



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**June 16, 2020 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty Street**

Video Teleconference via Zoom. Council Members attended remotely.

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

Mayor Draxler Called the Study and Closed Sessions to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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None.

STUDY SESSION:

A. City Attorney: Council review of the Brown Act.

City Attorney Mizote presented an overview of the Brown Act. City Manager Cifuentez answered Council questions.

B. Parks & Community Services: Discussion regarding Neighborhood Park and Landscape Development Standards

Parks & Community Services Director Albert presented the item for Council review and recommendations. Discussion followed, and Council made the following recommendations:

- Require provision of more shade, especially above seating.
- Frontages on two or more local streets

- Number of households in the neighborhood determines the number of tables and uses per acre
- Parks & Recreation Commission, and staff, review developer park plans for approval
- More amenities, where possible (look at funding)

Staff will incorporate these recommendations into the proposed standards and come back to Council, at a future Study Session, for further discussion and direction. City Manager Cifuentez recommended that a review of Landscape Assessment Districts, and the funding for these parks, be part of that discussion.

Mayor Draxler adjourned to Closed Session at 6:28 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

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

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

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

Antoine Barnes v. Officer Wyand
Eastern District Case No. 1:20-cv-389

Montreal Hemphill v. Officer Farr, Officer Medeiros
Eastern District Case No. 1:19-cv-1119

David Quair v. Hanford Police Department
Eastern District Case No. 1:20-cv-570

Ivan Nicar v. Christopher Reeder
Kings County Case No. 20HR0055

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

One potential case.

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

Property: APNs 028-240-018, 028-240-020, 028-310-007, 028-310-008, 028-310-025
Agency Negotiators: Mario Cifuentez and Ty Mizote
Negotiating Party: City Farm Industries, Inc.: Ross Lyndon-James

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

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	
Martin Devine	Council Member	Present	
Sue Sorensen	Council Member	Present	
Art Brieno	Council Member	Present	
Francisco Ramirez	Vice Mayor	Present	

INVOCATION:

Mayor Draxler led the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE:

Vice Mayor Ramirez led the flag salute.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

City Attorney Mizote reported that Council gave direction to City Farm Industries' negotiators with a counter-proposal. Regarding the existing litigation report, he stated that the report had not been completed. This item, and the remaining items, would be discussed in Closed Session following this meeting.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager Cifuentez reported that staff has been involved with budget preparations, and they will have a good presentation at the special meeting June 18, at 9:00 a.m. He attended several meetings in the past couple weeks with the Chamber of Commerce regarding their rebirth. He and Parks & Community Services Director Albert met with the veterans group, and they are working on a plan to get the veterans and seniors activities reopened, in compliance with current guidelines. He and Community Development Director Mata came up with a plan to accommodate outdoor dining for restaurants, and personal services will open at the end of next week. He stressed that any businesses opening must comply with State guidelines.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

A. Council Comments

Before Council Reports, Mayor Draxler noted that Representative T. J. Cox was present, via Zoom, and welcomed him to speak. Rep. Cox reported that the House of Representatives was going back into session; and he was gathering input, regarding the Heroes Fund, to be sure the voices of local municipalities are heard. He welcomed information on the City's needs. He mentioned that he is looking for office space in Hanford or Lemoore. Mayor Draxler expressed appreciation and excitement that some funds will come to the City of Hanford--not just to the big cities. He assured Rep. Cox that the City will send the requested information to him.

Vice Mayor Ramirez reported that he, and Council Member Brieno, attended the Habitat for Humanity groundbreaking. He stated that he, Mayor Draxler, and Council Member Sorensen, walked some of the Landscape Assessment Districts (LADs). He was surprised at the amount of support from the citizens, once the LAD fees were explained. He attended a meeting at Longfield Center regarding program maintenance and revitalization. He reported that they had very good conversation. There will be one main committee and three sub-committees: Public Relations, Design, and Learning. He asked that the next meeting be posted on the City website and Facebook page.

Council Member Devine stated that he and City Manager Cifuentez met with the Chamber of Commerce, who will be presenting an update at a future Study Session.

Council Member Brieno reported that he would be attending the KCAO meeting June 17. He recommended the book, *The Death of Common Sense*, by Philip K. Howard, stating that the author provides a good perspective, especially for those who deal with policymaking.

Council Member Sorensen stated that she enjoyed the opportunity to walk through Gateway Estates. She stated that if more information had been provided to the LADs earlier, there may have been a better outcome. She recently attended Movies in the Park. She asked that staff work closer together in coordinating the calendar, as there were puddles everywhere.

Mayor Draxler thanked Ashley Neeley and Trey Gamble, for an excellent job in coordinating a very peaceful rally on June 6. He mentioned that T. J. Cox and Police Chief Sever were speakers, along with several others. He thanked City Fire and Police Departments for being there. Mayor Draxler attended the Homeless Coalition meeting, and there was a presentation on the Gap Analysis. Kings Gospel Mission gave an update of what they are doing, how they are using funds, and the new recycling facility that is now open. He agreed that walking the districts was beneficial and announced that his wife was organizing another walk for Saturday, June 20. He encouraged the Council Members to attend, if they can. He requested that Council Members return their self-evaluations to HR within a week.

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Jack Schwartz stated that he noticed that there was no approval of prior minutes on the agenda. He thanked Council for their votes on CDBG funds for small businesses and for rental assistance. He asked Community Development Director Mata to reach out to him this week with a status update of the HUD review, as he would like to write a letter to the editor, thanking Council. He requested that Item B on the Consent Calendar be pulled for separate consideration. He also requested that the meetings continue via Zoom or in the Civic Auditorium.

Bob Ramos, noting the discussion of the City Council Handbook on this agenda, requested consideration of an additional two minutes of Public Comment allowed at the end of each meeting. He also requested a status update on the cannabis businesses.

Lou Martinez asked how CDBG programs were noticed for community input this year and last year. He requested that Council Members look within the community when filling certain positions. He thanked the Police Department for a great job at the peaceful protest and stated his support and prayers for them.

Gida expressed her support for Hanford Police and encouraged others not to listen to the negative comments against law enforcement in our country.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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The following items were pulled, for separate consideration:

Jack Schwartz (Public) - Item B
Vice Mayor Ramirez - Item J
Council Member Devine - Items A and F
Council Member Sorensen - Item H

Motion to approve the remaining Consent Calendar.

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

- A. [Item C] Community Development: MCA 2020-01
- B. [Item D] Community Development Temporary Outdoor Dining
- C. [Item E] Police: Second Reading Animal Control Ordinance Amendment to allow Chickens
- D. [Item G] Public Works: NOC FY 15/16 Minor Water Main Project
- E. [Item I] Public Works: Permission to Advertise for the FY 19/20 Pavement Resurfacing Project

XV. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. [Item A] Clerk: Adopt Resolution 20-10-R

Council Member Devine asked how the situation would be resolved if, after elections and redistricting, a Council Member's residence is no longer within the district in which they were elected. City Clerk Martinez replied that the Elections Code requires the Council Member to reside within their district for the full term of office. City Attorney Mizote requested an opportunity to review the statute, in order to provide a definitive answer.

Motion to approve.

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

B. [Item B] Resumption of In-Person Council Meetings

City Manager Cifuentez stated that location of meetings requires Council action. He noted that they did consider the Civic Auditorium, but there are limitations with recording the meeting and computer access for the Council Members. Discussion followed.

Motion to approve, as amended, to add the Zoom remote to the in-person meetings, beginning with the July 7, 2020 City Council regular meeting.

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

C. [Item F] Contract for Building Maintenance

City Manager Cifuentez noted that the new budget included a request for another full-time building maintenance employee. Police Chief Sever agreed to test an alternative outsourced service. He and his staff received three competitive quotes from private companies, for possible outsourced custodial services at the police station. The company would provide all the cleaning supplies and would cost approximately \$1,100 less than the cost of a new employee, with additional savings of CalPers costs. City Manager Cifuentez then answered questions from Council.

Motion to approve.

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

D. [Item H] Public Works: NOC FY 17/18 CDBG Pedestrian & Safety Project

Council Member Sorensen asked if funding surplus of \$27,000 in the fund balance for CDBG would go back into CDBG. Public Works Director Doyel replied that the balance will go back into CDBG. Director Mata answered additional questions.

Motion to approve.

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

E. [Item J] FINANCE: WARRANT REGISTER

Vice Mayor Ramirez asked about the City Council payment to Rotary. City Manager Cifuentez replied that those were his basic dues, and they should have been billed to City Manager, not City Council. It will be corrected. Staff answered additional Council questions.

Motion to approve.

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

XVI. GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. City Council Handbook

City Manager Cifuentez noted that the City Council Handbook item corresponds with City Attorney's Brown Act presentation from Study Session. He stated that the specificity of certain items requires more frequent amendments. He was bringing this before Council to address some of those areas, so that fewer and less frequent amendments would be required. He then gave a presentation of proposed amendments and answered Council's questions.

After discussion, Council recommended increasing the Individual Use of City Attorney proposed reduction per use cap to \$600 and the proposed annual cap to \$2,500.

City Manager Cifuentez will bring this back to Council on July 7, 2020.

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Upcoming Dates

June 18: City Council Special Meeting for FY 20/21 Budget Review
June 26: Movies in the Park, Centennial Park, dusk
July 3: *Tentative* Opening Day of the Hanford Plunge, 1:00 p.m.
July 3: Independence Day (observed) - City Offices Closed
July 7: City Council Meeting
July 17: Movies in the Park, Hidden Valley Park, dusk
July 21: City Council Meeting
July 31: Movies in the Park, Civic Park, dusk

A. Council Future Agenda Items

Council Member Brieno requested that the City Council salary be placed on a future agenda.
City Clerk Martinez announced that the July 3 opening of The Plunge has been confirmed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Draxler adjourned to Closed Session at 7:55 p.m. There was no action taken in Closed Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Black
Deputy City Clerk