



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 1, 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 :

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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Bob Ramos commented on the closed session item [Public Employee Performance Evaluation for the City Attorney].

STUDY SESSION :

- A. Discussion and Direction on Establishing a Public Process for Redistricting, including the use of outside consultants to assist with the process and a plan for public outreach

City Attorney Mizote discussed the process for Redistricting. The Council discussed the options of forming a redistricting advisory commission. The Council directed staff to move forward with obtaining a consultant to assist staff with the redistricting process. Staff will present consultant proposals at future meeting for Council's review and direction. City Attorney Mizote and City Manager Cifuentez answered questions from the Council.

- B. Receive, review and discuss the City of Hanford 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 two-year budget

Finance Director Chris Tavarez presented the draft budget for the Council's review. Each of the Director's presented an overview their departments budget and answered questions from the Council. The Council provided their feedback to staff.

No formal action was required. With no further discussion, Mayor Ramirez adjourned to closed session at 5:28 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

***CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE
EVALUATION (GC 54957(b)(1)):***

Title: City Attorney

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	3:59 PM
Diane Sharp	Vice Mayor	Present	3:45 PM
Art Brieno	Council Member	Present	3:57 PM
Kalish Morrow	Council Member	Present	3:35 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Mayor	Present	3:30 PM

INVOCATION:

The invocation was led by Linda Carter Stevens.

FLAG SALUTE:

The flag salute was led by Mayor Ramirez.

CLOSED ACTION REPORT:

None.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager Cifuentez provided an update on the American Rescue Plan Funding. He also discussed the events and City Managers Conference that he attended.

Parks and Community Services Director Albert announced the reopening of the Plunge, the Longfield Center and the Summer Camp.

Fire Chief Steve Pendergrass announced the upcoming events for the Fire Department.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Vice Mayor Sharp attended the KCAPTA and KCAG meetings. She also discussed the events she attended.

Council Member Morrow discussed the events she attended.

Council Member Brieno commented on the Carousel renovation.

Council Member Draxler had nothing to report.

Mayor Ramirez discussed the events he attended. He also commented on the business round table discussion that he participates in with the Chamber of Commerce.

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Jim Castleman, Teresa Diaz, Melissa Lynn, Mark Curts, Linda Carter Stevens, Shannon Miller, Linda Newberry, Linda Mahn, Tana Elizondo, Melanie Pulliam, and John Rand spoke in support of the Pickleball courts project to be located at Lacey Park.

Ryan Boland commented on the security alarm registration tax fee.

Jack Schwartz provided an update for the Carnegie Museum and announced the upcoming events.

Ron Easley invited the City Manager and the City Attorney to attend a meeting with him.

Onan Champi commented the proposed pickleball courts at Lacey Park.

Bob Ramos commented on item F [Adoption of Resolution 21-22-R Declaring the Property Located at 426 W. Lacey Blvd. Surplus Property]. He also spoke in opposition of the proposed location of the 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.

Vice Mayor Sharp pulled item F [Adoption of Resolution 21-22-R Declaring the Property Located at 426 W. Lacey Blvd. Surplus Property].

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. City Clerk: Approval of the Minutes of the March 16, 2021 Meeting

- C. Administration: Adoption of Resolution 21-20-R, stating the City of Hanford's support for S. 1465, which would establish a competitive grant, through the Department of Transportation, for highway-rail grade crossing improvement projects, and ask Rep. David Valadao (R-CA) to introduce a companion bill in the House to further support S. 1465.
- D. Administration: Approval of an Avigation and Clearance Easement from Humberto Raya-Cabrera and Maria Angelica Perez Cisneros, in conformance with the City's Airport land use policies, and authorization for the City Manager to sign and the City Clerk to notarize said easement and record said document with the Kings County Recorder's Office.
- E. Administration: License Agreement with the Carnegie Museum of Kings County
- F. Adoption of Resolution 21-23-R Declaring the Property Located at 109 E. Eighth St. Surplus Property and Adoption of Notice of Exemption 2021-30
- G. Finance: Acceptance of the Monthly Investment Transaction Report for April and May 2021

ITEMS PULLED:

- 1. Administration: Adoption of Resolution 21-22-R Declaring the Property Located at 426 W. Lacey Blvd. Surplus Property

[Item F]

Vice Mayor Sharp stated that she will not be voting on the item. City Manager Cifuentez answered questions from Council Member Brieno.

Motion to approve.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Parks and Community Services: RESOLUTION 21-06-R (REVISED) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HANFORD APPROVING THE APPLICATION STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF HEROES PARK

Parks and Community Services Director Brad Albert provided the background of the project and presented the revised resolution for the Council's review and consideration. Dir. Albert 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

- B. Parks and Community Services: Review of the proposed Lacey Park Pickleball Project, Presentation of various options as requested by Council and Receive Direction from Council on the preferred project.

Parks and Community Services Director Brad Albert presented the Lacey Park Project with 5 options for the pickleball court location and placement. The 6th project presented was the installation of a splash pad at Lacey Park. He also presented several additional project options with funding details and invited questions from the Council. The Council shared their concerns regarding the presented locations budget for pickleball project. The Council provided staff with their feed back.

Motion to approve option 6 with the amendment to use excess funding for security cameras in the parks.

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

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Council Member Morrow discussed false alarm fees and permit alarm fees and she would like to bring the item back for a discussion at a future City Council meeting. City Manager Cifuentez clarified that all comprehensive rates and fee packages addressing taxes and fees will be presented to the Council for review and discussion at a future meeting following the budget adoption. With no further discussion Mayor Ramirez announced upcoming special meeting dates.

Council Future Agenda Items

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Ramirez adjourned the meeting at the 8:42 p.m.