



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

April 7, 2020 7:00 PM

Council Chambers

400 N. Douty St.

IN ORDER TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS CALLING FOR SHELTERING-IN-PLACE AND SOCIAL DISTANCING, THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED THROUGH VIDEO TELECONFERENCE.

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

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

ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK:

Present: John Draxler, Martin Devine, Francisco Ramirez, Sue Sorensen (Late), Art Brieno (Late).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comments from the public are limited to items 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. Fire: Presentation of Phase 1 of update of Fire Prevention fee and services schedule.
- B. Discussion regarding the refurbishment of Freddie the Fire Truck and the Civic Carousel.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

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

Property: APNs 028-240-018, 028-240-020, 028-310-005, 028-310-007, 028-310-008, 028-310-025

Agency Negotiators: Mario Cifuentez, Ty Mizote

Negotiating Party: City Farm Industries, Inc.; Ross Lyndon-James and Mark Askey

Property: APNs 028-240-008, 028-310-016, 028-310-021

Agency Negotiators: Mario Cifuentez, Ty Mizote

Negotiating Party: AG Green Farms, LLC; Bobby Whalen and Robert Gold

Property: Courthouse Building
Agency Negotiators: Darlene Mata, Mario Cifuentez, Ty Mizote
Negotiating Party: Salon Couture

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	5:30 PM
Martin Devine	Council Member	Present	5:30 PM
Sue Sorensen	Council Member	Late	5:34 PM
Art Brieno	Council Member	Late	5:35 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Vice Mayor	Present	5:30 PM

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

No action taken.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager, Mario Cifuentez explained some of the changes and adaptations to city business that has occurred since the COVID-19 pandemic shelter-in-place orders came out from the Federal and State government.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Council Member Devine - He attended a Cal COG meeting over video teleconference. One of the major concerns of the group is the shortfall of the local sales tax revenue due to the pandemic.

Council Member Brieno - He thanked hospital workers for their efforts so far in addressing the COVID-19 Coronavirus crisis. He stated that KCAO has experienced an increase in the number of people who are showing up for food distributions.

Council Member Sorensen - She voiced concern for the economic impact of the closing of business due to the shelter-in-place order from the governor.

Vice Mayor Ramirez - He echoed his fellow council members' sentiments. He also thanked the Kings Gospel Mission for their efforts to help shelter some of the homeless population.

Mayor Draxler - He expressed appreciation for the hospitals, nurses, doctors, and first responders for their efforts in handling the virus. He also thanked the city employees for showing up and handling each day as new news comes out about the virus and orders from the governor.

A. Council Comments

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 providing your city of residence.*

Jack Schwartz, Hanford - He voiced his support for the Council's consideration for addressing Freddie the Fire Truck and the Carousel. He asked a question about the Council making motions during Study Session. He requested Items C, D, E, and F be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

Diane Sharp, Hanford - She asked a question about the parking lot behind City Hall. She noted that the sign reads the lot is for city employees only, 7 days a week. She asked if it could be changed to Mondays through Fridays so the public may use the lot on the weekends.

Nate Odom, Hanford - He spoke in support of small businesses in Hanford.

Michelle Brown, Hanford - She stated she is updating the Main Street Hanford website every day to provide information to the downtown business owners about the business resources available to them through the government stimulus plan.

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.

A member of the public requested to pull Items C, D, E, and F [Claim Denials] from the Consent Calendar.

Motion to approve.

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

- A. City Clerk: Approval of the minutes from the City Council Special Meeting held on February 21, 2020.
- B. City Clerk: Approval of the minutes from the City Council Meeting held on March 3, 2020.
- C. Administration: Authorization for the City Manager to approve the deferral of certain Improvements required for private construction projects.
- D. Administration: Consideration and Approval of the First Amendment to the Lease Agreement with City Farm Industries, Inc.

- E. Administration: Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the General Employees Management Association (GEMA) with changes to wages, benefits, and other working conditions, effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.
- F. Administration: Approval of an agreement with the Executive Management Employees Association (EMEA) with changes to wages, benefits and other working conditions, effective from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022.
- G. Administration: Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Hanford Professional Firefighters Local 3898, IAFF with changes to wages, benefits, and other working conditions, effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.
- H. Public Works: Approval of Resolution 20-06-R, identifying the Project List for RMRA gas tax funding for Fiscal Year 2020/21.
- I. Public Works: Authorization for the Purchase of 636 residential refuse containers from Toter Wastequip, LLC., in the amount of \$31,423.72 (tax and freight included).
- J. Public Works: Approval of the purchase of materials in the amount of \$76,937.47 from the Garland Company of Hanford, CA, reject the low bid from Fresno Roofing Company, Inc. based on their formal request to withdraw their bid due to a proposal error, award a contract to Universal Coating, Inc. of Fresno, CA in the amount of \$112,750.00 for the City Hall Roof Re-coating Project, and establish a construction contingency of \$11,500.00 for this project;
- K. Public Works: Approval of a new Freeway Maintenance Agreement with the California Department of Transportation, which outlines maintenance responsibilities for the State and the City.
- L. Finance: Review and authorization to file Transportation Development Act Fund Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Years Ended 2019 and 2018.
- M. Finance: Warrant Register.

ITEM PULLED FROM CONSENT:

[Items C, D, E, & F]

City Clerk, Sarah Martinez explained the claim process for the city and stated the insurance adjuster for the city recommends denial for claims after they have been investigated. There is an appeal process for the claimants. Mayor Draxler sought to approve all four items in one motion.

- A. City Clerk: Deny claim and direct the City Clerk to send notification of denial to claimant, Jacqueline Ellis.
- B. City Clerk: Deny claim and direct the City Clerk to send notification of denial to claimant, Mercury A/S/O Joel Armijo.
- C. City Clerk: Deny claim and direct the City Clerk to send notification of denial to claimant, Franklin J. Hall.
- D. City Clerk: Deny claim and direct the City Clerk to send notification of denial to claimant, Southern California Edison.

Motion to approve.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Administration: Accept the Summary Report from Outlier Services, LLC, regarding the City Council's Goals & Objectives.

City Manager, Mario Cifuentez summarized the goals compiled by Mr. Stan Carrizosa at the Council's Goals & Objectives planning session. The council members agreed with the goals as outlined in the staff report.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Sue Sorensen, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Martin Devine, Council Member
AYES:	Devine, Sorensen, Brieno, Ramirez
RECUSED:	Draxler

- B. Public Works: Proposed Amendment to the City of Hanford Municipal Code 10.16 to permit three-hour parking limits and designate City Parking Lot No. 2, located off Douty Street, between Sixth Street and Seventh Street, as having a three-hour parking limit.

Dir. Doyel provided the Council with background information on the parking issues in the downtown zone, specifically in City Parking Lot No. 2. He stated that business owners in the area are supportive of changing the parking time limit to 3 hours. Council Member Sorensen stated she feels the business owners would prefer to have the street parking changed to a 3-hour time limit in addition to Parking Lot No. 2. Dir. Doyel stated the way the ordinance amendment was written would allow for 3-hour parking in the downtown area. Council Member Devine voiced his concern that perhaps not all downtown business owners were supportive of 3-hour parking. Mayor Draxler made a motion to accept Staff's recommendation and research future downtown pay-for-parking opportunities, seconded by Vice Mayor Ramirez.

Council Member Sorensen preferred that the direction for staff to research paid parking be separate from the motion to approve the 3-hour parking ordinance and made a motion for such an amendment to the original motion, seconded by Council Member Brieno; amendment passed 3-2.

Motion to approve the proposed ordinance as submitted.

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

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Vice Mayor Ramirez - He proposed setting aside money from the ACO fund to help small businesses in the community.

Council Member Sorensen - She asked if there was State funding for small, local businesses.

Mayor Draxler - He echoed Council Member Sorensen's question. He also requested a study session for an ordinance to allow chickens within City limits; the rest of the Council agreed with his request.

A. Council Future Agenda Items**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Draxler adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Martinez
City Clerk