MINUTES

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
of the
CITY OF HANFORD

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
400 N. Douty St.
5:30 PM, Monday, July 13, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Commissioner CASTANEDA called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Michael Stoddard		Absent	
Matthew Milnes		Absent	
Karen Clancy		Present	
Joseph Castaneda		Present	
Gregory Kelley		Present	
Cheyne Strawn		Present	
Carolyn Hudgins	Parks and Recreation Commissioner	Absent	

FLAG SALUTE

Chair Commissioner CASTANEDA led the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT

*This is the time for citizens to comment on subject matters not on the agenda and that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. 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. A maximum of **three minutes** is allowed for each speaker. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your city of residence.*

Theresa Dias, Melissa Lane, Melonie Blane, Marty Raybur, Shan Denello, and Sherry Spinner, City of Hanford residents, each strongly expressed their support for pickleball and developing the activity in Hanford.

Dennis Ham, City of Hanford resident, expressed his concerns with the development of new activities and their locations.

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.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Cheyne Strawn
SECONDER:	Karen Clancy
AYES:	Clancy, Castaneda, Kelley, Strawn
ABSENT:	Stoddard, Milnes, Hudgins

A. Approval of the Minutes for the meeting held on June 8, 2020

STUDY SESSION

A. Proposition 68

Director Albert conducted a presentation on Proposition 68 and four possible options where the funding could be allocated.

Commissioner Strawn expressed his concern on safety needs at Centennial Park and asked if funds remain from the project could those funds be apportioned for a surveillance system at the parks. Director Albert addressed the concern.

Commissioner Kelly asked, how could the surveillance system be considered in this project? Director Albert responded, that it could be considered as a renovation or support amenities.

Commission unanimously agreed on the project and location of the proposed pickleball courts with the Amendment made by Commissioner Strawn to use any available funds for surveillance systems in our parks.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Joseph Castaneda
SECONDER:	Karen Clancy
AYES:	Clancy, Castaneda, Kelley, Strawn
ABSENT:	Stoddard, Milnes, Hudgins

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Proclamation for Parks and Community Services

Director Albert announced that July is Parks month and Chair Commissioner CASTANEDA was presented with a Proclamation for "Parks Make Life Better" by the City of Hanford City Council.

B. Update on Parks Manager Position

Director Albert gave an update on the Parks Superintendent position which is now going to be a "Parks Manager" position and will be opening up soon.

C. COVID-19 Status Report

Director Albert gives a COVID-19 status update: Rob Hill Kings County Public Health Director requested that we cease all sports-related activities including aquatics. Plans to reopen Adult Softball, Softball Tournaments, and summer aquatics were suspended; until the state releases the guidelines for sports activities they will be unavailable. The only guidelines release were those of professional sports activities.

Commissioner Strawn was concerned about the opening of the splash pad in the parks. Director Albert addressed those concerns.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Update on Longfield Center Advisory group

Director Albert gave a brief summary of the development of the Longfield Center advisory group and future projects. The group agreed that the categories will consist of four of the following: facility renovation, programming of the facility, effective community outreach, and honoring and respecting the Hall of Fame. Longfield Center's upcoming projects will be funded by CDBG ($45,000) which is allocated to flooring and painting. Furthermore, Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) ($50,000) which will be used to renovate the lobby and staff safety and upgrading the fitness equipment at the Longfield Center.

COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS OF INTEREST

Commissioner Kelley commented on the surveillance systems in the parks and asked if there was any data associated with those systems; he also expressed his appreciation for the Parks and Community Service Department staff. Director Albert addressed his concerns.

Commissioner Strawn expressed his appreciation for the Parks and Community Service Department staff.

Commissioner Castaneda thanked the pickleball players and Dennis Ham for coming to the meeting and speaking at public comment. He also expressed his appreciation for the Parks and Community Service Department staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Commissioner Castaneda adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosamaria Contreras
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