



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**May 1, 2018 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 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Justin Mendes, Diane Sharp, 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 three minutes is allowed for each speaker.

Michael Quinn commented on the historical buildings in Hanford and their potential loss due to neglect and lack of funds. He proposed a ballot measure creating a half cent sales tax that would last 18 months which would fund repair and maintenance to the historical buildings. He also requested a citizen committee to oversee the use of those funds.

STUDY SESSION:

A. Sales Tax Consideration

City Manager Darrel Pyle discussed the various questions that need to be answered including who will handle the campaign activities. Also to be determined is whether it would be a general or special tax, the proposed tax rate, and whether there would be a sunset date on the tax. When these details are determined, then the City Attorney's office can prepare the ballot language.

Council Member Sharp inquired about how much revenue is needed to make improvements to City owned historical buildings. Staff estimated it could be at least \$5,000,000 for the buildings in Courthouse Square.

Vice Mayor Sorensen expressed concern about having the sunset date be too short and not allow enough funds and time to accomplish the projects that the community would like to see. She also asked whether there had been any interest expressed by the community. Mr. Pyle stated that staff has not been approached on this subject.

Mayor Ayers inquired whether it would be a special tax if the revenue is specified for building renovations. City Attorney Ty Mizote explained the language dictates if it is considered a special tax or not. Mayor Ayers preferred to have a general tax in order to keep the threshold lower for it to pass.

Council Member Mendes discussed Measure S and Measure K and does not believe a tax increase will pass based on the past voting records, unless it includes a public safety component as a special tax.

Council Member Devine commented on the proposed State initiative requiring a two-thirds majority to pass any tax increases. He did not think the City would be successful in passing the measure if it is going to require a two-thirds majority.

Council Member Mendes proposed a TOT increase as an option.

Council Member Sharp wanted more community support prior to the City moving forward.

Council Member Devine supported moving forward after receiving input from the public to know what they would support.

Vice Mayor Sorensen agreed to have the public bring a proposal to the Council for consideration.

The Council directed that Mr. Quinn will need to submit a proposal by the second meeting of June for the Council to determine if a sales tax increase should be added as a ballot measure. Mr. Pyle and Mr. Mizote are willing to meet with Mr. Quinn to have discussions on the process and differences between a general and special tax.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

Due to the lack of time, Mayor Ayers announced that Closed Session will follow the regular meeting.

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

Property: APN 018-242-077

Agency Negotiators: Darrel Pyle and Ty Mizote

Negotiating Party: Gery Zacher

Under Negotiations: Terms and Price

Property: APNs 028-310-005, 028-310-007, 028-310-008, 028-310-025, 028-240-008, 028-240-016, 028-240-018, 028-240-019, 028-240-020, 028-240-021

Agency Negotiators: Darrel Pyle and Ty Mizote

Negotiating Party: Mark Mendes

Under Negotiations: Terms and Price

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

CASE NAME: Adams v. City of Hanford

CASE NUMBER: Kings County No. 18C0068

CASE NAME: Southern California Edison v. City of Hanford

CASE NUMBER: Kings County No. 17C0268

CASE NAME: San Joaquin Valley Environmental Defense Center v. City of Hanford

CASE NUMBER: Kings County No. 17C01042

CASE NAME: Valdez v. City of Hanford

CASE NUMBER: Kings County No. 1:17-00430

CASE NAME: Perez v. City of Hanford

CASE NUMBER: Kings County No. 17C0335

7:00 PM CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Ayers called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 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
Diane Sharp	Council Member	Present	7:00 PM
David Ayers	Mayor	Present	7:00 PM
Justin Mendes	Council Member	Present	7:00 PM

INVOCATION:

Phoenicia Martinez provided the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Ayers led the flag salute.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

A. Proclamation - National Day of Prayer

Mayor Ayers presented the proclamation to Kathryn Enloe, The Kings Prayer Force.

B. Proclamation: National Public Works Week

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

C. Proclamation - City Clerks Week

Mayor Ayers presented the proclamation to City Clerk Jennifer Gomez.

D. Recognition of City Clerk Jennifer Gomez

Mayor Ayers called for a recess at 7:16 p.m. for a brief reception.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Ayers reconvened the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Captain Karl Anderson briefly commented on the department's activities.

Community Development Director Darlene Mata discussed current projects.

Public Works Director Lou Camara stated that commercial refuse bins are being delivered this week and that the new street striping vehicle has arrived. The grade separation project is on a funding list with the State and preparing a preliminary engineering design will be the next step in this long term project.

Parks & Recreation Director Craig Miller commented on the Skate Park 20th Anniversary celebration that took place and also thanked everyone for turning out for the parade honoring the Sierra Pacific High School Girls Basketball Team.

Fire Chief Chris Ekk announced that the new patrol vehicle is ready to be delivered.

Finance Director Paula Lofgren stated that her department has been working on the budget for the next fiscal year.

Utilities & Engineering Director John Doyel provided an update on capital improvement projects.

A. Status Report for Capital Improvement Projects in Construction

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. This is also the public's opportunity to request an item from the Consent Calendar be pulled for discussion purposes or to comment on any item on the agenda. Comments related to Public Hearing items will be heard at the time the item is discussed.

*A maximum of **three minutes** is allowed for each speaker. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your city of residence.*

Jared Turner requested that the Council reconsider their position on labor negotiations with the Fire Department.

Skip Athey stated his support for a public safety sales tax.

Paula Massey expressed her disappointment that she was not notified of the date of when the skate park celebration got rescheduled and commented on her son Jeffrey Hamilton's involvement with the original opening of the skate park.

Todd Cotta commented on his frustration from the last meeting and stressed for the City to look at each property individually to determine appropriate zoning.

Jim Livingston from the Hanford Senior Citizens, Inc. presented their request to take possession of the west side of the old YMCA building in order to expand their programs.

Chad Draxler disagreed with expanding Hidden Valley Park and that funds should be used for other City services that are a higher priority.

Mark Pratter reflected on the potential expansion of Hidden Valley Park.

Nathan Odom briefly spoke about parkland.

Michael Quinn encouraged the Council Members to receive input on a design proposal for the expansion of Hidden Valley Park.

Pam Johnson expressed her support of the Fire Department. She stated that she is not agreeable to expanding the park by only 4 acres.

Bob Ramos stated that it appears that the Council is not taking any action to approve a contract with the Fire Department. He also would like Hidden Valley Park to be expanded with no compromises on the amount of acreage. He did not support a sales tax that was not for public safety.

Steven Yaws would like additional green and open space in Hanford like larger cities. He supported the expansion of Hidden Valley Park to have a natural environment.

City Manager Darrel Pyle provided an update on the labor negotiations with the Fire department. He noted that the negotiations are currently in a fact finding phase with a third party which is a collective process involving both the bargaining unit and the City.

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

- A. City Clerk: Approve Minutes from the April 17, 2018 Meeting
- B. City Clerk: Deny claim for damages and direct the City Clerk to send out notification of such to Leneshia Andrews
- C. City Clerk: Deny claim for damages and direct the City Clerk to send out notification of such to Yvonne Williams
- D. FIRE: Approve Out-of-State Travel to Texas for Fire Chief Chris Ekk and Fire Captain Frank Etulain for the Final Inspection of the Fire Department's New Patrol Vehicle on May 16-18, 2018.
- E. Utilities and Engineering: Reject bids and re-advertise for bids for the Fire Station No. 1 Bathroom Renovation Project
- F. Utilities & Engineering: Approve the attached Scope of Work Contract Change Orders No. 1 and 2, for construction for the Civic Auditorium Exterior Painting Project, in the amount of \$24,500.00.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 1. City Clerk: Adopt Resolution 18-17-R Calling for the Holding of A General Municipal Election to be Held on November 6, 2018 and Requesting the Board of Supervisors to Consolidate with the Statewide General Election

Council Member Mendes pulled this item for clarification.

City Clerk Jennifer Gomez stated that this resolution calls for the election of the three City Council seats for the November ballot.

Motion to approve.

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

2. Finance: Warrant Register

Council Member Sharp pulled the item to point out that three checks were issued to the same vendor in very small amounts and would like to see if the City could handle those types of payments in a more efficient manner in the future.

Motion to approve.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Community Development: Discuss and provide direction on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan 2018-19 activities and programs.

Administrative Analyst Sandra Lerma provided a presentation to the Council with an overview of the proposed Action Plan and budget. Staff responded to questions and comments by the City Council.

Mayor Ayers opened the public comments of the public hearing at 8:22 p.m.

Lou Martinez suggested that school crosswalks be added in the targeted areas and make them safer. He would also like more youth programs like baseball.

Bob Ramos stated that the Harris Street Ball Park is locked up, so the neighborhood cannot have access to it. He requested funds that would allow that to be unlocked and used more often.

Mark Pratter would like the City to address the homeless problems using best practices.

Steven Yaws recommended looking at Portland as a model for homelessness.

With no further comments, Mayor Ayers closed the public comments at 8:31 p.m.

Staff stated that the Ball Park has been vandalized in the past and equipment stolen causing it to be locked up. Staff is looking at a solution in order to open it to the public again.

Motion to approve Resolution 18-18-R and adopt the 2018 CDBG Annual Action Plan.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Administration: Approve Contract with Tyler Technologies for the purchase of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software and implementation in the amount of \$912,479.

IT Manager Eric Forcey provided background information for the Council's review and consideration. He responded to questions and comments by the City Council.

Motion to approve the contract.

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

B. Parks & Recreation Commission: Development of 4.37 acres west of Hidden Valley Park located on Cortner Street.

Parks & Recreation Director Craig Miller discussed the background of Hidden Valley Park. Community Development Director Darlene Mata discussed the General Plan goals and policies regarding Open Space, Conservation and Recreation Element. Mr. Miller stated that the Council directed staff to receive a recommendation by the Parks & Recreation Commission for the 4.37 acres west of Hidden Valley Park. A conceptual design was presented to the Commission to demonstrate what could fit in that area. The Commission reviewed the proposed plan to develop the 4.37 acres and made the recommendation that the City Council direct staff to develop a plan for the design of the full 18 acre parcel west of Hidden Valley Park and to hold a public meeting to discuss this issue.

Staff presented various recommendations to Council for further direction. Staff and Council discussed the General Plan Goals and Policies as it relates to parks and open space.

The Council gave direction to staff to update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan to be in compliance with the General Plan and to include community input through surveys and meetings in order to determine current and future needs.

RESULT:	CONSENSUS
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C. Utilities and Engineering: Award a contract to West Valley Construction of Campbell, CA in the amount of \$1,568,697.00 for the Flat to Meter Service Conversion Project, appropriate an additional \$259,132.00 from Water Capital Reserves, and establish a construction contingency of \$78,435.00.

Utilities & Engineering Director John Doyel discussed the Flat to Meter Service Conversion Project.

Motion to approve as presented.

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

D. Police: Approve purchase of three Police Patrol Cars in the amount of \$153,000

Captain Karl Anderson briefly commented on the purchase of the vehicles to be added to their assigned vehicle fleet.

Motion to approve the purchase of three Police Patrol cars.

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

- E. Police: Approve purchase of office furniture, IT equipment and interview room recording solution in the amount of no more than \$143,000.

Captain Karl Anderson discussed the improvements made to the investigations building and the need to furnish and equip it.

Motion to approve as presented.

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

- F. Police: Approve the Renovation of the 911 Dispatch Center

Captain Karl Anderson discussed the changes to the Dispatch Center and the funding currently available for the improvements.

Motion to advance the relocation of the Dispatch Center from the ground floor to the Briefing Room in the basement of the Police Department.

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

- G. Administration: Adoption of 2018-19 Fiscal Year Goals and Objectives

City Manager Darrel Pyle provided an overview of the Goals and Objectives established by the City Council. He stated that various actions taken by staff were identified that have been implemented. Mr. Pyle requested that the top priority pertaining to a Homeless Service Center be broadened to Homelessness and that a service center be just one action under that goal. The Goals and Objectives will also be delivered to all of the departments so that all employees are aware of the direction Council is going and see what is being accomplished. Council Member Sharp requested that the priority regarding Cannabis remain on the list even though it is already completed, so that the community is aware that it was a direction given by Council. Council would also like time lines to be included in the actions. Council directed staff to start searching for a consultant to use next year for the Goals and Objectives session.

Motion to adopt the 2018-19 fiscal year Goals and Objectives as amended.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Justin Mendes, Council Member
SECONDER:	Martin Devine, Council Member
AYES:	Devine, Sorensen, Ayers, Mendes
NAYS:	Sharp

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Council Member Mendes provided an update on KART's land acquisition. Mr. Mendes traveled to Sacramento to testify on Senator Vidak's bill on where sex offenders could live, but it was defeated in committee. Mr. Mendes also assisted in collecting and turning in signatures to repeal the Gas Tax on the November ballot.

Council Member Sharp commented on various activities and events.

Council Member Devine also shared his involvement in collecting signatures to repeal the Gas Tax.

Vice Mayor Sorensen praised the Chamber of Commerce's and Main Street Hanford's annual dinners.

Mayor Ayers also expressed his appreciation with the improvements made by the Chamber.

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Vice Mayor Sorensen inquired about updating the city ordinance regarding food trucks. Council provided a consensus to move forward with amending the ordinance. Ms. Sorensen also addressed the zoning of Todd Cotta's property and would like that area to be rezoned along the highway. The Council did not concur.

City Manager Darrel Pyle stated that requests by the public had been given to him including amendments to the historic district restrictions to modify exteriors. Three Council Members agreed to review the ordinance. The East Precise Plan does not seem to be accomplishing the development that was originally desired and envisioned. Council concurred to review why the Plan has failed. A third request was to lift the restriction on downtown cruising. Council concurred to amend the ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Ayers adjourned to closed session at 10:34 p.m.

With nothing to report from closed session, Mayor Ayers adjourned the meeting at 11:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Gomez
City Clerk