



City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2023 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.

4:00 PM CALL TO ORDER STUDY SESSION AND CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Paden called the study session and closed session to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

*Study Sessions are considered Special Meetings under the Brown 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.*

None.

STUDY SESSION:

A. Presentation to Council and Discussion of the Police Department School Resource Officer (SRO) Program

Police Captain Huddleston presented an overview of the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program and the duties of the School Resource Officers. Capt. Huddleston also discussed the Jr. Explorer Program, the PAL Boxing Program, and the SRO Program contract renewal. Staff addressed the Council's questions and concerns regarding overtime and the time of the year that school is not in session. The Council spoke in support of the program and commended the police department.

B. Presentation and consideration of Draft City of Hanford Master Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2023-24

Financial Analyst Aubrey Carri presented the Master Fee Schedule and discussed the fee changes for the Council's review and feedback. The Mayor questioned the Business License fees for the Flea Market vendors. Staff will review the compliance of the flea market vendors and report back. The Master Fee Schedule will be presented to the Council for adoption on June 20, 2023.

- C. Presentation and review of City of Hanford draft budget for fiscal year 2024 and 2025 for Council consideration and direction from City Council as appropriate.

Finance Manager Destiny Borba and Finance Director Chris Tavaréz provided an overview of the budget for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 for the Council's review and feedback. Staff answered questions from the Council. The Council asked for further clarification of the special litigation payments and the 2022 expenditures and appropriations. After much discussion, the staff assured the Council they would provide better clarification before the final presentation.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS (GC 54956.8)
APN: 010-270-021
Agency Negotiators: Mario Cifuentez and Ty Mizote
Negotiating Party: Great Valley Holdings, LLC (Stu Clark)
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (GC 54956.9 (d)(2))
1 Workers Compensation Claim

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 Diane Sharp	Council Member Kalish Morrow

INVOCATION:

The invocation was led by Pastor Lori Niles.

FLAG SALUTE:

The flag salute was led by Mayor Paden.

RECOGNITION:

- A. Recognition of the Westlands Water District 2023 Scholarship Initiative recipients, Claudio Silva, Sierra Pacific, Landon Cardoza, Hanford High School and, Hafeezah Fofana, Hanford West High School

Westlands Water District Public Affairs Representative, Elizabeth Jonasson introduced each of the recipients, and the Council presented them with certificates of recognition. Representatives from Senator Melissa Hurtado's office and Assemblyman Devon Mathis's office also presented certificates of recognition to the each of the students.

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. Vice Mayor Kairis recognized the Parks and Community Services Department for the Hidden Valley Park community outreach 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.

Cathlene Jorgansen announced the upcoming town hall meeting for a water discussion, sponsored by Kings County.

Jack Schwartz thanked the city for their help with the Carnegie Museum car show.

Noor Memon provided his background and commented on the store he had in a Civic Park kiosk. He also asked for a response to the letters he sent to the City Council and the City Manager.

Cheyne Strawn expressed his concerns regarding the speeding cars in his neighborhood. He requested a traffic sign in his neighborhood. He also expressed his disappointment with the city's customer service.

Art Breino shared his concerns regarding a liquor store in his neighborhood. He also commented on the code violation citation he received.

Susan Davis commented on the garbage in the downtown area left by homeless people.

Kimber Regan expressed her concerns regarding the number of homeless people coming into the city.

Jim Nelson commented on his water bill and the Finance Department's customer service.

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.

Vice Mayor Kairs pulled item H. 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 Lou Martinez
AYES:	Diane Sharp, Mark Kairis, Travis Paden, Lou Martinez
ABSENT:	Kalish Morrow

- 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 May 16, 2023 Meeting
- C. Human Resources: Approval of the City of Hanford salary schedules to reflect the state minimum wage increase for part-time employees and increases approved through the labor negotiation process and Authorization for the City Administration to amend all other documents as may be necessary to implement the updates.
- D. Community Development: Second Reading of Ordinance 22-09, approving Prezone 2021-09, a request to prezone the parcel located at 018-242-019, totaling 12.64 acres, as I-H Heavy Industrial, in accordance with the General Plan Designation for the parcel, Heavy Industrial. The project is located south of Iona Avenue, west of 10th Avenue.
- E. Police: Approval of an amended annual Contract for 2023-2024, with the Pioneer Union

Elementary School District, for their School Resource Officer program

- F. Police: Approval of an extension to the contract for the FLOCK Camera contract to increase the term from a 2 years to 4 years at the current price of \$30,000 annually, for a total saving of \$8,500 per contract year.
- G. Public Works: Approval of the award of a Construction Contract to Sancon Technologies, Inc. of Huntington Beach, CA, in the amount of \$115,245.00, for the FY23 Manhole Repair and Recoating Project and Appropriation of an additional \$11,000.00 from the 0362 Wastewater Capital Fund in order to fully fund the project.

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. Police: Approval of the amended Military equipment inventory and usage report consistent with the requirements of AB 481.

[Item H]

Police Chief Sever addressed the Vice Mayor's questions.

Motion to Approve.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Community Development: Approval of Sign Permit 2022-44: a request to place a mural onto the exterior wall of an existing building. The property is located at 102 S. Douty Street. (APN 012-095-006)

Council Member Sharp recused herself. Deputy City Manager Waters provided an overview of the mural criteria. Associate Planner Mark Mahna presented the sign permit for the Council's review and approval. Staff and the City Attorney answered questions from the Council. After a brief discussion, Vice Mayor Kairis motioned to approve Sign Permit 2022-44.

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

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

Council Member Martinez addressed the public comment regarding speeding in residential areas. Police Chief Sever responded to his concerns. Mayor Paden addressed the public comment regarding the garbage left on the streets by homeless people. City Manager Cifuentez confirmed that there will be a study session discussion regarding the city's efforts related to homelessness on June 20, 2023.

B. Upcoming Events and Important Dates:

June: Free weekly workout at the Fitness Court at Hidden Valley Park - Every Saturday
9:00 a.m - 10:00 a.m.

June 15-18: Kings Fair at the Kings County Fairgrounds - more info:[Kings Fair](#)

June 16: Parks and Community Services event - Movies in the Park at Civic Park, the movie begins at dusk.

June 17: Walk with a Doc at Centennial Park 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

June 20: Regular City Council meeting

June 23: Parks and Community Services event - Dive in Theatre at the Plunge at 7:30 p.m., the movie begins at dusk.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Paden adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Natalie Corral
City Clerk