



## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**September 15, 2020 7:00 PM  
Council Chambers  
400 N. Douty St.**

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

#### **ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK :**

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

#### **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.*

Sherri Graham shared her suggestions of changes she'd like to see in the food truck ordinance.

Diane Sharp shared her suggestions for changes and additions to the food truck ordinance.

#### **STUDY SESSION:**

- A. Presentation by the Hanford Chamber of Commerce to update Council on their current operations and potential Council actions related to the existing Agreement between the Chamber and the City of Hanford.

Executive Director Amory Marple presented the Hanford Chamber of Commerce 30/60/90 2nd Quarter review with new goals and highlights of their progress. Mrs. Marple requested notification of new business licenses being issued by the City, with the goal of offering their free services to new businesses in Hanford.

The Council commended Mrs. Marple on the progress of the organization. Mrs. Marple answered questions from Council Member Sorensen. Mrs. Marple stated that the financial support from the City is still needed by the organization. President John Umscheid answered questions from Council Member Brieno regarding COVID-19 financial assistance and provided the financial status of the organization. Council Member Brieno expressed his concerns of continuing to fund to the Chamber of Commerce. The Council discussed continued funding and the responsibility of the operation and maintenance of the Civic Park Carousel and Freddy the Fire Truck.

City Attorney Ty Mizote addressed the Council's concerns and recommended the Council withdraw the rescission and continue the existing contract.

Motion to rescind the termination letter and continue the existing agreement with the Hanford Chamber of Commerce.

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

- B. Community Development: Presentation of the Proposed Mobile Food Vendors Ordinance and Discussion and Council direction to staff on the proposed ordinance.

Senior Planner Gabrielle Myers began the presentation of the Proposed Mobile Food Vendors Ordinance. City Manager Cifuentez suggested the Council ask any questions they have for Mrs. Myers, rather than continue with the presentation due to the time constraint. He also reminded the Council a Public Hearing for the Mobile Food Vending Ordinance will be held at a future meeting. After much deliberation of restrictions, locations, permit fees, and brick and mortar clarification, the Council provided Mrs. Myers with further direction for the Mobile Food Vending Ordinance. With no further discussion, Mayor Draxler called the regular session to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### **CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- A. Real Property Negotiations (Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: 109 E. 8th Street

Negotiating Party: Hanford Carnegie Museum

Agency Negotiators: Mario Cifuentez and Ty Mizote

- B. Conference with legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4))

1 potential case.

#### **7:00 PM CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:**

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

#### **ROLL CALL:**

| Attendee Name     | Title          | Status  | Arrived |
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| John Draxler      | Mayor          | Present | 5:22 PM |
| Martin Devine     | Council Member | Present | 4:48 PM |
| Sue Sorensen      | Council Member | Present | 4:46 PM |
| Art Brieno        | Council Member | Present | 4:49 PM |
| Francisco Ramirez | Vice Mayor     | Present | 4:47 PM |

#### **INVOCATION:**

Invocation led by Pastor Angie Strafford.

#### **FLAG SALUTE:**

Vice Mayor Ramirez led the Flag Salute.

## CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

The Closed Session will reconvene after the regular meeting.

## RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

### A. PAL Program

Craig Johnson, owner of Salmon's, donated \$1000 to the Hanford PAL program.

## STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager Cifuentez recognized Senior Planner Gabrielle Myers for completing the permit process for permanent outdoor seating for downtown restaurants and outdoor church services. He announced unscheduled vacancies for the Parking and Traffic Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission. He also gave an update on King's County small Business Assistance Program and the Board of Supervisors meeting.

Chief Pendergrass gave an update of statistics on the current California fires.

## COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Council Member Brieno attended the Kings Community Action Organization Board meeting and reported that the organization will be opening up their day care centers.

Council Member Devine gave an update on the CALCOG zoom meeting he attended, and he will be attending LAFCO, KGAG and KAPTA next week.

Vice Mayor Ramirez gave an update on the League of Cities Board of Directors meetings.

Mayor Draxler briefly discussed the Kings Waste and Recycle Authority meeting.

Council Member Sorensen attended the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting and shared some of their events and activities. She briefly discussed her conversation with District 3 Supervisor Doug Verboon. She also addressed a public comment that was made at the previous City Council Meeting regarding pickleball, and clarified that the pickleball project was vetted appropriately, through the proper process.

## 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.*

Michelle Brown commented on the food truck ordinance.

Bob Ramos responded to Council Member Sorensen's comment made during Council Reports and Comments, and he disagreed with the approval process of the pickleball project.

Diane Sharp asked for a definition of requirement number 2 listed on General Business Item A. Ms. Sharp added that Teresa Diaz is doing a great job with the pickleball club.

## 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.*

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

- A. City Clerk: Denial of a claim for damages and authorization for the City Clerk to send out notification of such to Tanner Chennault.
- B. City Clerk: Denial of a claim for damages and authorization for the City Clerk to send out notification of such to Stephanie Macias.
- C. City Clerk: Denial of a claim for damages and authorization for the City Clerk to send out notification of such to Elijah Crockett.
- D. Administration: Second 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.
- E. Administration: Adoption of Administration Regulation 1.31, which creates a formal process for classification changes for City of Hanford personnel.
- F. Public Works: Approval of the Suggested Routes to School plans for Frontier Elementary School, Pioneer Elementary School, and Pioneer Middle School for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year.
- G. Public Works: Introduction of Ordinance No. 20-11, an amendment to Section 10.16.130(B) of the City of Hanford Municipal Code, to prohibit parking at any time on East Third Street from 9th Avenue to East end, both sides.
- H. Public Works: Authorization for the Director of Public Works to send a letter to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), requesting the Extension of Services to the proposed temporary / permanent housing project in the County without annexation by the City of Hanford (10th Avenue south of Hanford Armona Road).

## PUBLIC HEARINGS:

## GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Police: Approval of an Amendment to Municipal Code Section 5.56.330 (E) (Operating Requirements for non-storefront retail) to will allow for an increase in the storage capacity for on-site cannabis contingent upon the operator meeting additional security requirements.

Chief Sever gave a summary of the proposed amendment to the Municipal Code Section 5.56.330 and invited questions from the Council. Council Member Devine asked for a definition of the 24-hour security requirement. Chief Sever clarified that security measures at non-storefront sites are different. Some will have 24-hour security guards, some will have guards during operating hours only, and no product is allowed on-site while a

non-storefront is unattended unless the product is secure in a vault. The Police Department will also have access to security cameras on-site.

Motion to approve the amendment to Municipal Code Section 5.56.330 (E) (Operating Requirements for non-storefront retail) to will allow for an increase in the storage capacity for on-site cannabis contingent upon the operator meeting additional security requirements.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [4 TO 1]</b>           |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Francisco Ramirez, Vice Mayor      |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Sue Sorensen, Council Member       |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Draxler, Devine, Sorensen, Ramirez |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | Brieno                             |

B. Public Works: Authorization to purchase Storm Drainage Basin property from Hanford Investments, LP, for \$539,708.40. (12 1/2 Avenue north of the UP Railroad.), appropriation of an \$489,708.40 from the Storm Drainage Reserves to cover the cost of the acquisition, and authorization for the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to attest and file with the Kings County Recorder's Office upon completion of appropriate documents.

Public Works Director John Doyel provided background information for the Council review and consideration. Council Member Brieno expressed his concerns regarding the appraisal and negotiated purchase price. Dir. Doyel responded to questions and comments by the City Council.

Motion to approve Authorization to purchase Storm Drainage Basin property from Hanford Investments, LP, for \$539,708.40. (12 1/2 Avenue north of the UP Railroad.), appropriation of an \$489,708.40 from the Storm Drainage Reserves to cover the cost of the acquisition, and authorization for the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to attest and file with the Kings County Recorder's Office upon completion of appropriate documents.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [3 TO 2]</b>      |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Sue Sorensen, Council Member  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Martin Devine, Council Member |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Draxler, Devine, Sorensen     |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | Brieno, Ramirez               |

## **COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

### **A. Council Future Agenda Items**

Mayor Draxler suggested a special meeting for the Courthouse discussion. City Manager Cifuentez will follow up with a future date for a Special Meeting.

No Council Members will be attending the 2020 League of California Cities Annual Conference.

City Manager Cifuentez announced that he will be attending the League of California Cities Annual Conference.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Draxler adjourned the regular meeting at 8:07 p.m. and reconvened to Closed Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Ortega  
City Clerk