



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
December 15, 2020 6:00 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

Video Teleconference via Zoom. Council Members attended remotely.

6:00 PM CALL TO ORDER STUDY:

Mayor Draxler called the Study Session to order at 6:00 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.

Bill Grimm commented on the letter that he emailed to the Council Members earlier in the day.

STUDY SESSION:

Presentation by the Kings County Human Services Agency on the proposed Kings Triangle Courtyard Project

Human Services Director, Sanya Bugay, presented the Project Homekey Kings Triangle Courtyard project that was awarded State funding of up to \$4.6 million. Ms. Bugay discussed the strict project timeline, participating agencies and the budget. The project was approved by the Kings County Board of Supervisors and the Kings County Human Services Agency will be moving forward on it. The Kings County Human Services Agency requested that the City Council fund or waive the estimated City Impact fees of \$208,076 and expedite any City reviews and approvals of water and sewer infrastructure plans and permits. City Manager Cifuentez explained that the impact fees cannot be waived, and general fund dollars would need to be used to contribute to the project. Public Works Director John Doyel explained the departments project review process and the City cannot commit to expediting the processes due to the use of contractors, and the time it will take for them to complete their work. The staff and Council discussed funding the impact fees from the General fund and the benefits to the community that the project will provide. Ms. Bugay stated that the contractors are motivated to work with the City to stick to a strict timeline to help expedite the process. City Attorney Ty Mizote reiterated that the impact fees cannot be waived and city will need to utilize its own funds to make up the difference. It was a consensus of the Council to support the project and fund the impact fees.

Motion to appropriate funding from the General Fund to cover the costs for the impact fees in support of the Kings Triangle Courtyard project.

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

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	5:55 PM
Martin Devine	Council Member	Present	5:45 PM
Sue Sorensen	Council Member	Present	5:55 PM
Art Brieno	Council Member	Present	5:50 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Vice Mayor	Present	5:55 PM

INVOCATION:

The invocation was led by Pastor Thomas King

FLAG SALUTE:

The Flag Salute was led by Mayor Draxler.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

City Manager Cifuentez presented gifts to outgoing Council Members, Martin Devine and Sue Sorensen.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager Cifuentez gave a COVID-19 status update. He attended a meeting with Senator Hurtado's staff. He also recognized the Department heads for their hard work and efforts during the pandemic.

Police Chief Sever announced that Operation Red Reaper was selected by the FBI as one of the Top 30 gang investigations in the Nation.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Vice Mayor Ramirez attended the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Council Member Brieno commented on a Fresno Bee article.

Mayor Draxler attended the EDOC zoom meeting.

Council Member Sorensen attended the HEAP Organization 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.*

Bob Ramos commented on the warrant register, the agenda format, the Carnegie Museum and on the Vice Mayors history and background. He also requested that item E be pulled from the consent calendar.

City Manager Cifuentez explained why the Warrant register is no longer included on the Consent Calendar.

Mark Pratter requested that item E be pulled from the consent calendar. He also expressed his concerns regarding the approval of establishing a fee for the processing of Citizen's Initiatives.

Nathan Vosberg, Former Mayor of Coalinga congratulated the newly elected City Council Members. He also recommended Vice Mayor Ramirez to be the next Mayor for the City of Hanford.

Michelle Brown thanked the Council for all of their hard work and support to Main Street Hanford. She also congratulated the newly elected Council Members.

Emily Bernnias congratulated the newly elected Council Members and she commended Vice Mayor Ramirez for his hard work and efforts in helping the community during the pandemic.

Daniel Bryant expressed his concerns regarding school closures.

Rebecca Bell asked if the City will be hosting any community activities soon. Parks and Community Services Director Albert responded to Ms. Bell's question.

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.

Bob Ramos and Mark Pratter requested to pull Item E [Adoption of Resolution 20-42-R, establishing a fee for the processing of Citizen's Initiatives].

Council Member Sorensen requested to pull Item G [Historic Resources Permit].

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Francisco Ramirez, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Sue Sorensen, Council Member
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 October 6, 2020 Meeting
- C. City Clerk: Approval of the Minutes of the October 21, 2020 Special Meeting

- D. Administration: Approval of the purchase of thirty (30) laptops and docking stations from Dell Inc, in the amount of \$42,410.85, and appropriation of the funding from the Computer Maintenance Fund to cover the cost of the purchase.
- E. Administration: Approval of the City of Hanford salary schedules.
- F. Public Works: Acceptance of a Grant of Easement from Cal Clark Farms, Inc. for the placement of utilities at Sangiovese Street between Napa Drive and Vintage Place.
- G. Public Works: Adoption of Resolution Nos., 20-40-R Initiation of Landscape Assessment District Proceedings and 20-41-R Intention to Levy Assessments and Confirmation of Engineer's Report for Landscape Assessment District 20-01 located at 13th Avenue and Devon Street, and set February 2, 2021 as the Public Hearing date.
- H. Public Works: Approval of a Notice of Completion for the FY 19/20 Fiberized Micro Surface Treatment 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.

Items pulled from Consent:

- 1. Administration: Adoption of Resolution 20-42-R, establishing a fee for the processing of Citizen's Initiatives by the City Clerk's office

[Item E] Pulled by Bob Ramos and Mark Pratter.

City Manager Cifuentez discussed the reasons for the request to establish a fee for the processing of Citizens Initiatives.

Motion to table the adoption of Resolution 20-45-R.

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 2]
MOVER:	Art Brieno, Council Member
SECONDER:	Francisco Ramirez, Vice Mayor
AYES:	Devine, Brieno, Ramirez
NAYS:	Draxler, Sorensen

- 2. Community Development: Historic Resources Permit 2020-03 - a request to modify the exterior of vacant apartment units, located at 304 N. Harris Street within the Historic Overlay Zone. The property is designated as a non-contributing building. (APN 010-276-006)

[Item G] Pulled by Council Member Sorensen.

Senior Planner Gabrielle Myers presented the Historic Resource Permit 2020-03 and responded to questions from the Council. Mayor Draxler clarified that the item that was brought up in public comment is separate from Item G, he also suggested that Mr. Grimm contact staff directly. The Council discussed the history of the vacant apartment units and the additional request from Mr. Grimm. Council Member Brieno and Mayor Draxler expressed their concerns regarding Mr. Grimm's understanding of the current permit and suggested tabling the adoption of Resolution 20-31-R until a future meeting.

Motion to table adoption of Resolution 20-31-R.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Community Development: Approval of the 2019/2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)

Mayor Draxler opened the public hearing at 8:07 p.m. and called for the staff report. Administrative Analyst Sandra Lerma presented the staff report and answered questions from Council.

IN-FAVOR

None.

OPPOSED

None.

Motion to approve the 2019/2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. City Clerk: Adoption of Resolution 20-39-R, Declaring Canvass of Results of the Votes Cast and Statement of Election Results.

Motion to approve adoption of Resolution 20-39-R.

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

B. Swearing In/Administer Oath of Office to Kalish Morrow and Diane Sharp

Riverside County Board of Supervisors, Jeff Hewitt administered the Oath of office to Kalish Morrow.

Kings County Superior Court Judge, Randy Edwards administered the Oath of office to Diane Sharp.

C. Reorganizing of the City Council - Selection of the Mayor and Vice Mayor

Council Member Brieno nominated Francisco Ramirez for Mayor, Council Member Morrow seconded the nomination. With 4 yeses and 1 abstention by Council Member Sharp, Francisco Ramirez was appointed Mayor.

Council Member Draxler nominated Diane Sharp for Vice Mayor, Council Member Morrow seconded the nomination. With 3 yeses, 1 abstention by Mayor Ramirez, and 1 no by Council Member Brieno, Diane Sharp was appointed Vice Mayor.

D. Finance: Adoption of the City of Hanford 2020-21 Investment Policy, Delegation of Investment Authority and Presentation of the Quarterly Report and Monthly Investment Transaction Report

Interim Finance Director Eric Frost presented the City Investment Policy and answered questions from the Council.

Due to technical difficulties during the presentation a motion to table the adoption of the City of Hanford 2020-21 Investment Policy, introduced by Council Member Brieno, Motion not seconded; motion failed.

Mayor Ramirez called for a 5-minute recess at 8:45 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:50 p.m. and Director Frost continued the presentation and answered questions from the Council.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Diane Sharp, Council Member
SECONDER:	John Draxler, Council Member
AYES:	Draxler, Sharp, Morrow, Brieno, Ramirez

E. Police: Introduction of Ordinance No. 20-15 approving the addition Section 12.20 to Title 12 of the Municipal Code, thereby adding Rules for City Parks and City Properties to govern acceptable use of these properties by the public.

Police Chief Sever briefly discussed Ordinance 20-15, and answered questions from the Council.

Motion, approve the introduction of Ordinance No. 20-15 and move to a second reading.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Draxler, Council Member
SECONDER:	Art Brieno, Council Member
AYES:	Draxler, Sharp, Morrow, Brieno, Ramirez

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Council Future Agenda Items

Council Member Brieno questioned the unfunded pension liabilities. City Manager Cifuentez assured the Council that staff has prepared an analysis that will be presented to the Council at a Study Session in January.

Council Member Morrow would like to discuss more support for small businesses at a future City Council meeting.

Mayor Ramirez recognized Council Member Draxler for doing a phenomenal job during his time as the Mayor.

Motion to allow Council Member Brieno to make a statement in closed session before the discussion begins, introduced by Council Member Morrow; seconded by Mayor Ramirez. Motion approved 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Ramirez adjourned to closed session at 9:09 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (GC 54956.9(d)(2))

One potential case.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

No action reported.

Respectfully Submitted,

Natalie Corral
City Clerk