



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

5:30 PM CALL TO ORDER STUDY SESSION:

Mayor Ramirez called the Study Session to order at 5:00 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. Parks and Community Services: Council consideration of Park Capital Projects and direction on which project to submit to the State Department of Parks and Recreation for funding under the Prop 68 Per Capita Grant Program

Parks and Community Service Director Brad Albert presented the Park Capital Projects for the Council's review and direction. Dir. Albert answered questions from the Council. The Council expressed their concerns of the cost for Lacey Park splash pad project. The Council provided their feedback on the other presented projects. Dir. Albert mentioned the need for new cameras at the skate park, which was not included on the project list. Parks and Recreation Commissioner Gregory Kelly spoke in favor of the splash pad. After much discussion the Council directed staff to move forward with the projects that will enhance surveillance in the City's parks and facilities.

Motion to approve.

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

- B. Presentation by Greg Burns of Thorn Run Partners, the City of Hanford's contracted federal lobbying firm, with updates on national legislative matters and discussion of potential uses for the City's remaining ARPA funding.

Lobbyist with Thorn Run Partners, Greg Burns provided a background of Thorn Run Partners and himself. Mr. Burns discussed the work that they have completed for the city and an outlook of possible legislation and actions that Council should be aware of for the coming year. Mr. Burns answered questions from Vice Mayor Sharp regarding highway funding. No formal action was required. The Council will discuss potential uses for the City's remaining ARPA funding at a future meeting.

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Ramirez called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Diane Sharp	Vice Mayor	Present	5:20 PM
Art Brieno	Council Member	Present	5:29 PM
Kalish Morrow	Council Member	Present	5:20 PM
Amanda Saltray	Council Member	Present	5:28 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Mayor	Present	5:22 PM

INVOCATION:

The invocation was led by Pastor Robert Lee.

FLAG SALUTE:

The flag salute was led by Mayor Ramirez.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager Cifuentez recognized the staff for their hard work with Winter Wonderland in Civic Park.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Vice Mayor Sharp discussed the community events and meetings she attended.

Council Member Morrow discussed the community events she attended.

Council Member Brieno commented on the opening of the Winter Wonderland.

Council Member Saltray discussed the community events and meetings she attended.

Mayor Ramirez recognized the staff for their hard work with the Winter Wonderland. He also commented on the upcoming community holiday events.

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.*

Travis Paden commented on the Winter Wonderland and expressed his concerns regarding the cost of future repairs needed in Civic Park grass area after the holiday season. He also commented on the electrical infrastructure in the park. Mr. Paden requested to pull Consent item D.

Patricia Diaz owner of Paty's Dance Studio commented on her property located on Seventh Street and expressed her concerns regarding the elevator repair requirements from city. She discussed the financial burden of the repair process. Ms. Diaz requested a meeting with the Council and the Planning Department to discuss further. She also provided the Council with a letter.

Ron Easley, former city employee, commented on employee uniforms.

Bob Ramos commented on the meeting start time. Mr. Ramos suggested that the city ask for a permanent news camera in the Civic Park. He also commented on the Paula Lofgren claim.

Chris Jordan commented on his experiences in the community and thanked the Council for the decisions they've made to improve the community.

Cheyne Strawn provided feedback on the Winter Wonderland and thanked the staff for their hard work. He also commented on the Longfield Center upgrades.

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.

Item D was requested to be pulled by the public. Council Member Saltray pulled items E and I. Council Member Brieno pulled item J.

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

- 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 June 1, 2021 Meeting
- C. City Clerk: Approval of the Minutes of the June 3, 2021 Special Meeting
- D. Public Works: Approval of a payment to King's Petroleum, for the purchase of diesel fuel for Fleet Operations, in the amount is \$32,342.63.
- E. Public Works: Approval of the Notice of Completion for Tract No. 916 Pacific Grove Addition #2 and authorization for the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest and file said Notice with the Kings County Recorder's Office. (12th Avenue & Bristol Lane).
- F. Public Works: Approval of a Notice of Completion for the FY 20/21 Pavement Resurfacing: Single & Double Fiberized Micro Treatment Project at a total construction cost of \$899,421.83 and authorization for the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest and file said Notice with the Kings County Recorder's Office.

PULLED ITEMS:

1. Parks and Community Services: Consideration of an appropriations request from the City's General Fund, in the amount of \$39,613.33, to cover the cost Ice Rink Expenses not previously approved in the FY22 budget.

[Item D]

Requested to be pulled by Mr. Travis Paden during public comment.

Parks and Community Services Director Brad Albert discussed some of the challenges, revenue, and the adjustments that have been made since the opening of the Winter Wonderland. He also provided an update on ticket sales. Dir. Albert addressed the concerns expressed by Mr. Paden during public comment.

Motion to approve.

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

2. Public Works: Award of a contract to HBC Enterprise of Clovis Ca, in the amount of \$64,256.60 for the FY 20/21 Hidden Valley Park Fitness Pad Project; Appropriate an additional 33.564.10 from the Park Impact Fees to fund the project; and Establish a construction contingency of \$4,500.00 for this project.

[Item E]

Pulled by Council Member Saltray.

The item was pulled by mistake.

Motion to approve.

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

3. Public Works: Approval of the Purchase of a 2022 Ford F-550 utilities service truck from Keller Ford, of Hanford, Ca., in the amount of \$112,851.02 to replace a 2009 utility service truck; Authorization of an additional appropriation of \$42,911.02 from Water Capital Reserve Funds to cover the cost of the purchase; and declare the 2009 unit as surplus.

[Item I]

Pulled by Council Member Saltray.

Public Works Director John Doyel discussed the bid process and timeline. Dir Doyel answered questions from the Council.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Amanda Saltray, Council Member
SECONDER:	Art Brieno, Council Member
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4. Fire: Approval of a contract with Fresno County for fire dispatch services, beginning March 1, 2022, and Approval of an appropriation from the General Fund of \$65,000 for FY22 and \$215,000 for FY23 to cover the cost of the Contract.

[Item J]

City Manager Mario Cifuentez answered budget questions from Council Member Brieno.

Motion to approve.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Finance: Authorization for the Issuance of One or More Series of Pension Obligation Bonds, Subject to Further Council Action, in order to Refinance Outstanding Obligations of the City to the California Public Employees' Retirement System with estimated principal amount of up to \$33,225,000, Authorizing a Judicial Validation Action, and Approving and Directing Related Matters (Resolution No. 21-55-R)

Finance Director Chris Tavarez provided the background. NHA Advisor Eric Scriven (teleconference) and Jones Hall Legal Consultant James Wawrzyniak (teleconference) discussed the UAL Restructuring process, the timeline, and the next steps to follow should the Council approve the item. The consultants and City Attorney Ty Mizote answered questions from the Council.

Motion to approve.

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

- B. Finance: Adoption of Resolution No. 21-54-R, thereby Adopting and Establishing a formal Debt Management Policy for the City of Hanford

Finance Director Chris Tavarez discussed the purpose of the policy and answered questions from the Council.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Amanda Saltray, Council Member
SECONDER:	Kalish Morrow, Council Member
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C. Council: Review and Approval of the 2022 Calendar of City Council Meetings

City Manager Mario Cifuentez discussed the 2022 Calendar of City Council Meetings and recommended canceling two meetings, January 4, and July 5.

The 2022 Calendar of City Council Meetings was approved.

RESULT:	CONSENSUS
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COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Council Future Agenda Items

Council Member Saltray expressed her concerns regarding the city's website. City Manager Cifuentez addressed her concerns. He also discussed the priority of moving forward with an RFP for redesigning the website.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Corral
City Clerk