



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
October 6, 2020 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

CALL TO ORDER STUDY AND CLOSED SESSION:

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

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.*

Jack Swartz announced the incorporation of the Carnegie Museum of Kings County non-profit organization. The new non-profit organization is not affiliated with the group that has been operating the museum. A letter of intent has been submitted to the City of Hanford to operate a community museum. The new organization would like to work with the City to assess the physical condition of the building and enter a new lease that will be good for the City, the non-profit, and the community.

Vice President of the Carnegie Museum of Kings County non-profit organization, Evan Gelsi gave his background and he is excited to begin working for the new non-profit organization.

David Ayers gave background of his experience with the board members of the Carnegie Museum of Kings County non-profit organization and expressed the importance of preserving the Carnegie Museum.

Wilma Humason commented on the Carnegie Museum.

Diane Sharp brought in some antique Hanford memorabilia items to share with the Council and public.

STUDY SESSION:

A. Presentation and Council direction on proposed amendments to the City of Hanford's Parks ordinance.

Police Chief Parker Sever presented Additional Rules Governing City Parks and provided background information. Chief Sever emphasized the importance of addressing the homeless issue now because of the challenges that the police department is having with homeless people. He clarified the ordinance will prohibit camping in the park and cannot be enforced between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. if there are no shelter spaces available. The goal is to find a balance between the needs of the community and the needs of the homeless. Chief Sever also discussed tents, shelter structures, homeless shelters, and storage of the personal property of homeless

people. He responded to questions and comments from the Council. The Council directed staff to include all city property (parks, basins, and sites on City property) in the Parks ordinance.

B. Parks & Community Services: Review and Council direction regarding the proposed Civic Park Site Improvements for the new Playground

Parks and Community Services Director Brad Albert presented Civic Park Site Improvements. Council Member Sorensen expressed her concerns about narrowing the walkway area on Irwin Street. The Council discussed the removing the grass area by the carousel and possibly adding tables in place of some of the benches that were presented. Dir. Albert will present the playground structure designs to the Council at a future date. The Council directed staff to move forward with the project with the suggested plan modifications.

CLOSED SESSION:

A. Conference with Legal Counsel-Real Property Negotiations (GC 54956.8)

Property: APNs 014-230-035-000, 014-230-000
Agency Negotiators: Mario Cifuentez, Brad Albert, Ty Mizote
Negotiating Party: Ernie Costamagna

Property: 109 E. 8th Street
Agency Negotiators: Mario Cifuentez, Ty Mizote,
Negotiating Party: Hanford 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	4:11 PM
Martin Devine	Council Member	Present	4:11 PM
Sue Sorensen	Council Member	Present	4:21 PM
Art Brieno	Council Member	Present	4:11 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Vice Mayor	Present	4:11 PM

INVOCATION:

The invocation was led by Cristian Alva.

FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Draxler led the Flag Salute.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

City Attorney Ty Mizote reported no action was taken on the first item on the Closed Session. The regular meeting will adjourn to closed session to review the second item.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager Cifuentez announced that he will be attending the League of Cities Annual Virtual Conference. He reported on Kings County current COVID-19 status and thanked the Hanford Chamber of Commerce, Main Street Hanford and The Greater Kings County Chamber for their efforts with COVID-19 mobile testing sites. He also introduced the Interim Finance Director, Eric Frost.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Vice Mayor Ramirez had nothing to report

Council Member Devine had nothing to report.

Council Member Brieno suggested putting up a banner over Seventh Street in recognition of the new California State University Chancellor Dr. Joseph Castro. He'd also like to present him with a proclamation at a future Council Meeting.

Council Member Sorensen attended the Main Street Hanford Board of Directors meeting and commended them for their creative efforts with their events.

Mayor Draxler attended the KWRA meeting and League of Cities Virtual Annual Conference. He also clarified why he refers to Council Members by their first name.

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.

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Tulare Kings Hispanic Chamber of Commerce President of the Executive Board of Directors, Carlos Mendoza, presented the City Council with a "Proud Member of Tulare Kings Hispanic Chamber of Commerce" plaque.

Christina (last name not stated) commented on the 18 acres adjacent to Hidden Valley Park.

Steven (last name not stated) would like to see Hidden Valley Park extending into the 18 acres.

Michael Stoddard commented on the 18 acres adjacent to Hidden Valley Park.

Judy Toonison would like to see Hidden Valley Park expanded into the 18 acres adjacent to Hidden Valley Park.

Joe Castaneda spoke on behalf of Katherine Hill. Mr. Castaneda read Mrs. Hill's letter that addressed the 18 acres adjacent to Hidden Valley Park.

Mark Pratter commented on the Save our Parkland initiative and he shared comments he has received from the public regarding the 18 acres adjacent to Hidden Valley Park.

A gentleman (no name was stated) expressed his concerns regarding the use of the 18 acres adjacent to Hidden Valley Park.

Marilynn Peterson lives near Hidden Valley Park and she shared a story about Hidden Valley Park and she'd like to see Hidden Valley Park expanded.

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.

Council Member Sorensen requested that Item E be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

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

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

- A. PROCEDURAL WAIVER: Waive reading in full of resolution and ordinances and approval and adoption of same by reading title only.
- B. City Clerk: Approval of the Minutes of the August 4, 2020 Meeting
- C. City Clerk: Denial of a claim for damages and authorization for the City Clerk to send out notification of such to Bradley Smith-Glen.
- D. City Clerk: Denial of a claim for damages and authorization for the City Clerk to send out notification of such to The Gas Company.
- E. 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.
- F. Public Works: Approval of the Notice of Completion for the FY 19/20 Manhole Raising 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.
- G. Public Works: Authorization for the City Manager to sign the attached ISA Acceptance and Waiver Letter for the State of California as it relates to the relinquishment of state right-of-way to the City of Hanford at 12th Avenue and the Union Pacific Railroad.
- H. Public Works: Approval of a Use Agreement with Lakeside Ditch Company to allow for the discharge pumping of Well No. 50, located at 9th Avenue and Hanford Armona Road, and Authorization for the City Manager to execute the Agreement.
- I. Public Works: Approval of the purchase and installation of a new pump control panel and associated equipment in the amount of \$22,278.00 from Telstar Instruments, of Hanford, Ca for Storm Drain Lift Station No. 49 (Sixth Street and 10th Avenue)
- J. Public Works: Second reading 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.

- K. Public Works: Second 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.
- L. Public Works: Approval of the purchase of a new 200 HP motor for the wastewater aeration basin from Turnupseed Electric Supply of Tulare, CA in an amount not to exceed \$38,771.74.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Police: Approval of the sole-source purchase of the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) software from Sunridge systems in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 and authorization to transfer funding from Fund 1511 to Fund 1512 and adjust the appropriation limits for each fund accordingly.

[Item E] Pulled by Council Member Sorensen.

Council Member Sorensen expressed her concerns regarding the police departments training and the training budget. Chief Sever explained that officers have been unable to travel to attend training due to COVID-19. Mandated police officer training courses have been deferred. Next year the Police Department is required to go to (National Incident-Based Reporting System) NIBRS, to report crime stats and is mandated. The Police Department is under budget in training and travel and would like to utilize the budget to fund the NIBRS compliance. He also clarified that there is continued in-house training and the department will begin using the approved force training simulator next month.

Motion to approve the sole-source purchase of the National Incident Based Reporting System software from Sunridge Systems in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 and authorization to transfer funding from Fund 1511 to Fund 1512 and adjust the appropriation limit for each fund accordingly.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Community Development: Zone Text Amendment No. 2020-02, a request by the City of Hanford to: - Amend Title 5, adding Chapter 5.64, establishing operating conditions for mobile food vendors; Amend Title 10, Section 10.14.140 conditions for use of public right-of-way by peddlers and vendors was amended to reference the requirements of Section 5.64; Amend Title 17, Section 17.08.030 – Commercial, Office, and Industrial Zone Use Table of the Hanford Municipal Code by adding Mobile Vendors as a temporary use in all commercial zones; Amend Title 17, Section 17.76 to allow mobile vendors as a temporary use; and Amend Title 17, Section 17.96 to amend the definition of mobile food vendor and food trucks. Location: Citywide.

Mayor Draxler called for the Staff Report at 7:51 p.m. Senior Planner Gabrielle Myers presented the Zone Text Amendment No. 2020-02. The Staff has incorporated the September 15th City Council Study Session feedback into the proposed ordinance. Mrs. Meyers answered questions from the Council.

Mayor Draxler opened public comment at 8:11p.m.

IN-FAVOR

Keith Jefferson, previous owner of Jefferson Hot Wings spoke in favor and expressed his concerns regarding the conditional use permit.

Michelle Brown asked a question regarding the conditional use permit and she commented on the restrictions and limitations of food trucks in Civic Park.

OPPOSED

No comments

Mayor Draxler closed public comment at 8:17 p.m.

The Council further discussed the Civic Park restrictions, Civic Park reservation fees, temporary use permits, conditional use permit, and fire extinguisher inspections. The Council directed staff to move forward with the proposed ordinance with an amendment to eliminate the day restriction for operation in Civic Park.

Motion to introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance No. 20-12, approving Municipal Code Amendment No. 2020-02.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Fire Department: Approval of the updated Automatic Aid Agreement between the Hanford Fire Department and Kings County Fire Department and Authorization for the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City

Fire Chief Steve Pendergrass briefly discussed the Kings County Fire Department Automatic Aid Agreement Update and answered questions from Council.

Motion to approve.

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

- B. Public Works: Approval of a professional services agreement with the firm of Akel Engineering Group, Inc., of Fresno, Ca., for preparation of the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan in an amount not to exceed \$33,772.00; and appropriate \$33,772.00 from the Water Capital Reserve Fund to fully fund the project.

Public Works Director John Doyel briefly discussed Professional Services Agreement for Preparations of 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and answered questions from the Council.

Motion to approve professional services agreement with the firm of Akel Engineering Group, Inc. for preparation of the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan in an amount not to exceed \$33,772 and appropriate \$33,772 from the Water Capital Reserve Fund to fully fund the project.

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

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Council Member Brieno suggested utilizing his budgeted travel/training funds for other services or items that can benefit the community and he would like to use his funds for a recognition banner for Dr. Joseph Castro.

It was consensus of the Council to bring back the discussion of utilization of unused travel/training funds for other services or items.

A. Council Future Agenda Items

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Draxler adjourned the meeting to reconvene the Closed Session at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Ortega
City Clerk