



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

**May 4, 2021 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

5:00 PM CALL TO ORDER STUDY AND CLOSED SESSION :

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

ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK :

Present: Francisco Ramirez, Diane Sharp, Kalish Morrow, John Draxler.

Late: 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.*

Rick Palmer, Fresno resident expressed his interest in cannabis cultivation in Hanford.

STUDY SESSION:

Kings Economic Development Corporation Update:

King Economic Development Corporation (EDC) President/CEO Lance Lippincott presented the economic overview of Hanford and wage trends. Mr. Lippincott discussed site selection, the past year's attraction outreach activities, active projects, industrial economic activity, the top factors for industrial and retail site selection and the planned upcoming operations for Kings EDC. Mr. Lippincott invited questions from the Council. Mayor Ramirez commented on a past Council discussion of the development of industrial park number two. Mr. Lippincott answered questions from Council, and City Manager Cifuentez clarified the process of pursuing the development of more industrial park space.

Overview of the Refuse Division and Storm Sewer Operations for the City of Hanford:

Public Works Director John Doyel and Deputy Public Works Director Jim Ross provided an overview of the Refuse Division and Storm and Water Division operational statistics and division funding. Dir. Doyel clarified that the presented budgeted revenue and expenses for the Waste Water Division were not accurate. Staff also discussed capital improvement projects and the future challenges with increasing State regulations. Staff addressed the concerns and questions from the Council.

Review of the Parks Master Plan :

Parks and Community Services Director Brad Albert introduced Parks and Recreation Commissioner Cheyne Strawn. Commissioner Strawn shared his story of why he wanted to become a Commissioner and provided his background. He also stated that he will continue to advocate for the City parks. Dir. Albert presented Session 2 of the Review of the Parks Master Plan and provided a recap of the first Study Session discussion. Dir. Brad discussed the communities' input on future park improvements, Capital Improvements, and Sustainable and Expanded Services. The Council Members participated in a vision exercise. Each of the Council Members wrote down their vision for the City of Hanford's Parks and Recreation in the next 5-10 years. Dir. Albert shared and addressed the Council's comments. Dir. Albert answered questions from the Council and Parks and Recreation Commissioner Kelly commented on the basketball courts available to the public in Hanford.

Mayor Ramirez adjourned to closed session at 6:35 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING :

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (gc 54956.9(d)(2)):

Employment related claim received on January 6, 2021.

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

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

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

Property: 109 E. Eighth Street
Agency Negotiators: Mario Cifuentez, Ty Mizote
Negotiating party: Carnegie Museum of Kings County (CMKC)

ROLL CALL:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John Draxler	Council Member	Present	4:55 PM
Diane Sharp	Vice Mayor	Present	4:50PM
Art Brieno	Council Member	Late	5:04 PM
Kalish Morrow	Council Member	Present	4:50 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Mayor	Present	4:30 PM

INVOCATION:

The invocation was led by Pastor Tom Warren

FLAG SALUTE:

The flag salute was led by Vice Mayor Sharp.

CLOSED ACTION REPORT:

The closed session reconvened after the regular meeting.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager Cifuentez attended and Main Street Hanford's Annual meeting. He also discussed local sales tax statistics and provided a department update for Public Works.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Vice Mayor Sharp attended the KCAPTA Board Meeting and discussed the events she attended.

Council Member Morrow had nothing to report.

Council Member Brieno commented on community activities at the parks.

Council Member Draxler had nothing to report.

Mayor Ramirez discussed the events he attended and commented on the upcoming plans for Faraday Future Inc.

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.*

Jim Castleman announced the opening of Thursday Night Market.

Kenneth Silva commented on his hanger eviction notice. He also provided documents for the Council to review.

Kathleen Fraiserziner read two of the letters that Mr. Silva provided to the Council.

Dr. David Silva commented on Kenneth Silva's hanger eviction notice.

George Casares commented on his permit application for a cannabis dispensary.

Bob Ramos commented on consent item A and the undeveloped acreage west of Hidden Valley Park.

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 Draxler pulled Item C (Approval of Final Map and Subdivision Agreement with Presidio JJR Bella Vista, LLC, for Tract No. 928, Unit No. 1(Centennial Drive & Fargo Avenue)) and Council Member Brieno pulled Item D (Authorization for staff to advertise for bids for the Police Activities League Parking Lot Project and Pre-Authorization for the City Manager to award and execute the contract on behalf of the City to the lowest responsible bidder providing project bid is within current budget appropriation).

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: Authorization to purchase street right-of-way located at the Peoples Ditch Crossing at Emma Lee Lane from Peoples Ditch Company, as shown on the attached map, in the amount of \$700 plus escrow fees; accept the attached Grant Deed and authorization for the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to attest and file said deeds with the Kings County Recorder's Office, and accept the attached Purchase and Sale Agreement and authorize City staff to execute said agreement. (APN 006-270-006)
- C. Public Works: Approval of a Notice of Completion for the FY 19/20 Pavement Resurfacing Project on Idaho Ave. from the BNSF Railroad to 10th Ave. and authorization for the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest and file said Notice with Kings County recorder's office.
- D. Finance: Quarterly Report and Monthly Investment Transaction Report

Items pulled:

- 1. Public Works: Approval of Final Map and Subdivision Agreement with Presidio JJR Bella Vista, LLC, for Tract No. 928, Unit No. 1(Centennial Drive & Fargo Avenue)

[Item C] Pulled by Council Member Draxler.

Dir. Doyel discussed the development phases and answered questions from Council Member Draxler.

Motion to approve as recommended.

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

- 2. Public Works: Authorization for staff to advertise for bids for the Police Activities League Parking Lot Project and Pre-Authorization for the City Manager to award and execute the contract on behalf of the City to the lowest responsible bidder providing project bid is within current budget appropriation.

[Item D] Pulled by Council Member Brieno.

Dir. Doyel discussed the estimate and answered questions from Council Member Brieno.

Motion to approve as recommended.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Community Development: Public Hearing to receive comments and approval and adoption of the proposed 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan for expenditures of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds

Mayor Ramirez opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m. and called for the staff report. Administrative Analyst Sandra Lerma-Martinez presented the staff report and discussed the budget and projects. Ms. Martinez addressed the Council's questions and comments. City Manager Cifuentez commented on the future budget allocations.

Mayor Ramirez opened public comment at 7:44 p.m.

IN-FAVOR:

None

OPPOSED:

None

Mayor Ramirez closed the public hearing at 7:44 p.m.

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: Conduct a public hearing for the formation of Landscape Assessment District No. 21-01 at Centennial Drive and Fargo Avenue, and adopt Resolution 21-16-R establishing the formation of the district and confirming the levy and collection of annual assessments.

Mayor Ramirez opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m. and called for the staff report. Public Works Director John Doyel presented the staff report and answered questions from the Council.

Mayor Ramirez opened public comment 7:49 p.m.

IN-FAVOR:

None

OPPOSED:

None

Mayor Ramirez closed the public hearing at 7:50 p.m.

Motion to approve.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Parks and Community Services: Award of a contract to Advanced Exercise for the purchase of fitness equipment for the Longfield Center in the amount of \$77,678.44 and approve the proposed fitness membership fee structure.

Parks and Community Services Director Brad Albert provided an update of the renovations at the Longfield Center and discussed the proposed purchase of fitness equipment and the fitness membership fee structure. Dir. Albert addressed the Council's questions and concerns.

Motion to approve.

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

- B. Parks and Community Services: Award of a contract to The National Fitness Campaign for the Fitness Court® to be located at Hidden Valley Park and appropriation of \$157,995 from the Park Impact Fee Fund.

Park and Community Services Director Brad Albert presented the Hidden Valley National Fitness Court and provided the details of the amenities of the fitness court. He also discussed the NFC/CPRS grant and the potential sponsorship funding for the project. Dir. Albert addressed the question and concerns from the Council.

Motion to approve as recommended and placed in location option number 3.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	John Draxler, Council Member
SECONDER:	Francisco Ramirez, Mayor
AYES:	Draxler, Sharp, Morrow, Ramirez
NAYS:	Brieno

- C. Review of the proposed Process for Appointing a Council member and, if approved, direct staff to commence an appointment process as determined by the City Council.

City Manager Cifuentez presented the process for appointing a Council Member to the vacancy in District A and invited questions from the Council.

Motion to approve.

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

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

The Council directed staff to prepare for two future discussions: The development of Industrial Park number two and the consideration of rezoning the 18 acres west of Hidden Valley Park.

A. Council Future Agenda Items

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Ramirez adjourned to closed session at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Corral
City Clerk