



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**August 17, 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 session and closed session to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK:

Present: Francisco Ramirez, Diane Sharp, Kalish Morrow, Amanda Saltray, 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.*

Bob Ramos and Paula Massey commented on the Lacey Park arbor.

Nathan Odom commented on Hidden Valley Park.

STUDY SESSION:

- A. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2020 Audited Financial Statements for the City of Hanford from the City's independent external auditors Hudson, Henderson & Company, Inc. Certified Public Accountants.

Finance Director Chris Tavaréz provided a background. Dir. Tavaréz and Brian Henderson of Hudson, Henderson & Company Inc. presented the FY 2020 Audit. Dir. Tavaréz and Mr. Henderson answered questions from the Council. The Council thanked staff and Mr. Henderson for the presentation.

- B. Discussion regarding Hidden Valley Park, the vacant City property located immediately West of the Park, and proposed uses and traffic options.

City Manager Mario Cifuentes provided a brief overview. He also clarified that the discussion and any direction given by Council is the first step going forward with the development project. Public Works Director John Doyel presented and discussed two options for connecting Rogers Rd. to Cortner Rd. The Council provided their input on the presented options. Senior Planner Gabrielle Myers discussed the existing zoning for the acreage and the potential issues that may occur with rezoning. Parks and Community Services Director Brad Albert presented and discussed conceptual designs for the expansion of Hidden Valley Park. The Council provided their feedback and expressed some of their concerns regarding the design and potential cost. Staff answered questions from the Council. The Council directed staff to review the legalities of transferring the space from single-family to park space for three scenarios for a future discussion.

Mayor Ramirez adjourned to closed session at 5:28 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

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

Property: 113 Court St.
APN: 010-265-001
Agency Negotiators: Mario Cifuentez, Ty Mizote, and Brad Albert

Property: 266 Gilkey Ln.
APN: 012-232-077-000
Negotiating Party: Kings Rehabilitation Center
Agency Negotiators: Mario Cifuentez, Ty Mizote, and Brad Albert

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

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

ROLL CALL:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Diane Sharp	Vice Mayor	Present	3:56 PM
Art Brieno	Council Member	Present	3:57 PM
Kalish Morrow	Council Member	Present	3:55 PM
Amanda Saltray	Council Member	Present	3:57 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Mayor	Present	3:57 PM

INVOCATION:

The invocation was led by Police Chief Parker Sever.

FLAG SALUTE:

The flag salute was led by Mayor Ramirez.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation Naming Penelope 'Penny' Saltray as an Honorary Firefighter for the City of Hanford Fire Department

The Council presented Penelope Saltray with an Honorary Firefighter Proclamation.

Representatives from Senator Melissa Hurtado's Office, Assembly Member Rudy Salas's Office, and David Valadao's Office each presented Penelope Saltray with a Certificate of Recognition.

Break at 7:20 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

None.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager Mario Cifuentez provided a Kings County update regarding the National Weather Service presentation. He also discussed city events.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Vice Mayor Sharp discussed the meetings and events she attended.

Council Member Morrow discussed the meetings she attended.

Council Member Brieno had nothing to report.

Council Member Saltray thanked the community and the agencies that participated in the recognition of Penelope Saltray. She also commented on a new business in Hanford.

Mayor Ramirez discussed the meetings he attended.

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.*

Nisei Farmers League President Manuel Cunha thanked the Council and Fire Department for recognizing Penelope Saltray. He also commented on Consent Item D (Letters of support to Senators Feinstein and Padilla).

Dolores Alves commented on the Lacey Park arbor and commended Officer Bursiaga.

John Alves commented on the Lacey Park arbor and the negative activity that takes place at the park.

Bob Ramos commented on the Lacey Park arbor. He has also commented on the Hidden Valley Park.

Mark Pratter commented on Hidden Valley Park.

Mickey Stoddard commented on Hidden Valley Park and the 2019 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Caliva CEO Rand Martin provide a business update for the local store and commented on General Business item A.

Lou Martinez commented on Hidden Valley Park.

Nathan Odom commented on 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 Brieno requested to pull item J [Public Works: Authorization to award contracts to 4Creeks of Visalia CA, in the amount of \$119,293.00 and Peters Engineering Group of Clovis CA, in the amount of \$35,035.00 for the design phase of FY 20/21 Traffic Signal at 12th Ave. & Hume Project and approve an additional appropriation of \$104,328.00 from the Transportation Impact Fee fund to fully fund the design portion of this project].

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

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

- A. PROCEDURAL WAIVER: Waive reading in full of resolutions and ordinances and approval and adoption of same by reading title the only.
- B. Council: Designation of Mayor Ramirez as the voting delegate and Council Member Morrow and Council Member Saltray as the alternate(s) for the League of California Cities Annual Conference.
- C. Administration: Approval of the full-time salary schedule for Fiscal Year 2021-22
- D. Administration: Approval of a Letter of Support to Senators Feinstein and Padilla requesting that the definition of agricultural labor or services in the Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2021 be modified to include employees who work in packing houses and processing plants and that legislation for Dreamers be passed concurrently.
- E. Community Development: Waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance 21-02, an ordinance of the City of Hanford City Council approving Prezone No. 2020-02, a request to prezone the Annexation 157 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. 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).
- F. Community Development: Second Reading of Ordinance 21-03, approving Municipal Code Amendment No. 2020-03, a request 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 and approving Zone Text Amendment No. 2020-03, a request to: 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.
- G. Finance: Acceptance of the City of Hanford's Quarterly Investment Portfolio and Transactions Reports
- H. Public Works: Authorization for the Director of Public Works to send a letter to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), requesting the Extension of Services to the existing dwelling unit in the County without annexation by the City of Hanford. (7138 11th Ave south of Flint Avenue)

- I. Public Works: Approval of a Notice of Completion for the FY 20/21 Pavement Resurfacing Project at a total construction cost of \$161,946.20 and authorization for the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest and file said Notice with the Kings County Recorder's Office.
- J. Public Works: Approval of a Notice of Completion for the FY 20/21 Sanitary Sewer Manhole Repair and Coating Project at a total construction cost of \$85,932.00 and authorization for the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest and file said Notice with the Kings County Recorder's Office.

Items pulled:

1. Public Works: Authorization to award contracts to 4Creeks of Visalia CA, in the amount of \$119,293.00 and Peters Engineering Group of Clovis CA, in the amount of \$35,035.00 for the design phase of FY 20/21 Traffic Signal at 12th Ave. & Hume Project and approve an additional appropriation of \$104,328.00 from the Transportation Impact Fee fund to fully fund the design portion of this project.

[Item J]

Pulled by Council Member Brieno.

Public Works Director John Doyel provided the project details and answered questions from Council Member Brieno.

Motion to approve.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Parks and Community Services: Public Hearing to receive public testimony and input regarding the imposition of the proposed annual assessment for the City of Hanford's Landscape Assessment Districts, per the Annual Engineer's Report for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022, and adopt Resolution 21-35 confirming levy and collection of the annual assessments pursuant to Chapter 3 of the Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972.

Mayor Ramirez opened the public hearing at 8:06 p.m. and called for the staff report. Parks and Community Services Director Brad Albert presented the staff report and answered questions from Council Member Brieno.

Public Comment:

IN-FAVOR:

None.

OPPOSED:

None.

Motion to approve.

Mayor Ramirez closed the public hearing at 8:09 pm

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Community Development: Consideration of Historic Resources Permit 2021-03: a request to change the existing façade at 104 N. Douty Street and add window signage, in excess of the typically allowed amount. The property is designated as a contributing building within the Historic Overlay Zone. The project is located at 104 N. Douty St. (APN 012-054-011)

Senior Planner Gabrielle Myers discussed the project background and the proposal details. Staff answered questions from the Council. Caliva CEO Martin Rand discussed the changes in Caliva's branding since the approval of the cannabis business permit. The Council expressed their concerns regarding the design, signage, and placement of the security guard. Chief Sever and Mr. Rand addressed the Council's concerns. After much discussion regarding the exterior design, the Council supports staff's recommendations.

Motion to adopt resolution 21-34-R, approving Historic Resources Permit 2021-03, with the exception of the window signage.

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

Motion to adopt an amendment to Commercial Cannabis Business Permit No. 2019-01, replacing the former elevations proposed, with the elevations approved, herein.

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

- B. Parks and Community Services: Council consideration of the Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendation to remove the arbor and benches at Lacey park in an effort to address the growing homeless concerns for the neighborhood.

Parks and Community Services Director discussed the Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendation to remove the arbor and benches at Lacey Park to address the growing homeless concerns in the neighborhood. Parks Resource Officer Domingo Bursiaga and Police Chief Parker Sever commented on the illegal activity at Lacey Park. Staff discussed possible options and solutions. The Council expressed their concerns and shared their suggestions. Off. Bursiaga and Dir. Albert answered questions from the Council. Dir. Albert also provided an update for the splash pad.

Council directed staff to cap the electrical outlets, and if necessary, remove the benches under the arbor to mitigate homelessness.

Motion to approve.

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

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Council Future Agenda Items

Vice Mayor Sharp thanked staff for a successful National Night Out event.

Council Member Brieno expressed his concerns regarding the signage at the parks. Staff will follow up on the issue.

It was a consensus of the Council direct staff to prepare two items for future discussion:

1. A resolution in support of more local control of the COVID-19 vaccine mandates, brought forth by Council Member Morrow.
2. A discussion addressing blighted properties in the downtown area, brought forth by Mayor Ramirez.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Corral
City Clerk