



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

April 16, 2019 7:00 PM

Council Chambers

400 N. Douty St.

5:30 PM CALL TO ORDER STUDY & CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Sorensen called the Study and Closed Session to order at 5:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Sue Sorensen, Martin Devine, Francisco Ramirez, and Art Brieno

Absent: John Draxler

PUBLIC COMMENT:

*Comments from the public are limited to items listed 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, Hanford - Spoke in favor of expanding Hidden Valley Park.

Bob Ramos, Hanford - Spoke in favor of expanding Hidden Valley Park.

STUDY SESSION:

A. Pros Consulting: Master Parks Plan update

Mr. Mike Svetz presented the findings of the Community Needs Assessment for the Parks Master Plan. The survey is statistically valid; it has both the geographic and demographic representative sampling of the community. A total of 378 surveys were completed, 95% level of confidence with a margin of error of +/-5%. Some of the findings of the survey show the most used facilities are Hidden Valley Park, the Civic Park, Freedom Park, and the Civic Auditorium; most people learn about the City's Parks and Recreation through family and friends; the most preferred methods of communication about Parks and Recreation is through the City website, Facebook, and through flyers and newsletters; 67% of those surveyed said they had not participated in recreation programs offered by the City in the last 12 months, respondents cited not knowing what was offered as the top reason for not participating in recreation programs; Walking, Biking, and Hiking trails were the most important facilities to respondents; Repairing parks was highly supported by the respondents, along with adding trails and walking loops; Respondents to the survey cited they are most willing to fund the development of new walking and biking trails and the repairing of parks; regarding Hidden Valley Park, 48% of respondents think the adjacent property should be developed as an expansion to the park, 23% think the property should be sold and proceeds used for recreational facilities in other parts of the city, 20% were unaware of the adjacent property, and 9% did not respond; there is a priority for community special events as well as fitness and wellness programs.

Emerging issues that were established through the survey include: a strong advocacy for Parks and Recreation; economic development through park development; taking care of what the City already has/park safety; trails are important and needed; indoor facilities are desired especially given the heat and air quality; community special events are valued, and issues related to the land adjacent to Hidden Valley Park need to be addressed. Mr. Svetz stated that to his knowledge, a conceptual master plan that is data driven and outlines the costs to develop and maintain an expanded Hidden Valley Park has not been completed. He said something like that would engage the community and by using comprehensive data a better-informed direction can be reached. He said that data should include the costs of development and maintenance as well as an estimate of the revenue from selling the property. Furthermore, the study should also incorporate what could be done with the proceeds from such a sale and suggested to look at that in comparison to the findings of the survey. He said that the Hidden Valley Park issue needs to be resolved.

Mr. Svetz answered question from the Council. Council Member Ramirez addressed the need for Hanford to use its social media to advertise information to the community. The Council thanked Mr. Svetz for his presentation.

B. Main Street Hanford Public Art Program

Michelle Brown from Main Street Hanford, (MSH), presented the Council with the plans of a Public Art Program. MSH is accepting design proposals for artwork on various utility boxes in the downtown area. MSH currently has \$5,000 in the budget for the project and will partner with the Parks and Recreation department to fundraise through the Food Truck night planned on June 1, 2019. Ms. Brown presented the Council with current entries to give them an idea of the submissions and interest MSH has received for this project. The Council gave their approval and support for Main Street Hanford to continue the public art project.

Mayor Sorensen adjourned the Study Session for a 10 minute recess before the regularly scheduled meeting at 6:53 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. City Attorney Ty Mizote stated that since the Study Session went long, the Council will meet for Closed Session after the regular meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Vice Mayor John Draxler was absent due to his participation in the Boston Marathon.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John Draxler	Vice Mayor	Absent	
Martin Devine	Council Member	Present	5:21 PM
Sue Sorensen	Mayor	Present	5:30 PM
Art Brieno	Council Member	Present	5:30 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Council Member	Present	5:29 PM

INVOCATION:

Invocation led by Pastor Thomas King.

FLAG SALUTE:

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

A. National Day of Prayer Proclamation

Mayor Sorensen read a proclamation to recognize the National Day of Prayer.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Police Chief Parker Sever - He stated the flooring project is completed at the department.

Finance Director, Paula Lofgren - The audit is complete and the first draft of the budget was sent to staff.

Interim Fire Chief Erik Brotemarkle - Two firefighters are currently in the Academy and there are two more in pre-employment.

Parks and Recreation Director, Craig Miller - He said the Daddy/Daughter and Mother/Son dances were well attended. There will be an Easter egg hunt this Friday at the Civic.

Public Works Director, Lou Camara - Provided an update on the projects on 10th Ave and 11th Ave. on the manhole covers.

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, Hanford - She stated that the Night in the Country event is scheduled for April 26th in Civic Park.

Carlos Mendoza, Tulare Kings Hispanic Chamber of Commerce - He extended an invitation to the City of Hanford to become a member of the Tulare Kings Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Diane Sharp, Hanford - She asked a question regarding an item shown on the Warrant Register.

Skip Athey, Hanford - He spoke about the parks survey. He suggested the Parks & Recreation department send out information in the utility bills.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

City Attorney Ty Mizote responded to Ms. Sharp's question about attorney fees listed on the Warrant Register.

Fines with Rotary?

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 Devine requested to remove Item A and Council Member Brieno requested to remove Item E.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Art Brieno, Council Member
SECONDER:	Martin Devine, Council Member
AYES:	Devine, Sorensen, Brieno, Ramirez
ABSENT:	Draxler

- A. Utilities and Engineering: Continuance of Emergency Resolution for Treatment Project on Well No. 50.
- B. Utilities & Engineering: Waive second reading and adopt Ordinance 19-01, an amendment to Ordinance Section 10.16.130(B) of the City of Hanford Municipal Code, to prohibit parking at any time at the locations listed in the staff report.
- C. Public Works: That the City Council, by motion, approve the attached resolution 19-10-R identifying a “Project List” for RMRA gas tax funding for Fiscal Year 2019/20.
- D. Finance: Warrant Register

ITEMS REMOVED FROM:

- 1. Parks & Recreation: Approve the purchase and installation of three (3) new outdoor light poles at the Hanford BMX Track in the amount of \$47,100.00.

(Item A)

Council Member Devine requested more information about the project. Parks Superintendent, Alvin Dias stated that the project does fulfill a community need and many entities from other cities use the BMX track. Council Member Devine would like the track to be more accessible to the public.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Martin Devine, Art Brieno
SECONDER:	Francisco Ramirez, Council Member
AYES:	Devine, Sorensen, Brieno, Ramirez
ABSENT:	Draxler

- 2. City Clerk: Approve Resolution 19-11-R, in support of Balanced Energy Solutions

(Item E)

City Manager Darrel Pyle was absent from this meeting so, by consensus, the Council decided to table this item to a future meeting when he would be able to accurately describe the purpose of the resolution.

RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 5/21/2019 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Art Brieno, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Martin Devine, Council Member	
AYES:	Devine, Sorensen, Brieno, Ramirez	
ABSENT:	Draxler	

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Utilities and Engineering: Conduct the Public Hearing for the Annexation of Additional Properties to Landscape Assessment District No. 18-01-A regarding Tract 919, Bonterra Subdivision (APN 009-030-154), and adopt the Resolution establishing the formation of the district and confirming the levy and collection of annual assessments.

Dir. Camara stated that the item for the Public Hearing also has a companion item which did not make it on the agenda on time; that item was to approve a final map of the assessment district. It was requested to hold a Special Meeting to approve the map so it could be sent to the County Recorder's office before the end of the month.

Dir. Camara explained that the property to be annexed is for Tract 919, the Bonterra subdivision. The developer is proposing to annex additional property north of the subdivision which would extend Centennial Drive to Fargo Ave. By annexing that property into the existing Landscape Assessment District the assessment rates overall would go down.

Mayor Sorensen opened the hearing for Public Comment for those IN FAVOR:

John Zumwalt, Civil Engineer, Hanford - He voiced his support for this annexation and requested that the Council hold a Special Meeting to approve the final map for the property.

Jim Robinson, San Joaquin Valley Homes - He said that a park is being built in that subdivision that would be supported through the LAD. He also requested that the Council hold a Special Meeting to approve the final map.

Mayor Sorensen allowed for Public Comment for those OPPOSED:

No comments.

Mayor Sorensen closed the Public Hearing. The Council reached consensus to hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. to approve the final map.

Motion to approve annexation.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Martin Devine, Council Member
SECONDER:	Art Brieno, Council Member
AYES:	Devine, Sorensen, Brieno, Ramirez
ABSENT:	Draxler

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Parks & Recreation: Approve the purchase of a playground structure from NSP3 for Lacey Park in the amount of \$149,980.71

Parks Superintendent, Alvin Dias presented the project to purchase a new playground structure for Lacey Park. With the Council approval of awarding a contract, the project would be completed by June 1, 2019. The funding will come through Community Development Block Grant monies; the department was able to procure \$156,000 from CDBG for this project (\$149,980 for the structure and approximately \$6,000 for maintenance).

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Martin Devine, Council Member
SECONDER:	Francisco Ramirez, Council Member
AYES:	Devine, Sorensen, Brieno, Ramirez
ABSENT:	Draxler

- B. Utilities and Engineering: Reject the low bid from Pavement Coatings Co. Inc. as being non-responsive, award a contract to VSS International, Inc. in the amount of \$1,659,606.50; Establish a construction contingency of \$82,900.00 for this project; and approve an additional appropriation of \$138,506.50 from the Gas Tax Reserves.

Dir. Camara explained that he provided the Council a revised staff report which recommends to not award the project to a bidder yet. The reason being was that the low bidder for the project did not submit a non-collusion affidavit and the second lowest bidder protested that bid. Then it was discovered that the affidavit all the bidders used was not a current document. Because of that, it is recommended to reject all bids and the department will update the documents and re-advertise for the project. This will delay the project by approximately 6 weeks, however this is not a huge impact to the City.

Motion to approve rejection of all bids and direct Staff to re-advertise.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Martin Devine, Council Member
SECONDER:	Sue Sorensen, Mayor
AYES:	Devine, Sorensen, Brieno, Ramirez
ABSENT:	Draxler

- C. Utilities and Engineering: That the City Council, by motion: Award a contract to Granite Construction Company, of Fresno, CA in the amount of \$2,447,919.00 for the 13th Avenue at Grangeville Boulevard Traffic Signal Installation Project; Establish a construction contingency of \$150,000.00 for this project; Award a staking contract to Lane Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$43,500.00; Pre-Authorize staff to solicit bids and award a contract to the lowest bidder for the traffic poles and mast arms, in any amount under the estimated cost of \$35,000.00; and Approve an additional appropriation of \$146,419.00 from Transportation Impact Fees.

Dir. Camara described the project and the funding sources. Dir. Camara explained that a contingency amount of \$150,000 would also be established. The project is slated to begin immediately after school is out of session. Council Member Brieno asked if the street will be widened in front of Sierra Pacific

High School, Dir. Camara said that it would be widened and the intersections would be built at their ultimate width.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Martin Devine, Council Member
SECONDER:	Francisco Ramirez, Council Member
AYES:	Devine, Sorensen, Brieno, Ramirez
ABSENT:	Draxler

D. Police: Animal Services Indemnification Agreement.

Police Chief Parker Sever informed the Council that currently the City uses Kings County animal shelter services. This agreement is for the County services to assist the HPD in times of emergency. This agreement will not cost the City any money; the only stipulation is that the County services would be indemnified.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Art Brieno, Council Member
SECONDER:	Francisco Ramirez, Council Member
AYES:	Devine, Sorensen, Brieno, Ramirez
ABSENT:	Draxler

E. Police: Adopt Resolution in Support of SB 230 and Authorize a Letter of Support.

Chief Sever explained that Senate Bill 230 is a collaborative approach to minimize the use of force by police officers. SB 230 recognizes the critical split second decisions that are made by officers and recognizes that police officers fall back on their training and experience in making these tough decisions. SB 230 surveyed best practices around the country and incorporated them into one piece of legislation that will modernize and update California use of force policies. It provides uniformed officers with rigorous training and it mandates that every department will adopt comprehensive use of force policies. This bill is backed by PORAC and Police Chiefs of California.

Mayor Sorensen expressed her appreciation and respect for police officers and the situations they face every day.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Martin Devine, Council Member
SECONDER:	Francisco Ramirez, Council Member
AYES:	Devine, Sorensen, Brieno, Ramirez
ABSENT:	Draxler

- F. Administration: Approve Community Choice Aggregation bond payments, Southern California Edison Service Agreement, and CCA Implementation Services Agreement with California Choice Energy Authority.

City Attorney Ty Mizote introduced the California Choice Energy Authority consultant Ms. Barbara Boswell. Ms. Boswell gave a presentation on where Hanford is at in the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) process. The benefit to CCA is that it provides customers with a choice to participate in a CCA or to opt out and stay with the incumbent utility. It provides local control when it comes to rate setting; in the case of Hanford, the City Council would become the board of the CCA program and responsible for rate setting. In this case, residents and businesses can address the Council and provide input during a public hearing on the rates. There is also an opportunity for new programs that could be created with the revenue generated from CCA; examples include economic development incentive programs on rates, energy efficiency programs, and demand response programs.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 1]
MOVER:	Martin Devine, Council Member
SECONDER:	Francisco Ramirez, Council Member
AYES:	Devine, Sorensen, Ramirez
NAYS:	Brieno
ABSENT:	Draxler

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

A. Council Comments

Council Member Devine - He said that he has a Chamber meeting at 8:00 a.m. The City has purchased a table for the Council at the Chamber's Distinguished Citizens Dinner. He also attended Boot Barn Grand Opening.

Council Member Ramirez - He attended a meeting in Sacramento with KCAG and met with the Governor's Chief of Staff.

Council Member Brieno - He also went to Sacramento to show support for Melissa Hurtado's bill on the Kern Canal and water infrastructure.

Mayor Sorensen - She attended a Wellness Bridge meeting. The Council discussed the City's representation on the Kings County Homelessness Collaborative board.

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Council Items

Council Members Brieno and Ramirez requested a study session in the future to meet with a grant writer that could help the City get grant money for parks. Council Member Devine would also like to explore hiring a grant writer. Mayor Sorensen pointed out that three Council Members have expressed this for a future agenda item, although this specific topic was not on the Council's Goals and Objectives for this year. She is concerned this would take Staff away from accomplishing the Goals that were set forth.

Council Member Ramirez also requested the Staff to prepare an ordinance regarding restriction of tobacco products in the City parks. Mr. Mizote stated that an ordinance requires two readings and public notices. Mr. Mizote recommended that this type of proposal would be better as a resolution instead of an ordinance. Chief Sever said that he recommends making it a resolution too. Council Member Ramirez also requested membership in the Tulare Kings Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to be on a future agenda. Lastly, he would like to add to a future agenda a "how-to" guide for those interested in starting a business in the City of Hanford.

Mayor Sorensen adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 10:01 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

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

Valdez v. City of Hanford
Eastern District Case No. 1:17-cv-00430

State of CA v. City of Hanford
Kings County Case No.: 18C0218

Sara Perez v. City of Hanford
Kings County Case No.: 17C0335

SJVEDC v. City of Hanford
Kings County Case No. 17C0142

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

Council returned from Closed Session at 10:26 p.m.

Action taken: Council approved a disclaimer of rights.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Sorensen adjourned the Council meeting at 10:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Martinez
City Clerk