



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**August 1, 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 5:32 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. Review of Hanford Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Hanford's Contracts

City Manager Darrel Pyle stated that the Chamber of Commerce contract will be postponed, so staff will only discuss the contract with Main Street Hanford.

Mr. Pyle discussed the minor changes to the contract including Section 3(c) to state "Participate financially in the construction and installation of improvements....." and changed the term of the contract to end December 31, 2018.

Shelly Johnson of Main Street Hanford provided a Profits & Loss Summary. She discussed their events, income, and expenses.

Council Member Mendes requested that the City coordinate with Main Street when doing capital projects downtown. He also expressed concern about holding Main Street accountable to undertake activities to fill vacancies. Ms. Johnson would like to partner with the City to meet with property owners that are not filling their buildings.

Council Member Ramirez praised Ms. Johnson for the improvements in coordinating with the City and other agencies for events and activities. He expressed concern about the high insurance costs and inquired if there was any opportunity to bring it down by different types of coverage. Mr. Pyle stated that he could explore that idea and make some contacts with Shelly. Mr. Ramirez inquired if they set goals and objectives to make improvements to the downtown. Ms. Johnson stated that their next meeting will be August 21st and that a representative from National Main Street will be present. They will be conducting a survey to see what services the community and business owners are wanting. She has also begun looking at ideas for murals in the

downtown, plus improved signage. They also just launched the Main Street app that includes information about downtown businesses.

Council Member Devine thanked Ms. Johnson for their work and supported the changes to the contract.

Vice Mayor Sorensen inquired what Main Street's goal is with their income and expenses. Ms. Johnson stated they want to break even by spending as much as they can. Ms. Sorensen agreed that if the City and Main Street partner on issues then that will result in more positive actions.

Mayor Ayers requested foot traffic data be provided for the Main Street Hanford events. Ms. Johnson stated that estimates can be provided.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

Mayor Ayers adjourned to closed session at 6:15 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

General Employees Management Association (G.E.M.A.)

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

Property: APNs 018-242-067, 018-242-077

Agency Negotiators: Darrel Pyle and Ty Mizote

Negotiating Party: Steve Alexander and Jahn Kahn for Helena Chemical

Under Negotiation: Terms and Price

C. 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

CASE NAME: Helena Chemical v. City of Hanford

CASE NUMBER: Kings County No. 17C0102

D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

Number of Potential Cases - 1

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

Number of Potential Cases - 2

7:00 PM CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Ayers called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 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:

Robert Needham provided the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE:

Council Member Devine led the flag salute.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

The Council will reconvene Closed Session at the end of the regular meeting to continue discussions.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Police Chief Parker Sever noted National Night Out is tonight in Civic Park. He also commented on their successful boxing tournament. Chief Sever briefly discussed a recent robbery of a woman who sells corn and that an officer collected funds and gave her \$600.

Community Development Director Darlene Mata stated that the cannabis application period begins tomorrow and will be open until October 2nd.

Utilities & Engineering Director John Doyel discussed current projects that are nearing completion.

Finance Director Paula Lofgren commented on a potential new budget process and system. A study session will be held at the next meeting to give an overview.

Battalion Chief Eric Brotelmarkle discussed the numerous fires in California that their crews have been deployed to in the last few weeks.

Parks Superintendent Alvin Dias announced their monthly food drive that will be at Longfield Center, as well as their upcoming moving night and concerts.

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.*

Lou Martinez questioned the City Council as to whether they let each other attack private citizens on social media. He believes that they should monitor and hold each other accountable.

Bob Ramos stated that he is out in the community every day to collect signatures for the recall. He discussed the reasons why they are doing the recall.

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 items pulled for separate consideration.

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

- A. City Clerk: Approve Minutes from the July 18, 2017 Meeting
- B. City Clerk: Deny claim for damages and direct the City Clerk to send out notification of such to Eric Henley
- C. City Clerk: Deny claim for damages and direct the City Clerk to send out notification of such to Michael Nordstrom
- D. Public Works: Approval of agreement with Southern California Edison Company (SCE) to retrofit all SCE owned street lights with LED technology.
- E. Introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinances 17-09, 17-10, 17-11, 17-12, 17-13, 17-14, 17-15, 17-16 amending Title 15 of the Hanford Municipal Code to update the City Building Standards Code, Housing Code, Electrical Code, Mechanical Code, Fire Code, Plumbing Code and the Uniform Swimming Pool, Spa and Hot Tub Code and set August 15, 2017 as the date of the public hearing.
- F. Public Works: Approve the Notice of Completion for Tract No. 843, Independence Subdivision, Unit IV and authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest and file said Notice with the Kings County Recorder's Office. (Greenfield Ave. and Centennial Dr.)
- G. Finance: Warrant Register

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Police: Approve the purchase of PD Cameras for Civic Park and Lacey Park

Vice Mayor Sorensen pulled this item for additional information on the purpose of installing the cameras. Police Chief Sever stated the benefit of installing the cameras is the ability to immediately report criminal activity. A loud speaker is also included so dispatchers can announce that the police are on their way in order to prevent crimes from occurring. Parks & Recreation staff will also be able to remotely view activity in those parks.

Motion to approve as presented.

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

2. City Clerk: Approve the removal of Ajmer Nahal from the Planning Commission.

Staff pulled this item from the agenda due to the resignation of Mr. Nahal.

RESULT:	WITHDRAWN
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PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Public Works: Public hearing to receive public input regarding the proposed reduction, no change, or proposed increase in the assessment and imposition of the annual assessment for the City of Hanford's Landscape Assessment Districts, per the Annual Engineer's Report for Fiscal Year 2017-2018; adopt Resolution 17-41-R confirming levy and collection of annual assessments pursuant to Chapter 3 of the Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972.

Utilities & Engineering Director John Doyel provided background information for the Council's review and consideration.

Mayor Ayers opened the public comments for the public hearing at 7:21 p.m., and with no comments given closed the public comments at 7:21 p.m.

City Clerk Jennifer Gomez counted the votes and read the results.

District No. 94-01 Gateway Estates
Fee Increase - Approves: 9; Disapproves: 16
CPI Adjustment - Approves: 6; Disapproves: 17

District No. 90-03 Mansionette Estates
Fee Increase - Approves: 16; Disapproves: 20
CPI Adjustment - Approves: 12; Disapproves: 23

District No. 97-02 Summer Field
Fee Increase - Approves: 1; Disapproves: 1
CPI Adjustment - Approves: 0; Disapproves: 2

All proposed increases failed to pass.

Mr. Doyel stated that the Resolution should be amended to remove all references to those three districts passing. He responded to questions and comments by the Council.

Motion to adopt Resolution 17-41-R as amended.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. City Clerk: Appointment for One (1) seat to Parking & Traffic Commission

Council Member Ramirez interviewed the two applicants and recommended Roger Snow for the Commission. The Council approved the appointment unanimously.

RESULT:	CONSENSUS
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COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Council Member Mendes briefly discussed the KART meeting that he attended.

Council Member Ramirez attended the groundbreaking ceremony yesterday for the new agricultural school farm.

Council Member Devine also attended the groundbreaking ceremony. He also went to the recent boxing tournament.

Vice Mayor Sorensen attended Main Street Hanford's meeting and encouraged the public to attend the meeting on August 21st.

Mayor Ayers discussed actions by KCAG for landscaping. Mr. Ayers briefly commented on the groundbreaking ceremony.

City Manager Darrel Pyle announced that Green Bay Packer Hall of Famer Mark Lee will be in Hanford on August 25th and 26th. Mr. Lee is looking forward to returning home to share his accomplishment with the community.

Mr. Pyle also discussed the request by a citizen at the last meeting to allow a non-conforming sign to remain on his building. The Council did not direct staff for any action to address the request.

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Vice Mayor Sorensen inquired about Hanford entrance signs and if those were the responsible of the City. Parks Superintendent Alvin Dias stated that improvements are already scheduled.

Council Member Mendes requested that a 2018 City Council meeting calendar be brought to the Council later this year so they can determine if there are specific dates that should be canceled. The Council concurred.

Mayor Ayers requested that public comments be reduced to three minutes and a consensus was given by the Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Ayers adjourned the regular meeting at 7:42 p.m. and reconvened closed session.

Following closed session, City Attorney Bob Dowd reported out that pertaining to Item B, Real Property Negotiations that the Council gave direction to cancel escrow.

Mayor Ayers adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Gomez
City Clerk