The City of Hanford
CALIFORNIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
August 18, 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 CITY CLERK :

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

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.*

Mark Pratter expressed his concerns regarding Prop 68 funding available to the City of Hanford. He also commented on the August 4th Study Session item: Planning Commission's review of the Citizen's Initiative, submitted by Save Our Parkland.

Bob Ramos expressed his concerns regarding the 18 acres adjacent to Hidden Valley Park.

STUDY SESSION:

A. Parks and Community Services: Presentation of Proposed Sites and Rankings for Community Park sites under the Prop 68 Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program

Parks and Community Services Director, Brad Albert presented the program overview with eight possible project sites and rankings. Dir. Albert is seeking direction from Council on selecting one project site for the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program grant application. Dir. Albert answered questions from the Council. The Council came to a consensus to direct Dir. Albert to move forward on the project site located at 9 1/4 Ave. and Florinda St.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING :

Mayor Draxler adjourned meeting to Closed Session at 6:25 p.m.

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

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

CLOSED SESSION REPORT :

City Attorney Ty Mizote reported that there was no action taken.

7:00 PM CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Draxler called meeting to order 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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 Alex Nava

FLAG SALUTE:

Vice Mayor Ramirez led the Flag Salute.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager Cifuentez gave an update on the heat wave and power supply notices from PG&E and Southern California Edison. He also announced that he will be attending the upcoming State Support Team Meeting.

Parks and Community Services Director Brad Albert gave an update on the cooling centers, operating hours of the Park splash pads, and announced that the Plunge pool pump is under repair, so the Plunge is closed until further notice.

Fire Chief Pendergrass gave an update on Hanford's representation at the out of county assignments and reported on the task progress of the new Fire Marshal.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

A. Council Comments

Vice Mayor Ramirez had nothing to report.

Council Member Devine reported attending the Hanford Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting.

Council Member Brieno reported attending the recent Parks & Community Services open bid meeting.

Council Member Sorensen reported attending the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, Planning Commission meeting and the local Stuff the Bus event. She reported meeting with the Kings County, Public Health Director and requested a regular update to the City of Hanford from the County.

Mayor Draxler reported meeting with the Kings County Public Health Director. He also encouraged small businesses that were affected by COVID-19 to apply for the assistance offered by Kings County.

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.*

Amory Marple shared the winners of the Chamber of Commerce 2020 Distinguished Citizens and Business awards.

Jack Swartz commented on the live streaming system of the City Council meeting and stated that the City of Hanford needs to have a telephone interchange option for public comment. Mr. Swartz also thanked the City of Hanford for utilizing COVID-19 funds for rental assistance and requested more information.

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.

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

A. City Clerk: Approval of the Minutes of the June 2, 2020 Meeting

B. City Clerk: Approval of the Minutes of the June 16, 2020 Meeting

C. City Clerk: Approval of the Minutes of the June 18, 2020 Special Meeting

D. City Clerk: Approval of the Minutes of the June 23, 2020 Meeting

E. City Clerk: Denial of a claim for damages and authorization for the City Clerk to send out notification of such to Stephen McLemore.

F. City Clerk: Denial of a claim for damages and authorization for the City Clerk to send out notification of such to Alma McLemore.

G. Administration: Second 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).

H. Administration: Approval of an Avigation and Clearance Easement from EBC Farms, LLC, in conformance with the City's Airport Layout Plan (ALP), and authorization for the City Manager to sign and the City Clerk to notarize said easement and record said document with the Kings County Recorder's Office.

I. Public Works: Approval of a Sole Source Purchase of two 2020 Global R4AIR Regenerative Air Sweepers from Terry Equipment Inc., of Bloomington, Ca., in the amount of $619,454.55; and a declaration of two 2008 street sweeper vehicles as surplus and authorization for the sale of those vehicles in accordance with City policy.

J. Public Works: Approval of the Notice of Completion for the Hanford Airport Runway 14-32 Rehabilitation Project, and authorization for the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest and file said Notice with the Kings County Recorder's Office.

K. Public Works: Award of Contracts and Authorization for the City Manager to execute, and the City Clerk to attest, the attached On-Call Materials Testing and Geotechnical Services agreements with Kleinfelder, Inc. of Fresno, CA, and Moore Twining Associates, Inc. of Fresno, CA to provide geotechnical services for all capital improvement projects for calendar years 2020-2023.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Administration: Approval of a Lease Agreement with City Farm Industries, Inc. for 1,600 acres of property owned by the Wastewater Fund.

[Item I] Pulled by City Attorney Ty Mizote.

City Attorney Ty Mizote recommended the Council, by motion, approve the lease with the modification that the City would be allowed to terminate the lease for any type of default. Mr. Mizote also stated, the Council instructed negotiators that the tenant would have until September 1, 2020, to deliver three items to the City, City Hall:

1. Signed lease
2. First-year rent payment
3 Proof of funds that would be needed to do the weed abatement

Motion to approve the modified lease, allowing for termination for any type of default.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. Administration: Discussion of the 2020 National Night Out event and Council direction regarding the regularly scheduled Council Meeting for that date.

Chief Sever gave a brief description of the planned event that will begin at 5:30 p.m. The Council will attend the National Night Out event before the Regular City Council Meeting, and the Closed Session will begin after the regular meeting is adjourned.

Motion to approve the 2020 National Night Out Event to take place on September 1, and begin the regular session of the City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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

B. Administration: Discussion regarding the upcoming visit by the State Unified Support Team and direction from Council regarding topics of importance to be covered with the Team.

City Manager Cifuentez gave the details of the upcoming meeting, and only two officials are invited from the City of Hanford to attend in person. Vice Mayor Ramirez will be attending in place of the Mayor, with City Manager Cifuentez. The Council expressed their concerns and gave their input. Council Member Sorensen stated that she'd like to attend the meeting if Vice Mayor Ramirez becomes unavailable.

C. Public Works: Introduction and waiver of the first reading of Ordinance 20-09 adding Section 12.20 to the Hanford Municipal Code pertaining to the duty of Property Owners to maintain and repair sidewalks and confirming the liability of property owners, under existing state law, for failing to satisfy such duty.

Public Works Director John Doyel presented Ordinance 20-09 and asked that the Council consider the addition of the provision that the property owner will be entirely responsible for damages caused by the property owners' negligence. Dir. Doyle answered questions of the Council.

Motion to approve with the addition of the provision that the property owner will be entirely responsible for damages caused by the property owners' negligence.

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

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Council Future Agenda Items

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Draxler adjourned meeting into closed session at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Ortega
Interim City Clerk