



City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2024 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 Martin Devine Council Member Travis Paden	

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.*

Main Street Hanford Executive Director, Michelle Brown proposed that Main Street Hanford assist with forming an advisory board to ensure the funds' allocation. She also shared some of Main Street's budget details.

Jim Castleman agrees with Council Member Devine's statement regarding the advisory board and BID funding.

STUDY SESSION:

- A. Council: Further Council discussion about the Central Parking and Business Improvement District Advisory Board and proposed amendments to the Municipal Code regarding how the board is designated and responsibilities under the ordinance.

City Manager Cifuentez discussed the history and background of the Central Parking and Business Improvement District (BID) Advisory Board, seeking the Council's input on amending the ordinance. The Council expressed their support for allocating the BID funds to Main Street Hanford. City Manager Cifuentez discussed the need to update the annual agreement to reflect the Council's direction. The City Attorney clarified the purpose of the ordinance. Ms. Brown and the City Manager answered questions from the Council. After some discussion, the Council directed staff to bring back an ordinance amendment for an introduction of the first reading at a future meeting.

Mayor Paden adjourned the study session 5:44 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

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

1 Workers Comp Case.

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Paden called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Absent:
Council Member Mark Kairis Council Member Travis Paden Council Member Lou Martinez Council Member Martin Devine	

INVOCATION:

The invocation was led by Pastor Thomas King.

FLAG SALUTE:

The flag salute was led by Mayor Paden.

RECOGNITION:

A. Badge Pinning Ceremony and Oath of Office for Officer's Armando Prieto, Fawz Akram, Frank Mendez, and Antonio Lopez.

Police Chief Stephanie Huddleston introduced new officers; Armando Prieto, Fawz Akram, Frank Mendez, and Antonio Lopez, and the City Clerk Natalie Corral administered the oath of office.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

None.

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. The City Manager addressed the city maintenance work on the public parking lots.

A. INFORMATION REPORT - WARRANT REGISTER

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.

Bob Ramos commented on the conceptual drawings for the downtown project and expressed his concerns.

Carolyn Hudgins thanked the city staff for their participation in the Juneteenth event at the Longfield Center.

Mark Pratter commented on the Hiddnen Valley Park proposal and expressed his concerns about the projected cost.

Michael Stoddard questioned the Hidden Valley Park expansion design.

William Harmon commented on the projected cost of expanding Hidden Valley Park.

Cynthia Martinson commented on the traffic circle project.

Kimber Regan talked about why she is running for City Council. She also commented on the roundabout project. She stated the city should be spending the funds on other things.

Noor Memon commented on vacant city buildings.

Jim Castleman thanked the Council for their service and commented on the Parks Master Plan.

Rose Shapley commented on Hidden Valley Park and the sports complex concession stand.

Alfred Benavides shared his background and commented on the issues in the city, and he talked about why he is running for city council. He also commented on the Helena lawsuit.

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.

Item H was pulled by Council Member Martinez.

Motion to Approve the consent calendar except for the items pulled for separate discussion.

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

- 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 June 11, 2024, Special Meeting.
- C. City Clerk: Approval of the Minutes of the June 18, 2024, Meeting.
- D. Community Development: Approval of Historic Resources Permit HRA0014-24 to place fencing at Salmon’s Furniture Galleries. The property is designated as a contributing building within the Historic Overlay Zone. The project is located at 112 E. Seventh Street (APN 012-041-007).
- E. Community Development: Approval of the second reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 24-07, approving Rezone No. 0001-23, a request to change the zoning on a five-acre parcel from C-N Neighborhood Commercial to MX-N Neighborhood Mixed Use. The project is located at the northwest intersection of Grangeville Boulevard and Centennial

Drive (APN 009-030-142).

- F. Utilities and Engineering: Adoption of Resolution No. 24-35-R, in support of the FY 2024 Federal Railroad Administration - Railroad Crossing Elimination Program (FRA-RCE) Grant and Approval to submit an application for the Project Development phase for a grade separation at Grangeville Boulevard and BN&SF Railway.
- G. Police: Adoption of Resolution No. 24-37-R, authorizing the acceptance of an award of \$ 35,878 in grant funding from the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) for alcohol enforcement and authorizing the Police Chief to execute the Agreement.

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. Finance: Authorization and Appropriation in Fiscal Year 2024/2025 for eleven (11) police patrol vehicles from Enterprise Fleet Management based off the previously approved Master Agreement and Sourcwell cooperative pricing for \$81,000 in the General Fund (10 vehicles) and \$78,500 in the COPS Fund (1 vehicle)

[Item H]

Pulled by Council Member Martinez. Staff provided clarification for the Council.

Motion to Approve.

RESULT:	Passed (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Council Member Lou Martinez
SECONDER:	City Council Member Martin Devine
AYES:	Mark Kairis, Travis Paden, Lou Martinez, Martin Devine

PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. Community Development: Public hearing regarding the 2023-24 CDBG Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) and Approval of the submittal of the Program Year 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report.

Mayor Paden opened the public hearing at 7:58 p.m. and called for the staff report. Housing Analyst Sandra Lerma presented the staff report for the Council's review and approval and answered questions from the Council. Mayor Paden closed the public hearing at 8:07 p.m.

IN-FAVOR

None.

OPPOSED

None.

Motion to Approve.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. Utilities and Engineering: Approval of a contract with 4Creeks Inc., to provide Construction Management and Inspection Services for the Downtown Traffic and Pedestrian Improvement Project in an amount not exceed amount of \$506,853.

Utilities and Engineering Director Frank Senteno discussed the project background and the utility improvements. Associate Engineer Jaklin Hart presented the project outline, renderings, schedule, and key tasks for the Council's review and approval. Staff answered questions from the Council. The Council expressed some concerns about the construction management fee. Staff clarified how the cost is calculated. City Manager Cifuentez addressed the utility portion of the project. After some discussion, Vice Mayor Kairis made a motion to approve. The motion was not seconded, the motion failed.

Motion to Approve.

RESULT:	Failed
MOVER:	Council Member Mark Kairis
SECONDER:	None
AYES:	None
NAYS:	None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

At this time, any Council Member may ask a question for clarification or may request a matter, which is not otherwise scheduled on a City Council agenda, to be placed on a future agenda. The Council Member referring the item shall provide sufficient information as to the nature of the item. The City Council, by concurrence of a majority, may direct the City Manager to put the item on a future agenda. (GOV. CODE SEC. 54954.2)

A. Council Future Agenda Items

The Council directed staff to bring back a discussion about the Downtown Traffic and Pedestrian Improvement project and funding alternatives.

B. Upcoming Events and Important Dates:

August 21: Revenue Measure Community Meeting #1 (Virtual) at 5:30 p.m. [More Info and Registration](#)

September 2: City offices closed in observance of Labor Day

September 3: Canceled City Council Meeting

September 17: Regular City Council Meeting

ADJOURNMENT:

Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the City Council after distribution of the agenda packet are available to public inspection in the City Clerk's Office located at 319 N. Douty Street, Hanford, California 93230, during normal business hours. Such agendas are also available at the city's website, www.cityofhanfordca.com subject to staff's ability to post the agenda before the meeting. If you need a disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk's office, 559-585-2515, 319 N. Douty Street, Hanford, California 93230, at least 2 days prior to the meeting {28 CFR 35.102.35.104 ADA Title II}

Mayor Paden adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Corral
City Clerk