



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 20, 2017 7:00 PM

**Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

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

Mayor David Ayers called the study session and closed session to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

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. Mid Year Budget Update

Finance Manager Paula Lofgren provided an estimate of 2016-17 Fiscal Year Balances and an overview of revenues and expenses. The estimated fund balance is \$57,734,973 while the budgeted fund balance was \$56,916,140. She also discussed the proposed amendments for FY 2016-17 budget. The proposed amendments result in a net increase in the fund balance. Ms. Lofgren presented the proposed amendments for FY 2017-18 budget.

B. Courthouse HVAC Update

Public Works Director Lou Camara introduced their consultant Garen Lencioni of LP Engineers. Mr. Lencioni discussed the proposed design for the HVAC system. Mr. Camara stated that the cost is considerably higher than originally estimated. The projected costs will be over \$1,000,000. He also noted the difficulty of cooling the third floor with the open ceilings, so there would be additional costs to remodel the ceilings. Mr. Lencioni stated that improvements could be done in phases and address each floor one at a time, but it could cost more money in the long run. The consensus of the City Council directed staff to move forward with the design and obtain bids for the project and to ensure that \$500,000 is marked for this project and not listed as available funds in the ACO.

C. Maintenance of Parks

Parks Superintendent Alvin Dias provided an overview of the increased acreage for maintenance including medians and the Plunge. He also discussed current staffing levels and the need for additional employees if there was an increase in parks. Mr. Dias reviewed the park watering recommendations from the soil consultant, discussed the costs for rodent control in three large community parks, and the need for more efficient

equipment. He also requested Council direction on the street median landscape renovation project which is budgeted for fiscal year 2018.

The cost breakdown were \$65,500 for a Maintenance Worker; \$16,000 for soil amendments; \$18,000 for rodent control; and \$39,654.20 for equipment costs. Water costs increase would be \$159,244 at 100%, \$128,859 at 75%, and \$83,282 at 50%.

Staff responded to questions and comments by the City Council. The consensus of the Council was to approve the proposed costs and to increase the water costs at the 50% level. The Council also directed staff to continue with the installation of the stamped concrete to areas less than eight feet in width for the median project.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

Mayor Ayers adjourned to closed session at 6:52 p.m.

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

Number of Potential Cases - 1

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

CASE NAME: San Joaquin Valley Environmental Defense Center v. City of Hanford
CASE NUMBER: Kings County No. 17C0142

C. 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 session to order at 7:11 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Martin Devine	Council Member	Present	7:00 PM
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:

Bobby Guerra provided the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Ayers led the flag salute.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

There was nothing to report.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

A. Police: Oaths of Office - Officer Alfred Rivera and Officer Fabian Avalos

Police Chief Parker Sever introduced the new officers and City Clerk Jennifer Gomez

B. Retirement of Tom Dibble

Mayor Ayers thanked Tom Dibble on behalf of the community for his years of service to the City of Hanford as the Finance Director. City Manager Darrel Pyle reflected on Mr. Dibble's contributions to the organization and presented a plaque to him in honor of his service. The audience was invited for cake and refreshments.

Mayor Ayers called for a recess at 7:21 p.m.

Mayor Ayers reconvened the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

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.*

City Attorney Bob Dowd stated the purpose of Public Comment is for the public to comment on items on the agenda or issues within the jurisdiction of the City Council. Comments must be applicable to policies that the Council sets. Comments at meetings are limited and are not the same as first amendment rights in which someone can say anything they want in places such as a public square.

Travis Paden discussed a sales tax increase in Fresno that was specific for the zoo and stated that our community should invest in a sales tax specific for the youth and downtown. He would also like the residents to vote on the land next to Hidden Valley Park. He estimated it would be an increase of \$20,000,000 in revenue which could go to parks, recreation facilities, and downtown.

Bob Ramos disagreed with Mr. Paden and stated that the Council's focus should be on public safety, not on parks and recreation.

Les Vierra also wants the Council to make public safety a priority and that we need more officers and firefighters. He was disappointed that the sales tax measure was not approved by the voters.

Anthony Garcia of Que Pasa Mexican Cafe expressed his concern about Thursday Night Market and that he was not able to participate. He would like the regulations to be reconsidered.

Skip Athey stated that he read that sales tax revenue has increased and that money could go towards the improvements that are needed.

Nathan Odom read from a 1971 Medium and Long Range General Plan report and referenced the plan to develop the entire park space.

Anna Anderson expressed her concern over an area by 12th and Hanford-Armona Road and the potential fire hazard it possesses. She also expressed her support of the events that take place downtown, but would like the businesses and restaurants to stay open during them.

Mark Pratter stated that over 2,700 people signed a petition to give them the opportunity to vote on the zoning ordinance pertaining to the land next to Hidden Valley Park. He would like the Council to honor the wishes of the community.

Jeff Porterfield supported selling half of the land for housing and use the other half to expand the park space.

Mackenzie Hays of the local Democratic Committee commented on the success she had at collecting signatures for the referendum.

Paul Broussard expressed his opposition to selling the land and would like the zoning to be changed back.

Brian of the Democratic Central Committee does not believe that the Council is listening to the residents in regards to Hidden Valley Park.

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.

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

- A. City Clerk: Approve Minutes from the June 6, 2017 Meeting
- B. City Clerk: Deny claim for damages and direct the City Clerk to send out notification of such to Jimmy Mora
- C. Administration: Adopt Resolution 17-35-R to add one full time Property and Evidence Technician Position in the Police Department
- D. Administration: Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with the Executive Management Employees Association
- E. Public Works: Approval of 12th Avenue / Highway 198 Relinquishment Agreement - Amendment No.1 between City of Hanford and State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).
- F. Utilities and Engineering: Approval of Final Map and Subdivision Agreement for Tract No. 914, Mynderup Subdivision (12th Ave & Hume Ave)
- G. Finance: Adopt Resolution 17-33-R establishing the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Appropriations Limit.

- H. Finance: Authorization for signatures of the Mayor and Finance Director on checks written on City accounts with Wells Fargo Bank.
- I. Finance: Adopt Resolution 17-39-R to give City Treasurer wire transfer authority
- J. Finance: Warrant Register

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Public Works: Conduct a public hearing for the formation of Landscape Assessment District No. 16-02 and adopt Resolution 17-37-R establishing the formation of the district and confirming the levy and collection of annual assessments. (12th Ave. and Hume Ave.)

Public Works Director Lou Camara provided background information for the Council's review and consideration.

Mayor Ayers opened the public comments of the public hearing at 8:14 p.m., and with no comments given closed the public comments at 8:14 p.m.

Motion to adopt Resolution 17-37-R.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Utilities and Engineering: Waive the first reading and pass to the second reading, Ordinance 17-07, modifying water use regulations, deposits, services, and delinquencies.

Public Works Director Lou Camara provided an overview of the proposed amendments to the ordinance. He noted that one of the changes is to exempt recreational areas that are over 2 acres in size and allow them to water on more days. Mr. Camara also recommended the following additional amendments to what is being proposed: Section 13.04.020(A)(1) where instead of "the city shall install a water meter" it shall read "the applicant shall be required to install a water meter"; and Section 13.04.030(B) where instead of "All deposits made with the water division" it shall read "All deposits made with the utility billing division".

Motion to waive the first reading and pass to the second reading Ordinance 17-07 as amended.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Council Member Mendes stated that he and Mayor Ayers will switch their representation on KCAG. Mr. Mendes expressed his disappointment in the Planning Commission and not citing findings for their decision. He stated that he believes this shows a bias by individuals and that in political positions they must make decisions that are not driven by that.

Council Member Ramirez had nothing to report.

Council Member Devine attended the Parks & Recreation Commission where they discussed whether they should submit a new recommendation regarding the selling of the land next to Hidden Valley Park. He also attended the Planning Commission meeting which has been continued to the 27th.

Vice Mayor Sorensen attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting and stated that they will be making some changes soon. They are working on the 4th of July event and planning a fundraiser on July 2nd. She also attended the American Legion flag burning ceremony. Main Street Hanford had a transformation meeting where they discussed how to bring activities to downtown.

Mayor Ayers went to Sacramento to attend a League of California Cities policy committee meeting. He has upcoming meetings for other agencies in the coming week.

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Mayor Ayers requested that an update on the Council's Goals and Objectives be presented at an upcoming meeting. Mr. Pyle stated that a study session will be scheduled at the second meeting in July for the Goals and Objectives. A new evaluation form will be used this year for the City Manager, and his evaluation will be scheduled for an August meeting.

Council Member Ramirez expressed his concern that not all local businesses are able to participate at Thursday Night Market. He will meet with Vice Mayor Sorensen so that she can address this with Main Street Hanford as that is their regulation. He would like a future discussion after the goals and objectives update to look at a potential sales tax measure based on the comments by Travis Paden.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Ayers adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Gomez
City Clerk