



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

May 8, 2020 5:30 PM

Council Chambers

400 N. Douty St.

5:30 PM CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL SESSION:

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

ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK:

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

FLAG SALUTE:

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.*

Jack Schwartz, Hanford - He stressed the need for a rental assistance program for the CDBG funds. He also feels that the city should not spend too much of the CDBG funds on the Lacey Park basketball court project.

Paula Massey, Hanford - She wants to know what the city is doing about enforcement of the stay-at-home order.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Finance: Authorization of Finance Director, Paula Lofgren and Finance Manager, Matthew Kredit to engage with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) regarding grants applied for the by the City of Hanford.

A Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution for Non-State Agencies is required of all applicants to be eligible to receive funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES). The Council must authorize Finance Director, Paula Lofgren and Finance Manager, Matthew Kredit as the city's representatives.

Motion to approve.

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

B. Administration: Review of the State of California's and Kings County's plans to reopen businesses; City Council discussion and potential action on reopening of businesses and facilities.

City Manager, Mario Cifuentez summarized the Kings County Board of Supervisors meeting held on May 7, 2020. The State is allowing counties to gradually move toward Stage 2 of the reopening process. Council Member Sorensen stated she has the impression that local law enforcement has the prerogative to determine the enforcement measures they will take. The Council all indicated they are in support of allowing businesses to open if they comply with social distancing and other health and safety guidelines.

Council Member Sorensen asked when funds would be available for CDBG COVID-19 relief. Community Development Director, Darlene Mata projected the money would likely not be available to be distributed before July. The Council Members would like to expedite the process as much as possible.

Council Member Devine expressed his frustration with the State's current political leaders and representatives. Council Member Sorensen echoed his sentiments. Council Member Devine stated the city needs to write a letter to the governor in support of local control.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Draxler adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Martinez
City Clerk