



**City Council Special Meeting
Minutes**

**January 31, 2023 3:30 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

3:30 PM CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL SESSION:

Mayor Paden called the special session to order at 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK:

Present:	Absent:
Council Member Mark Kairis Council Member Travis Paden Council Member Lou Martinez 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.*

Cheyne Strawn expressed his concerns regarding the time of the meeting and requested the Council postpone the meeting.

Art Brieno commented on his experience with the lawsuit. He also expressed his concerns regarding the time of the meeting and requested the Council put the item on hold until the next regular meeting.

Bob Ramos commented on the history of the case. He also expressed his concerns regarding the recommendation to settle.

Art Perez commented on the notice of the meeting.

Francisco Ramirez commented on the lawsuit. He also expressed his concerns regarding the notice of the meeting. He asked the Council to consider all options before settling.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. City Attorney: Approval of a settlement Agreement between Helena Agri-Enterprises, LLC and the City of Hanford.

City Attorney's Megan Dodd and Ty Mizote discussed the settlement for the Council's review and approval. Council

Member Martinez stated it's hard for the Council to make a decision without public input. He also stated it's important to keep the community involved. Mr. Mizote addressed Mr. Martinez's concerns and discussed the option of going to a trial and what the city can expect from a trial. The Council discussed the options and expressed their concerns about possibly losing more money by going to trial.

Council Member Sharp made the motion to approve, seconded by Vice Mayor Kairis. Motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Paden adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Natalie Corral
Natalie Corral, City Clerk