



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**November 16, 2021 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

4:00 PM CALL TO ORDER STUDY SESSION 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, 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.*

None.

STUDY SESSION :

A. COS Leadership Academy Attendee Recognition

City Manager Mario Cifuentez discussed the COS Leadership Academy Program and presented certificates to the employees in attendance:

Edgar Aguayo - Police Officer
Destiny Borba - Finance Analyst
Robert Buchanan - Construction Inspector II
Sarah Cardoza - HR Manager
Natalie Corral - City Clerk
Armando Da Silva - Recreation Supervisor
Eric Forcey - IT Manager
Manuel Gallegos - Senior Utilities Maintenance Worker
Randy Green - Custodian
Keri Hunter - Senior Records Clerk
Rolando Jaime - Police Officer
James Lutz - Police Lieutenant

B. Finance: Receive presentation from NHA Advisors on pension cost containment strategies and provide input and direction on development of possible strategies and future development of a Pension Funding Policy

Finance Director Chris Tavarez provided the background and introduced NHA Advisors, Principal Eric Scriven and Vice President Mike Meyer (teleconference). The NHA Advisors presented and discussed the pension cost

containment strategies for the Council's consideration and direction. No formal action was required. The advisors and staff answered questions from the Council. Mr. Scriven discussed the recommendation and the next steps. After a lengthy discussion the Council directed staff to continue to pursue the UAL restructuring and the stress testing analysis.

C. Overview of City's Code Enforcement Division and discussion of Blighted Areas and Nuisance issues

Building Official Tom Webb provided an overview of the City's Code Enforcement Division. Mr. Webb discussed the divisions general issues and some of the current challenges. Staff also discussed the need for an additional code compliance officer. Staff answered questions from the Council. After a lengthy discussion the Council directed staff to prepare staffing options for a future discussion.

The Council convened to closed session at 6:23 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (GC 54956.9 (d)(1):

City of Hanford v. Paul Singh Family Limited Partnership
Kings County Superior

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

Property: 11722 Fargo Ave.
APN: 007-360-016-000
Agency Negotiators: Ty Mizote

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - LABOR NEGOTIATIONS (GC 54957.6) :

Agency designated representatives: Mario Cifuentez and Ty Mizote
Employees: All represented and unrepresented employees

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	Present	3:55 PM
Art Brieno	Council Member	Present	3:59 PM
Kalish Morrow	Council Member	Present	3:50 PM
Amanda Saltray	Council Member	Present	3:58 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Mayor	Present	3:30 PM

INVOCATION:

The invocation was led by Sylvia Gaston.

FLAG SALUTE:

The flag salute was led by Mayor Ramirez.

RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATIONS:

A. Recognition of the art contest winners for the design on the new Park Resource Officer Truck

Police Chief Parker Sever and Parks and Community Services Director Brad Albert recognized the art contest winners for the art designs on the new Park Resource Officer Truck: Kilyn Braz, Crystal Rodriguez, and Leah Vidal.

B. Christian Heritage Week Proclamation 2021

Council Member Saltray presented the Christian Heritage Week Proclamation to Pastor Mark Curts.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

A bonus of \$1500.00 was approved for the city's full-time essential workers, hired before September 2021.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager Mario Cifuentez provided departmental updates. He also discussed the meetings he attended.

Parks and Community Services Director Brad Albert provided an update for the Winter Wonderland Ice Rink and announced upcoming events.

Police Chief Parker Sever discussed the food for fines program and provided a department update.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Vice Mayor Sharp discussed the events and meetings she attended.

Council Member Morrow had nothing to report.

Council Member Brieno recognized Jack Schwartz for the Carnegie events.

Council Member Saltray discussed the Town Hall meeting. She also discussed the meetings and events she attended.

Mayor Ramirez discussed the events he attended and thanked Parks and Community Services Director Brad Albert for his participation in the community.

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.*

Michelle Brown, Executive Director of Main Street Hanford, thanked the Council for the ice rink in Civic Park and she discussed the impact it will have on the community.

Brent Olson commented on the cannabis tax proposal.

Jack Schwartz commented on the car show event and thanked the police department and fire department for their help. He also thanked the city for their support.

Bob Ramos commented on Caliva's signage and the RFP for City Attorney Services. He also questioned the project cost of General Business Item A.

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 pulled items G and I. Vice Mayor Sharp pulled item I.

Motion to approve the consent calendar except the items pulled for separate consideration.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Diane Sharp, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Art Brieno, 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. Administration: Approval of the City of Hanford salary schedules, including amendments to job classifications or title changes made since July and the increase in minimum wage and authorization for City Administration to amend all other documents as may be necessary to implement the updates.
- C. Administration: Approval of an Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County of Kings, for the annexation of eight (8) islands that are fully surrounded by the City of Hanford, to amend the date of the transition of Law Enforcement coverage to become effective on July 1, 2023
- D. Administration: Approval of Amendment No 1 of the License Agreement between the Carnegie Museum of Kings County and the City of Hanford to extend the term of the agreement until December 31, 2022
- E. Administration: Approval of the Sale of one (1) parcel on Idlewood Way to Habitat for Humanity of Tulare/Kings Counties, Inc.
- F. Community Development: Approval of the Second reading and adoption of Ordinances 21-07 through 21-13, approving Prezone No. 2021-01 through -03 and 2021-05 through -08, a request to prezone the county islands, in accordance with their General Plan Designation. Location: Seven County Islands, various locations.
- G. Community Development: Sign Permit 2021-36: A request by Main Street Hanford to paint a mural onto the exterior wall of an existing building. The property is located at 114-116 N. Irwin Street. (APN 012-055-009).
- H. Public Works: Approval of a payment to King's Petroleum, for the purchase of unleaded fuel for Fleet Operations, in the amount is \$31,480.74.

- I. Public Works: Acceptance of the Grant Deed from Brian D. McCutcheon, an unmarried man, dated October 26, 2021 for street widening purposes at Cedar Grove Street and 13th Avenue; Authorization for the City Manager to sign the deed certification and the City Clerk to file said deed with the Kings County Recorder's office.
- J. Public Works: Award a contract to TBS Construction of Madera Ca, in the amount of \$257,278.78 for the FY 20/21 CDBG Lacey Park Basketball Courts Project, establish a construction contingency of \$25,000.00 for this project, appropriate an additional \$64,319.70 from the Park Impact Fee Reserve Fund and \$40,359.08 from the Accumulated Capital Outlay Reserve Fund to fully fund the project.
- K. Public Works: Authorization to Advertise for Bids for the Drilling and Development Phase of the FY 20/21 New Water Supply Wells Project 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.

PULLED ITEMS:

- 1. Community Development: Second reading of Ordinance 21-14, approving Zone Text Amendment No. 2021-01: A request, by the City of Hanford, to amend Title 17, Section 17.08.030 – Commercial, Office, and Industrial Zone Use Table of the Hanford Municipal Code by adding sections in order to: a. Create size breakdowns for “Office; medical, dental, or optometry” and allow limited office uses in the C-R Regional Commercial zone district; and b. Create size breakdowns for “Office; professional or commercial” and allow limited office uses in the C-R Regional Commercial zone district; and c. Eliminate size breakdowns for “Furniture stores” and allow furniture stores (any size) as a permitted use in the C-R Regional Commercial, MX-C Corridor Mixed Use, and MX-D Downtown Mixed-Use zone districts; and d. Add “Laboratory; general, medical, or dental” as a conditionally permitted use in the C-R Regional Commercial zone district; and e. Add “Food catering” as a permitted use in C-N Neighborhood Commercial, C-R Regional Commercial, and MX-N Neighborhood Mixed Use zone district.

[Item G]

Pulled by Council Member Brieno.

Senior Planner Gabrielle Myers answered questions from Council Member Brieno.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Art Brieno, Council Member
SECONDER:	Kalish Morrow, Council Member
AYES:	Brieno, Morrow, Saltray, Ramirez
ABSTAIN:	Sharp

- 2. Community Development: Historic Resources Permit 2021-07: a request to remodel the bottom band of the façade at 240-250 W. Eighth Street within the Historic Overlay Zone. The property is designated as a contributing building. (APN 012-022-003).

[Item I]

Pulled by Vice Mayor Sharp.

Vice Mayor Sharp was a volunteer consultant on the project, and she will not vote on the item. Assistant Planner Mark Manha answered questions from Council Member Brieno.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Art Brieno, Council Member
SECONDER:	Kalish Morrow, Council Member
AYES:	Brieno, Morrow, Saltray, Ramirez
ABSTAIN:	Sharp

3. Public Works: Authorization to award contract to 4Creeks of Visalia CA, in the amount of \$31,268.00 for the design the Police Department Parking Lot Expansion Project.

[Item J]

Pulled by Council Member Brieno.

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

Motion to approved.

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

8:00 PM PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. Clerk: Conduct the Second Public Hearing to receive input from the community regarding the redrawing of City Council Redrawing of City Council Member District Boundaries

Mayor Ramirez opened the public hearing at 8:00 p.m. and called for the staff report. Best Best & Krieger (BB&K) representative Tyler Anthony presented the staff report and discussed the redrawing of the district maps with a focus on the timeline and map drafting tools. The online mapping tool will be available on the city's website on November 22, 2021. BB&K will also begin drafting maps to be presented to the Council at the third public hearing. The third Redistricting Public Hearing is scheduled for January 18, 2022. No formal action was taken. Staff and Mr. Anthony answered questions from the Council.

Public Comment:

Bob Ramos questioned the adjusted census data timeline. Mr. Anthony responded.

Mayor Ramirez closed the public hearing at 8:24 p.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Public Works: Approval of a contract with Quinn of Selma, CA. for the purchase and installation of a new radiator for the emergency generator located at Tank 5 in the amount of \$70,487.62 and approval of an additional appropriation of \$70,487.62 from Water Capital Reserves.

Public Works Director John Doyel discussed the project for the Council's review and consideration and answered questions from the Council.

Motion to approve.

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

- B. Parks and Community Services: Approval of the submittal of a Request for Technical Assistance letter from the Trust for Public Land for technical assistance in connection with our efforts to finance our parks, trails, open spaces and other recreation priorities.

Parks and Community Services Director Brad Albert discussed the process for the request for Technical Assistance from the Trust for Public Land and answered questions from the Council.

Motion to approve.

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

- C. Adoption of resolution 21-53-R, in order to increase the City of Hanford cannabis taxes up to the maximum allowable levels, in accordance with the Hanford Municipal Code as approved by the voters.

Police Chief Parker Sever provided the background and discussed the tax increase for Council review and consideration. Council Member Morrow expressed her concerns regarding the increase.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 2]
MOVER:	Diane Sharp, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Amanda Saltray, Council Member
AYES:	Sharp, Saltray, Ramirez
NAYS:	Brieno, Morrow

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Corral
City Clerk