



**City Council Regular Meeting
Minutes**

**April 18, 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:

*Study Sessions are considered Special Meetings under the Bown Act. Accordingly, comments from the public are limited to items listed on the agenda (GC 54954.3a). Public Comment will be accepted during each agenda item. A maximum of **three minutes** is allowed for each speaker. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your city of residence.*

Mary-Cathrine Paden provided her background and commented on the city's social media platforms. She also expressed her concerns and provided feedback.

STUDY SESSION:

- A. Presentation of the Council-Approved Goals for the Fiscal Years 24 & 25 and discussion regarding measurable objectives for the Goal of Outreach and Open Governance for FY 23/24.

City Manager Cifuentez, provided a brief overview of the Council's goals. Community Relations Manager Brian Johnson, discussed outreach, open governance objectives, social media platforms, rebranding and intranet roll out. He also discussed implementing a social media policy. City Attorney Ty Mizote addressed some of the potential problems that could occur when sharing on public platforms. Staff answered questions from the Council. The Council provided their feedback and directed staff to move forward with drafting a social media policy.

The Council adjourned to closed session at 6:16 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS (GC 54956.8):

Property: 113 Court Street
APN: 010-264-002, 010-265-002, 010-265-001
Agency Negotiators: Mario Cifuentez and Ty Mizote
Negotiating Party: Michelle Brown and Bill Lynch for Main Street Hanford

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS (GC 54956.8):

Property: 504 W. 7th Street
APN: 012-062-012
Agency Negotiators: Mario Cifuentez and Ty Mizote
Negotiating Party: Angie Dow for KCAPTA

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Paden called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Mark Curts.

FLAG SALUTE:

The flag salute was led by Mayor Paden.

RECOGNITION:

Oath of Office and Badge Pinning Ceremony for Officer's Cristian Jimenez and Karlson Manasan.

Police Chief Sever introduced the Police Department's new K-9, Jett, and his handler, Officer Sean-Paul Crain. Chief Sever also introduced new officers, Cristian Jimenez and Karlson Manasan. City Clerk Clerk Natalie Corral administered the Oath of Office to the new officers.

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 events and meetings they attended. Vice Mayor Kairis recognized the Parks and Community Services staff for their successful events.

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.

Nathan Odom invited the Council and staff to a two-day workshop in Bakersfield.

Bob Ramos commented on the oath of office and asked that it be changed. He also commented on the budget for waste water at Heroes Park.

Andre Barona expressed his concerns about illegal activity in the area he resides in. He expressed his concerns about the safety of his family and community. Vice Mayor Kairis responded to his comment.

Onan Champi commended the city for cleaning up Lacey Park.

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.

Mayor Paden pulled item E. Motion to approve the consent calendar except for the items pulled for separate discussion.

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

- A. Procedural Waiver: Waive reading in full of resolutions and ordinances and approval and adoption of same by reading title the only.
- B. City Clerk: Approval of the Minutes of the March 7, 2023 Meeting
- C. City Clerk: Approval of the Minutes of the March 21, 2023 Meeting
- D. Public Works: Authorization to transfer and appropriate \$67,000 from street sweeping fleet reserves to the Refuse Fund to cover the increased cost of a previously approved refuse truck purchase for a total of \$374,067.
- E. Public Works: Authorization to enter into a lease agreement for the City's 1600 acre farmland with Philip Verway Farms. This is a five year lease, renewable for an additional five years on mutually agreeable terms.
- F. Police: Approval of the Annual Hanford Police Department Military Equipment Report and authorization for the Department to move forward with the replacement of the Scout Recon Camera system.
- G. Finance: Authorization to award a three-year agreement to Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott LLP Certified Public Accountants, for a total amount of \$245,325, as the City's independent financial auditor, to perform the annual financial auditing and accounting services associated with an Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of the City of Hanford for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2023; 2024; 2025; with option to renew for two additional years; and Authorization for the City Manager to execute all related documents.

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. Public Works: Authorization to enter into an agreement with Kings County Water District to utilize the 1600 acre farm owned by the City of Hanford's Wastewater fund to be used to lay off water from local ditches. Expected timeframe is through August 2023.
- [Item E]*
- Pulled by Mayor Paden.
- Public Works Director Jim Ross answered questions from the Council. City Manager Cifuentez commented on the design phase of the project.

Motion to Approve.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Community Development: Historic Resources Permit 2022-02, a request to replace the porch and balcony of the Kings Hand Laundry building. The property is designated as a contributing building within the Historic Overlay Zone. The project is located at 214 N. Green St. (APN 010-274-020)
- City Attorney Ty Mizote recused himself due to a conflict of interest in the project area. Assistant Planner Mark Manah presented the permit proposal for the Council's review and discussion.

Motion to Approve.

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

- B. Community Development: Council consideration and approval of the Hanford Area Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update (Phase I) and Adoption of Resolution 23-07-R, directing staff to file an application with Kings County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) for a request to expand the City's Sphere of Influence
- Senior Planner Gabrielle Myers presented the Hanford Area Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update for the Council's review and consideration. Ms. Myers answered questions from Mayor Paden.

Motion to Approve.

RESULT:	Passed (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Council Member Mark Kairis
SECONDER:	Council Member Kalish Morrow
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- C. Community Development: Authorization to award a contract to QK, Inc, for an amount

not to exceed \$94,840 and appropriation of said funding in the General Fund to provide planning and environmental services for the Hanford Reorganization Project, consisting of annexations, general plan amendments, zone changes, pre-zonings, and the accompanying environmental documents.

Deputy City Manager Jason Waters presented the contract and project for the Council's review and consideration. Dep. Waters answered questions from the Council.

Motion to Approve.

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

None.

B. Upcoming Events and Important Dates:

April 21: Western Hoedown Date Night Mother/Son Civic at the Civic Auditorium 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm [Get tickets here](#)

April 22: Western Hoedown Date Night Father/Daughter at the Civic Auditorium 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm [Get tickets here](#)

May 2: Regular City Council Meeting

May 6: Food Truck Take Over in Civic Park 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

May 10: City/County Coordinating 6:00 p.m. Meeting Hosted by the City of Hanford, Location: TBD, 6:00 p.m.

May 16: Regular City Council Meeting

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Paden adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Natalie Corral
Natalie Corral, City Clerk