

**MINUTES
HANFORD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
January 11, 2016**

Parks and Recreation Commissioner WILLIS called the Regular Meeting to order in the Hanford Council Chambers, 400 N. Douty Street, Hanford, California at 5:30 p.m.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

FORTE, SCHWARTZ, SHOOP, STODDARD, WILLIS

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

NONE

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT

Parks and Recreation Director Miller
Park Superintendent Dias
Council Member Ramirez

ADVISORY MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Recreation Supervisor daSilva, Recreation Supervisor Chavez, Administrative Technician Venegas

PUBLIC COMMENT

Any person may directly address the Commission at this time on any item on the agenda, or on any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. A maximum of five (5) minutes are allowed for each speaker.

Commissioner WILLIS opened the floor for any public comment. There were none.

Introduction of Newly Appointed Commissioner and Council Representative

Parks and Recreation Director Miller introduced and welcomed Commissioner Jack Schwartz.

Parks and Recreation Director Miller introduced and welcomed Council Member Francisco Ramirez.

Election of 2016 Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Commissioner WILLIS called for nomination for Chairman in calendar year 2016.

Commissioner STODDARD nominated Commissioner WILLIS. Motion was seconded by Commissioner FORTE.

Hearing no further nominations, Commissioner WILLIS called for a vote of the commissioners for Commissioner WILLIS as Chairman. Motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.

Commissioner WILLIS called for nomination for Vice-Chairman in calendar year 2016.

Commissioner STODDARD nominated Commissioner SHOOP. Motion was seconded by Commissioner FORTE.

Hearing no further nominations, Commissioner WILLIS called for a vote of the commissioners for Commissioner SHOOP as Vice-Chairman. Motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All Items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. For discussion on any item on the Consent Calendar, it will be removed at the request of any member of the Commission or any person in the audience and made a part of the regular agenda.

- A. Approved Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2015
- B. Approved updates of Parks, Sports Field, Median, Downtown LAD's and Urban Forest
- C. Approved updates of Longfield Center, Sports, Facility, Events and Promotions
- D. Approved updates of Aquatics, Skate Parks, Youth Services, Adult and Special Needs

Motion was made by Commissioner FORTE, seconded by Commissioner STODDARD, to approve the consent calendar as submitted. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	FORTE, STODDARD, SHOOP, WILLIS
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	SCHWARTZ
ABSENT:	NONE

GENERAL BUSINESS

There were none.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Parks Superintendent Dias gave a brief update of the Street Tree Ordinance. He stated the Tree Commission diligently worked on revising the Street Tree Ordinance, as well as the Master Street Tree list and the Downtown Street Tree list. The major difference between the previous Street Tree Ordinance and the revised Street Tree Ordinance is the responsibility. The previous ordinance placed the responsibility on the city the revised ordinance places the responsibility on the property owner. He added the revised Street Tree Ordinance also protects the oak trees.
- B. Parks and Recreation Miller informed and invited commission of the upcoming city's 3 day Budget Workshop. He stated the Budget Workshop will take place in the City Hall Training Room from January 25 thru January 27, 2016. The city has hired Lyle Summit and Associates to lead the workshop. Currently the city is in a two year budget period which expires on June 30, 2016.
- C. Parks Superintendent Dias stated the Proteus office approached the city introducing a new program that would benefit unemployed individuals; as well as the city and the community. He stated the Proteus office received grant money for the Drought Relief program; the money is to be utilized to relocate unemployed individuals that employment was affected by the drought.

The city accepted to participate in the program; Proteus assigned a total of 15 individuals from the program to work at the City of Hanford; 10 individuals in parks and the other 5 throughout several divisions. He stated this is a 5 month program and prior to the end of the 5 months Proteus will inform the city if they received additional monies to continue this program for an additional 5 months.

Parks and Recreation Director Miller invited commission to attend the Hanford High Football State Championship Parade on Thursday, January 25, 2016 at 4:00pm. He stated the parade will begin at Harris and Seventh Streets and continue on Irwin Street; ending in front of the civic auditorium.

Parks Superintendent Dias stated the handout information given tonight was received late Friday from Hanford Youth Baseball. They are proposing to install batting cages and lighting at the ball field. The project will be fully funded by Hanford Youth Baseball; no cost incurred by the city. He stated they want this project completed prior to the beginning of baseball season.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

Commissioner STODDARD stated he is not comfortable that city council eliminated the Tree Commission and reduced the number of commission members. He stated these actions are a negative to the city.

Commissioner WILLIS asked for clarification on the reduction of commission members.

Parks and Recreation Director Miller stated council reduced the number of commissioners to be consistent with the number of council members.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:08 p.m., Commissioner WILLIS adjourned the Hanford Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty A. Venegas
Administrative Technician