The City of Hanford
CALIFORNIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
March 3, 2020 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.

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

Mayor Draxler called the Study and Closed session to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK:

Present: Sue Sorensen, Art Brieno, Martin Devine, John Draxler
Late: Francisco Ramirez (5:34 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 from Michelle Brown of Main Street Hanford

Ms. Michelle Brown provided a presentation and overview of the projects, accomplishments, and finances of Main Street Hanford. Ms. Brown also provided an update on the Crow Abatement Program.

Vice Mayor Ramirez commended Ms. Brown on her management of Main Street Hanford; the other council members echoed his appreciation.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

City Attorney Ty Mizote informed the Council he has new information to share regarding real property negotiations with AG Green Farming and requested to add it to the agenda so it could be discussed in Closed Session.

Council Member Brieno so moved, seconded by Council Member Devine; Approved, 5-0.

Mayor Draxler adjourned to Closed Session at 6:02 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 Firefighters Local 3898 (IAFF); General Employees Management Association (GEMA); Executive Management Employees Association (EMEA)

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

Property: 109 E. Eighth St.
Agency Negotiators: Mario Cifuentez, Darlene Mata, and Ty Mizote
Negotiating Party: Carnegie Museum

7:00 PM CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

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

ROLL CALL:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John Draxler	Mayor	Present	5:15 PM
Martin Devine	Council Member	Present	5:15 PM
Sue Sorensen	Council Member	Present	5:30 PM
Art Brieno	Council Member	Present	5:15 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Vice Mayor	Late	5:34 PM

INVOCATION:

Invocation led by Police Chief Parker Sever.

FLAG SALUTE:

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

No actions taken.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

A. Badge Pinning

Lieutenant Stephanie Huddleston

City Clerk, Sarah Martinez swore in recently promoted Lieutenant Stephanie Huddleston. Police Chief Parker Sever introduced Lt. Huddleston to the Council and invited her family to pin her badge. The Council extends their congratulations and well wishes to Lt. Huddleston. Godspeed.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager Mario Cifuentez - He was inducted into the Hanford Rotary. This is the first week of the Census season and there will be events throughout the County in an effort to promote Census participation.

Chief Sever - There has been surveillance of Coe Park.

Community Development Director, Darlene Mata - She reviewed the site plan for Dutch Brothers Coffee today; it will go in north of Aldi.

Fire Chief Steve Pendergrass - A drunk driver crashed into Station 3. The insurance adjuster will be out there tomorrow and the station is still operational. There is currently a Facebook challenge for the best fire apparatus. The City of Hanford's ladder truck was matched against a truck from the San Francisco airport and Hanford won with 90% of the votes. Hanford will move on to the next round. The prize for the final winner is $1000.00 donated to a charity/cause of the winner's choosing; Hanford Fire Department has stated if they won it would go toward support of the Porterville Library Fire victims' families.

Battalion Chief Isaac Buller - He gave a summary of the Porterville Library Fire and an account of Hanford Fire Department's response and support of their fellow firefighters and their families. Fire Captain David Sumaya and Engineer Mike Briones joined the Fire Investigation Strike Team. Hanford also provided Honor Guard members to participate in Sentinel Watch for Fire Captain Ray Figueroa and Firefighter Patrick Jones. Hanford Fire Dept. assisted in providing staff of Porterville's Fire Stations.

The Council all expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the role of support the Hanford Fire Department provided to the City of Porterville, and the family and friends of Fire Captain Ray Figueroa and Firefighter Patrick Jones.

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.*

Pastor Robert Hayden, Power Chapel - His church is growing in the South Hanford community; they are celebrating their 131st anniversary of being in Hanford on March 15th at the Veteran's Building.

Nathan Odom, Hanford - He appreciated the Council patience with his camera equipment. He extended an invitation to the Council to attend the Art Hop on March 10th.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion 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 Sorensen requested to remove Item B [Main Street Hanford] from the Consent Calendar.

Motion to approve.

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

A. Administration: Approve Out-of State Travel for City Manager Mario Cifuentez to attend the 2020 ICMA West Coast Regional Conference to be held in Vancouver, Washington scheduled for March 18-20, 2020.

B. City Clerk: Deny claim and direct the City Clerk to send notification of denial to claimant, Ramiro Burgos.

C. City Clerk: Deny claim and direct the City Clerk to send notification of denial to claimants, Paul and Maria Jimenez.

D. City Clerk: Deny claim and direct the City Clerk to send notification of denial to claimant, Steven Riggs.

E. City Clerk: Approval of the minutes from the City Council Meeting held on February 18, 2020.

F. Utilities & Engineering: That the City Council, by motion, authorize staff to advertise for bids for the FY 19/20 Fiberized Micro Surface Treatment Project, and Pre-Authorize the City Manager to award and execute the contract on behalf of the City to the lowest responsible bidder providing project bid is within current budget appropriation.

G. Finance: Warrant Register.

ITEM REMOVED FROM CONSENT:

A. Administration: Approval of a new 3-year Services Agreement with Main Street Hanford for an annual compensation amount of $81,090.

[Item B]

Council Member Sorensen clarified the City does not pay Main Street Hanford, rather the language should be written to show the funds come from BID. The other council members agreed with this clarification.

Motion to approve.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. Administration: Request by the City Manager for Council to approve the Reassignment/ Appointment of John Doyel to the position of Public Works Director.

Mr. Cifuentez informed the Council that John Doyel will be reassigned to the Public Works Director position.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Sue Sorensen, Council Member
SECONDER:	Francisco Ramirez, Vice Mayor
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B. Fire: Development of the Fire Prevention Bureau, which includes Approving the creation and hiring of an Civilian Fire Marshal position; Approving an increase in the annual pay for Part-Time Fire Inspectors; and Approving adjustments to the Fire Department fee and services schedule to reflect current costs for providing those services and administering programs

Chief Pendergrass presented the Council with background information on creating a civilian Fire Marshal classification. Currently, the department has one part-time inspector who started last June. However, he is a PERS annuitant and he will max out at one year of service in July 2020. Chief Pendergrass responded to questions the Council had about the Fire Inspection Fee Schedule. Chief Pendergrass noted that the fee schedule was for review only and was not to be voted on that evening; it will to come back to the Council as a Study Session item at a future date.

The Fire Prevention Bureau proposed by Chief Pendergrass would include a Fire Marshal, a Fire Prevention Coordinator, and two part-time inspectors.

Motion to approve.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

A. Council Comments

Council Member Sorensen - She attended Naomi Tagawa's 100th Birthday Celebration & Fundraiser.

Council Member Brieno - He stated the homeless situation from 11th Ave to 12th Ave is unsightly.

Council Member Devine - He said a half-cent sales tax for Kings County was discussed at the last KCAG meeting. He gave the rest of the Council an update on the BMX racetrack.

Vice Mayor Ramirez - He thanked the staff for their work. He proposed moving Council Comments to after Public Comment on the meeting agendas.

Mayor Draxler - He attended a Kings EDC meeting that was attended by an oil drilling company representative. The representative asked Kings County for a letter in support of drilling; Mayor Draxler asked the Council if they would be in support of a letter as well.

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Mayor Draxler reviewed upcoming events and meetings with the Council.

A. Council Future Agenda Items

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Draxler adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Martinez
City Clerk