



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 7, 2022 7:00 PM

Council Chambers

400 N. Douty St.

4:00 PM CALL TO ORDER STUDY SESSION AND CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Morrow called the study session and closed session to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK:

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

Absent: Francisco Ramirez

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.*

Mark Pratter commented on rezoning Hidden Valley Park.

Bob Ramos commented on the public comment period during special meetings and he suggested adding seating for spectators at the Lacey Park basketball courts. He also commented on the damaged grass area at Civic Park.

Lou Martinez commented on Hidden Valley Park.

Chad Draxler commented on the approval of the fitness park located at Hidden Valley Park. He also expressed his concerns about cars being parked on the grass area at the parks. He asked why the parking ordinance is not being enforced.

STUDY SESSION :

A. Review of the Council's Adopted Goal for Parks in the City of Hanford and discussion related Measurable Objectives for FY 22/23 and Funding options

Parks & Community Services Director Brad Albert introduced the new Administrative Analyst Jerald Campbell. Dir. Albert also addressed the public comments made regarding Civic Park. Dir. Albert discussed the measurable objectives for FY 22/23. City Manager Cifuentez also addressed the concerns expressed during public comment. He also discussed the process of rezoning Hidden Valley Park. The Council provided feedback and shared some concerns regarding maintaining current park amenities. They also discussed funding options. Staff responded to the Council's questions and concerns. Trust and Public Land Western Conservation Director David Weinstein (teleconference) provided an overview of the Trust Public Land (TPL) and discussed the Public Finance Feasibility Study. Mr. Weinstein also discussed critical steps for a successful ballot measure. Mr. Weinstein and staff answered questions from the Council. The Council directed staff to move forward with

the measurable objectives with the modification to work toward recovery cost and user fees before seeking additional funding routes. Staff will also bring back the updated user fees and a study session item with an overview of the status of the parks.

RESULT: CONSENSUS

B. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2021 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 Tavarez and Hudson Henderson & Company Inc. CPA Brian Henderson discussed the financial cycle and the Fiscal Year 2021 Audited Financial Statements. Mr. Henderson briefly highlighted and discussed the services they provided. He also discussed the timeline and completion date. Staff answered questions from the Council. The presentation was informational only, no formal action was needed.

CLOSED SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

The Council convened to closed session at 6:40 p.m.

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

Workers Compensation Claim

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

Agency Designated Representatives: Che Johnson, Mario Cifuentez, Sarah Cardoza, Chris Tavarez, and Brenda Garcia.

Employee Organizations: Hanford Police Officers Association (POA); Hanford Firefighters; Local 3898 (IAFF); Hanford General Employees Management Association (GEMA); Service Employees International Union Local 521 (SEIU); and Executive Management Employees Association (EMEA).

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

Darlene Mata v. City of Hanford
Kings County Case No. 22C0077

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Morrow 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	Mayor	Present	3:53 PM
Amanda Saltray	Council Member	Present	3:59 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Council Member	Absent	

INVOCATION:

Pastor Ken McMillan led the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Morrow led the flag salute.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

None.

COUNCIL REPORTS/GENERAL REPORTS:

Brief information-only reports from City Council and/or Staff, including committee reports and reports by City Council related to meetings attended at City expenses (AB1234).

Mayor Morrow and Vice Mayor Sharp discussed the events and meetings they attended.

Council Member Saltray discussed the meetings and events she attended. She also discussed KCAOs programs.

Council Member Brieno nothing to report.

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.*

Jack Swartz thanked the city staff for their assistance with Carnegie Museum event in Civic Park. He also shared the Carnegie's highlights and upcoming events.

Dennis Ham commented on the Planning Commission vacancy and the amended ordinance. He also expressed his concerns regarding filling the vacancy.

Mike Mendoza shared his concerns regarding General Business Item A (Amendment of Water Service Discontinuation Policy). He also thanked Vice Mayor Sharp and Council Member Brieno for their assistance with his concerns.

Travis Paden recognized the Parks and Community Services staff for their assistance for a recent community event.

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 I and J. Motion to approve the consent calendar except the items pulled for separate discussion.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Diane Sharp, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Amanda Saltray, Council Member
AYES:	Sharp, Brieno, Morrow, Saltray
ABSENT:	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: Denial of a claim for damages and authorization for the City Clerk to send out notification of such to Manuel Salazar
- C. City Clerk: Approval of the Minutes of the December 21, 2021 Meeting
- D. City Clerk: Approval of the Minutes of the January 18, 2022 Meeting
- E. City Clerk: Adoption of Resolution 22-23-R Calling for the holding of a General Municipal Election to be held on November 8, 2022 and requesting the Kings County Board of Supervisors to consolidate with the Statewide General Election.
- F. Fire: Second reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 22-01, Amending most sections of Chapter 8.11 of the Hanford Municipal Code ILLEGAL FIREWORKS to update definitions, abatement procedures, penalties and re-identify the Hearing
- G. Fire: Approval of the award of the 2021 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) funding, in the amount of \$28,000 for the Hanford Fire Department, and Authorization to utilize the funding to Purchase Base Station and Apparatus Mobile Radios.
- H. Fire: Approval of the award of the 2020 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) funding, in the amount of \$25,650 for the Hanford Fire Department, and Authorization to utilize the funding to Purchase Portable Radios.
- I. Public Works: Acceptance of Public Grant of Easement from Implacable Properties, LLC, dated May 6, 2022 for a 20' wide Sanitary Sewer Easement for Tract 865, Unit 2.
- J. Public Works: Approval of the Final Map and Subdivision Agreement for Tract No. 928, Unit No. 3, with San Joaquin Valley Homes, and acceptance of all easements and dedications offered for public use and adoption of Resolution 22-24-R restructuring properties within Assessment District No. 20-01 (District Restructure No. 20-01-B) (Southeast corner of Fargo Avenue and Centennial Drive)

PULLED ITEMS:

- 1. Public Works: Authorization to reject a previously approved Contract with Robert Marks Plumbing and Re-Advertise the Civic Auditorium Sewer Main Replacement Project

[Item I]

Pulled by Council Member Brieno.

Public Works Director John Doyel answered questions from Council Member Brieno.

Motion to approve.

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

2. Public Works: Adoption of Ordinance No. 22-06 which amends Chapter 13.12 (Solid Waste Collection and Disposal), Chapter 2.48 (Purchasing system), and Chapter 12.08 (Water efficient landscape design and installation) of the Hanford Municipal Code relating to compliance with SB 1383.

[Item J]

Pulled by Council Member Brieno.

Public Works Director John Doyel answered questions from the Council.

Motion to approve.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. City Attorney: Introduction of Ordinance No. 22-07, an Amendment of the City of Hanford's Water Service Discontinuation Policy

City Attorney Ty Mizote discussed the background and the amendments. Mr. Mizote also addressed the comments made during public comment and answered questions from the Council. City Manager Cifuentez elaborated on the issues mentioned by Mr. Mendoza during public comment. Finance Director Chris Tavaraz discussed the fee schedule and the appeal process. Staff answered questioned from the Council.

Motion to approve.

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

- B. City Attorney: Re-approval of Farley Law Firm Retainer Agreement

City Attorney Ty Mizote discussed the previously approved Retainer Agreement for the Farley Law Firm's representation. He also discussed FPPC's input regarding the conflict of interest of Council Members Brieno and Ramirez voting on the item. Council Member Brieno recused himself from voting.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 0]
MOVER:	Diane Sharp, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Amanda Saltray, Council Member
AYES:	Sharp, Morrow, Saltray
ABSTAIN:	Brieno
ABSENT:	Ramirez

- C. Finance: Approval of an additional Appropriation of \$3,361,645 in the GF and \$8,016,639 across all Other Funds for the 2022-23 Fiscal Year Budget and the addition of three (3) allocated positions to the position control budget, one (1) to the salary schedule.

City Manager Cifuentez addressed the missing information from the staff report. Staff will present the complete report at the June 21st meeting for the Council's review and approval. Finance Manager Destiny Borba discussed the additional allocated positions. Building Official Tom Webb discussed the need for additional staff. Council Member Brieno expressed his concerns and commented on common violations. Vice Mayor Sharp spoke in support of the addition of three allocated positions. Staff answered questions from the Council. City Manager Cifuentez addressed Council Member Brieno's concerns. No action was taken. The item will be presented to the Council for review and approval on June 21, 2022.

RESULT:	CONSENSUS
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COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

At this time, any Council Member may ask a question for clarification, make an announcement, or report briefly on their activities. In addition, subject to Council Policies and Procedures, they may request staff to report back to the Council at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. (GOV. CODE SEC. 54954.2)

It was a consensus of the council to direct staff to bring back the following items for future discussion:

Review of the first-time home buyers' program, brought forth by Mayor Morrow, and the Civic Auditorium improvements, brought forth by Vice Mayor Sharp.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Morrow adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Corral
City Clerk