



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2021 7:00 PM

Council Chambers

400 N. Douty St.

5:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER STUDY AND CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Ramirez called the Study Session to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Francisco Ramirez, Diane Sharp, Kalish Morrow, Art Brieno.

Late: John Draxler

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. Overview of the Water Utility Operation for the City of Hanford

Public Works Director John Doyel presented an overview of the Water Utility Operation and discussed Division Funding, Capital projects, funding sources, and future challenges. Dir. Doyel addressed the questions and concerns from the Council and the City Manager.

B. Discussion of Pay for Parking options in the Downtown and Direction from Council on issue

Public Works Director John Doyel presented the past Council's discussion and goals for the pay for parking options in the downtown area for Council's review and direction. The Council discussed utilizing technology for paid parking, increasing the current parking time limit, and added signage. Council Member Draxler spoke in favor of paid parking. Council Member Morrow and Vice Mayor Sharp were not in favor of paid parking. Vice Mayor Sharp would like input from the downtown businesses. Dir. Doyel answered questions from the Council and the City Manager. After further discussion, the Council directed staff to bring back both options for paid parking and extended timed parking for review and consideration. Dir. Doyel will contact Main Street Hanford to survey its members in the downtown area. Dir. Doyel will report the feedback and cost options at a future City Council Meeting.

Mayor Ramirez adjourned to Closed Session at 5:50 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS (gc 54956.8)

Property: 426 W. Lacey Blvd
Agency Negotiators: Mario Cifuentez, Ty Mizote, Brad Albert
Negotiating Agency: Dirk Holkeboer

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION - (gc 54956.9(d)(1))

Helena Chemical v. City of Hanford

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Ramirez called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John Draxler	Council Member	Late	5:25 PM
Diane Sharp	Vice Mayor	Present	4:55 PM
Art Brieno	Council Member	Present	4:57 PM
Kalish Morrow	Council Member	Present	4:50 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Mayor	Present	4:35 PM

INVOCATION:

Angie Stratford led the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE:

Vice Mayor Sharp led the flag salute

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

No action was taken.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

A. National Day of Prayer Proclamation

Mayor Ramirez presented the National Day of Prayer proclamation to the Kings County Prayer Force Chairman, Kevin Dalafu.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager Cifuentez provided a COVID-19 update from the Public Health department. He discussed the meetings he attended and announced upcoming events. He also announced the new Parks Resource Officer, Domingo Bursiaga.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Vice Mayor Sharp attended KART Transit sub-committee meeting, Mid Kings GSA, and she toured the Public Works Department with Public Works Director John Doyel. She also attended several events.

Council Member Morrow attended the City Employee appreciation luncheon and toured the Public Works Department with Public Works Director John Doyel.

Council Member Brieno commented on the National Day of Prayer event.

Council Member Draxler attended a Homeless Coalition meeting.

Mayor Ramirez attended the City Employee appreciation luncheon.

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 requested to pull Item E [Quarterly Report and Monthly Investment Transaction Report], and questioned one transaction on the report.

Mark Pratter commented on the new Park Resource Officer position and requested to pull Item B [Authorization to purchase a new vehicle (truck) and required upfitting for the recently approved Parks Resource Officer, at a cost of \$62,408.67, to be funded out of the existing operational budget for Parks and Community Services].

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 D [Approval of the Final Map and Subdivision Agreement for Tract No. 927 Lennar Homes, and acceptance of all easements and dedications offered for public use and adoption of Resolution 21-09-R annexing additional properties within Assessment District No. 15-01 (District Restructure No. 15-01-C) (NEC Grangeville Blvd and 13th Avenue)].

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

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

- A. PROCEDURAL WAIVER: Waive reading in full of resolutions and ordinances and approval and adoption of same by reading title the only.
- B. Public Works: Approval of Final Map and Subdivision Agreement for Tract No. 929, Woodside Homes Subdivision (13th Avenue & Devon Street)

Items pulled from consent :

1. Police: Authorization to purchase a new vehicle (truck) and required upfitting for the recently approved Parks Resource Officer, at a cost of \$62,408.67, to be funded out of the existing operational budget for Parks and Community Services.

[Item B]

Chief Parker Sever discussed the need for a new truck for the new Parks Resource Officer. He also discussed inviting the community to participate in designing the truck. He addressed the questions and comments from the Council.

Motion to approve.

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

2. Public Works: Approval of the Final Map and Subdivision Agreement for Tract No. 927 Lennar Homes, and acceptance of all easements and dedications offered for public use and adoption of Resolution 21-09-R annexing additional properties within Assessment District No. 15-01 (District Restructure No. 15-01-C) (NEC Grangeville Blvd and 13th Avenue)

[Item D]

Public Works Director John Doyel briefly discussed the final map and subdivision agreement and answered questions from Council Member Brieno.

Motion to approve.

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

3. Finance: Quarterly Report and Monthly Investment Transaction Report

[Item E]

Interim Finance Director Eric Frost provided the details of the transfer that was questioned at public comment.

Motion to approve.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Public Works: Adoption of Resolution No. 21-10-R Initiation of Landscape Assessment District Proceedings and 21-11-R Intention to Levy Assessments and Confirmation of Engineer's Report for Landscape Assessment District 21-01 located at southeast corner of Centennial Drive and W. Sangiovese Street, and set May 4, 2021 as the Public Hearing date.

Mayor Francisco Ramirez opened the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. and called for the staff report. Public Works Director Doyel presented the staff report and invited questions from the Council.

Mayor Ramirez opened public comment at 7:31 p.m.

IN-FAVOR:

Alex Dwiggins spoke in favor.

OPPOSE:

None.

Motion to approve.

Mayor Ramirez closed the public hearing at 7:32 p.m.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Community Development/Public Works: Award of Contract to VPRA Technologies, Inc. for \$36,457 for the preparation of a VMT Analysis of the General Plan Implementation, development of a streamlining process for tiering off of the General Plan EIR, and development of Guidelines for addressing project-specific VMT analysis. Location: Citywide.

Senior Planner Gabrielle Myers and Public Works Director John Doyel discussed the agreement with VPRA Technologies and VMT Analysis. Vice Mayor Sharp commended staff on the project. Dir. Doyel answered questions from Council Member Brieno.

Motion to approve.

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

- B. Public Works: Approval of a Notice of Completion for the Eastside Sanitary Sewer Trunk Main Project at a total construction cost of \$9,847,534.09, and authorization for the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest and file said Notice with the Kings County Recorder's Office.

Public Works Director John Doyel introduced and commended the project staff members; Project Manager Jennifer Minear, Engineering Manager Lisa Dock, and Construction Coordinator and Inspector Steve Coodey. Dir. Doyel discussed the project and answered questions from the Council.

Motion to approve.

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

- C. Administration: Accept the Summary Report from Outlier Services, LLC, regarding the City Council's Goals & Objectives and adoption of Resolution 21-08-R, thereby Adopting Professional Governance Standards for the City Council.

City Manager Cifuentez provided a recap of the Goals and Objectives meeting. He also discussed the proposal of the Professional Governance Standards for Councils review and consideration. The Council provided feedback regarding the Goals and Objectives meeting.

Motion to approve.

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

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Council Future Agenda Items

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Corral
City Clerk