



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

**March 5, 2019 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

6:00 PM CALL TO ORDER CLOSED SESSION:

ROLL CALL:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - CLOSED SESSION:

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.

Jerry Irons, Hanford - He spoke on the topic of the homelessness issue. [The Council allowed Mr. Irons to make a public comment on homelessness even though it wasn't on the Closed Session agenda.]

Todd Cotta, Hanford - He asked if discussion on the homelessness topic could be a future agenda item.

Justin Bond, Hanford - Current renter of office space in the Intermodal Facility (Amtrak Station). He stated that due to medical reasons, he was unable to fulfill the terms of the lease agreement in a timely manner. City Attorney, Ty Mizote asked Mr. Bond if the organization would be able to complete and submit the necessary documentation soon; Mr. Bond replied yes.

Mayor Sorensen adjourned to Closed Session at 6:17 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

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

Property: 200 Santa Fe Street, Suite D

Negotiating Party: Our Heroes Dreams

Agency Negotiators: Darrel Pyle, Darlene Mata, and Ty Mizote

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

CASE NAME: City of Hanford v. 321-333 E. 7th Street
CASE NUMBER: Kings County 18C0349

CASE NAME: Valdez v. City of Hanford
CASE NUMBER: Eastern District 1:17-cv-00430

CASE NAME: Helena v. City of Hanford
CASE NUMBER: Kings County 17C0102

CASE NAME: State of California v. City of Hanford
CASE NUMBER: Kings County 18C0218

CASE NAME: City of Hanford v. Haddock
CASE NUMBER: Kings County 09C0270

CASE NAME: City of Hanford v. Ferla
CASE NUMBER: Kings County 09UD0151

7:00 PM CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

ROLL CALL:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John Draxler	Vice Mayor	Present	5:50 PM
Martin Devine	Council Member	Present	5:48 PM
Sue Sorensen	Mayor	Present	6:03 PM
Art Brieno	Council Member	Present	5:55 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Council Member	Present	5:50 PM

INVOCATION:

Invocation led by Pastor Alex Nava.

FLAG SALUTE:

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

No actions taken on the Real Estate item, and one litigation item. The Council will have to return to Closed Session after the Regular Session.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

None.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Police Captain Karl Anderson - Noted a number of vehicle accidents due to rain.

Community Development Director, Darlene Mata - The City received an invitation to Grand Opening of Boot Barn.

Utilities & Engineering Director, John Doyel - The storm drain project and the wash bay project will begin soon.

Finance Director, Paula Lofgren - Budgets went out to all departments and they hope to have it ready for the Council to review in May.

Fire Battalion Chief Erik Brotemarkle - Chief Ekk attended the funeral for Kings County firefighter, Keith Hernandez. The City provided honor guard for the funeral.

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.*

Chris Soares, Hanford - She lives behind the Fargo Crossings strip mall and expressed her concern about the drive through from Burger King and eventually from the incoming Starbucks.

Russel Waymire, Hanford - He drove by the land that the City leased to a company that grows hemp [located at 14th Ave & Laurel Ave]. He expressed his concern about the City allowing recreational marijuana dispensaries and provided copies of an article about marijuana to the Council.

Wes Hardin, Hanford - He came to represent the dispensary Valley Pure in the City of Woodlake. He provided information on how Valley Pure conducts business and how it's been able to give back to its community.

Evette Gomez, Hanford - Asked that some of the CDBG funds go to homeless encampment clean up and lighting downtown. She also spoke about the Downtown East Precise Plan.

Bob Ramos, Hanford - Pull Item C on the Consent Calendar. He stated he is against allowing cannabis/marijuana.

Anna Anderson, Hanford - Spoke in favor of allowing Our Heroes Dreams to stay in the office space at the Amtrak Station. She cautioned the Council against allowing Ms. Emily Burnias to lease that office space.

Emily Burnias, Hanford - She invited the Council to see the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Wall in Dinuba. The groundbreaking will be held on March 30th. Ms. Burnias said she is not trying to take the train station [office space] from anyone.

Diane Sharp, Hanford - Asked the Council to prioritize updating the food truck ordinance. She stated that many Hanford citizens have expressed interest and support for allowing food trucks in Hanford.

Francisco Banuelos, Hanford - He is the co-owner of House of Cupcakes and spoke about the business and some of the partnerships they've made in the community. He asked the Council to update the City ordinance.

Bret Brakeman, Hanford - He asked that the food truck ordinance be updated.

Rob Bentley, Hanford - Thanked the Council for listening to the people regarding the food truck ordinance.

Nate Odom, Hanford - Stated he met with House of Cupcakes owner/operators and was impressed with their operation. He also spoke in favor of allowing cannabis dispensaries Downtown.

Craig Johnson, Hanford - He thanked Chief Sever and the Police Department for their assistance in removing a homeless encampment that was on his property.

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.

Item C was requested to be removed from Consent by a member of the public. Council Member Brieno requested to remove Item D.

Motion to approve.

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

A. City Clerk: Deny claim and direct the City Clerk to send notification of denial to claimant, Michele Pomeroy.

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

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT:

1. Utilities and Engineering: Authorize staff to advertise for bids the FY 17/18 CDBG Pedestrian Safety and Lighting, Phase 1 Project (Seventh Street to Florinda Street, and Harris Street to 10th Avenue)

(Item C)

Dir. Doyel explained the details of the Pedestrian Safety and Lighting project.

Motion to approve.

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

2. Finance: Warrant Register

(Item D)

Council Member Brieno asked about a recent vehicle purchases for the Police Department and Public Works. Capt. Anderson and Dir. Doyel provided information respectively.

Motion to approve.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

No Public Hearing.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. Community Development: Cannabis Resolution 17-43-R

Dir. Mata requested the Council's direction and the number of cannabis permits that should be issued by the City and whether to allow applications for storefront dispensaries, non-storefront dispensaries (delivery only), or no applicants for dispensaries. Dir. Mata provided background information on Resolution 17-43-R which established the number of permits the City was willing to consider in each of the State of California established business. The Council discussed various aspects of the allowing dispensaries in the City. Mayor Sorensen asked Capt. Anderson what he's heard from other law enforcement agencies that have storefront dispensaries within their cities. Capt. Anderson answered that the storefront dispensaries have been highly professional with clientele from all walks of life. He further

stated that the locations of the storefront dispensaries usually have above standard exterior lighting and security, including guards.

Council Member Brieno stated he doesn't approve of the recreational use of marijuana. Council Member Ramirez suggested that the City allow a storefront dispensary for medical use only. Dir. Mata said that the discussion for medical versus recreational use would be for another meeting when they revise the ordinance. Dir. Mata summarized the direction she heard from the Council which was to streamline the permit process, add micro-businesses, and to not set a limit of permits to allow for flexibility.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Council Member Devine - He stated that he attended the County Board of Supervisors meeting where they decided to take action and put together a homeless coalition.

Vice Mayor Draxler - Attended the Kings EDC meeting the week prior. He stated that a lobbyist was at the meeting and discussed drilling for oil on the west side and the company is looking for support from surrounding communities. There will be a follow up discussion from the lobbyist at the next City and County Coordinating meeting.

Mayor Sorensen - She stated that she attended the hawk demonstration.

Council Member Brieno - He also attended County Board of Supervisors meeting. He also spoke about the growing homelessness problems facing the City and the State of California.

Council Member Ramirez - He spoke about various happenings coming up from Main Street Hanford. He addressed the negative comment made about Ms. Emily Burnias and stated that her work for and with veterans should be appreciated.

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Vice Mayor Draxler - He expressed concern about not getting to some of Council goals accomplished with the food truck and cannabis issues taking center stage.

Council Member Devine - He noted that there is concern from downtown business owners regarding Taco Truck Throw Down. He would like to discuss the need for a second code enforcement officer a future agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Sorensen adjourned to Closed Session 9:12 p.m. Not action taken during Closed Session. Mayor Sorensen adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Martinez
City Clerk