



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 3, 2021 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.

5:30 CALL TO ORDER STUDY SESSION :

Mayor Ramirez called the Study Session to order at 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT :

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Dan Chin commented on the commercial zone district land uses.

Dave Ayers commented on the commercial zone district land uses.

Vincent Harper commented on a city oak tree that caused damage to his property.

STUDY SESSION :

A. Overview and Presentation on the Hanford's Winter Wonderland Event

Parks and Community Services Director Brad Albert and Main Street Hanford Director Michelle Brown presented the Hanford Winter Wonderland Event in Civic Park. Dir. Albert and Ms. Brown discussed advertisement, cost recovery, sponsorship, partnerships, and answered questions from the Council. The Council shared their ideas and spoke in favor of the event.

B. Community Development: Addition of C-R Regional Commercial zone district land uses

Senior Planner Gabrielle Myers presented the background and staff recommendation of additional uses within the C-R Regional Commercial Zone for the Council's review and feedback. Staff answered questions from the Council. The Council discussed the staffs' recommendations and expressed their concerns regarding restrictions. Public Works Director John Doyel discussed the Costco project and impact fees. Dir. Doyel answered questions from the Council. The Council discussed staff recommendations. It was a consensus of the Council to support the listed staff recommendations of proposed amendments:

- Laboratories - Recommend add as a conditional use
- Medical Offices - Recommend add three size categories and allow small offices in the C-R zone.
- Professional Offices - Recommend add three size categories and allow small offices in the C-R zone.
- Furniture Stores - Change to allow furniture stores of any size in CR, MX-C, MX-D as permitted use
- Food Catering - Recommend add as a permitted use
- Tailoring - Deny the request

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Ramirez called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Diane Sharp	Vice Mayor	Absent	
Art Brieno	Council Member	Present	4:32 PM
Kalish Morrow	Council Member	Present	4:28 PM
Amanda Saltray	Council Member	Present	4:32 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Mayor	Present	4:28 PM

INVOCATION:

The invocation was led by Marleny Senn.

FLAG SALUTE:

The flag salute was led by Mayor Ramirez.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager Mario Cifuentez recognized the staff and participating agencies for a successful 130th Birthday Celebration. He provided departmental updates.

A. Staff Introduction: Parks and Facilities Manager, Levi Winebrenner

Parks and Community Services Director Brad Albert Parks introduced the new Parks and Facility Manager Levi Winebrenner and the new Recreation Coordinator Kaitlyn Lusk.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Mayor Ramirez discussed the community events he attended.

Council Member Morrow attend Hanford's 130th birthday celebration event.

Council Member Amanda Saltray attended the Hanford's 130th birthday celebration event and discussed her Town Hall meeting.

Council Member Brieno commented on a Hanford Sentinel article published on Friday July 30, 2021. He also commented on the censure.

City Attorney Ty Mizote addressed Council Member Brieno's statement regarding the censure.

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Nadia Alfred commented on the bus routes and pick up times in the City of Hanford.

Paula Massey commented on Valley Fever Awareness Month. She also commented on community events and city event notifications.

Art Perez commented on a Hanford Sentinel article about Council Member Brieno.

City Attorney Ty Mizote responded to Mr. Perez's comment.

Jack Schwartz read a letter that he provided to the Council.

Dave Ayers commented on the Hanford's 130th Birthday celebration event and thanked the staff and community for their participation.

Mark Pratter commented the expansion of Hidden Valley Park and shared the community feedback he received.

Lou Martinez commented on Hidden Valley Park. He also expressed his support for Council Member Brieno.

Al Cadden commented on the Brieno censure and expressed his support for Council Member Brieno. He also read a letter that was shared by Council Member Brieno.

Bob Ramos finished reading the letter that was read by Al Cadden.

Mayor Ramirez addressed the public comments regarding the Brieno censure.

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 requested to pull Item L *[Public Works: Approval of Final Map and Subdivision Agreement for Tract No. 865, Live Oak East Phase 1 Subdivision (Houston Avenue & Alpine Avenue)]*

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

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

- 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: Denial of a claim for damages and authorization for the City Clerk to send out notification of such to William Grego.
- C. Parks and Community Services: Request to approve out-of-state travel for Brad Albert, Parks and Community Services Director, to attend the National Parks and Recreation Association's (NRPA) annual conference in Nashville Tennessee on September 21-23, 2021.
- D. Public Works: Approval of the Suggested Routes to School Program for Frontier Elementary School, Pioneer Elementary School, and Pioneer Middle School for the 2020-2021 school year.
- E. Public Works: Approval of the Suggested Routes to School plans for Hanford Elementary School District and Saint Rose-Thomas McCarthy School for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year.
- F. Public Works: Authorization for a sole source purchase of eight (8) Autoscope Vision detection cameras from Econolite of Anaheim, CA in the amount of \$39,109.58
- G. Public Works: Authorization to purchase the Centracs Essentials system, wireless cellular modems for 11 traffic signals and initial system startup from Econolite of Anaheim, CA in the amount of \$29,700.00.
- H. Public Works: Approval for the purchase of commercial trash and recycle dumpsters from Wastequip of Taft, CA in an amount not to exceed \$170,000 for fiscal year 2021/22.
- I. Public Works: Authorization to purchase automated refuse containers from Toter Wastequip LLC., of Statesville, North Carolina in an amount not to exceed \$152,640 for fiscal year 2021/22.
- J. Public Works: Authorization to purchase replacement water meters from Zenner Performance Meters in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 and the purchase of replacement Automated Meter Reading equipment from Zenner Performance Meters in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00.
- K. Public Works: Authorization to award the repair of one Falk gear box at the Wastewater Treatment Facility influent pump station to Motion Industries of Visalia, CA at a cost of \$42,777.31.

PULLED ITEMS:

- 1. Public Works: Approval of Final Map and Subdivision Agreement for Tract No. 865, Live Oak East Phase 1 Subdivision (Houston Avenue & Alpine Avenue)

[Item L]

Pulled by Council Member Brieno

Public Works Director John Doyel answered questions from Council Member Brieno. Dir Doyel described the development process and discussed first phase of the subdivision. He also addressed the current traffic issues on Huston Ave.

Motion to approve.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Community Development: Annexation No. 157: A request to annex approximately 153 acres into the City of Hanford from the Kings County jurisdiction. Prezone No. 2020-02: A request to prezone the annexation area as R-H High-Density Residential, R-M Medium-Density Residential, and R-L-5 Low-Density Residential, in accordance with the General Plan designation for the area. Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 2021-01: An initial study was prepared and it was determined that the project will not result in significant impacts; therefore, Mitigated Negative Declaration 2021-01 has been prepared. The project is located at the northwest corner of 12th Avenue and Fargo Avenue (APN 009-020-021, 009-020-023 through -026, 009-020-046, and 009-020-047) and the southwest corner of 12th and Fargo Avenues (APN 009-020-021, 009-020-023 through -026, 009-020-046, and 009-020-047).

Mayor Ramirez opened the public hearing at 7:55 p.m. and called for the staff report. Senior Planner Gabrielle Myers presented the staff report. Council Member Saltray read a letter that she received from a concerned citizen regarding the annexation. City Attorney Ty Mizote advised the Council to hold off on their input until after the public comment period of the public hearing. Ms. Myers answered questions from Council Member Saltray.

IN-FAVOR:

John Zumwalt spoke in favor in the staff's recommendations.

Todd Neves spoke in favor of the annexation and addressed one of the comments letters submitted to the Planning Commission.

Opposed:

Bob Ramos spoke in opposition and expressed concerns for water sources.

Anthony Yun submitted a letter in opposition.

Pete Verhoeven submitted a letter in opposition

The Council expressed their concerns for water sources. Mayor Ramirez spoke in support of the project. Public Works Director John Doyel addressed Council's comments regarding water sources. He also discussed water distribution, the ground water sustainability plan, and States requirements for the city. Dir. Doyel answered questions from the Council.

Motion to approve all 4 staff recommendations was introduced by Council Member Morrow, seconded by Council Member Brieno.

1. Certify Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 2021-01 for the project.

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

2. Introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance No. 21-2, approving Prezone No. 2020-02.

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

3. Find that the proposed Annexation No. 157 is consistent with the Hanford General Plan Policies L15 and L17.

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

4. Adopt Resolution No. 21-31-R, initiating proceedings for Annexation 157 and direct staff to file the appropriate forms with the Kings County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo).

Mayor Ramirez closed the public hearing at 8:40 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 1]
MOVER:	Kalish Morrow, Council Member
SECONDER:	Art Brieno, Council Member
AYES:	Brieno, Morrow, Ramirez
NAYS:	Saltray
ABSENT:	Sharp

- B. Community Development: Municipal Code and Zone Text Amendment No. 2020-03: a request by the City of Hanford to: a) Amend Title 5 by adding Chapter 5.68 to Title 5 of the Hanford Municipal Code, to establish standards and regulations for Commercial Hemp Activity. b) Amend Title 17, Section 17.08.030 – Commercial, Office, and Industrial Zone Use Table of the Hanford Municipal Code by adding Commercial Hemp Business (e.g., cultivation, manufacture, distribution, transportation, and lab testing) as a conditionally permitted use in the I-L Light Industrial and I-H Heavy Industrial zone district, and to add Hemp retailers (5% or more of a retailer’s business or gross receipts is derived from CBD sales) as a permitted use in C-S Service Commercial, C-H Highway Commercial, MX-C Corridor Mixed Use, and MX-D Downtown Mixed Use, and as a conditionally permitted use in C-R Regional Commercial; and c) Amend Title 17 by adding Chapter 17.67, adding purpose and intent, definitions, and establishing the location of hemp retailers and commercial hemp businesses in the City of Hanford. Location: Citywide.

Mayor Ramirez opened the public hearing at 8:41 p.m. and called for the staff report. Senior Planner Myers presented the Municipal Code and Zone Text Amendment No. 2020-03 and invited questions from the Council. Council Member Brieno commented on the restrictions. City Attorney Ty Mizote addressed the Council Members Brieno's comments.

IN-FAVOR:

None

OPPOSED

None

Motion to approve.

Mayor Ramirez closed the public hearing at 8:53 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Amanda Saltray, Council Member
SECONDER:	Art Brieno, Council Member
AYES:	Brieno, Morrow, Saltray, Ramirez
ABSENT:	Sharp

- C. Community Development: Adoption of Urgency Ordinance 21-04, creating a temporary moratorium on commercial hemp activities and sales for a period of 45 days. (4/5 Vote required).

Mayor Ramirez opened the public hearing at 8:54 p.m. and called for the staff report. Senior Planner Gabrielle Myers presented the staff report and invited questions from the Council.

IN-FAVOR

None

OPPOSED

None

Motion to approve.

Mayor closed the public hearing at 8:57 p.m.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Police: Adoption of Resolution No. 21-32-R, authorizing the Hanford Police Department to accept a Grant from Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) in the amount of \$59,078.00 to fund special details and operations related to enforcement and approve budget amendments in the same amount for the Police Operations (1513) fund to cover the new revenue and expenditures.

Police Captain Karl Anderson provided the Council with an updated resolution. Capt. Anderson discussed the grant and answered questions from the Council.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Art Brieno, Council Member
SECONDER:	Amanda Saltray, Council Member
AYES:	Brieno, Morrow, Saltray, Ramirez
ABSENT:	Sharp

- B. Police: Authorization to award a contract to Cook's Communication of Fresno, CA, for an amount not to exceed \$699,105.00, for the complete replacement of the Hanford Police and Fire Radio Infrastructure system and appropriation of an additional \$14,885 from the General Fund to fully fund the project.

Police Captain Karl Anderson discussed the upgrade of the dispatch communications equipment the benefits of the new system. Capt. Anderson answered questions from the Council.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Art Brieno, Council Member
SECONDER:	Amanda Saltray, Council Member
AYES:	Brieno, Morrow, Saltray, Ramirez
ABSENT:	Sharp

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

Council Future Agenda Items

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Corral
City Clerk