



**City Council Regular Meeting
Minutes**

**September 17, 2024 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

6:00 PM CALL TO ORDER CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Paden called the closed session to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK:

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

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION (GC 54956.9 (d)(1)):
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 Martin Devine Council Member Lou Martinez Council Member Travis Paden Council Member Mark Kairis	

INVOCATION:

The invocation was led by Sherri Winterowd.

FLAG SALUTE:

The flag salute was led by Mayor Paden.

RECOGNITION:

- A. Staff will be presented with the Proclamation for National IT Professionals Day.

Mayor Paden presented the National IT Professionals Day proclamation to IT Analyst Jeff Willis.

- B. Emily Carpenter from Golden Positivity will be presented with the Proclamation for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

Mayor Paden presented the Childhood Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation to Emily Carpenter, founder of Golden Positivity.

- C. Recognition of the Hanford All Stars 12U Baseball Team Coaches and Players for their World Series appearance.

Manager Jess Moran, Coaches Eric Maciel, Shane Hooper, and Joe Martinez. Players #22 Jo Jo Martinez, #3 Jonah Moran, #4 Ryan Mulanax, #6 Miles Maciel, #7 Urban Rodriguez, #8 Cannon Muir, #10 Noah Squire, #15 Trystan Hooper, #16 Bradley Fossett, #18 Jody Hernandez, #23 Braden Curtis, #27 Mason Gonzalez, #28 Andrew Ibarra, and #30 Chase Gogan.

Mayor Paden presented the Hanford All Star 12U Baseball Team Coaches and players with a resolution in recognition for their achievements.

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.

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.

Before the public comment period, Mayor Paden addressed a community misunderstanding about the Downtown Improvement Project.

Cynthia Martini shared her concerns about the homeless people at the library.

Jim Carpenter commented on the Krash matter. He requested to add the discussion to a future agenda to discuss having a community event to honor Krash. He also commented on cancer awareness month.

Suzanne Davis shared her concerns about the playground area at Freedom Park and Civic Park. She asked that the city maintain the parks better.

Nick Wagner encouraged the Council to approve the four-way stop at the intersection of Douty Street and Seventh

Street.

Larry Faria announced the upcoming Son's of Liberty town hall meeting.

Jason Kemp Van Ee commented on the Hidden Valley Park expansion. He stated that the community would like to see it developed and suggested that the city solicit corporate sponsors for local parks.

Jack Schwartz announced the upcoming events at the Carnegie Museum.

Noor Memon questioned the public comment time limit. He also commented on the old kiosk in Civic Park and asked why the Bastille is vacant.

Victor Chavarin Jr., District Representative of Senator Hurtado's office, provided an update on legislative actions.

Lorna Martinez expressed her concerns about 5th Street and Douty St. She also stated she does not support a roundabout and the tax measure.

Anna Brookshier suggested fixing the infrastructure downtown.

Bob Ramos commented on the General Business items A, B, and C. He suggested other ways to allocate the project funds to improve the downtown area.

Adrea Barone spoke in support of Measure H and commented on the downtown project. He also expressed his concerns about traffic on 9 1/4, and requested speed bumps.

Joseph Garcia expressed his concerns about the timing of the stop lights throughout the city.

Rusty Brookshier commented on the repairs that are needed in the downtown area.

Kimber Regan commented on the downtown project and shared her concerns about the needed repairs. She stated they didn't want to change the downtown.

Chris Jordan stated the city needs a new safety building and suggested the roundabout project funds be given to the police department.

Onan Champi commented on an email he sent to the City Council about the zoning of his property.

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 G was pulled by Council Member Martinez.

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

RESULT:	Passed (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Council Member Mark Kairis
SECONDER:	Council Member Lou Martinez
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 July 2, 2024, Meeting
- C. City Clerk: Approval of the Minutes of the July 16, 2024, Meeting
- D. City Attorney: Adoption of Resolution No. 24-36-R, declaring 1074 S. Jordan to be exempt surplus property under the Government Code.

- E. Administration: Adoption of Resolution 24-38-R, Conflict of Interest Code, designating the filing obligations for designated employees.
- F. Administration: Approval of Resolution No. 24-33-R, authorizing staff to submit an application for the California Department of Transportation Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Matching Grant to fund a Pavement Management Maintenance Plan for the Hanford Municipal Airport.
- G. Utilities and Engineering: Approve a reimbursement to Presidio JJR Sterling Oaks 104, LLC in the amount of \$1,354,311.27 for the water main and street improvements on Houston Avenue and Alpine Street related to Tract No. 865, Unit No. 1; AND approve an appropriation of \$1,408,862.39 to fulfill the reimbursement.
- H. Utilities and Engineering: Authorization to award a contract to Akel Engineering to update the City's Utility Master Plans for Water, Sanitary Sewer, and Storm Drain for a total amount not to exceed \$705,925 and authorize an appropriation of \$811,814 from various impact fee funds as described herein in this report.
- I. Utilities and Engineering: Approval to enter into a professional services agreement with David Taussig and Associates (DTA) to provide a Comprehensive Update to the City's Development Impact Fees and approval to appropriate \$92,400 from various Impact Fee Funds.

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. Community Development: Approval of an appropriation of \$650,000 in the General Fund for the Kings-Tulare High-Speed Rail Station Transit-Oriented Development and Connectivity Plan, and Cross Valley Corridor Rail Service Planning project, funded by Sustainable Communities Transportation Planning Grant award.

[Item G]

Pulled by Council Member Martinez.

Motion to Approve.

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. Community Development: A public hearing to accept comments related to the Draft Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element for 2024-2032 and direction to staff to submit the document to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for review.

Mayor Paden opened the public hearing at 8:22 p.m. and called for the staff report. Senior Planner Gabrielle Myers

presented the staff report for the Council's review and approval. Staff responded to the Council and public comments. John Oshima, Housing Element Housing Team Representative, discussed the potential consequences if the city fails to approve submitting the document. The public hearing was closed at 9:14 p.m.

Public Comment:

IN FAVOR:

A member of the public commented on the racial diversity portion of the presentation. She also asked what the city is trying to accomplish.

Kimber Regan shared her concerns about the areas where homes will be built in the future.

OPPOSED:

Larry Faria asked if the plan takes into consideration the available water resources.

Andrea Barone commented on the developers and quality of the homes being built.

Nick Wagner asked if Sacramento would provide the city with funding for more police and fire staff as the city continues to grow.

Bob Ramos commented on the mandate of the Draft Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element.

Onan Champi questioned the analysis of the housing element.

Motion to Approve.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. Finance: Presentation of Downtown Traffic and Pedestrian Improvement Project Status and Discussion of Project and Funding Alternatives, and Impacts

Finance Director Chris Tavarez, Utility and Engineering Director Frank Senteno, and Deputy City Manager Jason Waters provided an update on the project and requested direction from the Council. Staff discussed different options, the possible impacts, and scope changes. Staff will work with the consultant to finalize plans for a new project. Vice Mayor Kairis expressed his concerns about the potential liability that will be placed on the city and spoke in opposition to the four-way stops.

Motion to approve the project scope change, and keep the four-way stop at the intersection of Douty Street and Seventh Street, eliminating the roundabout and directing staff to continue to pursue the RAISE grant for additional project funding.

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

B. Utilities and Engineering: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract amendment with Interwest Consulting Group for the Downtown Improvement Project additional scope of work.

Utilities and Engineering Director Frank Senteno discussed the contract for the council's review and approval.

Motion to Approve the additional scope of work for the redesign of the Downtown Improvement Project.

RESULT:	Passed (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Council Member Travis Paden
SECONDER:	Council Member Mark Kairis

AYES: Mark Kairis, Travis Paden, Lou Martinez, Martin Devine

- C. Utilities and Engineering: Council reconsideration of the 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 \$506,853.

Associate Engineer Jacklin Hart discussed the contract for the Council's review and approval. Staff answered questions from the Council.

Motion to Approve.

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

- D. City Attorney: Introduction of Ordinance No. 24-08, Amending Hanford Municipal Code Chapter 12.24 to severely restrict sitting, lying down, and sleeping on public and private properties and the addition of provisions to address camping on private property and prohibiting trespassing on business premises.

City Attorney Ty Mizote presented the ordinance and clarified that the exhibit needed to be corrected. Mr. Mizote answered questions from the Council. The Council discussed the proposed adoption date and the importance of the ordinance being in line with Kings County's ordinance.

Motion to Approve.

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

The Council approved to extend the meeting until 10:05 p.m.

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 approved canceling the October 15, 2024, City Council meeting because the majority of the council members will be attending the League of California Cities Annual Conference and Expo, October 16 through October 18.

B. Upcoming Events and Important Dates:

September 18: 3rd Quarter City/County Coordinating Meeting 6:00pm, Corcoran

October 1: Regular City Council Meeting

October 1: Hanford Police Department's National Night Out, Civic Park 6:00pm-8:00pm

October 5 & 6: 45th Annual Renaissance Faire, Civic Park [More Info.](#)

October 15: Regular City Council Meeting

October 16-18: League of Cal Cities 2024 Annual Conference and Expo in Long Beach

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 10:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Corral
City Clerk