



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 17, 2019 7:00 PM

Council Chambers

400 N. Douty St.

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

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	Mayor	Present	5:20 PM
Martin Devine	Council Member	Present	5:20 PM
Sue Sorensen	Council Member	Present	5:29 PM
Art Brieno	Council Member	Late	5:33 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Vice Mayor	Present	5:25 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. Community Development: Update on the Status of Hemp legislation at the State and Federal Level and discussion on proposed Hemp Ordinance for processing and manufacturing of hemp.

Community Development Director, Darlene Mata introduced Mr. David McPherson, Compliance Director for HdL Companies. Mr. McPherson provided the Council with an update of the current laws and regulations affecting industrial hemp farming and businesses.

The Council deliberated options on how to proceed in regard to hemp in the City. The Council directed Staff to monitor the USDA regulations; monitoring the state Hemp Plan Program Development to report back to City Council once drafted. This will include drafting a regulatory ordinance and amend the zoning code which establishes local control over the hemp operations in the community.

Mayor Draxler adjourned to Closed Session at 6:40 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

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))

Two potential cases.

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

Helena v. City of Hanford
Kings County Case No. 17C0102

SJVEDC v. City of Hanford
5th District Court of Appeal Case No. F079388

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

D. 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

Property: APNs 028-310-005, 028-240-008, 028-240-016, 028-240-018, 028-240-019, 028-240-020, 028-240-021
Agency Negotiators: Mario Cifuentez, Ty Mizote
Negotiating Party: AG Green Farming

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Draxler called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

INVOCATION:

Invocation led by Mr. Dennis Ham.

FLAG SALUTE:

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

No action taken on the Closed Session item pertaining to Labor Negotiations. The Council will reconvene to Closed Session after the regular meeting to finish discussion on the other items listed.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

None.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

City Attorney, Ty Mizote - Gave an update on the litigation which bars cities from enforcing no camping ordinances on public properties.

City Manager, Mario Cifuentez - He took an opportunity to engage in a community event. He also has been visiting the City departments and meeting employees.

Police Chief, Parker Sever - He stated he attended the Kings County Homeless Coalition.

Community Development Director, Darlene Mata - The Community Development Department is very busy because building codes change on January 1st.

Public Works Director, Lou Camara - He attended a kickoff meeting with Caltrans; they are going to do a program study report on 9th Ave. and Highway 198 future interchange. It will be a two year study. The airport was closed yesterday while the runway was layered with a second coat.

Finance Director, Paula Lofgren - Auditors were at the City last week and will return in January. Finance Manager interviews next Thursday.

Fire Chief, Steve Pendergrass - Interviews for Battalion Chief were held and Isaac Buller was selected. Forty high school students signed interest forms for Fire Explorers.

Utilities & Engineering Director, John Doyel - A new Assistant Engineer started this week, Luis Verdugo. Interviews were held for Senior Staff Analyst, second interviews will be held the following week.

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.*

Man - He said he thinks the City needs a bigger park. He spoke about Mussel Slough.

Chuck Leal, Hanford - Requests crosswalks at Greenfield Ave (Liberty Dr. and Centennial Dr. location). Suggests changing the speed limit at those locations as well. He would like to see more police presence in that area. He aired his frustration with pet owners who don't clean up after their dogs.

Nathan Odom, Hanford - He agreed that people do speed on Centennial Dr. He wished the Council a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Lou Martinez, Hanford - He thanked Sue Sorensen for attending the Breakfast with Santa at the Longfield Center. He requested to pull Item G from the Consent Calendar.

Bob Ramos, Hanford - He spoke about the graphs from Pros Consulting. He asked Vice Mayor Ramirez about funding for his trip to Washington D.C.

Renee, Hanford - She is asking the Council to slow down on the park decision.

Michael Quinn, Hanford - He said he is concerned about Hidden Valley Park. He does not want the Council to sell the parkland.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Draxler asked Dir. Doyel to provide information on the process for developing crosswalks and stop signs.

Vice Mayor Ramirez addressed Mr. Ramos's questions.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Council Member Brieno requested to pull Item F (Portable generators). A member of the public requested to pull Item G (CDBG Plan).

Motion to approve.

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

- A. City Clerk: Approve minutes from the City Council Study Session held on October 14, 2019.
- B. City Clerk: Approve minutes from the Special Joint City Council and Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting held on October 14, 2019.
- C. City Clerk: Approve minutes from the City Council Special Meeting held on October 14, 2019.
- D. Community Development: Waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance 19-12, an ordinance of the City of Hanford City Council approving Prezone No. 2019-03, a request to prezone land to be annexed under Annexation 156 as R-L-5 Low-Density Residential, in accordance with the General Plan designation for the area, Low-Density Residential. The project is located at the northeast corner of Devon Street and 13th Avenue (APN 009-030-042 and 009-030-043).
- E. Public Works: That the City Council, by motion, approve a Notice of Completion for the Corporation Yard Wash Bay Renovation Project, and authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest and file said Notice with the Kings County Recorder's Office.
- F. Public Works: Acceptance of Public Right-of-Way Easement Deed from VANA Enterprises, LLC, dated November 22, 2019 for street widening purposes on the northeast corner of Grangeville Boulevard and Mulberry Drive.
- G. Finance: Warrant Register

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT:

- A. Public Works: Purchase of two Cummins portable generators from United Rentals, of Bakersfield, Ca., in the amount of \$226,382.10 and declare two 2000 Cummins generators as surplus.

(Item F)

Council Member Brieno asked how often the generators are used. Dir. Camara answered they are used for emergencies.

Motion to approve.

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

- B. Community Development: SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT NO.1: a request to review and approve the proposed amendments to the 2019-2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Plan (ConPlan), the 2019 Annual Action Plan (AP), and the Citizen Participation Plan (CPP).

(Item G)

Dir. Mata responded to Mr. Martinez's question about using the funds to pay for a lighted crosswalk between Coe Park and the Longfield Center.

Motion to approve.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. City Clerk: Appointments to fill vacancies on the City Commissions.

RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 1/7/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Francisco Ramirez, Vice Mayor	
SECONDER:	Art Brieno, Council Member	
AYES:	Draxler, Devine, Sorensen, Brieno, Ramirez	

B. Public Works: That the City Council, by motion award a contract to Bush Engineering, Inc., of Hanford, CA., in the amount of \$133,200.00; Establish a construction contingency of \$10,000 for the project; and approve an additional appropriation of \$54,200 from Gas Tax Reserves.

Dir. Camara explained the project is a follow up project to the fiber seal project. Approximately 85 manholes will be raised to make a smoother ride. The funding will be from Gas Tax reserves.

Council Member Sorensen stated that she and other Council Members have heard complaints about the pot holes in the road. Council Member Devine asked how long the project would take; Dir. Camara stated it is a 30-day project.

Motion to approve.

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

C. Utilities and Engineering: Reimbursement to Presidio JJR Bella Vista 128, LLC for construction of off-site street improvements of \$52,781.79, park improvements of \$321,684.68, sewer oversizing of \$31,614.65, and water oversizing of \$121,598.70 for improvements constructed adjacent to Tract 918, approval of an additional appropriation of \$171,684.68 from Park Impact Fee Reserves, and approval of an additional appropriation of \$71,598.70 from Water Impact Fee Reserves. (Centennial Drive and Devon Street)

Dir. Doyel described how the City reached the stated amounts for reimbursement JJR Bella Vista 128. Council Member Brieno asked for details on the park that was built by the developer. Dir. Doyel further provided that the Parks & Recreation Commission would like to review the features and amenities that are available in neighborhood parks and their recommendations will be forthcoming.

Motion to approve.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

A. Council Comments

Council Member Sorensen - She spoke about park and playground equipment she received information on from the League of California Cities conference; she will give the informational brochures to Dir. Doyel who is the Interim Parks Director. She spoke about the partnering for the event at the Longfield Center. She is proud of the success so far with the Fire Explorers program.

Council Member Brieno - He asked about the process for renting space at the Courthouse, he said he was approached by a government agency about renting space. He stated the restrooms at the Civic Park were locked before 4:00 p.m. over the weekend.

Council Member Devine - He attended the KCAG and KART meetings.

Vice Mayor Ramirez - He thanked Kings Gospel Mission for opening up a women's shelter and urged people to consider donating to help fund the shelter.

Mayor Draxler - He attended a meeting with Kings Economic Development Corporation (EDC). He is impressed with the work they've done. Kings Homeless Coalition is seeking a letter of support from communities to help them apply for grants; the Council all agreed to send that letter.

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Council Future Agenda Items

Mayor Draxler asked the Council if the meeting before League of California Cities Mayors and Council Member Academy should be cancelled or rescheduled. The Council decided to keep the meeting as scheduled.

Council Member Brieno suggested the Council discuss the Courthouse and surrounding area during the Goal Setting meeting.

RECONVENE FOR CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Draxler adjourned to Closed Session at 8:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing to report from Closed Session, Mayor Draxler adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Martinez
City Clerk