



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
September 1, 2020 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

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	6:50 PM
Martin Devine	Council Member	Present	6:50 PM
Sue Sorensen	Council Member	Present	6:23 PM
Art Brieno	Council Member	Present	6:55 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Vice Mayor	Present	6:50 PM

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was led by Mike Weatherly

FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Draxler led the Flag Salute.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

Mayor Draxler stated that there is nothing to report.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

City Manager Cifuentez announced that he is officially a resident of the City of Hanford. He reported on meetings that he attended, the release of the 2020 Point in Time report by Tulare Kings Homeless Alliance, business licenses issued in August, and the status of the City's recruitment. He also gave an update on the release of the Governors Road map to reopening criteria.

A. Council Comments

Council Member Sorensen reported on the State's Unified Support Team meeting. She also gave an update on Main Street Hanford upcoming events and ideas.

Council Member Brieno thanked Council Member Sorensen for attending the State's Unified Support Team meeting and reporting back to the Council. He also shared his experience with the Santa Cruz fires and he commended the all Firefighters

Council Member Devine reported attending meetings for KCAG, KAPTA, and CALCOG.

Vice Mayor Ramirez had nothing to report.

Mayor Draxler stated that he will be attending the upcoming Kings Waste and Recycle Authority meeting.

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 Askey stated that he is a representative for City Farm Industries and commented on the funding for the finalization of the City Farm Industries Lease.

Bob Ramos questioned the cameras on consent item F. Mr. Ramos also expressed his concerns regarding the pickleball courts being built at Lacey Park.

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.

Mayor Draxler asked that item D and F be pulled from consent calendar.

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

- A. City Clerk: Approval of the Minutes of the July 21, 2020 Meeting
- B. Administration: Introduction and waiver of the first reading of Ordinance 20-10, amending Chapter 2.48.070, Preference for local vendors, to increase the preference threshold from 3% to 5% over competing bids.
- C. Police Department: Approval of the purchase of a 30'X40' steel carport from Hanford Auto Sales to be installed at the National Guard Armory to house police vehicles.

- D. Public Works: Approval of the Notice of Completion for the FY17/18 Pavement Resurfacing Project: Lacey Blvd. from 11th Avenue to Irwin Street, and authorization for the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest and file said Notice with the Kings County Recorder's Office.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Public Works: Authorization for a sole source purchase of twelve (12) Autoscope Vision detection cameras from Econolite of Anaheim, CA in the amount of \$62,791.10.

[Item F] pulled by Bob Ramos

Dir. Doyel provided background information to the Council and answered questions of the Council.

Motion to approve.

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

2. Public Works: Approval of the Notice of Completion for Tract No. 916 Pacific Grove Addition #2 and authorization for the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest and file said Notice with the Kings County Recorder's Office. (12th Avenue & Bristol Lane).

[Item D] Pulled by Director Doyel with no action.

RESULT:	WITHDRAWN
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PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Community Development: APPEAL NO. 2020-01, filed by Cal-Clark Farms, appealing the decision of the Planning Commission on August 11, 2020 to take no action on Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 2020-22 and Vesting Tentative Tract 928. Vesting Tentative Tract 928: A request to subdivide 81.71 acres into 283 residential lots, a 2.25-acre park, and a 4.94-acre basin. The project is located at the southeast corner of Centennial Drive and Fargo Avenue (APN 009-030-158, -005, and -115).

Mayor Draxler opened the Public Hearing at 7:24 pm and asked for the staff report.

Senior Planner, Gabrielle Myers provided the staff report, and Dir. Doyel and Mrs. Myers answered questions from the Council.

IN FAVOR

John Zumwalt a representative of Cal-Clark Farms, thanked the staff for their detailed staff report and mentioned a 4th option.

Larissa, a resident of Vintage Place, spoke in favor of option number 1 and provided the City Clerk with a letter.

Jim Robinson, with San Joaquin Valley Homes, gave a brief background of San Joaquin Valley Homes and provided more detail of option number 1. He also answered questions from the Council. Jim Robinson later responded to public comments.

OPPOSED

A gentleman (no name was stated) spoke in opposition and expressed his concerns for traffic and safety of the children in the area. He also stated that 36 residents have agreed to abandon their property to make Muscat Place a private sub-division with the request of a crash gate on Muscat Place. The gentleman also answered questions from the Council.

Landon Rover stated that he does not want Muscat Place to be open. A resident of Muscat Place spoke in opposition to option 1.

Luction spoke in opposition to the project.

A gentleman (no name was stated) expressed his concerns about increased traffic and public safety.

Dr. Reddy expressed his concerns about increased traffic in the area with Muscat Place being open and stated that he is in favor of option number 3.

City Manager Cifuentez reminded the public and the Council that the Public Hearing is for the project options presented to the Council for approval, and the public comment portion of the public hearing is for the public to state their reasons why they are in favor or opposed to the staff recommendations.

Elizabeth Celstore gave the background of her family and spoke in opposition to option number 1.

A resident of Muscat Place (no name was stated) expressed her concerns about the traffic and safety and she is opposed to Muscat Place being open.

Naheit shared her experience of living on Muscat Place and expressed her concerns regarding traffic and safety.

A gentleman (no name was stated) expressed his concerns about safety and suggested opening up Vintage Place.

Sitcorn, a resident of Fresno, stated that she is the homeowner of a home on Vintage Place, and she enjoyed her experience living in Hanford for fifteen years. She'd like to see the neighborhood kept safe and clean, and she is looking forward to moving back to Hanford in the future.

Ken Celstore shared his concerns about opening up either street.

With no further comments, Mayor Draxler closed the public comments at 8:34 pm.

Mrs. Myers responded to some of the comments made by the public and clarified that option number 4 that was mentioned by John Zumwalt, was not included in the staff report because it has not been evaluated or reviewed by the staff. Dir. Doyel answered further questions from the Council.

The Council addressed some of the public's comments and concerns. Mayor Draxler closed the public hearing at 9:00 p.m.

Motion to adopt resolution 20-23-R, approving Appeal No. 2020-01, overturning the Planning Commission's decisions to take no action on Tentative Tract 928 and Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 2020-22.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Sue Sorensen, Council Member
SECONDER:	Martin Devine, Council Member
AYES:	Draxler, Devine, Sorensen, Ramirez
NAYS:	Brieno

Break 9:05 p.m.- 9:10 p.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. Administration: Discussion and Update on the Kings County COVID-19 Small Business Assistance Program and Update on the meetings with the Unified State Support Team.

Kings County Director of Economic and Workforce Development Director, Lance Lippincott gave an update of the Kings County COVID-19 Small Business Assistance Program. Mr. Lippincott reported a total of 143 applications received from businesses in the City of Hanford. There are 31 businesses under contract and 18 pending applications. The City of Hanford is the only city that has exceeded its allocation. Mr. Lippincott will be recommending to the Board of Supervisors that a reallocation of funding of underspent areas be repurposed to areas with a higher number of applications.

Mayor Draxler suggested that City Manager Cifuentez submit a letter of support to the Board of Supervisors regarding the reallocation of funds available.

Council Member Sorensen reported on the Unified State Support Team meeting.

City Manager Cifuentez gave an update on the Blueprint for a Safer Economy risk level for Kings County. The City will plan to accommodate permanent outdoor dining spaces for the downtown businesses until Kings County moves into the Moderate county risk level, which allow indoor dining.

B. Parks and Community Services: Approval of the purchase and construction of one playground structure at Lakewood Park to BCI Burke in the amount of \$90,448.82.

Parks and Community Services Director Brad Albert presented the Lakewood Park Playground Project. Dir. Albert answered questions from the Council.

Motion to approve the purchase and construction of one playground structure at Lakewood Park to BCI Burke in the amount of \$90, 448.82.

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COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Council Future Agenda Items

Council Member Brieno questioned the update from the Public Health Department official. City Manager Cifuentez stated he requested an update from the Public Health Department and did not receive a response.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Draxler adjourned the regular meeting and reconvened closed session at 9:49 p.m.

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, 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

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Ortega
City Clerk