



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 4, 2020 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:

Present: John Draxler, Francisco Ramirez, Martin Devine, Sue Sorensen

Late: Art Brieno (5:50 p.m.)

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 and Council Discussion of proposed Reorganization of the Public Works Department

City Manager Mario Cifuentez proposed a reorganization of the Public Works department and the Utilities & Engineering department in the wake of Lou Camara's retirement as Public Works Director. The reorganization includes eliminating the Utilities & Engineering department and moving all assigned divisions under the Public Works Department, reassignment of John Doyel to be the new Public Works Director, and create a Deputy Director position within Public Works with a monthly salary range of \$8,818.00 to \$10,768.00. Also, in the interim Mr. Cifuentez will oversee the Airport directly. Approximately, \$23,000.00 will be saved in salary and benefits.

The Council reached consensus to direct Mr. Cifuentez to go ahead with his proposed reorganization.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

Mayor Draxler adjourned to Closed Session at 5:53 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); Service Employee International Union Local 521 (SEIU)

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

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

Sam You v. City of Hanford
Kings County Case No.: 19C0292

Cesar Pimentel v. Mark Carrillo and Alfred Rivera
Eastern District Case No.: 1:19-cv-1088

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

One potential case

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, 028-240-018, 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 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John Draxler	Mayor	Present	5:10 PM
Martin Devine	Council Member	Present	5:10 PM
Sue Sorensen	Council Member	Present	5:25 PM
Art Brieno	Council Member	Late	5:50 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Vice Mayor	Present	5:00 PM

INVOCATION:

Invocation led by Pastor Thomas King.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

City Attorney, Ty Mizote stated no action was taken on the items discussed during Closed Session and the Council will reconvene to Closed Session after the regular meeting to discuss existing litigation.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

A. Police: Badge Pinning

Officer Luis Villela

Officer Jacob Fogal

City Clerk, Sarah Martinez swore in two newly hired Police Officers. Police Chief Parker Sever introduced Officer Villela and Officer Fogal and invited their family members to pin their badges. The Council extends their congratulations and well wishes to our new officers. Godspeed.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager, Mario Cifuentez - The recruitment for the Parks & Community Services Director closes on Friday, February 7th. He briefly touched on the reorganization of the Public Works department. He will be at the League of California Cities City Managers' Conference for the rest of this week.

Police Chief, Parker Sever - He stated that a new employee will start on Monday, February 10th.

Community Development Director, Darlene Mata - The Smart & Final Grand Opening was a success and the store seems to have been quite busy this past week.

Utilities & Engineering Director, John Doyel - The Refuse Division is working on a route analysis in order to be more efficient; the analysis will be presented to the Council when it's complete.

Finance Director, Paula Lofgren - A Finance Manager has been hired and he will start on February 24th; his name is Matthew Kredit.

Fire Chief, Steve Pendergrass - The department has started their community training and started with the pre-school program for fire prevention education.

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 by 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.*

Mayor Draxler made a statement addressing applause after public comment.

Raquel White, Fresno - She explained she is a representative of the Construction Industry Force Account Council. It is a construction industry supported agency dedicated to contract and code compliance and education. She commended the City of Hanford for being a participating agency in the California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Act.

Lou Martinez, Hanford - He questions the numbers that are used to determine the City has adequate park space.

Bob Ramos, Hanford - He requested to pull Item F (Cal Home Program) from the Consent Calendar. He also questions the figures used to determine park space versus open space.

Michael Quinn, Hanford - He asks which schools are opened at any time to the general public.

Nathan Odom, Hanford - He said he is going to start live streaming the Council meetings. He thinks the Council Chambers should be outfitted with cameras and audio so people can view the meetings at home.

Bernadette, Hanford - She lives near Hidden Valley Park and she asked the Council to put up signs that tell people to not feed bread to the ducks.

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 F (Cal Home) from the Consent Calendar.

Motion to approve.

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

- A. City Clerk: Approval of the minutes from the City Council Meeting held on December 17, 2019.
- B. City Clerk: Approval of the minutes from the City Council Meeting held on January 7, 2020.
- C. City Clerk: Approval of the minutes from the City Council Meeting held on January 21, 2020.
- D. Administration: Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU Local 521) with changes to be effective from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.
- E. Administration: Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Hanford Police Officers Association (HPOA) with changes to wages, benefits and other working conditions, effective from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.
- F. Utilities and Engineering: That the City Council, by motion, approve a Notice of Completion for the 12th Avenue Resurfacing, Hanford-Armona to Springcrest St. Project at a final project cost of \$561,360.21, and authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest and file said Notice with the Kings County Recorder's Office.

G. Utilities and Engineering: That the City Council, by motion, approve a Notice of Completion for the FY 18/19 Single & Double Fiberized Micro Surface Project at a final project cost of \$1,616,658.24, and authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest and file said Notice with the Kings County Recorder's Office.

H. Finance: Warrant Register

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT:

A. Community Development: Adoption of Resolution 20-03-R supporting an Application for Funding from the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development CalHome Program for First-Time Homebuyer Mortgage Assistance and Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation.

(Item F)

A member of the public requested general information on the Cal Home Program. Dir. Mata explained that an approved resolution would provide for authorization for Staff to apply for that grant. The grant amount is up to \$1,000,000.00. The grant money would be used for the first-time home buyer program.

Motion to approve.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. Utilities and Engineering: That the City Council, by motion award a contract to David A. Bush, Inc., of Hanford, CA for the Civic Park Bathroom Renovation Project, in the amount of \$173,000.00, establish a construction contingency of \$17,000 for this project, and approve an additional appropriation of \$75,000 from the Accumulated Capital Outlay Fund.

Dir. Doyel stated through the Capital Improvement Plan program it has been concluded the restroom in the Civic Park are not ADA compliant and have a deteriorated roof. The Civic Park Bathroom Renovation project was put out to bid and received three bids. It's a sixty day project. Bush Engineering was the best bid and it is recommended by Staff to approve the project and award the contract to Bush.

Council Member Brieno said he wants the City to hold off on this project in order to get a bigger pool of bids to choose from. He feels Bush is a big contractor and he prefers if the City used smaller contractors. Council Member Brieno suggested splitting up the project because of a possibility of better bids for individual projects. Dir. Doyel informed the Council Member that the City can't break up a project into smaller bids in order to circumvent the process of the public contract code; if the total project costs between \$45,000.00 and \$175,000.00, then the public agency has to go out to bid for a contract. Council Member Brieno said the roof could have been done before and then later do the remodeling; he made a motion to table this decision.

Council Member Sorensen stated she does not want to delay this decision because it will be a long project and the Thursday Night Marketplace season will begin soon. She further stated the remodel needs to happen sooner rather than later.

RESULT:	TABLED [3 TO 2]	Next: 2/18/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Art Brieno, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Francisco Ramirez, Vice Mayor	
AYES:	Devine, Brieno, Ramirez	
NAYS:	Draxler, Sorensen	

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

A. Council Comments

Vice Mayor Ramirez - He thanked Diane Sharp and the Kings Gospel Mission for hosting a tour of the space made available to provide beds for homeless individuals.

Mayor Draxler - He attended a Mayors' Forum hosted by T.J. Cox for local cities. He said the main discussion point was water and water infrastructure.

Council Member Sorensen - She attended the Smart & Final Extra grand opening. She also attended a Main Street Hanford meeting; they've continued to increase their revenues.

Council Member Brieno - He suggested having dumpsters in alleyways so people can throw out big items like mattresses.

Council Member Devine - He met with a veterans' related organization that builds homeless shelters for veterans. He also met with Mr. Todd Cotta who is currently running for Assembly and he will get Mr. Cotta acquainted with that group.

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Council Future Agenda Items

Mayor Draxler noted the Goals and Objectives Planning meeting will be February 21st.

RECONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION:

The Council reconvened to Closed Session at 8:34 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no action taken from Closed Session, Mayor Draxler adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Martinez
City Clerk