



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

**August 20, 2019 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

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

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

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

*Comments from the public are limited to items listed 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.*

No comments.

STUDY SESSION:

A. Utilities and Engineering: Discussion of the proposed Development Impact Fee Report

Utilities & Engineering Director, John Doyel provided the Council with a presentation on the 2019 Impact Fee Report. Impact Fees require each development that is causing impacts to the City's infrastructure to pay their "fair share" of costs of growth. These fees will not burden existing residents with costs for growth. Impact Fees also help the City plan and ensure a funding mechanism for future infrastructure.

Council Member Brieno said he would like the fees in the Parks section reviewed. Council Members Devine and Ramirez agreed with him.

The Council reached consensus on the inclusion of annual escalator language in the forthcoming resolution.

Mayor Sorensen adjourned to closed session at 6:50 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - LABOR NEGOTIATIONS (GC 54957.6)

Agency Designated Representatives: Mike Olmos, Sarah Cardoza, Paula Lofgren, and Mario Zamora

Employee Organization: Hanford Police Officers Association, (HPOA)

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS (GC 54956.8)

Property: APNs 028-310-005, 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: Central Valley Farming

C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (GC 54956.9(d)(2))

1 potential case.

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:10 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:

Invocation led by Sylvia Gaston.

FLAG SALUTE:

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Interim City Manager Mike Olmos - Provided an update of the recruitments for the Fire Chief and City Manager positions.

Police Chief Parker Sever - He spoke about the Homeless Assistance Resource Team (HART) officers and the work they've been doing for the City.

Community Development Director, Darlene Mata - She updated the Council of the cannabis dispensary application process.

Public Works Director, Lou Camara - His department will commence on a pavement overlay project soon.

Parks Superintendent, Alvin Dias - New playground erected at Lacey Park. His department replaced trees in front of Kings Art Center.

Interim Fire Chief, Erik Brotemarkle - The HART team was able to make an arrest in a string of fires behind the Wal Mart.

Finance Director, Paula Lofgren - Her department is currently training on the new financial system. Budget Books are ready and printed by early next week.

Utilities & Engineering Director, John Doyel - He informed the Council the State inspected water well sites and the City received positive reviews. The intersection at 13th and Grangeville Blvd. is open again, however they do not have the traffic lights up yet.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

No action taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

*This is the time for citizens to comment on subject matters not on the agenda and that are 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 city of residence.*

Craig Johnson, Hanford - He stated he wanted to discuss last meeting's downtown "robbery." He went on to talk about downtown parking. He cautioned the Council against "giving away ordinances."

Nathan Odom, Hanford - Thanked Dir. Mata for coming on his podcast. He spoke about the applicants for the City Manager position.

Tamsin Wheatley, Hanford - She stated there are bike paths that are not marked.

Michael Quinn, Hanford - He gave his opinion on the Carnegie Museum and the lease agreement with the City of Hanford.

Silvia Gonzalez Scherer, President of the Board of Carnegie Museum - She asks that people send her their concerns and comments to PO Box 296, Hanford, CA 93232.

Steven Alfaris, Fresno - He is an attorney from Dias Law Firm and is representing the Carnegie Museum. He stated the \$1 per year lease of the Museum from the City should not be considered a "gift" because the Carnegie must maintain the upkeep of the building and grounds.

Bob Ramos, Hanford - Questioned Item E on the Consent Calendar. He spoke about Council Member Ramirez's trip to Washington D.C.

Emily Burnias, Hanford - She thinks the City streets in District C look great. She spoke in favor of Council Member Ramirez's trip to Washington D.C.

Lou Martinez, Hanford - He said the City wants accountability for the Carnegie Museum.

Dorothy Callahan Weiss, Hanford - She used to be a docent at the Carnegie. She spoke in support of the Carnegie Museum.

Matt Lemay - He spoke in support of the Carnegie Museum.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Sorensen expressed appreciation for those who made public comments.

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.

A member of the public requested Item E to be removed from the Consent Calendar. Motion to approve.

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

- A. City Clerk: Approve minutes from the City Council Special Meeting held on June 10, 2019.
- B. City Clerk: Approve minutes from the City Council Special Meeting held on June 17, 2019.
- C. Utilities and Engineering: Continuance of Emergency Resolution for Treatment Project on Well No. 50 (9th Avenue and Hanford-Armona Road).
- D. Public Works: Purchase of 26 (three cubic yard) commercial refuse containers from Consolidated Fabricators Corporation, in the amount of \$21,599.20 (tax and freight included).
- E. Utilities and Engineering: Approval of Final Map and Subdivision Agreement for Tract No. 916, Pacific Grove Addition No. 2 (12th Avenue and Berkshire Lane)
- F. Administration: Purchase of Government Crime and Theft Insurance.
- G. Finance: Warrant Register.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT:

- A. Public Works: Purchase of one Asphalt Pavement Reclamation Machine from Asphalt Zipper Inc., of American Fork Utah, in the amount of \$229,295.14 (tax and freight included).

(Item E)

Dir. Camara provided the Council with information on the Asphalt Pavement Reclamation Machine.

Motion to approve.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Conduct a Public Hearing and Adopt Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 19-09 Extending 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 pending enactment of an update to the City's Municipal Code.

Dir. Mata explained the urgency ordinance that was adopted in July is only good for 45 days and will need to be extended by the City Council. Vice Mayor Draxler expressed his concern for those who have private property and are being delayed in their efforts in trying to make a living. Dir. Mata stated that without the ordinance in place, there would be no testing or verification of the safety of the product. Vice Mayor Draxler agreed with the safety concerns.

Dir. Mata included in her staff report an item for consideration by the Council. It is possible to have a property/business owner who would like to move this ordinance forward sooner, they can pay for staff, legal and consultant time to draft an ordinance. This agreement would be similar to what was done with cannabis. In drafting the cannabis ordinance two parties deposited \$25,000 each to the City and the City used the funds to draft the cannabis ordinance. Any funds left over after the project was completed were refunded to the two parties. This resulted in no impact to City funds. City Council can provide direction on whether there is interest in this option. Should a property owner come forward and wish to pursue this option, an agreement to this effect would be brought to the City Council prior to any work being completed. The agreement would state that no commitments or advantages will be given to the property/business owner by agreeing to fund this work. Vice Mayor Draxler said he supported this direction, Mayor Sorensen agreed. The Council reached consensus.

Public Comment from those IN FAVOR:

No comments.

Public Comment from those OPPOSED:

Alisa Stewart, Greenbrier Hemp Company, LLC - The business she represents opposed a ten month extension because that timeframe would end in June which is around planting time.

Rebuttal from those IN FAVOR:

No comments

Motion to approve.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. Community Development: Accept the report regarding the Carnegie Museum lease.

Dir. Mata provided report regarding the lease agreement with Carnegie Museum, Inc. Dir. Mata stated she, Alvin Dias, Ivan Nicar, and Ty Mizote visited the building earlier that day to inspect the upkeep of the grounds. Areas of concern they identified were: broken sprinklers, dead plants, patchy grass, an air conditioning unit had cinderblocks placed on top of it to stop a vibration problem, and a big mound of dirt. There were several other maintenance issues that need to be addressed.

Council Member Brieno asked if the City has received complaints about topics other than the exterior garden. Dir. Mata stated there have been complaints about noise, operating hours not being kept, and interior maintenance to name a few. Council Member Ramirez asked if and when she'll provided the Carnegie representatives with a list of needed repairs and maintenance. Dir. Mata stated she will give it to them on Friday [08/23/2019]. Council Member Ramirez asked Ms. Gonzalez-Scherer how she and the board members plan to address items on the list. She stated she will rely heavily on volunteers.

Ms. Gonzalez-Scherer pointed at social media as a reason why the Carnegie Museum is struggling with the maintenance and financials. Council Member Brieno asked her about the finances, she answered, "We're good right now."

Motion to accept the report presented by Dir. Mata.

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

B. Administration: Second Amendment to Central Valley Farming, LLC Lease.

The tenant of City owned property on Laurel Ave. and 14th Ave. requested to extend the lease payment of \$160,000.00. Central Valley Farming, LLC, the tenant, requested the extension out 180 days, October 29, 2019. The City Attorney and City Administration has been in communication with involved parties and it is recommended to not extend the lease payment.

Motion to approve.

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

C. Police: Transition of Part-time Laborer Graffiti/Cart Removal Position to a Full-time Community Enhancement Officer Position.

Chief Sever provided the Council with information on the job duties and responsibilities of the full time Community Enhancement Officer Position.

Motion to approve.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Council Member Brieno - He gave information on a meeting he attended regarding water issues in the Valley.

Council Member Ramirez - He informed the Council that he was appointed to Second Vice President of the League of California Cities Regional Board.

Council Member Draxler - He also attended the same meetings as Council Members Brieno and Ramirez.

Mayor Sorensen - She met with Congressman TJ Cox the previous week.

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Dir. Mata received direction from the Council to move forward with partnering with a hemp company.

RETURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Sorensen adjourned to Closed Session at 9:36 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Sorensen adjourned the meeting 10:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Martinez
City Clerk