



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

September 17, 2019 7:00 PM

Council Chambers

400 N. Douty St.

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

Mayor Sorensen called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John Draxler	Vice Mayor	Present	5:23 PM
Martin Devine	Council Member	Present	5:15 PM
Sue Sorensen	Mayor	Present	5:30 PM
Art Brieno	Council Member	Present	5:29 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Council Member	Present	5:20 PM

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. Presentation from Machael Smith of the Kings Tulare Alliance on Homelessness

Ms. Machael Smith from the Kings Tulare Homeless Alliance provided the Council with an overview of what KTHA does and its contribution to the local cities within Kings and Tulare Counties. The organization provides the annual Point In Time count of homeless people in the region. The focus of the organization is on Housing First projects, Strengthening Partnerships, System Performance Measurements, and Funding.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

Mayor Sorensen adjourned to Closed Session at 6:36 p.m.

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

Two potential cases.

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

Property: Bastille

Agency Negotiators: Mike Olmos, Darlene Mata, and Ty Mizote

Negotiating Party: Jerry Irons

Property: Carnegie Museum Building

Agency negotiators: Mike Olmos, Darlene Mata, and Ty Mizote

C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (GC 54957)

Job Title: City Manager

7:00 PM CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

INVOCATION:

The invocation was led by Dave Clevenger.

FLAG SALUTE:

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

No action taken.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

None.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Utilities & Engineering Director, John Doyel - He will be the Interim Parks and Recreation Director.

Police Chief Parker Sever - He stated that HPD Officers participated in a couple of fundraisers to benefit the Special Olympics.

Community Development Director, Darlene Mata - She introduced the newly hired Assistant Planner, Mr. Mark Mana.

Public Works Director, Lou Camara - He communicated the fiberseal project has been delayed as they are waiting for scheduling with CalTrans. There will be a lot of activity at the Airport because of big local events: Surf Ranch and the NAS Lemoore Airshow.

Utilities & Engineering Director, John Doyel - He will be the Interim parks and Recreation Director.

Finance Director, Paula Lofgren - She informed the Council that the 2019/2020 Budget has been posted on the website.

Interim Fire Chief, Erik Brotemarkle - A fire unit from Hanford went to Butte County to help with a wildfire. He thanked Shelli Barker for her organization of the 9/11 event. He thanked Mike Olmos for his leadership as the Interim City Manager.

Parks Superintendent, Alvin Dias - The Toddler T-Ball participation is maxed out. The department has received a lot of compliments on the new Lacey Park play structure.

A. Utilities and Engineering: 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 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 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.*

Jim Castleman, Hanford - He spoke about the Main Street Hanford's Blues and Roots fest. He stated Michelle Brown does a great job as the Director of Main Street Hanford.

Elizabeth, Kings County - Regarding annexation of the County islands, she asked if information has gone out to those who live in the County islands.

Dave Clevenger, Kings County - He commented on the Study Session topic.

Jamie Rows, Hanford - She wanted to ask questions about the East Precise Plan. She said she would wait until the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.

Paula Massey, Hanford - She spoke about the Coe Park bathrooms.

Bob Ramos, Hanford - He requested to pull Item D from the Consent Calendar.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Sorensen thanked those who made Public Comment.

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.

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 June 18, 2019.

B. City Clerk: Approve minutes from the City Council Meeting held on July 2, 2019.

- C. City Clerk: Approve minutes from the Special Joint City Council and Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting held on July 16, 2019.
- D. Police: Approve Out of State Travel to Reno, Nevada for Dispatch/Records Supervisor, Maribel Stinson to attend the California Law Enforcement Association of Records Supervisors (CLEARs) Conference.
- E. Public Works: Purchase of two 2019 replacement police motorcycles from Long Beach BMW Motorcycles, of Long Beach, California, in the amount of \$57,704.44.
- F. Public Works: Purchase of two 2019 John Deere 1600 series III replacement lawn mowers and two 2019 John Deere utility vehicles (one replacement gator and one new gator-fleet addition) from Lawrence Tractor Company of Hanford, in the amount of \$152,800.50, including tax and delivery.
- G. Public Works: Purchase of one 2019 Toro GM5910 large wing replacement lawn mower from Turf Star Inc., of Los Angeles, Ca., in the amount of \$118,181.08 including tax and delivery.
- H. Finance: Warrant Register

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT:

- A. Police: Axon Body-Worn Camera Purchase.

(Item D)

Chief Sever provided information on the body cameras to be purchased by the Hanford Police Department.

Motion to approve.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Specific Plan Amendment No. 2019-01: A request to repeal the Downtown East Precise Plan as a regulatory document, adopt the underlying zoning for the plan area, and adopt the Downtown East Precise Plan by resolution as a guidance document. General Plan Amendment No. 2019-01: a) A request to change certain property within the Downtown East Precise Plan area from Downtown Mixed Use to Service Commercial; and b) A request to delete references to the Downtown East Precise Plan from the General Plan Policy Document. Rezone No. 2019-02: A request to repeal the Downtown East Precise Plan and adopt the underlying zoning and change a portion of the underlying zoning from MX-D Downtown Mixed Use to C-S Service Commercial. Zone Text Amendment No. 2019-04: A request to remove reference to the Downtown East Precise Plan from the Hanford Municipal Code Title 17. Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 2019-24 is required.

Senior Planner, Gabrielle Meyers provided the Council with a history and overview of the Downtown East Precise Plan.

Mayor Sorensen opened the Public Hearing for comments from the public.

Comments from those IN FAVOR:

Jerry Irons, Hanford - He used the Public Comment time to ask questions about properties and businesses within the specified zone. He did not make a statement in support or opposition to the Public Hearing topic.

Comments from those OPPOSED:

No comments.

Dir. Mata explained the Downtown East Precise Plan would be used as a guidance document for future reference, but it would no longer be a regulatory document. The Council Members all agreed to extend the boundaries of the CS Zone to include White Street and Visalia Street.

Motion to approve.

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

B. Community Development: Award of Commercial Cannabis Business Permit to allow a Cannabis Dispensary to Nc6 dba Caliva in accordance with Section 5.56.090 and 5.56170 of the Hanford Municipal Code. The proposed dispensary is located at 104 S. Douty, APN 012-054-011.

Chief Sever provided background information and history of the cannabis permits within the City. Caliva completed and passed all the required processes and has earned the opportunity to be awarded a cannabis business permit.

Mayor Sorensen opened the Public Hearing for comments from the public.

Comments from those IN FAVOR:

Rand Martin, Caliva - He stated the selected building will be a great location [space to be vacated by Serrano's Furniture] and there will not be a gap in tenancy. Caliva's goal is to open by first quarter of 2020.

Michelle Brown, Main Street Hanford - She spoke on behalf of the downtown businesses, noting a majority of the business owners are in support of Caliva and their selected location.

Public Comment from those OPPOSED:

Charles McGill, Fresno - He is an attorney for DDP, LLC. He stated Caliva's location would eliminate his client's property from eligibility for a business permit. Chief Sever asked him to clarify

his statement. Ms. McGill said the competing businesses would be within 204 feet of each other. Chief Sever and Dir. Mata both stated that was not a requirement or restriction.

Bob Ramos, Hanford - He stated once again that he was not in favor of recreational marijuana.

Andrew Cromwell, Pastor at Koinonia Church - He voiced his opposition to dispensaries and pointed to studies from the State of Colorado when dispensaries became allowed.

Rick Ellis, Kings County - He says the area is always congested with parking and wants to City to consider creating more parking lots.

George Casarez, Hanford - His business is an applicant for a dispensary permit and he questioned how many permits would be issued. Dir. Mata stated there were two; the Public Hearing is for awarding Caliva one, and there will be one more left.

Dennis Fausone, Hanford - He said no one should have a fast track to getting a cannabis business permit. He says that West Care is a youth facility.

REBUTTAL from those IN FAVOR:

Rand Martin, Caliva - He responded to Pastor Cromwell's statements.

Mayor Sorensen addressed some of the comments and questions.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	John Draxler, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Sue Sorensen, Mayor
AYES:	Draxler, Devine, Sorensen, Ramirez
NAYS:	Brieno

C. Community Development: Public Hearing to approve the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2019 submittal of Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)

Sandra Lerma Martinez provided an overview of the accomplishments of the 2018 Community Development Block Grant action plan.

Mayor Sorensen opened the Public Hearing for comments from the public.

Comments from those IN FAVOR:

No comments.

Comment from those OPPOSED:

No comments.

Motion to approve.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. City Clerk: Appointment of a Parking & Traffic Commissioner.

City Clerk, Sarah Martinez provided information on the current and future Commission vacancies. Mayor Sorensen recommended Ori Rubalcava to the Parking and Traffic Commission.

Motion to approve.

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

B. Community Development: Waive second reading and adopt Ordinance 19-07, approving Municipal Code Amendment No. 2019-01: a request by 198-43, LLC to amend Title 17, Section 17.08.030 – Commercial, Office, and Industrial Zone Use Table of the Hanford Municipal Code by adding sections in order to permit or permit with a conditional use permit, the following uses in the C-R Regional Commercial zone district: colleges; exercise studios; large health facilities; business support services, and government offices.

Mayor Sorensen recused herself from discussion on this item. Dir. Mata provided background information on the re-zoning amendment.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 1]
MOVER:	Francisco Ramirez, Council Member
SECONDER:	John Draxler, Vice Mayor
AYES:	Draxler, Brieno, Ramirez
NAYS:	Devine
ABSTAIN:	Sorensen

C. Finance: Approval of City of Hanford Revised 2019-2020 Investment Policy

Dir. Lofgren presented the revision to the City's Investment Policy. The original policy was created in 1986 and since then there have been many changes. New sections include policies pertaining to Prudence, Delegation of Authority, Ethics and Conflicts, Authorized Financial Dealers, and a Suitable Investment List. Council Member Ramirez expressed his appreciation for Dir. Lofgren's work. He asked for future reports on the type of investments the City is investing. Dir. Lofgren said she would provide a reports for July, August, and an FY 19 year-end report.

Motion to approve.

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

- D. Utilities and Engineering: Approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Kings for the annexation of eight (8) islands that are fully surrounded by the City of Hanford, approve an agreement with QK, Inc., of Visalia California for professional services in processing the annexations and the sphere of influence update through the Local Agency Formation Commission ("LAFCO"), and approval of an agreement with Zumwalt Hansen and Associates for preparation of the mapping and legal descriptions for the processing of annexations through LAFCO.

Dir. Doyel provided information on the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with Kings County regarding County Island Annexation. Mayor Sorensen expressed her concern with contracting with Quad Knoff Inc., (QK), when there has been major issues with the products they've provided in the past, namely the Downtown East Precise Plan which was just repealed because it wasn't working for the City. Dir. Mata answered usually Staff would complete island annexations, however, since the proposal is for annexation of eight (8) County Islands, QK would be involved to alleviate the Staff workload. Most engineering firms do not handle annexations like this.

Dir. Mata said it is possible to issue a request for proposal. Mayor Sorensen said she prefers to not delay the project further, but wanted to state her disapproval of contracting with QK, Inc.

Motion to approve.

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

- E. Utilities and Engineering: Award a contract to Bush Construction, Inc. of Hanford, CA in the amount of \$627,975.33 for the Hanford Armona Road at Irwin Street Traffic Signal Installation Project, establish a construction contingency of \$62,800.00, and amend the existing FY 18/19 budget to include an additional \$154,000 in Federal funding from Congestion Mitigated Air Quality (CMAQ) and appropriate additional funding from the Transportation Development Act (TDA) of \$76,300.00 to fully fund the construction of this project.

Dir. Doyel explained the details of the project.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Francisco Ramirez, Council Member
SECONDER:	Martin Devine, Council Member
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COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Council Member Brieno - He said the draft of the groundwater sustainability report has been prepared.

Council Member Ramirez - He said "the squeaky wheel gets the grease" when it comes to getting money from the federal level. He spoke briefly of his trip to Washington, D.C. with the Kings County Association of Governments. He said he will have a presentation online of what he learned and accomplished on his trip for people who want to view it.

Council Member Devine - He attended the City & County Coordinating meeting in Avenal. At a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce, they are looking to scaling back on event planning and the operation of Freddy the Firetruck and the Carousel.

Vice Mayor Draxler - He also attended the meeting in Avenal. He expressed his concern for the County's leadership in addressing the homelessness problem.

Mayor Sorensen - She said there will be an ADA accessible podium in the Council Chambers. She addressed Ms. Massey's earlier comment about the conditions of the bathrooms at Coe Park.

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

The City Clerk informed the Council of the Public Safety Awards Luncheon on September 27th.

RETURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Sorensen adjourned to Closed Session at 9:57 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no action taken from Closed Session, Mayor Sorensen adjourned the meeting at 10:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Martinez
City Clerk