



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

April 6, 2021 7:00 PM

Council Chambers

400 N. Douty St.

4:00 PM CALL TO ORDER STUDY SESSION :

Mayor Ramirez called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Ramirez, Sharp, Morrow, Draxler, 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.

None.

STUDY SESSION:

A. Main Street Hanford Annual Report Presentation

Executive Director Michelle Brown presented the Main Street Hanford Annual Report. Ms. Brown provided an overview of their events, accomplishments, and struggles that they faced during the pandemic. Ms. Brown also discussed grants that are available for downtown business owners. The Council commended Ms. Brown and the organization for their efforts and success during the pandemic. The Council shared their ideas for improvements in the downtown area for Main Street Hanford's consideration. Ms. Brown answered questions and concerns from the Council.

B. Public Works overview of the Wastewater Operation for the City Council

Public Works Director John Doyel and Deputy Public Works Director Jim Ross presented an overview of the Waste Water Division and addressed questions and concerns from the Council.

C. Review the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) proposed 2021 Action Plan, CDBG activities and receive direction from the Council

Housing Analyst Sandra Lerma-Martinez presented the CDBG Annual Action Plan program overview and the priority needs of the community for Councils review and direction. City Manager Cifuentez discussed subsidizing the CDGB program. The Council discussed homelessness prevention

and ADA improvements for businesses and schools. Ms. Lerma-Martinez answered questions from the Council. Police Chief Sever provided an update on the PAL building parking lot.

D. Presentation of the Hemp Ordinance for review and direction from the Council

Police Chief Parker Sever and Senior Planner Gabrielle Myers presented the draft Hemp Ordinance for the Council's review and direction. The Council discussed allowing commercial hemp activities in Heavy and Light Industrial Zone Districts, business signage, and operating requirements for storefront/retail facilities. Staff addressed questions and concerns from the Council. After much discussion, City Manager Cifuentez recommended that staff bring the item back to a future meeting for further discussion. The Council provided additional feedback and directed staff to prepare a Zoning amendment and establish criteria for the Hemp Ordinance for future discussion and the Council's review and consideration.

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	3:55 PM
Diane Sharp	Vice Mayor	Present	3:50 PM
Art Brieno	Council Member	Present	3:58 PM
Kalish Morrow	Council Member	Present	3:55 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Mayor	Present	3:40 PM

INVOCATION:

Police Chief Sever led the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Ramirez led the Flag Salute.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Ramirez presented the Arbor Day Proclamation the Parks and Community Services Director Brad Albert.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager Cifuentez provided department updates for the City Council.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Vice Mayor Sharp listed the meetings she participated in over the previous weeks. She encouraged residents to get the COVID-19 vaccination.

Council Member Morrow had nothing to report.

Council Member Brieno complemented the cleanliness of Civic Park.

Council Member Draxler attended the KRWA meeting.

Mayor Ramirez commented on the passing of Skip Athey. He also listed the meetings attended.

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 invited the Council and the public to Skip Athey's memorial 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.

Vice Mayor Sharp requested to pull Item D [*Approval of the Minutes of the February 2, 2021 Meeting.*]

Council Member Brieno requested to pull Item G [*Approval of a Letter of Opposition, on behalf of the City of Hanford, regarding S.B. 556, Wireless Broadband Infrastructure Removal of Local Authority of Public Rights-of-Way.*].

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Art Brieno, Council Member
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. City Clerk: Approval of the Minutes of the December 3, 2020 Special Meeting
- C. City Clerk: Approval of the Minutes of the January 19, 2021 Meeting
- D. City Clerk: Denial of a claim for damages and authorization for the City Clerk to send out notification of such to Jennifer Brown.

- E. Administration: Reject Notice of Government Claim
- F. City Attorney: Approval of Second Amendment to Tower Lease with Option and Memorandum of Second Amendment to Tower Lease with Option
- G. Information Technology: Approval of a Change to the contract with Tyler Technologies for the upgrade and implementation of the EnerGov software in the amount of \$81,400.00 and Appropriation of the funding from the Computer Replacement Reserve to cover the additional cost.
- H. Public Works: Approval of the Notice of Completion for the Stonecrest Basin Pump Equipment Installation 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. City Clerk: Approval of the Minutes of the February 2, 2021 Meeting

[Item D]

Motion to approve as corrected by Vice Mayor Sharp.

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

- 2. Administration: Approval of a Letter of Opposition, on behalf of the City of Hanford, regarding S.B. 556, Wireless Broadband Infrastructure Removal of Local Authority of Public Rights-of-Way.

[Item G]

City Manager Cifuentez discussed the Letter of Opposition, on behalf of the City of Hanford, regarding S.B. 556 (Dodd), which is an attempt to Remove Local Authority of Public Rights-of-Way by wireless broadband providers.

Motion to approve.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. City Attorney: Adoption of Resolution 21-12-R declaring four (4) City-owned, undeveloped residential lots located on Idlewood Way, west of Greenbrier Drive, as surplus property.

City Attorney Ty Mizote discussed the undeveloped residential lots and answered questions from the Council.

Motion to approve as presented.

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

- B. Parks and Community Services: Approval of the contract with Park Planet for the Centennial Park Playground Renovation and appropriation of \$263,660.49 from the Accumulated Capital Outlay fund to fund the project.

Parks and Community Services Director Brad Albert discussed the background of the project and presented the Centennial Playground Renovation project for the Council's review and consideration. The Council discussed the structure and the time line. Dir. Albert addressed the questions and concerns 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. Public Works: Approval of seven (7) On-Call Architectural and Engineering Consultant Services Agreements

Public Works Director John Doyel presented the On-Call Architectural and Engineering Services agreements with seven firms to provide services for a three-year term. Dir. Doyel answered questions from the Council.

Motion to approve.

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

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Council Future Agenda Items

Council Member Draxler requested an update of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Natalie Corral
City Clerk