



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
December 3, 2019 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

5:30 PM CALL TO ORDER CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Sorensen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL :

Present

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John Draxler	Vice Mayor	Present	5:20 PM
Martin Devine	Council Member	Present	5:15 PM
Sue Sorensen	Mayor	Present	5:25 PM
Art Brieno	Council Member	Present	5:25 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 (3) minutes** is allowed for each speaker. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your city of residence.*

No comments.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

Mayor Sorensen adjourned to Closed Session at 5:33 p.m.

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

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

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 - (GC 54956.9(d)(2))

One potential case.

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

Property: 122 E. Eighth St. and 128 E. Eighth St. (APN 010-276-006, 010-276-008)

Agency Negotiators: Mario Cifuentez, Darlene Mata, and Ty Mizote

Negotiating Party: William and Maryan Grimm

7:00 PM CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

INVOCATION:

Invocation led by Pastor Thomas King,

FLAG SALUTE:

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

No action taken.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

None.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager, Mario Cifuentez - He is meeting with school districts and other local organization and groups within the city and county and making introductions.

Police Chief, Parker Sever - The PAL Program received a \$30,000.00 grant. The department also has a new surveillance trailer.

Community Development Director, Darlene Mata - She attended a meeting with Faraday Future and their new Chief Executive Officer.

Public Works Director, Lou Camara - He spoke about the new ADA compliant podium in Council Chambers. A new Refuse Supervisor has been hired; his name is Ryan Choate.

Finance Director, Paula Lofgren - The actuarials for Fiscal Year 2019 has been completed and will be presented to the Council soon.

Fire Chief, Steve Pendergrass - Interviews for Battalion Chief starting on Friday, December 6th. He is currently working on a reorganization for the Fire Department. The new ladder truck has been in service for about one month and they are tracking metrics on service calls.

Utilities & Engineering Director, John Doyel - Traffic signal in 13th and Grangeville on hold due to weather. New Assistant Engineer will be hired this month.

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 to Public Hearing items will be heard at the time the item is discussed. A maximum of **three (3) minutes** is allowed for each speaker. Please begin your comments by stating your name and the city of residence.*

Bob Ramos, Hanford - He requested to remove Item D from the Consent Calendar. He also spoke about Prop 68 and inquired about funds from Council Member Ramirez's trip to Washington D.C.

Nathan Odom, Hanford - It is his opinion that two cannabis dispensaries in the city are a good start. He also said Hidden Valley Park was meant to be a 100 acre park.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

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 to pull Item D [Bird Netting], 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 Meeting held on September 17, 2019.
- B. City Clerk: Approve minutes from the City Council Meeting held on October 1, 2019.
- C. Administration: Reject notice of government claim.
- D. Notice of Completion of the Hanford Armona Road Sanitary Sewer Main Extension from Foggy Bottom Road to the Hanford Municipal Airport
- E. Finance: Warrant Register

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT:

- A. Public Works: Award a contract to Nation Wide Bird Control of Tracy, Ca., in the amount of \$27,250, to install protective netting for the Corporation Yard Fleet Shop.

(Item D)

Dir. Camara provided information on the installation of bird netting at the Corporation Yard.

Motion to approve.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Community Development: Annexation No. 156: A request to annex 40.53 acres of unincorporated Kings County land into the City of Hanford, in accordance with the General Plan. Prezone No. 2019-03: A request to prezone the land to be annexed as R-L-5 Low-Density Residential, in accordance with the General Plan. Vesting Tentative Tract 929: A request by Woodside Homes to subdivide 39.75 acres into 158 single-family residential lots in an area proposed to be designated R-L-5 Low-Density Residential. Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 2019- 36: An initial study was prepared and it was determined that the project will not result in significant impacts. The project is located at the northeast corner of Devon Street and 13th Avenue (APN 009-030-042 and 009-030-043).

Senior Planner Gabrielle Meyers presented the proposal to annex unincorporated territory into the City of Hanford. The proposed area is close to urban development and services and would enhance the potential for future development. Council Member Brieno asked about a figure on the map; Ms. Meyers said it was an existing residence. The proposed development also includes a drainage basin and a 2.2 acre park. Mayor Sorensen asked if the drainage basin could be relocated; Ms. Meyers answered that it could. Vice Mayor Draxler asked if the park would be a separate landscape and lighting district; Dir. Mata answered that it would be considered a new district.

Comments from those IN FAVOR:

Alex Dwiggins, Hanford and a representative from Zumwalt Hansen - The annexation is a logical extension of the City of Hanford.

Jason Huckleberry, representative from Woodside Homes - He stated he was available for questions on the development as well.

Michael Quinn, Hanford - Neutral on the development. Asked a question about the drainage pond.

Bob Ramos, Hanford - No opinion. He asked if there are plans to upgrade 13th Ave. between Fargo Ave. and Grangeville Blvd.

Comments from those OPPOSED:

No comments.

Mayor Sorensen closed the Public Comment portion of the Public Hearing.

Ms. Meyers stated 13th Ave. will be developed into a major arterial.

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Motions to Approve for Annexation No. 156:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 19-44-R, approving Vesting Tentative Tract Map 929.

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

2. Certify Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 2019-36 for the project.

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

3. Introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance No. 19-12, approving Prezone No. 2019-03.

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

4. Adopt Resolution No. 19-43-R, initiating proceedings for Annexation No. 156 and direct staff to file the appropriate forms with the Kings County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. City Council Reorganization

City Attorney Ty Mizote explained the reorganization process for selecting a new Mayor and Vice Mayor. Nominations do not need to be seconded and a Yes/No roll call vote is sufficient.

Council Member Brieno nominated John Draxler for Mayor. Council approved 5-0.

Council Member Brieno nominated Francisco Ramirez for Vice Mayor. Council approved 5-0.

B. Fire: Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Hanford and the Tulare-Kings County Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team

Chief Pendergrass provided background information on the multi-city and county Hazardous Material Response team. The Response team will be led by the Visalia Fire Department, who currently maintains and responds as a State Certified Type I Hazardous Materials Teams. Each of the jurisdictions listed in the agreement will provide resources and funding in order to ensure sufficient resources respond. The City of Hanford would offset annual cost-share funding of approximately \$7,400.00 annually for the next ten years by committing the city's Hazardous Materials Unit to the cause. The negotiations for this agreement began nearly a year ago. Former Fire Chief Chris Ekk and Former City Manager Darrel Pyle agreed that this agreement would expand our ability to ensure a safe, swift, efficient response to citizens.

Motion to approve.

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

C. Community Development: Consideration of an amendment to Resolution 19-08-R by adoption of Resolution 19-45-R to allow additional cannabis business permits for storefront dispensaries.

Dir. Mata stated that a previous resolution adopted by the Council limited storefront dispensaries to be located in the MX-D zone. As part of that discussion the Council talked about the possibility of allowing additional storefront dispensary permits since the City did not receive applications for delivery-only dispensary permits. Furthermore, the proposed Resolution 19-45-R would allow the existing list of cannabis business applicants that was established during the application and interviewing process would be good for a period of 24 months.

Mayor Draxler invited the cannabis dispensary applicants to make comments on a proposed amendment to the resolution.

Dwight Wilson, Erudite dba Herb-N-Joy - He is a property owner in the downtown area and his proposed cannabis business was the third placed applicant in the process. He brought up the point that his building is already in existence whereas another business's has yet to be built.

Devon Julian, Elemental Wellness - He stated that City had planned for four dispensaries, two storefront and two delivery. He feels it would be beneficial to the city to allow for another business.

Leeandra Dupree Coleman, part owner of Elemental Wellness - She feels that Hanford is growing exponentially and the business would help grow and build the community.

Mayor Draxler stated he is in favor of keeping the permits at two storefronts as recommended by Staff. Council Member Devine stated he would like to revisit the number of permits in six months.

Motion to approve.

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

D. City Council Representation Selection

City Commissions

Parks & Recreation

Rep. Art Brieno

Alt. Sue Sorensen

Parking & Traffic

Rep. Sue Sorensen

Alt. Francisco Ramirez

Planning

Rep. John Draxler

Alt. Martin Devine

Other Standing Committees

League of California Cities

Rep. John Draxler

Alt. Martin Devine

Main Street Hanford

Rep. Martin Devine

Alt. Sue Sorensen

Hanford Chamber of Commerce

Rep. Martin Devine

Alt. John Draxler

Kings Economic Development Corp. (EDC)

Kings Area Public Transit Agency (KCAPTA)

Kings Abandoned Vehicle Authority

Rep. Martin Devine

Alt. Francisco Ramirez

Kings Community Action Organization (KCAO)

Rep. Art Brieno

Alt. Francisco Ramirez

Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)

Rep. Martin Devine

Alt. John Draxler

Kings Waste and Recycling Authority (KWRA)

Rep. John Draxler

Alt. Martin Devine

Cross-Valley Rail Joint Powers Authority

Rep. John Draxler

Alt. Francisco Ramirez

Special City Selection Committee

Rep. John Draxler

City County Coordinating Task Force

Rep. John Draxler

Alt. Francisco Ramirez

Kings County Area Disaster Council

Rep. John Draxler

Alt. Francisco Ramirez

San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority

Rep. Martin Devine

Mid-Kings River Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Rep. Art Brieno

Kings County Homeless Commission

Rep. Police Chief Parker Sever

Alt. John Draxler

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

A. Council Comments

Council Member Brieno - He spoke about an article in the Valley Voice regarding homelessness.

Vice Mayor Ramirez - He announced that he is the First President of Regional League of California Cities and is going to Napa this month for a goals setting meeting.

Council Member Devine - He was a judge for the Hanford Christmas parade.

Council Member Sorensen - She reminded the Council that Friday evening [December 6th] is Wine & Chocolate Night. At the Main Street Hanford meeting they are working on getting music downtown. She also noted that Main Street gets contributions from businesses for the crowd abatement program.

She shared that she received notice from the Fair Political Practices Commission regarding her question on her participation in discussion and decision on the proposed amendment to allow additional uses in the CR - Regional Commercial Zone given interest in property in the MX-D Mixed Use Downtown Zone. The FPPC's answer is that she can and the decision will not have a reasonably foreseeable and material financial effect on her interests.

Mayor Draxler - He provided an update on decisions recently made by the Kings Waste and Recycling Authority.

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Council Future Agenda Items

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Draxler adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Martinez
City Clerk