



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**September 21, 2021 7:00 PM  
Council Chambers  
400 N. Douty St.**

**6:00 PM CALL TO ORDER CLOSED SESSION:**

Mayor Ramirez called the Closed Session to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK :**

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

**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 commented on closed session item D He also commented on Hidden Valley Park.

**CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:**

Mayor Ramirez convened to the closed session at 6:03 p.m.

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

Property: APN's 028-240-018, 028-240-020, 08-310-005, 028-310-005, 028-310-007, 028-310-008, 028-310-025

Agency Negotiators: Mario Cifuentez, Ty Mizote

Negotiating Party: City Farm Industries Inc.

***CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (GC 54956.9(d)(4)):***

One potential case.

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

One potential case (Brown Act compliant).

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

Title: City Attorney

## **CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:**

Mayor Ramirez called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL:**

| Attendee Name     | Title          | Status  | Arrived |
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| Diane Sharp       | Vice Mayor     | Present | 5:40 PM |
| Art Brieno        | Council Member | Present | 5:55 PM |
| Kalish Morrow     | Council Member | Present | 5:57 PM |
| Amanda Saltray    | Council Member | Present | 5:57 PM |
| Francisco Ramirez | Mayor          | Present | 5:15 PM |

## **INVOCATION:**

The invocation was led by Pastor Orris Whitley.

## **FLAG SALUTE:**

The flag salute was led by

## **CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT :**

City Attorney Ty Mizote reported, the Council was unable to complete the discussion on one of the anticipated litigation items. The closed session will reconvene after the regular meeting. No action was taken on the other closed session items.

## **RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:**

### **A. Introduction of New Police Officers**

Introduction of the new police officers was postponed.

### **B. Fire: Proclamation to American Ambulance in recognition of their outstanding service and efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic.**

Police Chief Parker Sever Fire Chief Steve Pendergrass presented the American Ambulance with a proclamation in recognition of their outstanding service and efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The City Council and representatives from Senator Melissa Hurtado's Office, Congressman David Valadao's office, and Assemblymember Rudy Salas's office presented a certificate of Recognition to the American Ambulance paramedic's.

Steve Melander, Chief Operations Officer American Ambulance for Fresno, and Tulare County expressed his gratitude for the recognition and support.

### **C. Proclamation National Fire Prevention Week October 3-9, 2021**

The City Council presented the Fire Prevention Week proclamation to the Fire Department.

## **STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:**

City Manager Mario Cifuentez provided departmental updates.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:**

Vice Mayor Sharp attended several community events. She also attended the KART Facility Design meeting.

Council Member Morrow attended the KCAPTA meeting and events.

Council Member Brieno commented on the SB9. He also Centennial Park playground.

Council Member Saltray attended KCAO Board meeting. She also commented on the ARPA funding discussed at the previous meeting.

Mayor Ramirez attended the Proteus Event. He also discussed the events 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.*

Bob Ramos commented the 18 acres adjacent to Hidden Valley Park. He also comment on the complaint filled by Paula Lofgren.

Lou Martinez thanked the first responders, city staff and the Council for their service to the community. He also commented on the 18 acres adjacent to Hidden Valley Park on the complaint filled by Paula Lofgren.

Mark Pratter commented on the 18 acres adjacent to Hidden Valley Park.

Jose Sigala, SEIU Representative for the City of Hanford commented on the ARPA fund distribution.

Nate Odom commented on the Local Control Resolution on the agenda.

## **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 [Public Works: Authorization to award a contract, to provide pedestrian accessibility and safety and additional street lighting on Redington Street between Phillips Street and Scott Street, to DOD Construction of Bakersfield CA, in the amount of \$108,475.00 and approve an additional appropriation of \$23,600.00 from the Accumulated Capital Outlay Reserves to fully fund this project.]

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

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>             |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Diane Sharp, Vice Mayor                 |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Amanda Saltray, Council Member          |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | 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. City Clerk: Approval of the Minutes of the May 4, 2021 Meeting
- C. Administration: Second Reading 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.
- D. Information Technology: Approval of adding additional fiber optic network connectivity at Longfield Center, Coe Park Center, Plunge and Airport for an initial installation/construction cost of \$30,000 which will be paid from ARPA funds.
- E. Police: Approval of Out of State Travel to Stateline Nevada for Sun Ridge Users Conference for a Police Sergeant and Senior Records Clerk.

### **PULLED ITEMS:**

- 1. Public Works: Authorization to award a contract, to provide pedestrian accessibility and safety and additional street lighting on Redington Street between Phillips Street and Scott Street, to DOD Construction of Bakersfield CA, in the amount of \$108,475.00 and approve an additional appropriation of \$23,600.00 from the Accumulated Capital Outlay Reserves to fully fund this project.

*[Item F]*

Pulled by Council Member Brieno.

Public Works Director John Doyel discussed the proposed lighting placement. Dir. Doyel answered questions from Council Member Brieno. Police Chief Parker Sever commented on the placement of the street lighting.

Motion to approve.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>             |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Art Brieno, Council Member              |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Kalish Morrow, Council Member           |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Sharp, Brieno, Morrow, Saltray, Ramirez |

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. City Attorney: Adoption of Resolution of Necessity 21-\_\_-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 called for the staff report.

Motion to table.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>             |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Kalish Morrow, Council Member           |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Art Brieno, Council Member              |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Sharp, Brieno, Morrow, Saltray, Ramirez |

- B. Community Development: Public hearing to Accept comments and Approve the submission of the 2020/21 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report.

Mayor Ramirez opened the public hearing and called for the staff report at 7:57 p.m. Administrative Analyst Sandra Lerma presented Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) and answered questions from the Council.

Public Comment:

IN-FAVOR:  
None

OPPOSED:  
None

Mayor Ramirez closed the public hearing at 8:06 pm

Motion to approve.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>             |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Art Brieno, Council Member              |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Diane Sharp, Vice Mayor                 |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Sharp, Brieno, Morrow, Saltray, Ramirez |

## GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Public Works: Authorization to advertise for bids for the FY 20/21 CDBG Lacey Park Basketball Courts and Pre-Authorize the City Manager to award and execute the contract on behalf of the City to the lowest responsible bidder, providing project bid is within current budget appropriation.

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

Motion to approve.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>             |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Art Brieno, Council Member              |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Kalish Morrow, Council Member           |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Sharp, Brieno, Morrow, Saltray, Ramirez |

- B. Administration: Adoption of Resolution No. 21-42-R, expressing support for actions to further strengthen local democracy, authority, and control as it relates to Local zoning & Housing Issues and Personal Rights of City Residents.

City Manager Mario Cifuentez discussed the background of the resolution, and provided the details of Housing Bills SB9, SB10 and AB1401. Each of the Council Members commented on the resolution.

Motion to approve.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>             |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Kalish Morrow, Council Member           |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Amanda Saltray, Council Member          |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Sharp, Brieno, Morrow, Saltray, Ramirez |

## **COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

### **Council Future Agenda Items**

Council Member Brieno commented on the ARPA fund distribution. Mayor Ramirez questioned the roundabout sign, located on Hwy 43. City Manager Cifuentez addressed the Council's questions and concerns.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

The Council adjourned the meeting and reconvened into closed session at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Corral  
City Clerk