



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**November 17, 2020 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

5:30 PM CALL TO ORDER STUDY SESSION:

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

ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK :

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

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.*

None.

STUDY SESSION :

- A. Presentation by the Hanford Chamber of Commerce to update Council on their current operations.

The Hanford Chamber of Commerce Director Amory Marple presented a quarterly status report and announced upcoming events. Mrs. Marple thanked Mayor Draxler, Council Member Sorensen, and Chief Pendergrass for their support and participation in their recent events. She also gave an overview of their financial status. Ms. Marple answered questions from Council Member Brieno. The Council commended Ms. Marple on her efforts during the pandemic and thanked her for the update.

Chief Steve Pendergrass announced the Fire Departments promotions that have taken place throughout the year. The Fire Department recently recognized the promoted Firefighters at a Badge Pinning Celebration event held on November 5th, in the Civic Auditorium.

- B. Update on project Homekey and review of possible actions to address the lack of housing for homeless individuals in Kings County

Michelle Smith, of the Kings-Tulare Homeless Alliance, and the Kings County Human Services Agency Director Sanja Bugay presented the update of Project Homekey. Mrs. Smith presented the current state of homelessness in the City of Hanford. She also provided statistics for Hanford, Kings County, and State of California. Ms. Smith emphasized that more affordable housing is needed to address homelessness in Kings County. Ms. Bugay presented an overview of Kings County Homeless Collaborative Gap Analysis and background of the Project Homekey program with key facts. She stressed that a funding timeline with expenditures needs to be created by December 31, 2020 to receive funding from the State. The Kings County

Human Services Agency will be moving forward with the purchase and renovation of the Stardust Motel located at 8595 Lacey Blvd., to be used for permanent housing. Mayor Draxler stated that the Council is supportive of the project and thanked Ms. Smith and Ms. Bugay for their presentation.

Mayor Draxler called for a five-minute break.

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Draxler called the regular session to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John Draxler	Mayor	Present	5:25 PM
Martin Devine	Council Member	Present	5:16 PM
Sue Sorensen	Council Member	Present	5:23 PM
Art Brieno	Council Member	Present	5:25 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Vice Mayor	Present	5:20 PM

INVOCATION:

The invocation was led by Pastor Mike Weatherly

FLAG SALUTE:

Vice Mayor Ramirez led the Flag salute.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

A. Fire Department Promotions

Fire Chief Steve Pendergrass announced the promotions during the Study Session.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager Cifuentez gave an update of Kings County COVID-19 status with restrictions and guidelines.

Parks and Community Services Director Brad Albert gave an update of the Prop 68 Community meetings. Director Albert was pleased with the attendance and the community engagement. He also invited the Council Members to attend the upcoming meetings.

Chief Sever reported that the Food for Fines fundraiser will begin in December.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Council Member Brieno attended the Mid-Kings River GSA 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.

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Melissa Avalos thanked and recognized Parks Supervisor Ivan Nicar and the Parks and Community Services staff for their immediate assistance.

Rand Martin of Caliva, announced the opening of the Hanford store. He also introduced the Caliva staff, Robert Brown, Bobby Hernandez, and Alex Hernandez.

Bob Ramos commented on the leaf pick up service. He also expressed his concerns regarding the cannabis dispensary opening in Hanford.

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.

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 resolutions and ordinance and approval and adoption of same by reading title only.
- B. City Clerk: Approval of the Minutes of the September 1, 2020 Meeting
- C. City Clerk: Approval of the Minutes of the September 15, 2020 Meeting
- D. Parks and Community Services: Adoption of the City of Hanford Naming/Renaming Policy for City facilities, properties and improvements.
- E. Community Development: Historic Resources Permit 2020-02: a request to construct a manager's suite at the Irwin Street Inn. The property is designated as a contributing building outside of the Historic Overlay Zone. The project is located at 522 N. Irwin St. (APN 010-235-012).
- F. Community Development: Adoption of the Revised RESOLUTION NO. 20-18-R; Supporting an Application for Funding from the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development Permanent Supporting Housing Program (PLHA).
- G. Public Works: Acceptance of the Grant Deed from Stuart A. Clark, President of Cal-Clark Farms, Inc., Dated August 11, 2020 for street widening purposes at Stagecoach Drive and 13th Avenue.
- H. Public Works: Acceptance of a Grant of Easement from Implacable Properties, LLC., dated October 15, 2020 for street widening purposes at Alpine Drive between Houston and Hume Avenue.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. Administration: Approval of the revised Standard Airport Lease Agreement to be used for all future Land and Facility leases at the Hanford Municipal Airport

City Manager Cifuentez presented an overview of the revised Airport lease agreement. The lease has been updated with new insurance requirements and clarification of the reversion of improvements upon termination of the lease. City Manager Cifuentez answered questions from the Council.

Motion to approve the revised Standard Airport Lease Agreement.

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

B. Finance: Adoption of Resolution No. 20-29, stating the City's intent on a General Fund balanced budget and emergency reserve policies

Interim Finance Director Eric Frost discussed the finance policies that he presented at the November 3rd City Council meeting. He also gave an overview on the General Fund balanced budget and emergency reserves policies. Dir. Frost answered questions from the Council.

Motion to adopt Resolution 20-29-R.

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

C. Police: Introduction of Ordinance No. 20-14. replacing Section 8.24 of the City's Municipal code, in its entirety, thereby adopting the new Shopping Cart Regulations.

Police Chief Sever presented the new Shopping Cart Ordinance with statistics of carts recovered in August through September. Chief Sever emphasized that the current ordinance does not address the issues that the police department is encountering. Chief Sever answered questions from the Council.

The Council directed Chief Server to move forward with recommended fee of \$5.00 for each shopping cart collected.

Motion to move Ordinance 20-14 to the second reading.

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

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Council Future Agenda Items

It was a consensus of the Council to direct City Manager Cifuentez to prepare a letter of support for the Project Homekey.

The Council discussed Kings County current COVID-19 case status. Mayor Draxler announced that the Council will continue to have live streamed in person meetings.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Draxler adjourned the meeting 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Corral
City Clerk