



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**August 15, 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. Public Works: Grade Separation Project at BN&SF and Grangeville Blvd.

Public Works Director Lou Camara provided a presentation of overpass and underpass configurations for a railroad grade separation at Grangeville Blvd. An overpass is not feasible since it would extend past King Road/University Avenue. An underpass would have no impact to the intersection of King Road/University Avenue with Grangeville, but Mildred Street would be permanently closed at Grangeville. New access points would be created to accommodate nearby areas. It is recommended that Grangeville Road be closed for the duration of construction estimated to be 18 months.

Mr. Camara stated that the projected cost would be in the \$20-\$30M range. Later on the agenda is an agreement with a firm to prepare a grant application for funding. It is important for the City to get on the list for 1B funding.

Mr. Camara responded to questions and comments by the City Council. The consensus of the Council directed staff to move forward with this project.

B. Finance: Presentation by OpenGov regarding Budget Preparation & Reports

Finance Director Paula Lofgren briefly discussed the benefits this platform could provide. Steve Zelezny of OpenGov provided a presentation to the Council describing the tools available in OpenGov. The module, Budget Builder, streamlines proposals, adjustments, and compares previous year budgets. A second component is Budget Book which can easily view and comment on the draft budget document. A third component is Intelligence which manages reporting. The last component is Transparency which provides access to budget information to the public.

Mr. Zelezny and City staff responded to questions and comments by the City Council. The consensus of the Council was for staff to move forward with this proposal.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

Mayor Ayers adjourned to closed session at 6:24 p.m.

A. 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

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

7:00 PM CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Ayers called the regular session 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:

Pastor Stan Plooy provided the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Ayers led the flag salute.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

There was nothing to report.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Police Chief Parker Sever announced that they picked up their new K-9, and it is currently in training.

Utilities & Engineering Director John Doyel provided an update on current construction projects.

Parks & Recreation Director Craig Miller announced an upcoming Meet & Greet with Mark Lee on August 25th at Longfield Center beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Finance Director Paula Lofgren stated that they are working on closing the transactions for FY17 and that they are also making changes on how they process claims and payroll.

Fire Chief Chris Ekk shared that retired Fire Chief George Watson passed away.

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 attended a recent meeting where it was recommended by the Mayor to reduce the time for public comments from five minutes to three minutes and disagreed with that change.

A student from Hanford West discussed their recent park clean up and the unhealthy exposure of second hand smoke by others in parks.

A student from Hanford High School discussed the dangers of e-cigarettes and the chemicals associated with them.

A student commented on the efforts by their coalition to collect tobacco related litter.

A student made their recommendation for the City to create tobacco free parks.

Shelly Johnson invited the Council to this Thursday Night Market for a Lemoore NAS flyover. Main Street Hanford will be having a community meeting on August 21st at 5:30 p.m.

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:	Martin Devine, Council Member
AYES:	Devine, Sorensen, Ayers, Ramirez, Mendes

A. City Clerk: Approve Minutes from the August 1, 2017 Meeting

B. City Clerk: Deny claim for damages and direct the City Clerk to send out notification of such to Alejandro Rogado

- C. City Clerk: Adopt Resolution 17-44-R amending the Handbook of Rules and Procedures
- D. Administration: Direct the City's Voting Delegate to approve the two resolutions presented in the League of California Cities 2017 Annual Resolution Packet
- E. Administration: Approve Services Agreement with Main Street Hanford
- F. Public Works: Purchase of 25 (three cubic yard), 20 (two cubic yard) and 15 (one cubic yard) refuse containers from Consolidated Fabricators Corporation, in the amount of \$32,978.43.00 (tax and freight included).
- G. Public Works: Purchase of 300 residential refuse containers from Toter Wastequip, LLC., in the amount of \$17,224.54 (tax and freight included).
- H. Public Works: Approval of agreement (work order # 2) with the firm of TRC, Inc., of Rancho Cordova, Ca., in the amount of \$25,564 to prepare a grant application for possible grade separation grant funding, for crossing located at Grangeville Boulevard and BN&SF Railroad.
- I. Utilities & Engineering: Approve a Notice of Completion for Tract No. 814 Sidonia Estates II Subdivision and authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest and file said Notice with the Kings County Recorder's Office. (Hume Ave. and Monterey Ave.)
- J. Utilities and Engineering: Right of Way Acquisition from Michael James Cotton in the amount of \$3,000.00 for Public Street Purposes on Irwin Street north of Hanford Armona Road (APN 012-231-034)
- K. Fire: Purchase and outfit (1) 2018 Ford F150, 4X4, crew cab pick-up truck for \$48,545.38 and authorize an additional appropriation and transfer of funds.
- L. Finance: Warrant Register

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Community Development: Hold a Public Hearing and waive the second 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 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code.

Community Development Director Darlene Mata briefly discussed the need to adopt new building codes to match the State codes.

Mayor Ayers opened the public comments for the public hearing at 7:24 p.m., and with no comments given closed the public comments at 7:24 p.m.

Motion to waive the second reading and adopt Ordinances 17-09, 17-10, 17-11, 17-12, 17-13, 17-14, 17-15, and 17-16.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Community Development: APPEAL NO. 2017-02, filed by Estrella Associates, Inc., appealing the Planning Commission's denial of Time Extension No. 2017-02, a request to extend the life of Tentative Tract 911 for two years. (Kimball St. and Washington St.)

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

Michael Noland, attorney for the applicant Estrella Associates, addressed issues raised in the staff report. Mr. Noland requested the extension so that the final map can be completed. He then responded to questions by the City Council.

Staff responded to Mr. Noland's comments, as well as questions by the City Council.

The applicant Dick Willhoit also provided comments for the Council's consideration.

City Attorney Ty Mizote recommended that a General Plan and Zoning amendment be made at a future meeting to put that property back under the previous designation if the Council approves the appeal. After additional discussion, no consensus or direction was given regarding this recommendation.

Motion to approve Appeal No. 2017-02.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Sue Sorensen, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Francisco Ramirez, Council Member
AYES:	Devine, Sorensen, Ayers, Ramirez
NAYS:	Mendes

- B. Fire: Fireworks citation appeal hearing for administrative citation FW-032

Fire Chief Chris Ekk provided an overview of the enforcement activities that took place on the 4th of July.

Chief Ekk showed drone footage to the City Council of this specific incident of illegal fireworks usage. He discussed the actions taken by staff at the alleged scene.

The appealing party left and did not speak.

Motion to deny the appeal for administrative citation FW-032.

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

C. Fire: Fireworks citation appeal hearing for administrative citation FW-052

Fire Chief Chris Ekk discussed the actions taken by staff to respond to this incident and described the interaction with the appealing party. He recommended to approve the appeal because the property owner admitted to owning the fireworks and that Robert Isenberg was not responsible. They will issue a new citation for the property owner, Jerry Isenberg.

Robert Isenberg stated that he was a guest in the home and was not aware of any illegal fireworks. His brother, Jerry Isenberg, admitted that the fireworks were his but was not cited. He had not been notified that the citation had been changed and expressed his frustration that he had to attend this hearing unnecessarily.

Jerry Isenberg commented on the events of that evening.

Motion to approve the appeal for administrative citation FW-052.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Justin Mendes, Council Member
SECONDER:	Francisco Ramirez, Council Member
AYES:	Sorensen, Ayers, Ramirez, Mendes
NAYS:	Devine

D. Fire: Fireworks citation appeal hearing for administrative citation FW-072

Fire Chief Chris Ekk discussed the actions taken by personnel in investigating this incident. The citation was given to the property owner since none of the attendees admitted to using the illegal fireworks.

The appealing party spokesperson, Melvin Watkins, provided his comments on the events of that evening and reiterated that neither he or the property owner Sandra Hilton were involved in the use of any illegal fireworks. The rubbish was in the middle of the street, and Mr. Watkins stated that no one could determine which house was responsible.

Officer Mark Carrillo and Fire Engineer Michael Briones responded to the comments made by Mr. Watkins and provided additional testimony for the Council's consideration.

Motion to deny the appeal for administrative citation FW-072.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Justin Mendes, Council Member
SECONDER:	Sue Sorensen, Vice Mayor
AYES:	Devine, Sorensen, Ayers, Mendes
NAYS:	Ramirez

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Council Member Mendes had nothing to report.

Council Member Ramirez attended the 126th City of Hanford Birthday celebration.

Council Member Devine also stated that he attended the birthday celebration. He attended the Children's Garden celebration of paying off their mortgage.

Vice Mayor Sorensen also attended the event by the Children's Garden. Ms. Sorensen attended the Faraday Future open house. She provided an update on the actions and discussions at the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting. Ms. Sorensen inquired if the Commission would like to make a recommendation on an item that has not been

solicited by the City Council then how should it be handled. The Council concurred that the Commission should come before the City Council during public comment and make the request, then the Council can give direction under Future Agenda Items.

Mayor Ayers attended his last League of California Cities as President of our division and commented on his appreciation of Mr. Pyle and Ms. Gomez on their contribution during his tenure.

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Mayor Ayers inquired about the applications for the Commissions. Ms. Gomez stated that the deadline for applications is August 25th, and the appointments will be scheduled for the September 19th City Council meeting. The Council provided a consensus and directed staff to bring a future study session on a smoking ordinance in the parks.

Public Works Director Lou Camara stated that staff is anticipating possible agenda items that are time sensitive, and there may need to be a special meeting.

The City Council provided a consensus to cancel the regular meeting scheduled for September 5th.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Ayers adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Gomez
City Clerk