



**City Council Regular Meeting
Minutes**

**February 7, 2023 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

5:00 PM CALL TO ORDER STUDY SESSION AND CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Paden called the study session and closed session to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK:

Present:	Absent:
Council Member Lou Martinez Council Member Mark Kairis Council Member Travis Paden Council Member Kalish Morrow Council Member Diane Sharp	

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.*

Dennis Ham asked if there would be an oversight committee for the Connectivity Plan and Cross Valley Corridor Rail Service project. Mr. Leavitt's responded.

Angie Dow, KART Executive Director, commented on the connectivity plan and spoke in support of the project.

Dave Ayers commented on the history of the High Speed Rail project. Mr. Ayers also commented on the federal legislative activity presentation and suggested the tip sheet be available to the public.

STUDY SESSION:

A. Community Development: Sustainable Transportation Grant for HSR Station Transit-Oriented Development and Connectivity Plan and Cross Valley Corridor Rail Service

Dan Leavitt of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Commission (teleconference) discussed the joint application for a Sustainable Transportation Grant for the High Speed Rail Station Transit-Oriented Development and Connectivity Plan and Cross Valley Corridor Rail Service. He also discussed partnerships, the details of the grant, and public outreach. Deputy City Manager Waters discussed the project deliverables. Staff and Mr. Levitt's answered questions from the Council. This presentation was informational only. No formal action was taken.

B. Administration: Council review of 2022 Federal Advocacy efforts and Discussion regarding the

2023 Federal Legislative Platform

Greg Burns of Thorn Run Partners provided an overview of federal legislative activity for the 2022 season and highlighted the efforts they made in the past year to assist the city in securing funding and applying for grants. Mr. Burns also discussed what to watch for in 2023 and how it will impact local governments. Mr. Burns and City Manager Cifuentez answered questions from the Council.

The Council convened to closed session at 6:07 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (GC 54956.9 (d)(4))

1 Potential Case.

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

1 Potential Case.

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Paden called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Absent:
Council Member Lou Martinez Council Member Mark Kairis Council Member Travis Paden Council Member Kalish Morrow Council Member Diane Sharp	

INVOCATION:

The invocation was led by Pastor Bobby Guerra.

FLAG SALUTE:

The flag salute was led by Vice Mayor Kairis.

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).

The Council discussed the meetings and events they attended.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

This is the time for citizens to comment on subject matters 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. State law does not allow the Council to discuss or take action on issues not on the agenda, except that members of the Council or staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights (Gov. Code sec. 54954.2). A maximum of three minutes is allowed for each speaker. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your city of residence.

Nanette Vilarillo, Kings United Way Executive Director, provided a handout to the Council and invited them to the Administrative Professional's Day Event.

Cheyen Strawn expressed his concerns regarding the cost of the Police Chief's new patrol car.

Bob Ramos requested to pull consent item H, for separate discussion. He also expressed his concerns about Chief Server's patrol car, and the traffic circle project.

Noor Memon commented on the Bastille.

Lisa Chavarin requested more field time for the Hanford Youth Softball League.

Adam Medirios spoke in opposition to the traffic circle project.

William Harmon expressed his concerns regarding graffiti, safety, and the traffic circle project.

Elena Anzoleaga provided her background, and spoke in opposition to the traffic circle project.

Larry Faria thanked the Council for their transparency. He also expressed his concerns regarding the recent settlement with Helena.

William Ochoa commented on the traffic circle project.

Dubby Bookout, owner of Hanford Jewelry and Loan, expressed his concerns regarding the traffic circle project and spoke in opposition to the project's location.

Henery Ramirez, spoke in opposition to the traffic circle project.

Sarah Evans commented on the municipal code regarding basketball hoops. She said her hoop is in a safe community and they are not an issue in her neighborhood.

Colleen Aduttie spoke in opposition to the traffic circle project.

Art Brieno expressed his concerns regarding the staff report about the purchase of a right of way on 12th and Hume.

Mike Pepe expressed his concerns regarding projects that will affect small businesses. He also expressed his concerns regarding the homeless issue throughout the city.

Joe Castaneda, Parks and Recreation Commissioner, commented on Consent Item H, and asked several questions regarding the staff report.

Nathan Odom, provided the Council with a handout and gave a speech about his company, Ssusdriad.

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.

The Council pulled items C, D, G, H, and I.

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

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Council Member Diane Sharp

SECONDER: Council Member Kalish Morrow

AYES: Diane Sharp, Mark Kairis, Kalish Morrow, Travis Paden, Lou Martinez

- A. Procedural Waiver: Waive reading in full of resolutions and ordinances and approval and adoption of same by reading title the only.

- B. City Attorney: Adoption of Resolution 23-01-R declaring the City-owned property located on Kensington Way, between Richardson Way and Leland Way (APN 008-192-011) to be surplus property and adoption of Notice of Exemption 2021-95.
- C. Public Works: Approval of the Notice of Completion for the Mussel Slough Pump Installation Project, and Authorization for the mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest and file said Notice with the Kings County Recorder's Office.
- D. Public Works: Approval of the Notice of Completion for the Emma Lee Lane Reconstruction Project, and Authorization for the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest and file said notice with the Kings County Recorders Office.

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. Administration: Introduction of Ordinance No. 23-04, Amending Chapters 2.32 and 2.28 of the Municipal Code to create Alternate seats on both the Parks & Recreation and Parking & Traffic Commissions.

[Item C]

Pulled by Council Member Martinez for clarification to the public. City Manager Cifuentez presented the staff report for the Council's review and approval.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	Passed (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Council Member Lou Martinez
SECONDER:	Vice Mayor Mark Kairis
AYES:	Diane Sharp, Mark Kairis, Kalish Morrow, Travis Paden, Lou Martinez

- B. Community Development: Adoption of Resolution No. 22-03-R, Authorizing the City Manager to Apply For, Accept, And Appropriate CalHome Grant Funds, From the California Department Of Housing And Community Development's 2023 Homeownership Super Notice Of Funding Availability, in An Amount Not To Exceed \$5 million.

[Item D]

Pulled by Council Member Martinez for clarification to the public. Administrative Analyst Sandra Lerma presented the staff report for the Council's review and approval.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	Passed (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Council Member Diane Sharp
SECONDER:	Council Member Lou Martinez
AYES:	Diane Sharp, Mark Kairis, Kalish Morrow, Travis Paden, Lou Martinez

- C. Public Works: Approval of a reimbursement to Lennar Homes for construction to complete the east side of Mustang Drive to the ultimate street width providing storm drainage improvements from Grangeville Boulevard north and along the frontage of the existing city basin located at the southeast corner of Mustang Drive and Berkshire Lane.

[Item G]

Pulled by Mayor Paden. Mr. Paden recused himself from voting on the item.

Motion to approve.

RESULT: Passed
MOVER: Council Member Kalish Morrow
SECONDER: Council Member Diane Sharp
AYES: Diane Sharp, Mark Kairis, Kalish Morrow, Lou Martinez
ABSTAIN: Travis Paden

- D. Finance: Authorization to execute a sub lease agreement, with Enterprise Fleet Management, for 11 Dodge Durangos for the Police Department use at approximate costs of \$891,000 at \$81,000 each (\$56,000 for acquisition plus \$25,000 for upfitting costs) with monthly lease payments for up to five years from vehicle replacement reserves.

[Item H]

Pulled by the public during public comment.

Finance Director Chris Tavarez presented the staff report for the Council's review and consideration and answered questions from the Council.

Motion to approve.

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Council Member Kalish Morrow
SECONDER: Council Member Diane Sharp
AYES: Diane Sharp, Mark Kairis, Kalish Morrow, Travis Paden, Lou Martinez

- E. Finance: Acceptance and authorization for staff to File the City of Hanford's Quarterly Investment Portfolio and Transactions Reports as of 12/31/2022

[Item I]

Pulled by Council Member Martinez for clarification to the public. Finance Director Chris Tavarez presented the staff report for the Council's review and approval.

Motion to approve.

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Council Member Lou Martinez
SECONDER: Vice Mayor Mark Kairis
AYES: Diane Sharp, Mark Kairis, Kalish Morrow, Travis Paden, Lou Martinez

PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. Community Development: **Annexation No. 160, Part 4:** A proposal to annex approximately 93.2 +/- acres into the City of Hanford from the Kings County jurisdiction. **Prezone No. 2021-09:** A proposal to prezone Annexation 160 Area 4 a combination of R-L-5 Low-Density Residential and MX-C Corridor Mixed Use, in accordance with the General Plan designation for the area – Low-Density Residential and Corridor Mixed Use. **CEQA Determination:** The project has been determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), per Categorical Exemption Class 19 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15319(a). The project is generally located east of 10th Avenue, South of Florinda Street, North of Lacey Boulevard.

Council Member Sharp recused herself from the public hearing. Mayor Paden opened the public hearing at 8:28 p.m. and called for the staff report. Deputy City Manager presented the staff report. City Manager Cifuentez discussed the MOU with Kings County. Staff clarified the difference between zoning and land use. Staff answered questions from the Council.

Mayor Paden opened the public comment period at 8:37 p.m.

Public Comment:

OPPOSED:

None

IN-FAVOR:

Micheal Quinn questioned the land use. Staff responded.

Larry Faria shared his concerns regarding the residents affected by the annexation.

Onan Champi, property owner in the project area, expressed his concerns regarding the zoning and asked the Council to consider a zone change amendment. City Attorney Ty Mizote and staff discussed spot zoning and property rezoning.

Deputy City Manager Waters addressed the concerns expressed during public comment.

Mayor Paden closed the public comment period at 8:53 p.m.

After much discussion, Mayor Paden made the motion to continue the public hearing for further review at the next City Council Meeting.

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Mayor Travis Paden

SECONDER: Council Member Kalish Morrow

AYES: Mark Kairis, Kalish Morrow, Travis Paden, Lou Martinez

The public hearing was closed at 9:23 p.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. Parks and Community Services: Council consideration of the Approval of the eighteen-month lease for of the Hanford Soccer Complex (Soc Com) and discussion on Youth Sports Organizations

Parks and Community Services Director Brad Albert discussed the lease for the Council's review and consideration. He also discussed field maintenance, field permit analysis, cost recovery, and the creation of an advisory committee. Mr. Albert answered questions from the Council.

Motion to approve the agreement and the formation of the Field Sports Advisory Committee (FASC).

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Vice Mayor Mark Kairis

SECONDER: Mayor Travis Paden

AYES: Diane Sharp, Mark Kairis, Kalish Morrow, Travis Paden, Lou Martinez

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS::

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)

A. Council Future Agenda Items

The Council directed staff to bring back a future agenda item regarding right-of-way violations, brought forth by Mayor Paden.

B. Upcoming Events and Important Dates:

February 8: City/County Coordinating Meeting, Hosted by Kings County - Lake Bottom Brewery & Distillery 6:00 p.m.

February 11: Helping Hands Volunteer Program: Earl F Johnson Park 8:00 a.m - Noon: [Sign up here](#)

February 20: Holiday, city offices will be closed

February 21: Regular City Council Meeting

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Paden adjourned the meeting at 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Natalie Corral
Natalie Corral, City Clerk