



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2019 7:00 PM

Council Chambers

400 N. Douty St.

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

Vice Mayor Draxler 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	5:15 PM
Martin Devine	Council Member	Present	5:15 PM
Sue Sorensen	Mayor	Late	5:32 PM
Art Brieno	Council Member	Present	5:28 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Council Member	Late	6:30 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. Food Truck Ordinance Update

Community Development Director, Darlene Mata provided an overview and update of the Council's goal to create an ordinance for food trucks. Dir. Mata met with restaurant business owners to get their thoughts and input on possible food trucks and allowable locations. A primary concern from restaurants was the competition it provides to their brick and mortar establishments. Previously in May, the Council had reached consensus on the following provisions for food trucks: trucks must be located 400 ft. from brick and mortar restaurants; property owner permission; be located on properties that have access to restrooms; trucks could not be permanent, they would be limited to a maximum of six months at a location; licensed by the Kings County Health and Environmental Services Agency; and licensed by the City with proof of insurance, background check, and fingerprints.

The meeting with restaurant owners was not well attended; only five people were present. Dir. Mata said it was apparent that the restaurant owners did not want food trucks to compete with downtown businesses. The exception to the 400 ft. stipulation is for special events such as Thursday Night

Marketplace and Concerts in the Park which are held at Civic Park. The Council discussed and reached consensus on licensing, proof of insurance, and not requiring a background check/fingerprinting except for those food trucks specifically attracting children (e.g. ice cream trucks). The Council provided direction to Dir. Mata on how to proceed with the development of an ordinance.

B. Community Choice Energy.

Utilities & Engineering Director, John Doyel updated the Council on changes of the Community Choice Aggregation program. Southern California Edison has change the program's rate structure and now it is not the economic incentive it once was built up to be. The Council all agreed to cancel the interest in CCA.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

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

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

Agency Designated Representatives: Mario Cifuentez, Sarah Cardoza, Paula Lofgren, and Ty Mizote
Employee Organizations: Hanford Police Officers Association (HPOA); Hanford Firefighters Local 3898 (IAFF); Hanford General Employees Management Association (GEMA); and Service Employees International Union, Local 521 (SEIU)

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

One potential case.

7:00 PM CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

INVOCATION:

Invocation led by Pastor Stan Plooy.

FLAG SALUTE:

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

No action taken. Labor negotiations will be concluded after the regular meeting.

City Attorney, Ty Mizote informed the public that the Public Hearing section of the agenda is regarding eminent domain and in such instances the Public Hearing is for the allowing the property owner the opportunity to address the Council.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

City Clerk, Sarah Martinez provided the Oath of Office to Hanford's new City Manager, Mario Cifuentez.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Police Chief, Parker Sever - Welcomed City Manager Mario Cifuentez.

Public Work Director, Lou Camara - The Leaf Pick Up program will begin this week and run through the middle of January.

Utilities & Engineering Director, John Doyel - Well 50 is in final testing to be put back into the system.

Fire Chief Steve Pendergrass - SAFER Grant firefighters have completed six months of employment and they are performing well. The ladder truck has been in service for two weeks.

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.*

Nathan Odom, Hanford - He welcomed Mr. Mario Cifuentez to the City of Hanford.

Mark Pratter, Hanford - He spoke in support of expanding Hidden Valley Park into the adjacent vacant land that is currently zoned as low density residential.

Ken Franks, Hanford - He also spoke in support of developing the vacant land adjacent to Hidden Valley Park.

Lou Martinez, Hanford - He also spoke in support of expanding Hidden Valley Park. He gave his opinion on the Public Hearing item.

Michelle Brown, Main Street Hanford - She thanked the City for having the Crow Abatement Program on the agenda this evening.

Shelli Barker, Hanford - She welcomed Mr. Cifuentez to the City. She spoke in favor of expanding Hidden Valley Park in the adjacent vacant land for the purpose of basketball courts that could be made available for teams to practice during basketball season.

Adam Baz - He is the falconer contracted with the City and Main Street Hanford and is available to answer questions when the Council discusses the topic.

Bob Ramos, Hanford - He welcomed Mr. Cifuentez. He also voiced his support for expanding Hidden Valley Park into the adjacent vacant land. He also spoke his dissatisfaction with the lack of information from Council Member Ramirez regarding his trip to Washington D.C. earlier this year.

Jim Castleman, Hanford - He thanked Mayor Sorensen for playing pickle ball earlier that week. He expressed his appreciation for the Council. He invited the Council and public to attend the Wine & Chocolate event on Friday, December 6th.

Lorna Martinez, Hanford - She spoke in favor expanding Hidden Valley Park into the adjacent vacant land for wheelchair accessible sports.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Mizote responded to Mr. Martinez's question about the Public Hearing rules for eminent domain cases.

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 Devine pulled Item E [Pool Drain Cover] and Council Member Brieno pulled Item F [Warrant Register].

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 Meeting held on August 20, 2019.
- B. City Clerk: Approve minutes from the City Council Special Meeting held on October 8, 2019.
- C. Public Works: Purchase of five 2020 Ford F250 3/4 ton replacement utility trucks and one Ford F150 1/2 ton replacement pickup truck from Keller Ford of Hanford, in the amount of \$216,961.15, and declare six existing vehicles to be replaced as surplus.
- D. Public Works: Purchase of one 2020 Caterpillar DP25N5 forklift from Quinn Lift Co., of Selma, Ca., in the amount of \$38,652.11 and declare one 2005 Caterpillar P5000-D forklift as surplus.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT:

- A. Parks & Recreation: Approve the purchase of new pool drain grates from Knorr Systems Inc in the amount of \$17,695.06 for the Plunge competition pool and appropriate \$17,695.06 from the Aquatics Capital Equipment Replacement Reserve Account to fund the purchase.

(Item E)

Dir. Doyel provided information on the drain grates and explained that the grates would have to be custom made. This would be the first time the grates would be replaced.

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

B. Finance: Warrant Register

(Item F)

Council Member Brieno asked about the membership dues for the Lemoore Sports Club. Chief Sever explained it is a firing range for use of the Police Officers.

Vice Mayor Draxler asked about the description of "One Time Vendor." Finance Director, Paula Lofgren explained that description is for reimbursement of non-regular vendor.

Motion to approve.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Administration: Grimm Property Eminent Domain.

City Attorney Ty Mizote presented the history and current status of the real property negotiations with the Grimm family. Mr. Mizote stated the appraisal of the property came out to \$224,000.00; the Grimm family wants almost double that amount. Mr. Mizote stated this Public Hearing is not meant to discuss the compensation paid to the property owner. The purpose of this hearing is limited to the City Council confirming that reason exists to acquire property and the required steps and procedures have been taken. Notice was given to the property owners about the Public Hearing via certified mail. The City Attorney's office did not receive written communication from the Grimm family nor did they appear in person for the Public Hearing; therefore they have effectively waived the right to address the Council.

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. Finance: Authorization to Continue Participation in FY20 with Main Street Hanford in Falconry-Based Bird Abatement Program to Reduce Crow Population in Downtown Hanford and Authorization to Increase Abatement Program to Twelve Months.

Dir. Lofgren provided information on the Crow Abatement Program approved by the Council the previous fiscal year. Council Member Brieno asked if the boundaries for the program would be expanded. Main Street Hanford Director, Michelle Brown responded to the Council's questions. Mr. Baz from Avian Solutions answered technical questions about the program.

Motion to approve.

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

- B. Parks and Recreation: Approve the placement of public art farm animals in the requested City parks as part of the Hanford Elementary School District Wednesday Leadership Art Project.

Dir. Doyel met with Hanford Elementary School District, (HESD), representatives and they would like to initiate a public art projects in the Hanford City Parks. They would like to purchase and paint farm animal structures to be placed in various parks. HESD would pay for the project with grant funds. HESD will be responsible for cleaning and maintenance. It's a five year program and is recommended for approval of the Council by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Council Member Brieno voiced his support and asked if the Civic Park would be included for one of these projects.

Motion to approve.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

A. Council Comments

Council Member Brieno - He spoke about water legislation and changes to the use of ground water.

Council Member Ramirez - He was appointed as the First Vice President of the regional League of California Cities and will be in Napa, CA December 4th and 5th. He was selected by Water Education for Latino Leaders, (WELL) to participate in a journeyman program where they will learn and discuss water issues and go to different cities. He said as a future agenda item, they [the Council] would need to discuss the City funding the fee for participation in the program. He then went on to say the Governor may appoint him to the San Joaquin Valley Partnership Coalition board. Mayor Sorensen thanked him for his efforts and asked him to update the Council when he knows if he'll participate in

the WELL program. Council Member Ramirez said he is going to participate and WELL will pay 80% of the fee and the City would have to pay the other 20%.

Council Member Devine - He attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting and asked Vice Mayor Draxler to elaborate.

Vice Mayor Draxler - He attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting and provided an update of the Chamber's board. They discussed items pertaining to the current agreement which included ownership and maintenance of the Carousel and Freddy the Firetruck.

Mayor Sorensen - She asked about lights on the Hanford sign on Lacey Blvd. She asked for regular reports from the HART team. She said there is a request from some downtown merchants to make the street a 3-hour parking zone.

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Council Future Agenda Items

No items were discussed.

RECONVENE FOR CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Sorensen adjourned to Closed Session at 8:49 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing to report from Closed Session, Mayor Sorensen adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Martinez
City Clerk