



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
September 7, 2021 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

5:00 PM CALL TO ORDER STUDY AND CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Ramirez called the Study Session and Closed Session to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK:

Present: Francisco Ramirez, Art Brieno, Kalish Morrow, Amanda Saltray

Absent: Diane Sharp

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:

Discussion of Downtown traffic circulation and related improvements to improve Safety and Walkability and potential funding opportunities

Public Works Director John Doyel discussed downtown traffic circulation and related improvements and potential funding opportunities of the Clean California Local Grant Program administered by the California Department of Transportation. Dir. Doyel presented the Committee project recommendations for the Council's review and direction. The Council further discussed the mid-block crosswalks and the project budget. Dir. Doyel answered questions from the Council. It was the Council consensus to direct staff to move forward with the recommendations. Additional appropriations will be presented to the Council at a future meeting for review and approval.

Mayor Ramirez adjourned to closed session 5:31 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION FOR THE FOLLOWING:

***CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS (GC
54956.8):***

Property: 426 W. Lacey Blvd.
APN: 010-253-001-000

Agency Negotiators: Mario Cifuentez and Ty Mizote
Negotiating Party: MSI and Habitat for Humanity

Property: 109 E. Eighth Street
APN: 012-041-017-000

Agency Negotiators: Mario Cifuentez Ty Mizote
Negotiating Party: Carnegie Museum of Kings County (CMKC) and Carnegie Museum Inc.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (GC 54956.9 (d)(2)):

2 potential cases

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

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

ROLL CALL:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Diane Sharp	Vice Mayor	Absent	
Art Brieno	Council Member	Present	4:56 PM
Kalish Morrow	Council Member	Present	4:55 PM
Amanda Saltray	Council Member	Present	5:00 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Mayor	Present	4:25 PM

INVOCATION:

The invocation was led by Pastor Stan Plooy.

FLAG SALUTE:

The flag salute was led by Mayor Ramirez.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT :

None.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

Recognition of Jose Espinoza with the Citizens Life Saving Medal

Fire Chief Steve Pendergrass presented Jose Espinoza with a Life Citizen Life Saving Medal.

Representatives from Congressman David Valadao's office, and Senator Melissa Hurtado's office presented Jose Espinoza with Certificates of Recognition.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager Cifuentez provided departmental updates and announced upcoming events.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Council Member Morrow discussed the meetings she attended.

Council Member Brieno commented on the affordable housing in California. He also commented on a Fresno Bee newspaper article.

Council Member Saltray had nothing to report.

Mayor Ramirez will attend a youth summit in September.

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.*

Shelly Barker commented on the upcoming 9-11 Event.

Fire Captain, and President of the Hanford Professional Fire Fighters, Dustin Costa commented on General Business Item A, and expressed his concerns regarding the safety of essential workers during the pandemic.

Police Officer, and Vice-President of the Hanford Police Officer's Association, Brent McCreary commented General Business item A and expressed his concerns regarding the safety of essential workers during the pandemic.

Bob Ramos commented on the Art Brieno investigation report. He commented on complaint on the City Manager.

Lou Martinez commented on the lack of benches in Civic Park. He also commented the responsibilities of City Manager.

Mary Irons commented on an unshaded bus stop in Hanford.

William Harmon commented on the acreage adjacent to 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 F [Parks and Community Services: Approval of the Rental Agreement with Magic Ice, USA, for the rental of the "Winter Wonderland" Ice Rink] and Item N [Finance: City of Hanford 2021-2022 Investment Policy Update].

Council Member Saltray requested to pull Item G [Community Development: Historic Resources Permit No. 2021-05 - a request by the Carnegie Museum of Kings County to hang a 5' x 11' (55 sq. ft.) banner on the exterior of the Carnegie Library Building, located at 109 E. Eighth Street (APN 012-041-017) from September 15 through October 25, 2021, in order to advertise an upcoming exhibit. The project site is located within the Historic Overlay Zone].

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kalish Morrow, Council Member
SECONDER:	Amanda Saltray, 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: Approval of the Minutes of the February 5, 2021 Special Meeting
- C. City Clerk: Approval of the Minutes of the February 17, 2021 Special Meeting
- D. City Clerk: Approval of the Minutes of the February 19, 2021 Special Meeting
- E. Administration: Introduction of Ordinance No. 21-05, Amending those sections of Title 2 of the Hanford Municipal Code to set the number of seats on all City Commissions at 5 and making several other revisions to Chapters 2.20, 2.28, 2.32, and 2.36 of the Municipal Code.
- F. Public Works: Authorize the purchase of street right-of-way located at 1094 W Davis Street, in the amount of \$1,900 plus escrow fees, accept the attached Grant Deed and authorize the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to attest and file said deeds with the Kings County Recorder's Office, and accept the attached Purchase and Sale Agreement and authorize City staff to execute said agreement. (APN 012-290-020).
- G. Public Works: Authorize the exchange of street right-of-way located on the north west corner of Emma Lee Lane and Conquistador Street, in the amount of \$0 plus escrow fees, accept both of the attached Grant Deeds for exchange and authorize the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to attest and file said deeds with the Kings County Recorder's Office, and accept the attached Exchange Agreement and authorize City staff to execute said agreement. (APN 008-470-021).
- H. Public Works: Authorization to purchase street right-of-way located on Emma Lee Lane, 100 feet west of Jana Way, as shown on the attached map, in the amount of \$160 plus escrow fees, accept the attached Grant Deed and authorize the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to attest and file said deed with the Kings County Recorder's Office, and accept the attached Purchase and Sale Agreement and authorize City staff to execute said agreement. (APN 008-470-020).
- I. Public Works: Authorization to purchase street right-of-way located at the northwest corner of Emma Lee Lane and Grangeville Boulevard, in the amount of \$21,700 plus escrow fees, Approve acceptance of the attached Grant Deed and Authorization for the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to attest and file said deed with the Kings County Recorder's Office, and accept the attached Purchase and Sale Agreement and authorize City staff to execute said agreement. (APN 008-460-005).
- J. Public Works: Award of an annual contract to The Experienced Gardener of Visalia, CA to perform spraying services for the City's drainage basins and easements for an amount not to exceed \$36,500.

- K. Public Works: Award the annual contract for curb and gutter, sidewalk, driveways and ADA ramp repair work to Cen-Cal Construction of Bakersfield CA for a not to exceed budgeted amount of \$90,000.00.
- L. Finance: Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with NHA Advisors LLC (San Rafael, CA) for Municipal Financial Advisory Services for a term up to five years
- M. Finance: Authorize the sole source award and execution of a professional services agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$68,000, with SDI Presence LLC (Carmichael, CA) and appropriate said funding from the Computer Replacement Fund (0414) to complete the Tyler Software Implementation.

Items pulled:

- 1. Parks and Community Services: Approval of the Rental Agreement with Magic Ice, USA, for the rental of the "Winter Wonderland" Ice Rink.

Item F

Pulled by Council Member Brieno.

Parks and Community Services Director Brad Albert answered questions from Council Member Brieno.

Motion to approve

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

- 2. Community Development: Historic Resources Permit No. 2021-05 - a request by the Carnegie Museum of Kings County to hang a 5' x 11' (55 sq. ft.) banner on the exterior of the Carnegie Library Building, located at 109 E. Eighth Street (APN 012-041-017) from September 15 through October 25, 2021, in order to advertise an upcoming exhibit. The project site is located within the Historic Overlay Zone.

[Item G]

Pulled by Council Member Saltray.

Senior Planner Gabrielle Myers presented both banner options for the Council's review and consideration. Banner option number two was the consensus of the Council.

Motion to approve Resolution 21-38 R as amended.

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

3. Finance: City of Hanford 2021-2022 Investment Policy Update

[Item N]

Pulled by Council Member Brieno.

Finance Director Chris Tavaréz answered questions from Council Member Brieno.

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. City Attorney: Adoption of Resolution of Necessity 21-36-R for APN 001-040-015 (the “Property”) authorizing the City Attorney to take the steps necessary to finalize the acquisition of the property (Arthur Delgado Eminent Domain) for the widening of 12th avenue by the City (the “Project”).

Mayor Ramirez opened the public hearing at 7:43 p.m.

Motion to continue the public hearing on September 21, 2021.

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

- B. City Attorney: Adoption of Resolution of Necessity 21-37-R for APN 007-360-016 (the “Property”) authorizing the City Attorney to take the steps necessary to finalize the acquisition of the property (Paul Singh Eminent Domain) for the City’s expansion of the Tank Site 6 and repair of Well 41 at that site.

Mayor Ramirez opened the public Hearing at 7:45 p.m. and called for the staff report. City Attorney Ty Mizote presented the staff report and invited questions of the Council.

Public Comment:

IN-FAVOR
None.

OPPOSED

None.

City Attorney Mizote answered questions from Council Member Brieno.

Motion to approve.

Mayor Ramirez closed the public hearing at 7:49 p.m.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Finance: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding information regarding \$13,077,740 from Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery funding and allocate \$8.2 million of the funding due to reduction of revenue, appropriate \$699,105 for Public Safety Radios, \$30,000 for City Hall Covid Mitigation Improvements and \$40,000 for ARPA Community Outreach and seek initial input on future allocation

Finance Director Chris Tavarez discussed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). Dir. Tavarez summarized the listed eligible and prohibited uses, key dates, and reporting requirements. The Council Members shared the suggestions and provided their input on the fund allocation. Staff addressed the Council's questions and concerns regarding additional fund allocation not included in the staff's recommendation. After much discussion, the Council consensus is to discuss the ARPA fund allocations at a future meeting.

Motion to approve as recommended.

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

- B. Public Works: Adoption of Emergency Resolution No. 21-39-R, approving the emergency repair of Well No. 45 and Well No. 49 by Valley Pump and Dairy Systems of Armona, CA, for a not to exceed price of \$250,000, and approve an additional appropriation of \$250,000 from Water Capital Reserves.

Deputy Public Works Director Jim Ross presented the Emergency resolution for the Council's review and consideration. Dir. Ross answered questions from Council Member Brieno.

Motion to approve.

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

C. Police: Approval of the Annual Agreement between the City of Hanford and the Hanford Joint Union High School District for providing School Resource Officers.

Police Chief Parker Sever discussed the agreement and answered questions from Council Member Brieno.

Motion to approve.

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

D. Administration: Approval of a contract with BBK Consulting Services for the full redistricting services, at a cost not to exceed \$45,000, including conducting the required public hearings, participation in public outreach meetings, and the online mapping tool, for the 2020 Census Redistricting Process.

City Manager Cifuentez provided a background and discussed the next steps to begin redistricting with the staff recommended consultant, Best, Best and Krieger. City Manager Cifuentez answered questions from the Council.

Motion to approve without the use of an advisory committee.

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

E. Council: Discussion of Annual Conference Resolutions; Approval of the City's position on the resolutions, and Direction to the voting representative to advance the City's position at the League of California Cities Annual Conference.

City Manager Cifuentez discussed the annual conference resolutions and staff answered questions from the Council.

Motion on to approve voting delegates to vote yes on both resolutions.

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

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

The Council directed staff to bring back the discussion of police officers patrolling the parks on weekends, brought forth by Mayor Ramirez.

Council Future Agenda Items

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Corral
City Clerk