



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**August 4, 2020 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

Video Teleconference via Zoom. Council Members attended remotely.

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

Mayor Draxler called the Study Session and Closed Session to order at 5:30.

ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

*A maximum of **three minutes** is allowed for each speaker. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your city of residence.*

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.

Bob Ramos expressed his concerns about the placement of the pickleball courts at Lacey Park.

Diane Phakonekam with Big Brothers Big Sisters stated that CalViva Health decided to sponsor the Big Brothers Big Sisters Hanford Site.

STUDY SESSION:

- A. Administration: Presentation by the Hanford Chamber of Commerce to update Council on their current programs and business services.

CEO/Executive Director Amory Marple, presented the progress of The Hanford Chamber of Commerce, which included the organizations recent accomplishments, upcoming events, and current budget status.

Council commended Mrs. Marple on her presentation and on her hard work with the organization. Vice Mayor Ramirez asked City Manager Cifuentez about the status of the Hanford Chamber of Commerce funding agreement and expressed that he is open to a new agreement.

City Manager Cifuentez stated that the Council has committed to the first quarter funding and nothing beyond that.

- B. Community Development: Report on the Planning Commission's review of the Citizen's Initiative, submitted by Save Our Parkland, to change the land use on land adjacent to Hidden Valley Park from low density residential to open space and to remove future parks by changing areas from open space to medium density residential in the northwest area of the city.

Community Development Director Darlene Mata presented the Planning Commission's review of the Citizens Initiative, by Save Our Parkland and invited questions from the Council.

Council shared their concerns. City Attorney Ty Mizote and Director Mata answered questions from the Council.

Mayor Draxler, Council Members Devine and Council Member Sorensen accepted the Planning Commission's report and determined that the proposed initiative is inconsistent with the City of Hanford's General Plan.

Vice Mayor Ramirez and Council Member Brieno did not accept the Planning Commission's report on the proposed Citizen's Initiative.

Mayor Draxler adjourned to Regular Session.

CLOSED SESSION:

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

Property: APNs 028-240-018, 028-240-020, 08-310-005, 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 028-240-018, 028-240-020, 08-310-005, 028-310-007, 028-310-008, 028-310-025

Agency Negotiators: Mario Cifuentez, John Doyel, and Ty Mizote

Negotiating Party: Tyler Bennett

Property: Courthouse Building

Agency Negotiators: Darlene Mata, Mario Cifuentez, Ty Mizote

Negotiating Party: Salon Couture

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

Number of Potential Cases 1

7:00 PM CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John Draxler	Mayor	Present	7:00 PM
Martin Devine	Council Member	Present	7:00 PM
Sue Sorensen	Council Member	Present	7:00 PM
Art Brieno	Council Member	Present	7:00 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Vice Mayor	Present	7:00 PM

INVOCATION:

Invocation was led by Chief Sever.

FLAG SALUTE:

Flag Salute was led by Mayor Draxler.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT :

No action taken. The Council will reconvene into Closed Session after the meeting.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager Mario Cifuentez reported that the new live streaming camera has been installed in the Council Chambers. The City has received the first round of CARES funding from the state. The Parks and Recreation Department will be bringing back some of their staff to work in the parks. Director Albert has been working closely with Townsend Public Affairs on Proposition 68 funding guidelines. The Community Development Department has authorized some gyms and salons to operate outdoors with significant restrictions, and funds for rental assistance for small businesses will be issued when the department receives the official approval from HUD. City Manager Cifuentez also met with CEO/Executive Director of the Chamber of commerce, Amory Marple, and stated that he was pleased with their meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

A. Council Comments

Council Member Sorensen shared Main Street Hanford's events and upcoming activities and expressed interest in meeting with local schools in regards to utilizing their facilities for community sports. Council Member Sorensen also expressed her concerns regarding COVID-19 statistics and would like clarification from the local Health Department. Council Member Sorensen asked if Council was returning to in-person meetings soon. The Council came to a consensus on returning to in-person meetings in the Council Chambers, beginning August 18th, 2020.

Council Member Devine echoed Council Members Sorensen's concerns regarding COVID-19 statistics, and reported on the meetings he attended. Council Member Devine also shared the interest of some community members suggesting painting a 'Blue Lives Matter' street mural in support of the local Police Department.

Vice Mayor Ramirez and Council Member Brieno expressed their concerns regarding COVID-19 and the City shut down.

Mayor Draxler expressed his concerns regarding COVID-19 and asked City Manager Cifuentez if the Council can get an update from the Public Health Officer. He also reported attending the Kings Waste Recycle Authority meeting. Mayor Draxler also mentioned that he is waiting for self-evaluation forms from two Council Members.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

*This is the time for citizens to comment on subject matters not on the agenda 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.*

Mark Pratter commented on the Citizen's Initiative submitted by Save Our Parkland.

Bob Ramos expressed his concerns regarding the Hidden Valley Park surplus.

Jack Swartz expressed his concerns regarding the new live streaming camera system in the Council Chambers without a telephonic option.

Nate Odom commented on Council Members Sorensen's comments during the Study Session as well as suggested that the Council direct the City staff to create a resolution to amend the General Plan and rezone the land adjacent to Hidden Valley Park to be used as public space.

Bianca (she did not state her last name) proposed painting 'Black Lives Matter' in front of the Sheriff's Department or the Police Department; she'd like more support from the City Council in the Black Lives Matter movement.

Teresa Diaz spoke in favor of the pickleball court project at Lacey Park and stressed the importance of senior activities in Hanford.

Marissa (she did not state her last name) expressed her concerns regarding the suggestion of painting 'Blue Lives Matter' in the City of Hanford.

Council Member Devine clarified that the idea of painting a 'Blue Lives Matter' street mural was suggested to him by members of the community.

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.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar, except for the items pulled for separate consideration.

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

- A. City Clerk: Approval of the Minutes of the May 19, 2020 Meeting
- B. City Clerk: Approval of the Minutes of the July 7, 2020 Meeting
- C. City Clerk: Denial of a claim for damages and authorization for the City Clerk to send out notification of such to F & M Miya, LLC and Avemco Insurance Company.
- D. City Clerk: Denial of a claim for damages and authorization for the City Clerk to send out notification of such to Gerardo Diaz Tofoya.
- E. City Clerk: Denial of a claim for damages and authorization for the City Clerk to send out notification of such action to Alfredo Cortez.

- F. Public Works: Award of a contract to Papich Construction Co., Inc. of Arroyo Grande in the amount of \$161,733.00 for the FY 19/20 Pavement Resurfacing on Idaho Avenue from the BNSF Railroad to 10th Avenue Project, and establish a construction contingency of \$13,000.00 for this project.

Items Pulled from Consent Calendar:

- A. Community Development: Adoption of Resolution 20-22-R, Ratifying the City Manager's Temporary Rule to allow Temporary Outdoor Gyms and Salons.

[Item F] Item pulled by Council Member Sorensen.

Director Mata and Chief Pendergrass answered questions from the Council.

Motion to approve Item F with the modification of the required inspection fee (\$10.00) on the Temporary Outdoor Gym and Salon applications, for tents/canopies over 400 sq. ft.

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

- B. Public Works: Award the annual contract for curb and gutter, sidewalk, driveways and ADA ramp repair work to Cen-Cal Paving Inc. of Lemoore CA for a not to exceed budgeted amount of \$90,000.00.

[Item G] Item pulled by Council Member Sorensen.

Director Doyel answered Council Member Sorensen's questions

Motion to approve as presented.

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

- C. Public Works: Approval of the Final Map and Subdivision Agreement for Tract No. 919, Unit II Bonterra, and accept all easements and dedications offered for public use and adopt the attached Resolution 20-20-R restructuring properties within Assessment District No. 18-01 (District Restructure No. 18-01-C) (Centennial Drive and Fargo Avenue)

[Item H] Item pulled by Council Member Brieno.

Director Doyel answered Council Member Brieno's questions.

Motion to approve to as presented.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Police Department: Conduct a public hearing to authorize the City Manager to execute an MOU between City of Hanford and Kings County, which would allocate the County's share of the JAG funding to the City and approve the use of \$17,684 in FY2020 Jag Grant funding to purchase needed equipment for the Police Activities League Program.

Mayor Draxler opened Public Hearing and called for the staff report. Chief Sever presented the staff report and invited questions of the Council.

Chief Sever answered questions from the Council.

Mayor Draxler opened Public Comment.

IN FAVOR:

None.

OPPOSED:

None.

Mayor Draxler closed Public Comment.

Motion to approve.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Administration: Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 20-08 amending Municipal Code Section 2.01.18 fixing salaries for the City Council at \$500.00 per month pursuant to Government Code Section 36516 (a)(2)(C).

City Manager Cifuentez provided background information for the Council's review and consideration and answered Council's questions.

Motion to introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance 20-08.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Art Brieno, Council Member
SECONDER:	Francisco Ramirez, Vice Mayor
AYES:	Draxler, Sorensen, Brieno, Ramirez
ABSTAIN:	Devine

- B. Parks and Community Services: Adoption of Resolution 20-21-R; a resolution of the City Council of the City of Hanford approving applications (s) for the Prop 68 Per Capita Grant funding program and update on various park projects and improvements.

Parks and Recreation Director Brad Albert requested that page 141 be retracted from the staff report before his presentation of The Prop 68 Capita Grant funding program. Director Albert also gave an update on various park projects and improvements. Director Albert clarified that the Resolution is not attached to a specific project; the Resolution is a requirement of the grant process. Director Albert also provided an update on various Parks projects and improvements, and responded to comments and questions from the Council.

Motion to approve.

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

- C. Fire Department: Presentation to Council regarding a proposed modification to the Staffing Levels for Fire Station No. 2 and possible direction and authorization from Council.

Fire Chief Steve Pendergrass presented the proposed Firefighter Reclassification and responded to comments and questions from the Council.

Motion to approve.

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

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Council Future Agenda Items

Vice Mayor Ramirez expressed his concerns regarding the Citizens Initiative, submitted by Save our Parkland. The Council came to a consensus to have a special Study Session regarding the Citizens Initiative at a later date.

Council Member Sorensen requested a CARES funding update. City Manager Cifuentez stated Hanford was awarded \$733,000 by CARES funding, which will be received in six installments, and Council will need to approve any unbudgeted expenditures.

Council Member Brieno mentioned the public comment made by Jack Swartz regarding teleconference options for public comment at future City Council meetings. City Manager Cifuentez assured Council Member Brieno that he'd follow up on other options.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Draxler adjourned the meeting to closed session at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Ortega
Interim City Clerk