The City of Hanford
CALIFORNIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
February 19, 2019 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.

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

Mayor Sorensen called the Study Session and Closed Session to order at 5:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Sue Sorensen, John Draxler, Martin Devine, Francisco Ramirez, and Art Brieno.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comments from the public are limited to items on the agenda (GC 54954.3a). A maximum of three minutes is allowed for each speaker. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your city of residence.

Colby Wells, SoCal Gas - As a representative of the gas company, he spoke about Assembly Bill 3232.

Bob Ramos, Hanford - He stated that the Council should consider the public's input on the spending of the CDBG funds.

STUDY SESSION:

A. CDBG Action Plan Input on needs, priorities, and designated amounts

Sandra Lerma-Martinez presented the results of the community survey on how the funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) should be spent. A representative from the Ramsey Group was also present. The representative informed the Council of the Consolidated Plan (ConPlan) and Analysis of Impediment to Fair Housing Choice (AI). The ConPlan helps local governments assess their affordable housing and community development needs. Some sample CDBG activities may include Youth Services, Job Training, Homeless Services, and First-Time Homebuyers Assistance. In April the Council will be presented with the final ConPlan and it will be ready to submit to HUD by May 15, 2019. The Council Members expressed their appreciation for the work that has been done so far.

Mayor Sorensen adjourned to Closed Session at 6:34 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS - Government Code § 54956.8

Property: Bastille
APN: 010-265-001
Agency Negotiators: Darrel Pyle, Darlene Mata, John Doyel, and Ty Mizote

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

CASE NAME: Medina v. City of Hanford
CASE NUMBER: Kings County Case No. 18C0358

CASE NAME: Cervantes v. City of Hanford
CASE NUMBER: Eastern District Case No. 1:18-cv-00629

CASE NAME: Sara Perez v. City of Hanford
CASE NUMBER: Kings County Case No. 17C0335

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Sorensen called the Regular Session to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John Draxler	Vice Mayor	Present	5:30 PM
Martin Devine	Council Member	Present	5:30 PM
Sue Sorensen	Mayor	Present	5:30 PM
Art Brieno	Council Member	Present	5:30 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Council Member	Present	5:30 PM

INVOCATION:

The invocation was led by Pastor Andrew Cromwell.

FLAG SALUTE:

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

No action taken.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Sorensen issued a Proclamation for Naomi Tagawa in recognition of her 99th Birthday and declared Saturday, February 23, 2019 as Naomi Tagawa Day.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Police Chief Parker Sever - He stated that the department has two cadets starting the Academy.

Community Development Director, Darlene Mata - The City was awarded a $500,000 grant for first time home buyers.

Utilities & Engineering Director, John Doyel - Provided an update of current project.

Finance Director, Paula Lofgren - The Finance Department is finalizing year-end reports.

Parks & Recreation Director, Craig Miller - The Spring/Summer activity guide will being printed and will debut next week.

Fire Chief Chris Ekk - Starting interviews for firefighters this week. The anticipated delivery date for the ladder truck is May 5th.

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.*

Larry Peichoto, Hanford - He thanked the Police for patrolling near China Alley. He feels the homeless problem is getting worse.

Bob Ramos, Hanford - He asked about an expenditure of $979K on the Warrant Register. He also stated his opinion on the East Side Precise Plan. He asked that the Council and City consider videotaping the Council meetings.

Craig Johnson, Hanford - He attended a meeting with City officials to discuss homelessness. He said the homelessness is affecting the downtown.

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.

Council Member Brieno requested to pull Item D (Purchase of two 2019 Replacement Dodge Charger Patrol Cars).

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Art Brieno, Council Member
SECONDER:	Martin Devine, Council Member
AYES:	Draxler, Devine, Sorensen, Brieno, Ramirez

A. City Clerk: Approve minutes from the City Council meeting held on January 15, 2019.

B. City Clerk: Approve minutes from the City Council meeting held on January 24, 2019.

C. City Clerk: Approve minutes from the City Council meeting held on January 25, 2019.

D. Repairs to Hanford Police Department Briefing Room.

E. Utilities and Engineering: Continuance of Emergency Resolution for Treatment Project on Well No. 50

F. Utilities and Engineering: Approve a Purchase Order for the replacement of water meter registers and/or Automated Meter Reading replacement units to make the system fully operational with West Valley Construction for a not to exceed price of $176,198.00.

G. Utilities and Engineering: As it relates to Landscape Assessment District Annexation No. 18-01-A located along Centennial Drive and Fargo Avenue, adopt the attached resolutions, Initiating Annexation Proceedings for Assessment District Annexation No. 18-01-A and Intention to Levy Assessments and Confirmation of Engineer's Report for Assessment District Annexation No. 18-01-A and set April 16, 2019 as the Public Hearing date to consider the Annexation.

H. Utilities and Engineering: Permission to Advertise the FY 18/19 Single and Double Fiberized Micro Surface Treatment Project and Pre-Authorize the City Manager to award and execute the contract on behalf of the City.

I. Finance: Warrant Register

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT:

1. Public Works: Purchase of two 2019 Dodge Charger replacement patrol cars from Bravo Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, of Alhambra, Ca., in the amount of $98,297.06 (Includes vehicle outfitting costs).

(Item D)

Council Member Brieno asked if these cars are the same that are currently used by the whole department and if a Sport Utility Vehicle has been considered. Chief Sever said it is preferred to stick with one kind of car by the Fleet maintenance department. Chief Sever said he'll talk with Fleet about looking at SUVs.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Francisco Ramirez, Council Member
SECONDER:	Martin Devine, Council Member
AYES:	Draxler, Devine, Sorensen, Brieno, Ramirez

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. A2808 : IT: ERP Software Contract Amendment

City Manager, Darrel Pyle explained this item is a request to amend the contract with Tyler Technologies for an additional $110,080.00 so that Tyler can provide support during the manual implementation process. Vice Mayor Draxler noted that the quote from Tyler was based on 688 working hours and that gave him an idea of how big this project is and the importance of not pulling Staff from their regular duties. He thanked Director Lofgren for her work and effort into this project.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	John Draxler, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Martin Devine, Council Member
AYES:	Draxler, Devine, Sorensen, Brieno, Ramirez

B. Utilities and Engineering: Reimbursement to Carvalho Construction in the amount of $144,050.45 for water line improvements, and appropriate an additional $94,050.45 from Water Capital Reserves. (White Street between Florinda Street and Cameron Street)

Dir. Doyel stated that Carvalho Construction completed water line improvements on White Street as part of a multi-family construction project they were working on. Dir. Doyel said that the water line was on the City's schedule to be replaced and saw this as an opportunity to partner with Carvalho and complete the project. Dir. Doyel asked the Council to approve reimbursement to Carvalho for the amount of $144,050.45, and appropriate $94,050.45 from the Water Capital Reserves.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Art Brieno, Council Member
SECONDER:	Francisco Ramirez, Council Member
AYES:	Draxler, Devine, Sorensen, Brieno, Ramirez

C. Community Development: Discussion and direction on the repeal of the Downtown East Precise Plan and initiation of required actions to repeal the plan.

Dir. Mata stated that based on comments from the Goals and Objectives meeting she brought this item to begin a discussion. Dir. Mata provided a brief history of the East Precise Plan. Council Member Brieno asked if the businesses or projects find the plan to be too cumbersome; Dir. Mata answered that the City hasn't had any investment in the area. Vice Mayor Draxler asked if there would be a cost involved if the plan were to be repealed; Dir. Mata answered the cost would be her staff's time. Vice Mayor Draxler expressed that the City should be cautious of things they've spent money on and evaluate if it did any good. He further stated, that sometimes you just need to pull the plug and move on. He cautions against keeping the project just because money was spent on it. He said he would move toward repealing the plan with a caveat for the two businesses that are currently within the zone so that they did not risk becoming non-conforming.

Council Member Devine made a motion to initiate repeal of the East Precise Plan, seconded by Vice Mayor Draxler. Motion passed, 5-0.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Martin Devine, Council Member
SECONDER:	John Draxler, Vice Mayor
AYES:	Draxler, Devine, Sorensen, Brieno, Ramirez

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

A. Council Comments

Council Member Ramirez - Stated he went to the League of California Cities meeting and received awards for being newly elected.

Council Member Devine - Went to the Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Vice Mayor Draxler - He attended the Planning Commission meeting and reported on the reorganization; Travis Paden was elected Chairperson and Richard Douglass was elected as Vice Chairperson. He also attended the Wellness Bridge meeting and reported that they are going to push the water issue for homeless people. Donations are accepted through the Wellness Bridge website via Adventist Health.

Mayor Sorensen - She spoke about all the agencies and board meetings that the Council Members attend and her appreciation for her colleagues to attend these meetings for the community.

Council Member Brieno- He attended the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting and reminded the Council that Kids' Fest is on March 16th.

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Council Agenda Items

None of the Council Members had future agenda items at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Sorensen adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Martinez
City Clerk