



**City Council Regular Meeting
Minutes**

**November 19, 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 Mark Kairis Council Member Travis Paden Council Member Lou Martinez Council Member Martin Devine	

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.*

Dave Ayers commented on the approval of Measure H.

Anna Brookshier expressed her concerns regarding the tax measure spending plan.

Jack Schwartz commented on the Carnegie Museum's car show event and possibly incorporating the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Civic Auditorium.

STUDY SESSION:

- A. Informational Report on Measure H Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance Adoption, Accountability Measures Ordinance Adoption and Authorization schedule for submission of necessary documents to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration

Finance Director Chris Tavarez provided an overview of Measure H, the implementation timeline, and the next steps. He also discussed the formation of an advisory board, budgeted expenditures, and projects. Dir. Tavarez also pointed out an error in the table of contents in Ordinance 24-09. Staff answered questions from the Council. Mayor Paden thanked staff for all their hard work on Measure H. The presentation was for informational purposes only. Staff will bring back a future discussion regarding forming an advisory board.

- B. Council discussion of the celebration for the 100th Anniversary of the Civic Auditorium

and consideration of a committee to plan those events.

Parks and Community Services Director Brad Albert discussed the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Civic Auditorium for the Council's review and input. Mayor Paden expressed his concerns about the presented dates for a possible celebration. He stated that the availability of the Civic Auditorium has conflicting dates. Council Member Devine and Vice Mayor Kairis supported allowing a committee to plan the event. Council Member Martinez would like to incorporate the celebration with the Thursday Night Market. The Council directed staff to put out a survey for public input and bring it back for review after the new council members are seated.

Mayor Paden adjourned the study session at 6:06 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (54956.9 (d)(2))
2 Potential Cases.
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (GC 54956.8)
Property: 1401 Greenfield Ave. APN 010-036-0010
Agency Negotiators: Mario Cifuentez and Ty Mizote
Negotiating Party: Whitney Britton

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Paden called the meeting to order at 7:09 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 Tyler Jones.

FLAG SALUTE:

The flag salute was led by Mayor Paden.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

None.

RECOGNITION:

- A. Recognition of all the residents of Hanford for exercising their rights as voters on election day and a special recognition of Victor Chavarin Jr. for his leadership of the Yes on Measure H Committee.

The City Council presented Victor Chavarin Jr. with a certificate of recognition for his leadership of the Yes on Measure H Committee.

B. Recognition of PAL Boxers winners for the 2024 Southern California International Champions and 2024 Halloween Rumble Champions

Police Chief Huddleston introduced the PAL Boxers Title Winners and presented them with certificates of recognition.

2024 Southern California International Champions

Aiden Avila
Noel Mejia
Zayden Hernandez
Leonard Mendoza

2024 Halloween Rumble Champions

Raymond Coronado
Aiden Avila
Noel Mejia
Zayden Hernandez
Eddie Alvarez
David Vale
Adrian Arriola

C. Recognition of November 30, 2024, as Small Business Saturday and Presentation of a Proclamation to Main Street Hanford for their efforts in supporting all small Businesses in the Downtown District.

Mayor Paden presented the Small Business Saturday proclamation to Main Street Hanford's Executive Director, Michelle Brown.

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.

A. INFORMATION REPORT - OCTOBER 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.

Lorna Martinez expressed her concerns about the homeless people living in her neighborhood. She asked the city to help her. Mayor Paden responded to her comments.

Jack Sschwartz commented on the General Business Item A and expressed his concerns regarding the conditions listed in the proposed policy.

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 F was requested to be pulled by staff. Motion to approve the consent calendar except for the items pulled for separate discussion.

Motion to Approve.

RESULT:	Passed (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Council Member Martin Devine
SECONDER:	Council Member Mark Kairis

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 the title only.
- B. Utilities and Engineering: Approval of Final Map, Subdivision Agreement and acceptance of Easements for D.R. Horton, Billingsley Tract No. 937, near the Southwest corner of Hanford-Armona Road, and Aquifer Drive and Authorization for the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to record said documents with the Kings County Recorder's Office for the purpose of accepting the easements.
- C. Utilities and Engineering: Approval of Final Parcel Map, Subdivision Agreement and acceptance of Easements and dedications offered for public use of Apple Circle near the Southwest corner of Woodland Drive and Parkside Drive and Authorization for the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to record said documents with the Kings County Recorder's Office for the purpose of accepting the easements.
- D. Utilities and Engineering: Authorization for the City Manager to sign a Grant of Easement from the City of Hanford to Southern California Edison for electrical services located within the Lennar Homes Tract 934, located at the Southeast corner of Grangeville Boulevard and 13th Avenue. A 11'x30' easement will be located on Outlot "A" on the north side of West Ella Street and another 7'x54' easement located on Outlot "C" on the west side of North Frontier Street.
- E. Finance: Authorization for the General Fund to forgive the outstanding Courthouse Fund debt of \$1,250,706 for past improvements and maintenance costs.
- F. Finance: Introduction of Ordinance No. 2024-10, Adding Municipal Code 3.60 City of Hanford Sales and Use Tax Accountability Measures
- G. Finance: Acceptance and authorization for staff to File the City of Hanford's Quarterly Investment Portfolio and Transactions Reports as of 09/30/2024.

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS :

- A. Finance: Introduction of Ordinance No. 2024-09, Adding Municipal Code 3.50 City of Hanford Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance of 2024

[Item F]

Pulled by Finance Director Tavarez.

Dir. Tavarez discussed the error in the table of contents. It will be corrected and presented to the Council on December 3, 2024.

Motion to approve as amended.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Public Works: Approval of the City's formal Temporary Street Closure Permit policy to ensure safe, organized, and efficient temporary street closures for community events, including block parties and neighborhood gatherings. This policy provides a clear process for residents and organizations to apply for and receive permission to temporarily close streets, ensuring proper planning, coordination, and notification for each event.

Deputy City Manager Jason Waters discussed the permit policy for the Council's review and approval. Staff addressed some of the concerns mentioned during public comment and answered questions from the Council. After some discussion, the Council provided their input.

Motion to Approve.

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

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

None.

- B. Upcoming Events and Important Dates:

November 23: Hanford Winter Wonderland begins and is open through January 12, 2025. [More info & tickets](#)

December 3: Regular City Council Meeting

December 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 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Corral
City Clerk