



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 8, 2021 1:00 PM

Council Chambers

400 N. Douty St.

1:00 PM CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL SESSION:

Mayor Ramirez called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John Draxler	Council Member	Absent	
Diane Sharp	Vice Mayor	Present	12:50 PM
Art Brieno	Council Member	Present	12:59 PM
Kalish Morrow	Council Member	Present	12:52 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Mayor	Present	12:40 PM

FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Ramirez led the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

*Comments from the public are limited to items listed 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.*

Theresa Dias, Judy Rose, Linda Band, Linda Carter Stevens, Tana Elizondo, and Shanda Mello shared their concerns regarding the Council's decision on the proposed Lacey Park pickleball courts project.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

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

Finance Director Chris Tavarez provided a brief overview of the two-year draft budget. Public Works, Parks and Community Services, and Community Development presented and discussed their departments budgets for the Council's review.

Dir. Tavarez clarified two minor changes will be made to the Sanitary Sewer Collection and Water Operations budget lines. Public Works Director John Doyel discussed each of the Public Works division budgets. Dir. Doyel also discussed some of the department's challenges and expressed his concerns regarding the street maintenance budget. The Community Development staff (Senior Planner Gabrielle Myers, Building Official Tom Web, and Administrative Analyst Sandra Lerma-Martinez) discussed the budget for the Community Development divisions. City Manager Cifuentez discussed the need for adding staff in the future and answered questions from the Council.

Dir. Tavaréz discussed working with the housing division to maximize reimbursement potential and minimize cost where possible. Ms. Lerma-Martínez shared accomplishments and discussed the department's partnerships and upcoming projects. Staff answered questions from the Council. Dir. Tavaréz also provided a brief overview of the Cannabis division.

Parks and Community Services Director Brad Albert discussed each of the departments division budgets. Dir. Albert also discussed the reopening of city facilities, facility challenges, city programs, recruitments, and upcoming events. Dir. Albert answered questions from the Council. City Manager Cifuentes commented on rates and fees and discussed the reduction in operating cost for the Parks and Community Services Department.

Dir. Tavaréz concluded the review of the department budgets. No formal action was needed. The final budget will be presented at a special meeting scheduled for June 29th for the Councils approval.

Dir. Doyel presented an overview of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget for FY 22/23 and the 5- year plan. Dir. Doyel discussed each budget category and highlighted the significant projects. Dir. Doyel also discussed funding challenges and project priority. Dir. Doyel answered questions from the Council throughout the presentation. City Manager Cifuentes commented on the Airport projects and FAA grants and answered questions from the Council. Dir. Doyel discussed the Accumulated Capital Outlay (ACO) Fund Balance and answered questions from the Council. City Manager Cifuentes thanked the staff and commented on the FY 19/20 audit and the detailed report for the CIP.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Corral
City Clerk