



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
July 16, 2019 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John Draxler	Vice Mayor	Present	6:55 PM
Martin Devine	Council Member	Present	6:55 PM
Sue Sorensen	Mayor	Late	7:06 PM
Art Brieno	Council Member	Present	6:55 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Council Member	Present	6:55 PM

INVOCATION:

Invocation led by Pastor Alex Nava.

FLAG SALUTE:

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

A. Officer Nancy Gallegos - School Resource Officer Exceptional Service Award

Police Chief Parker Sever spoke about Officer Nancy Gallegos and the fantastic job she has done as the School Resource Officer at Sierra Pacific High School. She was recently recognized as the National Association of School Resource Officers Region 9 SRO of the Year award. Officer Gallegos expressed her appreciation for the recognition and acknowledged her mentor Officer Per Westlund.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Sorensen introduced Mr. Mike Olmos as the Interim City Manager.

Police Chief Parker Sever - The Department selected two officers for the Homeless Assistance Resource Team (HART); Officer Jurdon and Officer Sitter. They will begin working in Hanford in two weeks.

Community Development Director, Darlene Mata - In held interviews for the Assistant Planner position. The application period for cannabis dispensaries has opened and there is a lot of interest.

Public Works Director, Lou Camara - The fiberseal project begins Monday, August 2nd; it will be a 30-45 day project. The new Airport Manager has been hired; Robert Loogman.

Finance Director, Paula Lofgren - The new financial system is now live. The department is currently closing out Fiscal Year 2019.

Utilities & Engineering Director, John Doyel - Interviews were held for the Project Manager position. The County had a meeting regarding island annexations and they voted 5-0 to move forward.

Interim Fire Chief, Erik Brotemarkle - Recently four firefighters were electrocuted by a downed wire. They are all okay and three of them have been released back to work.

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.*

Paula Massey, Hanford - Thanked Lou Camara for handling her issue with parking lines. The Women with Visions Unlimited will hold an All White Party at the Kings Art Center. She gave the City Clerk a flyer.

Bobbi Wardsen, Hanford - She received grant money for the Kings County Commission on Aging from the County Board of Supervisors in the amount of \$80,000.00. She asked for an in-kind contribution for a fundraising event she is holding; she asked if the City could waive permit fees.

Quinten Moore, Mustard Seed Faith Church - He said he works with Kings Gospel Mission. He asked the Police Chief what is being done to prevent homeless people from getting meth from drug dealers.

Paula Massey (second time) - She stated that August is Valley Fever Awareness Month.

Bob Ramos, Hanford - He asked about the Police Department's parking violation fees.

Michael Quinn, Hanford - On June 25th a homeless person had experienced a fall and required emergency services. Mr. Quinn called the police and he commended them for handling the situation professionally.

Dan Chin, Hanford - He stated the Council is responsible for the fiscal responsibility of the City. He recommends the City terminates the financial relationship with the Hanford Chamber of Commerce because he believes the Chamber is being mismanaged and irresponsible with tax payer's money.

Dave Ayers, Hanford - He extended a welcome to Mike Olmos.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chief Sever answered Bob Ramos's questions. The Council addressed Ms. Wardsen's request and suggested she reach out to the Parks & Recreation Director, Craig Miller.

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.

City Attorney, Ty Mizote requested the Council consensus to withdraw Item B (Tract 911 Subdivision Map) until a future date. Mayor Sorensen pulled Item C (Warrant Register) from Consent.

Motion to approve.

- A. Utilities and Engineering: Continuance of Emergency Resolution for Treatment Project on Well No. 50 (9th Avenue and Hanford-Armona Road).

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT:

1. Utilities and Engineering: Approval of Final Map and Subdivision Agreement for Tract No. 911 (Washington Street and Kimball Lane)

(Item B)

The Council reached consensus to bring this item back on a future agenda.

RESULT:	WITHDRAWN
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2. Finance: Warrant Register

(Item C)

Mayor Sorensen inquired about a payment to a firefighter that had a note stating "No Direct Deposit." Dir. Lofgren informed her that the employee does not have direct deposit and they payment that was issued to him was his regular paycheck. Dir. Lofgren further stated the City could not make the employee comply with mandatory enrollment of direct deposit until the Fire MOU is signed.

Mayor Sorensen asked about a Miscellaneous Penalty fee from the Accumulated Capital Outlay fund.

Motion to approve.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Utilities and Engineering: Conduct the Public Hearing for the Annexation of Additional Properties to Landscape Assessment District No. 15-01 regarding Tract 922, and adopt the Resolution 19-24-R establishing the annexation into the district and confirming the levy and collection of annual assessments. (Berkshire Lane and Mustang Drive)

Director Doyel explained Lennar Homes requested a public hearing to confirm a Landscape Assessment District adoption, annexation of properties, and confirmation of levy.

Comments from those IN FAVOR:

No comments.

Comments from those OPPOSED:

No comments.

Motion to approve.

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

- B. Community Development: Ordinance 19-08, an interim zoning/urgency ordinance of the City Council of the City of Hanford, restricting the commercial cultivation and manufacturing of industrial hemp (CBD) products in all zones.

Mayor Sorensen opened the Public Hearing. Dir. Mata explained background of the ordinance. The Community Development department needs more time to bring a final zoning ordinance forward with regulation processes.

Vice Mayor Draxler stated he spoke with Supervisor Verboon and expressed his concern that private property owners would miss out on the opportunity to plant the product. Dir. Mata provided clarification on manufacturing and cultivation within and outside of city limits. To that end, she stated there haven't been any inquiries from people who want to plant in the next thirty days. Council Member Ramirez asked about the difference between cannabis and hemp. Dir. Mata answered his question. Mayor Sorensen asked about the time frame for the urgency ordinance; Dir. Mata stated it would be 45 days.

Comments from those IN FAVOR:

Bob Ramos, Hanford - He stated he is in favor of hemp. He asked if Council Member Devine is able to vote on the issue because he heard he is involved in a cannabis business.

Comments from those OPPOSED:

No comments.

Council Member Devine asked City Attorney Ty Mizote to answer the question if he has a conflict of interest. Council Member Devine is involved in a multi-level marketing company. Atty. Mizote stated there does not appear to be a conflict of interest.

Motion to approve.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Public Works: That the City Council, by motion, adopt Resolution 19-23-R approving the acceptance of a grant offer from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in the amount of \$370,721.00 for the Hanford Airport Runway 14-32 Rehabilitation Project.

Dir. Camara stated this item is related to resurfacing of the Hanford Airport.

Motion to approve.

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

- B. Public Works: That the Council, by motion award a contract for the Hanford Airport Runway 14-32 Rehabilitation Project to American Road Maintenance of Tucson, AZ for \$336,208.70, establish a construction contingency of \$33,600.00, and approve an amended budget page for the project.

Dir. Camara noted this item also involves runway rehabilitation at the Hanford Airport. The project will be completed within 10 business days. Dir. Camara provided a brief overview of the project details.

Motion to approve.

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

- C. Public Works: That the City Council, by motion, approve Contract Work Order No. 7 with the firm of Mead and Hunt, Inc. of Windsor, Ca., for construction management and inspection services, for the Hanford Airport Runway 14-32 Rehabilitation Project for a cost not to exceed \$65,297.00, and authorize the Public Works Director to execute said contract work order.

Dir. Camara explained Mead and Hunt, Inc. specialize in airport projects. They will provide contract administration, lab work, and close out report. Dir. Camara answered Council Member Brieno's questions about the grant money.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 2]
MOVER:	John Draxler, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Sue Sorensen, Mayor
AYES:	Draxler, Devine, Sorensen
NAYS:	Brieno, Ramirez

- D. Utilities and Engineering: Award a contract to Haydon Construction, Inc. of Fresno, CA in the amount of \$206,220.00 for the Hanford Armona Road Sanitary Sewer Extension Project between Foggy Bottom Road and Hanford Municipal Airport, establish a construction contingency of \$20,600.00, and appropriate an additional \$116,820.00 from the Wastewater Impact Fee Reserves.

Dir. Camara explained that a septic system at the Hanford Municipal Airport has failed and requires pumping on a weekly basis. The project will extend the sewer line from Foggy Bottom Rd. to the airport.

Motion to approve.

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

- E. Police: Parking Control Fines.

Chief Sever stated during the budget review process for the new fiscal year, his department was approved for a parking control offer. In reviewing the fines associated with parking control he found the City's fines were very low and out of date. The City's fines were compared with Visalia and Fresno. All fines will now be \$35.00 each; this is comparable to other cities.

Motion to approve.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Council Member Ramirez - He had nothing to report.

Council Member Devine - He said he was glad the four firefighters who were injured are doing well.

Vice Mayor Draxler - Attended Melissa Hurtado's open house and he talked with her about Hanford's needs and she seems receptive. He also attended the Homeless Coalition meeting. He felt the mission of the coalition was discouraging; it is basically to enhance the existing assistance agencies.

Mayor Sorensen - She noted that baseball tournaments in Hanford are coming up and with that, will bring a lot of people to Hanford, staying at our hotels, eating at our restaurants, and buying from our stores.

Council Member Brieno - He said he also went to Melissa Hurtado's open house and found that she had moved out of the Courthouse. Dir. Mata said Community Development did not receive notice.

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Council Member Ramirez - He requested consensus to discuss and review the contract with the Chamber of Commerce; Council Member Devine and Council Member Brieno agreed. Mayor Sorensen stated that since Vice Mayor Draxler and Council Member Devine are the Council's representatives on the Chamber Board, they should meet with the Chamber and get a clear picture of the present situation.

Mayor Sorensen - She requested a Study Session with the Kings Tulare Homeless Alliance.

- A. Clerk: Discuss and reach a decision to Cancel or Reschedule the City Council meeting on October 15, 2019.

Mayor Sorensen noted there will not be a Study Session on the August 6, 2019 Council Meeting.

The Council reached consensus on holding a Special Meeting on October 14, 2019 and cancelling the Regular Meeting on October 15, 2019 to accommodate for travel time to the League of California Cities Annual Conference held in Long Beach, California that week.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

Mark Mendes addressed the Council before they went into Closed Session.

Mayor Sorensen adjourned to Closed Session at 9:27 p.m.

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

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: John Doyel, Mike Olmos, and Ty Mizote

Negotiating Party: Mark Mendes

Under Negotiations: Amendment to Agricultural Lease Agreement

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Sorensen adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Martinez
City Clerk