



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 2021 7:00 PM

Council Chambers

400 N. Douty St.

4:00 PM CALL TO ORDER STUDY AND CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Ramirez called the study and closed session to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK :

Francisco Ramirez, Diane Sharp, Art Brieno, John Draxler

Late: Kalish Morrow

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. Presentation by the Kings County Human Services Agency on the Project Home Key Application

Kings County Director of Human Services Sanja Bugay, and Kings Tulare Homeless Alliance Executive Director Michelle Smith provided an update on homeless services and two current permanent housing projects (Project Roomkey and Sunrise Apartments). Ms. Bugay discussed the CDBG - CV2 application for Project Homekey. Ms. Bugay and Ms. Smith answered questions from the Council and thanked the city for their partnership.

B. Finance: Receive a presentation on the outlook for the 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 fiscal year budget development for the City's General Fund and other key areas of consideration

Finance Director Chris Tavarez recognized the Finance Department staff for their hard work during the budget process. Dir. Tavarez provided a financial outlook for FY 2021/22 and 2022/23. He discussed the current fiscal year, major revenues, and how the pandemic affected the budget. He also provided an overview of increasing costs and an impartial view of the fiscal health of California Cities and CalPERS pension costs. The Council provided feedback. Dir. Tavarez and City Manager Cifuentez answered questions from the Council. No formal action was taken.

C. Presentation of the 2020 Parks and Recreation Master Plan for Council Review and Comment

Parks and Community Services Director Brad Albert presented the final Parks Master Plan presentation. Dir. Albert discussed the Council's vision for the future, strategic implementation, funding recommendations, and

cost recovery. He also provided an overview of the Council's goals and objectives with the staff's recommendations:

1. Develop a relationship with the Hanford Elementary School District to explore the possibility of increasing public access to school open space.
2. Conduct a cost-of-service analysis and fee study to adjust fees to appropriate standards leading to a 15% increase of the cost-recovery rate.
3. Update the 2016 Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan to include a short and long-range trails plan.
4. Submit a proposal to the Peoples Ditch Company to develop a Class 1 walking/biking trail between Flint and Fargo Avenues.
5. Schedule quarterly study session presentations with the Ad-Hoc Committee for updates and progress towards goals and objectives.

Park and Recreation Commissioner Greg Kelly concluded the presentation with an introduction of himself and he shared his background of his experience in the community.

Staff answered questions from the Council. The Council directed staff to move forward with the presented recommendations.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING::

Before Mayor Ramirez adjourned to the closed session, City Attorney Ty Mizote announced that the City received one additional proposal for the Bastille property (APN: 010-265-001). It was a consensus of the Council to allow the proposal from Four Creeks, Inc. for review and consideration during the closed session.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS

(GC54956.8):

Property: Bastille

APN: 010-265-001

Agency Negotiators: Mario Cifuentez and Ty Mizote

Negotiating Party: Jerry Irons and Greg Enloe

Property: 109 E. Eighth Street

APN: 012-041-017-000

Agency Negotiators: Mario Cifuentez and Ty Mizote

Negotiating Party: Carnegie Museum of Kings County (CMKC)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (GC54956.9

(d)(2)):

- A. City Attorney: Settlement demand received on January 21, 2021 for excessive force and wrongful arrest of Nathan Rodriguez.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE

EVALUATION (GC 54957(b)(1)):

Title: City Manager

7:00 PM 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	3:24 PM
Diane Sharp	Vice Mayor	Present	3:40 PM
Art Brieno	Council Member	Present	3:57 PM
Kalish Morrow	Council Member	Late	4:18 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Mayor	Present	3:45 PM

INVOCATION:

The invocation was led by Vice Mayor Sharp.

FLAG SALUTE:

The flag salute was led by Mayor Ramirez.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

City Attorney Ty Mizote reported that the Council authorized the City Manager to execute a letter of intent to Four Creeks, Inc. for the Bastille property (APN: 010-265-001).

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

Police Department staff recognition:

Chief Sever introduced the new officers and announced the recent promotions for the police department.

Officer Victor Medina
Officer Brandon Pontecorvo
Corporal Ryan Tomey
Sergeant Christopher Barker
Sergeant Jason Gustin

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager Cifuentez provided project updates for the Public Works department. He also discussed the Adopt-A-Highway Program, the 130th Anniversary for the City of Hanford event, and the COVID State and Local Federal fiscal funds for recovery.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Vice Mayor Sharp discussed the meetings and events that she attended.

Council Member Morrow discussed the meetings and events that she attended.

Council Member Brieno had nothing to report.

Council Member Draxler discussed the Homeless Committee Meeting that he attended.

Mayor Ramirez commented on the Council Member updates.

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.*

Kenneth Silva commented on his hanger lease eviction notice and provided a handout for each of the Council Members.

Dennis Ham thanked the Fire Department for their services and commented on the homeless issue in downtown Hanford.

David Ayers commented on an event he attended with Vice Mayor Sharp. He also announced that he will not be able to attend the Special Meeting scheduled for May 27, 2021.

Jeff Linden, the owner of HerbNJoy, provided an update for the cannabis dispensary.

Lou Martinez thanked the Police Department for their service. He also asked the Council to consider rezoning the 18 acres west of Hidden Valley Park.

Bob Ramos commented on cannabis dispensaries and the warrant register. He also expressed his concerns regarding the proposed Lacey Park pickleball courts.

Mark Pratter thanked the Council members for considering rezoning the 18 acres west of Hidden Valley Park. He also commented on the Parks Master Plan.

Onan Champi commented on the proposed Lacey Park pickleball courts.

Greg Enloe thanked the Council for their service, and he commented on the Bastille. He also shared his concerns regarding the proposed Lacey Park pickleball courts.

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 pulled Item F [Authorization to Advertise the FY18/19 CDBG Pedestrian and Safety Lighting Improvements Project (Scott Street at Phillips Street)].

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Diane Sharp, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Art Brieno, 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 March 2, 2021 Meeting
- C. City Clerk: Appointment of Paul Rodarmal to fill an unscheduled vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- D. Administration: Authorization to award a contract to Koff & Associates of Berkeley, California, for an amount not to exceed \$59,520, for the preparation and submittal of a total compensation study for the City of Hanford
- E. Community Development: Adopt Resolution 21-19-R Supporting an application for funding from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) State of California's 2020 Community Development Block Grant program Corona Virus Response (CDBG-CV2)

ITEMS PULLED: :

- 1. Public Works: Authorization to Advertise the FY18/19 CDBG Pedestrian and Safety Lighting Improvements Project (Scott Street at Phillips Street)

[Item F]

Public Works Director John Doyel briefly discussed the project and answered questions from Council Member Brieno.

Motion to approve.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Community Development: Historic Resources Permit 2021-01: a request to replace the existing ceramic tile with red brick and the existing aluminum window frame with a dark brown vinyl frame. The property is designated as a contributing building within the Historic Overlay Zone. The project is located at 119 N. Douty St. (APN 012-046-018).

Senior Planner Gabrielle Myers presented the Historic Resources Permit 2021-01 for the Councils review and consideration. Staff also presented a second recommendation should the Council decide to approve the permit. Mayor Ramirez invited the applicant to comment on their plans for the site. The Council provided their feedback. Staff and the applicant answered questions from the Council.

Motion to approve the alternate recommendation with one added condition: If the brick cannot be preserved; the permit would need to be reviewed for staff's approval.

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

B. Public Works: Authorization to Advertise for bids for the Lacey Pickleball Court Project

Public Works Director John Doyel provided the background of the project, and he discussed the layout of the proposed placement of the pickleball courts. The Council expressed their concerns regarding the budget and the layout of the project. The Council also discussed alternate locations for the project. Parks and Community Services Brad Albert discussed the background of the project and answered questions from the Council. The Council directed staff to bring back the project with alternate location options for the Council's review and consideration.

Motion to table the project for a future meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 2]
MOVER:	Kalish Morrow, Council Member
SECONDER:	Art Brieno, Council Member
AYES:	Brieno, Morrow, Ramirez
NAYS:	Draxler, Sharp

C. Public Works: Approval of Resolution 21-18-R identifying a "Project List" for RMRA gas tax funding for Fiscal Year 2021/22.

Public Works Director John Doyel discussed the RMRA gas tax funding for Fiscal Year 2021/22. He also requested to add the E. Lacey Blvd Widening/Reconstruction Project to the Project List. Dir. Doyel invited questions from the Council.

Motion to approve with the addition of the E. Lacey Park Widening/Reconstruction Project (10th Ave. to Sierra Drive).

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	John Draxler, Council Member
SECONDER:	Kalish Morrow, Council Member
AYES:	Draxler, Brieno, Morrow, Ramirez
ABSTAIN:	Sharp

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Council Future Agenda Items

Vice Mayor Sharp asked Fire Chief Pendergrass to comment on the China Alley fire incident. Police Chief Sever responded to Council Member Brieno's concerns regarding the homeless issues in the downtown east area.

The Council directed staff to prepare two future agenda items:

1. The discussion of amending Title 17, Section 17.080.30 (Commercial, Office, and Industrial Zone), brought forth by Council Member Morrow.
2. The discussion of cannabis cultivation, brought forth by Mayor Ramirez.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully,

Natalie Corral
City Clerk