



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**January 19, 2021 7:00 PM
Hanford Civic Auditorium
400 N. Douty St**

4:30 PM CALL TO ORDER STUDY AND CLOSED SESSION :

Mayor Ramirez called the Study and Closed Session to order at 4:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK :

Present: Francisco Ramirez, Kalish Morrow, Diane Sharp, John Draxler, Art Brieno

PUBLIC COMMENT :

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None.

STUDY SESSION:

A. FIRE: Presentation of the CA-OES Engine for Council viewing

Fire Chief Steve Pendergrass presented the CA OES Fire Engine for the Council to view and tour.

B. Presentation from the Kings County Association of Government (KCAG) regarding current projects and the Commission's activities

Terri King, Executive Director of Kings County Association of Government (KCAG) provided an overview of the organization. She discussed the history of the agency, commission activities, funding sources, projects, and budgets. Ms. King also discussed the preparation of the 20-year Regional Transportation Plan, other major functions and services that KCAG provides to other agencies and the City of Hanford. With no further discussion, Mayor Ramirez thanked Ms. King for the presentation.

C. Finance: Presentation regarding the City of Hanford's California Public Employee Retirement System (CalPERS) pension obligations and projected cost.

Interim Finance Director Eric Frost discussed CalPERS pension obligations, the projected cost and an overview of the city's pension plans. Dir. Frost answered questions from the Council. Mayor Ramirez thanked Dir. Frost for his presentation and adjourned to closed session 5:54 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

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

Property: 109 E. Eighth

Agency Negotiators: Mario Cifuentes, Ty Mizote

Negotiating Party: Carnegie Museum of Kings County

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

No action reported.

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Ramirez called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John Draxler	Council Member	Present	4:12 PM
Diane Sharp	Vice Mayor	Present	4:09 PM
Art Brieno	Council Member	Present	4:10 PM
Kalish Morrow	Council Member	Present	4:12 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Mayor	Present	4:08 PM

IX. INVOCATION:

The invocation was led by Pastor Mike Weatherly.

FLAG SALUTE:

Vice Mayor Sharp led the Flag salute.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager Mario Cifuentes provided a COVID-19 vaccine update. He recognized the Chamber of Commerce as a good resource for the recent new business inquiries that the City has received. He also announced the upcoming date for the City Councils Goals and Objectives meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Vice Mayor Sharp attended orientation meetings with the city's department heads, she also attended online training and several community events.

Council Member Brieno had nothing to report.

Council Member Morrow attended orientations with the city's department heads and the grand opening for Caliva.

Council Member Draxler attended the grand opening for Caliva. He also participated in Griswold LaSalle's on-line training.

Mayor Ramirez attended the grand opening for Caliva, and he announced the monthly Hanford Chamber of Commerce event that he will be participating in.

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Bob Ramos congratulated the new Council Members and Mayor Ramirez. He also commented on the warrant register.

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 Brieno requested to pull Item E [Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Grant for Housing].

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Art Brieno, Council Member
SECONDER:	John Draxler, Council Member
AYES:	Draxler, Sharp, Brieno, Morrow, 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 20, 2020 Meeting
- C. City Clerk: Approval of the Minutes of the November 3, 2020 Meeting
- D. City Clerk: Denial of a claim for damages and authorization for the City Clerk to send out notification of such to Jaime Cleaves
- E. Police: Second Reading of Ordinance No. 20-15 approving the addition to 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.
- F. Public Works: Approval of a Notice of Completion for the Well 41/38 Improvement 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. Finance: Acceptance of the Monthly Investment Transaction Report for December 2020

Items pulled from consent:

1. Community Development: Resolution 21-02-R supporting an Application for Funding from the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Program.

[Item E] Pulled by Council Member Brieno.

Senior Planner Gabrielle Myers discussed the funding application for a non-competitive grant to assist with planning initiatives and projects.

Motion to adopt Resolution 21-02-R.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Parks and Community Services: Award of a contract to Bush Engineering, Inc., of Hanford, CA for the Base Bid amount of \$171,152.00 for the Civic Park Playground Site Improvements and Approval of an additional appropriation of \$53,909.00 from the Parks Impact Fund and an additional \$47,717.00 from the Accumulated Capital Outlay Fund to fully fund the project

Parks and Community Services Director Brad Albert presented the Civic Park Playground Site Improvements and clarified that the presentation is for the improvements for the approved playground structure at Civic Park. He also provided the Council with an updated budget. Vice Mayor Sharp would like to visit the area of the park before deciding. Council Member Brieno questioned the budget and he expressed his concerns regarding the new budget. Council Member Brieno recommended that the item be tabled or rejected. He also expressed his concerns regarding existing parks that need improvements. Council Member Morrow agreed with Council Member Brieno. Council Member Draxler commented on the bid process, and he expressed concerns regarding rejecting the bid. Public Works Director John Doyel discussed the background of the project and explained that through the process, the budget has significantly increased due to the specific design of the playground. Dir. Doyel also shared his insight into similar projects. With no further discussion, Mayor Ramirez invited a motion for the Council.

Motion to deny the award of contract was introduced by Council Member Brieno. Motion not seconded; motion failed.

Motion to approve the recommendation as presented was introduced by Council Member Draxler. Motion not seconded; motion failed.

Motion to table the item until February 2, 2021, was introduced by Vice Mayor Sharp. Motion seconded by Council Member Morrow.

RESULT:	TABLED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Diane Sharp, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Kalish Morrow, Council Member
AYES:	Sharp, Brieno, Morrow, Ramirez
NAYS:	Draxler

- B. Parks and Community Services: Rejection of all bids for Citywide Maintenance of Landscape Assessment Districts, Approval of a month-to-month contract extension with Clean Cut Landscaping to continue landscape maintenance within Quadrants 1-4, and approval of a Sole Source Contract with Willdan Financial for services to analyze and make recommendations for LAD's.

Parks and Community Services Director Brad Albert Presented the Land Assessment District strategy with 39 Landscape Assessment Districts throughout the City limits, that are organized into four quadrants. Dir. Albert discussed the phases, the cost, and benefits of the proposed services by Willdan Financial Services. The Council discussed the cost of living in the districts and the fund deficit. Vice Mayor Sharp and Council Member Draxler spoke in favor of the presented recommendations. Both Council Members Morrow and Brieno expressed their concerns regarding the cost to contract Willdan Financial, and they would like to see the item brought back to the Council in the future for review and consideration.

Motion to approve and be funded by the Landscape Assessment Districts.

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 2]
MOVER:	John Draxler, Council Member
SECONDER:	Diane Sharp, Vice Mayor
AYES:	Draxler, Sharp, Ramirez
NAYS:	Brieno, Morrow

- C. Public Works: Appropriation of \$72,409.52 from the Water Capital Reserve Fund for the advance of funding to purchase and install new well equipment from Valley Pump & Dairy Systems, Inc of Armona with the expectation that the funds will be reimbursed by SCE through the SCE Incentive Grant and Loan programs.

Public Works Director John Doyel briefly discussed the appropriation from the Water Capital Fund for the advance funding to purchase and install the new well equipment with the expectation that it will be recovered from the SCE Incentive Grant and Loan Program after the project is complete.

Motion to approve.

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

- D. Finance: Review and Approval of Annual Report for Development Impact Fees Pertaining to City of Hanford Impact Fees for Parks, Transportation, Fire Protection, Police Protection, Storm Water System, Water System, Wastewater System, and Refuse & Recycling.

Interim Finance Director Eric Frost presented the Annual Impact Fee Report for review and consideration. Dir. Frost invited questions from the Council.

Motion to approve the Annual Report for Development Impact Fees.

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

E. Council: Receive and discuss the list of committees and boards that have City Council representation directly appointed by the Council and make Appointments as appropriate.

Mayor Ramirez made the following appointments of Council representatives:

Parks and Recreation

Francisco Ramirez

Kalish Morrow (alternate)

Parking and Traffic Commission

John Draxler

Francisco Ramirez (alternate)

Planning Commission

Kalish Morrow

Francisco Ramirez (alternate)

League of California Cities

John Draxler

Francisco Ramirez (alternate)

Kings Economic Development Corporation

Kalish Morrow

Francisco Ramirez (alternate)

Kings County Association of Governments

Diane Sharp

Francisco Ramirez (alternate)

Kings County Area Public Transit Agency (KART)

Diane Sharp

Francisco Ramirez (alternate)

Kings County Abandoned Vehicle Authority

Diane Sharp

Francisco Ramirez (alternate)

Kings Community Action Organization (KCAO)

Francisco Ramirez

Diane Sharp (alternate)

Kings Waste and Recycling Authority (KWRA)

John Draxler

Francisco Ramirez (alternate)

Cross Valley Rail Joint Powers Authority

Diane Sharp

Kalish Morrow (alternate)

Special City Selection Committee
Diane Sharp

City County Coordination Task Force
Francisco Ramirez
Sharp (alternate)

Kings County Area Disaster Council
Francisco Ramirez
Diane Sharp (alternate)

Kings County Commission On Aging
Francisco Ramirez

Kings Mosquito Abatement District Board
Bill Gundacker

San Joaquin Valley Task Force Steering Com.
The appointment is to be made by Kings County

San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority
Kalish Morrow

Mid-Kings River Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Diane Sharp

Kings County Homeless Commission
John Draxler

RESULT:	CONSENSUS
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CONVENE AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY:

Mayor Ramirez convened the meeting for the Successors Agency at 8:11 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT-SUCCESSOR AGENCY :

Any person may directly address the Board at this time on any item on the agenda, or on any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. A maximum of three minutes is allowed for each speaker.

None.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY FOR THE DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

- A. Finance: Review and approval of the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 20-21) for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

Interim Finance Director Eric Frost discussed the history of the Successor Agency and the annual obligation to prepare a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) and submit the ROPS to the State Department of Finance (DOF).

Motion to approve the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

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

ADJOURN AS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY:

Mayor Ramirez adjourned the Successor Agency and reconvened the regular City Council Meeting at 8:15 p.m.

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Council Future Agenda Items

It was a consensus of the Council to meet with staff at the proposed park site and discuss the placement of the Civic Park Playground Project.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Corral
City Clerk