Conservation District and the Excelsior-Kings River Conservation District. TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 918: A request to subdivide 47.51 acres into 130 single-family, low-density residential lots, a two-acre park, and a 5.02-acre basin. TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 919: A request to subdivide 31.77 acres into 125 single-family, low-density residential lots. TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 2016-02: A request to divide a 47.51-acre parcel into two parcels (Parcel A: 27.48 acres; Parcel B: 20.03 acres) in an area proposed to be prezoned "R-1-6" Low-Density Residential, or "R-L-5" Low-Density Residential, should the new zoning ordinance take effect prior to the recordation of Annexation 152. The project requires certification of Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 2016-06 for the project. The project is located south of Fargo Avenue, between 12th Avenue and 13th Avenue, west of the future Centennial Drive (APN 009-030-041, 009-030-148, and 009-030-149).

Assistant Planner Gabrielle De Silva provided background information for the Council's review and consideration.

Mayor Ayers opened the Public Comments of the Public Hearing at 8:51 p.m.

John Zumwalt of Zumwalt-Hansen representing the developer spoke briefly on the proposed project and supported staff's recommendations.

Mayor Ayers closed the Public Comments at 8:54 p.m.

Motion to Certify Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 2016-06 for the project.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sue Sorensen, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Justin Mendes, Council Member
AYES:	Sorensen, Ayers, Ramirez, Mendes
ABSENT:	Devine

Motion to introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance 17-06 approving Prezone No. 2016-01 in order to prezone 80.86 acres as "R-1-6" Low-Density Residential, or "R-L-5" Low-Density Residential, should the new zoning ordinance be in effect prior to recordation of the annexation.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Justin Mendes, Council Member
SECONDER:	Sue Sorensen, Vice Mayor
AYES:	Sorensen, Ayers, Ramirez, Mendes
ABSENT:	Devine

Motion to adopt Resolution 17-27-R initiating proceedings for Annexation/Reorganization No. 152 and direct staff to file the appropriate forms with the Kings County Local Agency Formation.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Justin Mendes, Council Member
SECONDER:	Sue Sorensen, Vice Mayor
AYES:	Sorensen, Ayers, Ramirez, Mendes
ABSENT:	Devine

Motion to adopt Resolution 17-28-R approving Tentative Tract Map 918.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sue Sorensen, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Francisco Ramirez, Council Member
AYES:	Sorensen, Ayers, Ramirez, Mendes
ABSENT:	Devine

Motion to adopt Resolution 17-29-R approving Tentative Tract Map 919.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sue Sorensen, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Francisco Ramirez, Council Member
AYES:	Sorensen, Ayers, Ramirez, Mendes
ABSENT:	Devine

Motion to adopt Resolution 17-30-R approving Tentative Parcel Map No. 2016-02.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sue Sorensen, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Francisco Ramirez, Council Member
AYES:	Sorensen, Ayers, Ramirez, Mendes
ABSENT:	Devine

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Utilities and Engineering: Award a contract to VSS International, Inc., of Sacramento, CA in the amount of \$229,000.00 for the FY 16/17 Slurry Seal Project, approve an increase of scope change order, in the amount of \$161,224.99 by adding 133,823 SY of slurry seal to the project, and establish a construction contingency of \$40,000.00 for this project.

Utilities & Engineering Director John Doyel briefly commented on the project and responded to questions and comments by the City Council.

Motion to approve the item as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sue Sorensen, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Francisco Ramirez, Council Member
AYES:	Sorensen, Ayers, Ramirez, Mendes
ABSENT:	Devine

- B. Utilities and Engineering: Award a contract to VSS International, Inc., of Sacramento, CA in the amount of \$210,000.00 for the FY 16/17 Cape Seal Treatment Project, approve an increase of scope change order, in the amount of \$189,872.20, and establish a construction contingency of \$40,000.00 for this project.

Utilities & Engineering Director John Doyel explained the differences between slurry seal and cape seal projects.

Motion to approve as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sue Sorensen, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Francisco Ramirez, Council Member
AYES:	Sorensen, Ayers, Ramirez, Mendes
ABSENT:	Devine

- C. Fire: Adopt Resolution No. 17-32-R establishing fines to be levied with administrative citations pertaining to the enforcement of fireworks provisions set forth in Chapter 8.12 and Section 15.12.040 of the Hanford Municipal Code.

Fire Chief Chris Ekk commented on the proposed fines and violations associated with the illegal use of fireworks. Chief Ekk noted that a letter opposing the fines on the property owners was submitted by Margaret Webley.

Motion to approve Resolution 17-32-R.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sue Sorensen, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Justin Mendes, Council Member
AYES:	Sorensen, Ayers, Ramirez, Mendes
ABSENT:	Devine

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Council Member Mendes will be attending meetings later this month. He apologized to Council Member Ramirez for not preventing the public comments that attacked him at the last meeting as they were not appropriate. Mr. Mendes noted that he had met with Caliva recently. He commented and was pleased with a parking lot reconstruction project that was being done. Mr. Mendes had a meeting with the US Interagency Council on Homelessness, and he discussed coordination efforts that should take place between multiple agencies. Mr. Mendes inquired about the status of the final Goals & Objectives. Staff has not received the final documents yet from Mr. Sumek. Mayor Ayers will follow up with Mr. Sumek. Mr. Mendes was concerned about pending issues and requested that the Council look at the big picture in accomplishing their objectives. They cannot look at the issues separately and expect to resolve the problems with a compromise on every single matter.

Council Member Ramirez attended the Homecoming Essay contest and also the Fire Department's smoke alarm distribution to residents in his district. He also attended a program by Koinonia Church.

Vice Mayor Sorensen attended the Homecoming dinner and was disappointed in the attendance. She also commented on the poor scheduling of two events at the same time for Homecoming. Ms. Sorensen agreed with Mr. Mendes' concerns on addressing the needs of providing City services and the need for additional funds. She stated that she received a letter from the FPPC and that their decision was that she did have a conflict of interest by owning property in the downtown and that she may need to recuse herself in the future. Ms. Sorensen stated that residents in her district have requested that any discussions pertaining to the land next to Hidden Valley Park be postponed until the Parks & Recreation Master Plan has been updated. She would like a timeline for the Plan to be discussed at a future study session as well as discuss the efforts to move forward with coordinating with schools to allow access to their fields and playgrounds. City Manager Darrel Pyle stated that the study session should be scheduled for the second meeting of June. He also recommended that joint meetings be scheduled with the school districts, the Parks & Recreation Commission, and the City Council.

Mayor Ayers agreed with the Vice Mayor and hopes that communication will be improved in the future for the Homecoming Week activities. He also asked Council Member Ramirez if he would be willing to conduct the interviews of the applicants for the Parking & Traffic Commission. Mr. Ramirez agreed to do the interviews.

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Council Member Mendes agreed with having joint meetings with the school districts and the Parks & Recreation Commission to discuss opening their playgrounds and areas to the public.

Council Member Ramirez would like an evaluation of an ordinance pertaining to food vendors. Community Development Director Darlene Mata stated there was consensus at the last meeting so staff will present options at a future meeting to address vendors and changes to the kiosks.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Ayers adjourned the meeting at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Gomez
City Clerk