



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
October 1, 2019 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

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

Mayor Sorensen called the Study and Closed Session to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John Draxler	Vice Mayor	Present	5:00 PM
Martin Devine	Council Member	Present	5:15 PM
Sue Sorensen	Mayor	Present	5:10 PM
Art Brieno	Council Member	Present	5:29 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Council Member	Present	5:00 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT:

*Comments from the public are limited to items listed on the agenda (GC 5454.3a). 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 & Engineering: Sustainable Groundwater Mitigation Act (SGMA) presentation.

Dir. Doyel provided a presentation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The Council discussed various aspects on the Central Valley's need for water.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (GC 54956.9(d)(1))

Valdez v. City of Hanford
Eastern District Case No. 1:12-cv-00430

Sara Perez v. City of Hanford
Kings County Case No. 17C0335

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (GC 54956.8)

Two potential items.

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

Property: Parkside Park, (property west side of Parkside Drive, south of Woodland Drive)
Agency Negotiators: Mike Olmos, Darlene Mata, Ty Mizote

Property: 122 E. Eighth St. and 128 E. Eighth St. (APN 010-276-006, 010-276-008)
Agency Negotiators: Mike Olmos, Darlene Mata, and Ty Mizote
Negotiating Party: William and Maryann Grimm

Property: APNs 028-310-005, 028-310-008, 028-240-008, 028-240-016, 028-240-018, 028-240-019, 028-240-020, 028-240-021
Agency Negotiators: Mike Olmos, John Doyel, and Ty Mizote
Negotiating Party: AG Green Farming

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

Job Title: City Manager

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

INVOCATION:

Invocation led by Mrs. Diana Black.

FLAG SALUTE:

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

City Attorney, Ty Mizote stated the Council will reconvene to Closed Session after the regular meeting.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

None.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Interim City Manager, Mike Olmos - Council has conducted interviews and has narrowed the list of qualified applicants. The new Fire Chief, Steve Pendergrass will attend the Fire Department's Open House; his first day on the job will be October 21st.

Police Chief Parker Sever - The newly hired Community Enhancement Officer will start the following week.

Community Development Director, Darlene Mata - Interviews for a Code Enforcement Officer were held the prior week and a decision will be reached soon.

Utilities & Engineering Director, John Doyel - Micro-surface treatment will begin on Third and Fourth Streets. Interviews will be held for a Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent.

Interim Fire Chief Erik Brotemarkle - The new Fire Chief will attend the department's Open House at Fire Station #1 and tours at Fire Station #3. The new ladder truck will be in service on November 1st.

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.

Student from Sierra Pacific High School - Thanked the Police Chief for writing the resolution to ban smoking in public parks.

Diana, Hanford West High School - Thanked the Police Chief for writing the resolution to ban smoking in public parks.

Samantha, Lemoore Middle College High School - Thanked the Police Chief for writing the resolution to ban smoking in public parks.

Jeanette, Sierra Pacific High School - Thanked the Police Chief for writing the resolution to ban smoking in public parks.

Alissa Rebello, Hanford - Thanked the Police Chief for writing the resolution to ban smoking in public parks.

Michelle Brown, Main Street Hanford - The Blues and Roots Festival was a great success with record-breaking attendance at the concerts. Witches Night Out tickets sold out within hours of going on sale. She feels it shows that people are seeing the value in the events and projects undertaken by Main Street Hanford.

Jennifer Butts, Hanford - She is the artist of the mural proposal to be discussed at the meeting. She spoke in support of the project and its subject matter.

Bob Ramos, Hanford - He stated that smoking marijuana is illegal in public.

Jeff Tackett, Hanford - He spoke in support of the mural project.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Sorensen thanked everyone for their public comment. Chief Sever confirmed that it is illegal to smoke marijuana in public.

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 J [Refuse Enclosure] from the Consent Calendar.

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 Special Meeting held on June 5, 2019.
- B. City Clerk: Approve minutes from the City Council Special Meeting held on June 25, 2019.
- C. City Clerk: Approve minutes from the City Council Meeting held on July 16, 2019.
- D. City Clerk: Approve minutes from the City Council Special Meeting held on August 26, 2019.
- E. City Clerk: Approve minutes from the City Council Special Meeting held on September 23, 2019.
- F. City Clerk: Approve minutes from the City Council Special Meeting held on September 24, 2019.
- G. Public Works: Purchase of residential refuse containers (1272 units) from Toter Wastequip, LLC., in the amount of \$65,999.62 (tax and freight included).
- H. Utilities and Engineering: Adopt the attached Resolution adopting Chapter 10 of the Caltrans Local Assistance Procedures Manual, entitled "Consultant Selection", as the process by which the City retains Architectural and Engineering Consultant Services related to Federal and State funded Transportation Projects.
- I. Community Development: Waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance 19-10, an ordinance of the City of Hanford City Council approving 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; and Zone Text Amendment No. 2019-04: A request to remove reference to the Downtown East Precise Plan from the Hanford Municipal Code Title 17. The project pertains to the Downtown East Precise Plan, which is located between Harris Street and 10th Avenue, North of the Union Pacific Railroad Tracks, South of the Centerline of the alley between Ninth and Tenth Streets.
- J. Finance: Revised Warrant Register Dated 9/17/19
- K. Finance: Warrant Register.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT:

- A. Parks & Recreation: Approval of Contract for the Old Courthouse Refuse Enclosure Project in the amount of and not to exceed \$38,240.00.

(Item J)

Dir. Doyel provided information on the project.

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 & Engineering: Conduct a public hearing regarding Tract 915 for the formation of Landscape Assessment District No. 19-02 at Aquifer Drive and Millennium Way, and adopt Resolution 19-37-R establishing the formation of the Tract 915 district and confirming the levy and collection of annual assessments.

Dir. Doyel explained that the Landscape Assessment District would provide for block walls, landscaping, and irrigation for sixty-six (66) lots.

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

Comments from those IN FAVOR:

No comments.

Comments from those OPPOSED:

No comments.

Motion to approve.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Administration: Authorization for the City of Hanford to enter into a contract for public relations services with DMI Agency \$44,250 over a 12 month period and authorization for the City Manager to sign the contract.

Dir. Mata introduced Ms. Karen Tellalian, president of DMI Agency, Inc. and Ms. Dixie Lobmeyer, Marketing Assistant. One of the goals and objectives set forth by the Council was to establish the hiring of a public relations person for the City, later on it was decided to explore the option of contracting with an agency to gauge the effectiveness and responsibilities of such a position. It was decided that City Clerk, Sarah Martinez would be the point of contact/liaison for DMI Agency.

Ms. Tellalian introduced her company's Webmaster and Social Media Manager, Ms. Kaci Hansen. Mayor Sorensen said the Council set this endeavor as a high priority and want to get interactive with the community. She stated her concern is for the City's website. Ms. Tellalian said after reviewing the website there are some issues with content organization and navigation. One of the first tasks would be to meet with City Staff and create a site-map. Another issues that would be addressed is optimizing the website for mobile devices.

Council Member Ramirez asked what DMI could do for the City on social media. He brought up using hashtags as branding for the City; he noted his idea to include a "#Hanford" at the art structure near the Chicken Shack on Lacey Blvd. Ms. Hansen said they would fully research the hashtags that are being used and are promoting the City.

Ms. Martinez will arrange to meet with interested Council Members to discuss top priorities for the website and social media.

Motion to approve.

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

- B. Police: Resolution in Support of No Tobacco and Vaping in City Parks.

Police Chief Sever presented the resolution to ban tobacco and vaping products in the public parks. One of the students from REACT stated the group wants to see an ordinance put in place to make smoking in parks unlawful.

Motion to approve the resolution. Approved, 5-0.

Chief Sever said it could be a fined offense. There are sample policies on anti-tobacco sites. The Council reached consensus to have an Ordinance written to ban tobacco and vaping in public parks.

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

- C. Community Development: Authorization for the Mayor to enter into a Cost Recovery and Indemnification Agreement with Greenbrier Hemp Company, LLC. An agreement for the reimbursement of costs associated with the preparation of an ordinance for Commercial Hemp processing and manufacturing in the City of Hanford.

Dir. Mata stated Greenbrier Hemp Company is interested in pursuing industrial manufacturing and processing in the City and have offered to enter into an agreement to provide the City with \$25,000.00 to be used to hire any assistance to draft an ordinance to address the hemp issue so it can be completed in a timely manner. Per this agreement Staff time would be tracked as well as costs for use of outside assistance.

Motion to approve.

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

- D. Community Development: Mural Permit - Sign Referral No. 2019-46: a request to allow a mural to be painted on the rear wall facing the alley for JH Tackett Inc. located in the MX-D Downtown Mixed Use zone district. The project is located at 329 W. Seventh Street (APN 012-056-001).

Senior Planner, Gabrielle Meyers provided the Council with an overview of the proposed mural project. The subject matter of the mural is a rainforest theme. The rainforest theme is not in accordance with the municipal code. To be compliant with the ordinance, subject matter shall be of historical significance regarding the growth and development of the City of Hanford and its surrounding environs; buildings, land, or seascapes, crop and farm animal depictions, and mechanical history depictions are permissible under the ordinance.

Mr. Jeff Tackett and Mrs. Jeanette Tackett addressed the Council with their reasoning for choice of theme and expressed their opinion about permissible depictions. Council Member Brieno asked Dir. Mata what it would take to make a change to the ordinance; Dir. Mata explained the process and time length. Council Members Brieno and Ramirez voiced their support for allowing the Tackett's chosen mural. Council Member Devine heeded caution about allowing themes outside of the municipal code parameters; Vice Mayor Draxler agreed. Mayor Sorensen she would like to stay within the City's mural guidelines.

City Attorney Ty Mizote said the Council could elect to not take action on the application and they can revisit the issue of possibly amending the municipal code to allow different types of murals. Council Member Brieno agreed with that direction.

The Council reached consensus to not take action on the mural application. The Council all agreed to bring the ordinance back for a future discussion.

RESULT:	CONSENSUS
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- E. Public Works: Approval of contract change order (No. 2) with the firm of Mead & Hunt Inc., of Roseville, Ca., for additional consulting services related to the Airport Taxi-lane Rehabilitation Project (Phases 2/3), in the amount \$40,202.73.

Dir. Doyel provided background information on the Contract Change Order with Mead & Hunt.

Motion to approve.

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

- F. Utilities and Engineering: Award a contract to JT2, Inc. dba Todd Companies in the amount of \$941,179.00 for the FY 15/16 Minor Water Main Replacement Project; Establish a construction contingency of \$94,100 for this project, and Approve an additional appropriation of \$118,900.00 from the Water Capital Reserves. (Located between Seventh and Eighth Streets, from Redington Street to Green Street)

Dir. Doyel provided information on the project to the Council.

Motion to approve.

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

- G. City Council: Discuss the voting preferences of two League of California Cities Annual Conference Resolutions (#1, #2) for the City of Hanford's Voting Delegate, Vice Mayor John Draxler.

Ms. Martinez provided a brief explanation of the proposed resolutions from the League of California Cities to be voted on at the Annual Conference. The Council discussed the proposed resolutions and gave general direction to Vice Mayor Draxler as the voting delegate for the City of Hanford.

- H. Police: Approve declaration of nine firearms as Surplus Property.

Chief Sever explained the Police Department has old firearm equipment and it is proposed to declare them as surplus to assist in the purchase of new shotguns which would be less lethal.

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 expressed his appreciation for young people and their volunteering efforts.

Council Member Ramirez - Nothing to report.

Council Member Devine - He thanked the students from the REACT group.

Vice Mayor Draxler - He went to a KWRA meeting.

Mayor Sorensen - She said she looked at the Warrant Register and had a question about the Lakeside Irrigation.

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Council Member Brieno - Review and discussion of the mural ordinance. Consensus reached.

Council Member Ramirez - Ordinance to develop a smoking/vaping ban. Consensus reached.

RECONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Sorensen adjourned the Council back to Closed Session at 9:08 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no action taken from Closed Session, Mayor Sorensen adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Martinez
City Clerk