



**Planning Commission Regular Meeting  
Minutes**

**March 10, 2026 5:30 PM  
Council Chambers  
400 N. Douty St.**

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Absent:</b>
Commissioner ESPARZA Commissioner GILL Commissioner NELSON (arrived at 5:38 p.m.) Commissioner NORRIS Chair HAM	Alternate Commissioner McILWAINE

**INVOCATION:**

Diana Black led the invocation.

**FLAG SALUTE:**

Commissioner NORRIS led the flag salute.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*This is the time for citizens to comment on subject matters not on the agenda and that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. 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. Comments related to Public Hearing items will be heard at the time the item is discussed. 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.

Chair HAM asked if the Fire Department could use a parcel that is part of the Measure H Expenditure Plan. Director Waters recommended that he attend the Measure H meetings for information and any questions.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW PLANNING COMMISSIONERS:**

Director Jason Waters introduced new commissioners ESPARZA and GILL, and noted that Alternate Commissioner McILWAINE was out of town on business.

**ELECTION OF THE 2026 PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR:**

Motion to continue the Election of the 2026 Chair and Vice-Chair to the next meeting.

**RESULT:** (UNANIMOUS)

**MOVER:** NORRIS

**SECONDER:** GILL

**AYES:** NORRIS, GILL, ESPARZA, HAM

**ABSENT:** NELSON (arrived after the vote), Alternate Commissioner McILWAINE

Commissioner HAM requested that General Business be moved to after Consent Calendar on the agenda.

**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.*

- A. Community Development: Approval of the January 13, 2026 minutes
- B. Community Development: Approval of the January 27, 2026 Minutes

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

**RESULT:** (UNANIMOUS)  
**MOVER:** NORRIS  
**SECONDER:** GILL  
**AYES:** NORRIS, GILL, HAM  
**ABSTAIN:** ESPARZA  
**ABSENT:** NELSON (arrived after the vote), McILWAINE

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- A. Community Development: Finding of General Plan Consistency for the acquisition of real properties located at the southeast corner of S Harris Street and E 7th Street, comprised of approximately 56,228 square feet, located in the City of Hanford, County of Kings, State of California, consisting of Kings County Assessor’s Parcel Numbers 012-046-006, 012-046-007, 012-045-004, 012-045-005, and 012-045-010, in accordance with Government Code Section 65402.

Director Waters presented the staff report and invited questions of staff.

Motion to find the acquisition of the property is consistent with the General Plan, adopted April 24, 2017, in accordance with Government Code Section 65402.

**RESULT:** (UNANIMOUS)  
**MOVER:** ESPARZA  
**SECONDER:** NELSON  
**AYES:** ESPARZA, NELSON, GILL, NORRIS, HAM  
**ABSENT:** Alternate McILWAINE

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

None.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:**

Director Waters reported that Principal Planner Myers is working very hard on the Housing Element, which is nearing conclusion. The Housing Element will come before the Planning Commission in a future meeting. He also mentioned that the Environmental Justice Element report was presented to City Council, and Planning Commission will see it again, on a future agenda.

**COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS OF INTEREST:**

*At this time, any Commissioner may ask a question for clarification of matters within the Planning Commission’s jurisdiction, make an announcement, or report briefly on activities in their role as a Planning Commissioner. In addition, subject to the Planning Commissioner’s Handbook, Commissioners may request staff to report back to the Planning Commission at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter within the Commissioner’s jurisdiction (GC 54954.2).*

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the Planning Commission after distribution of the agenda packet are available to public inspection in the Planning Division Office located at 317 N. Douty Street, Hanford, California 93230, during normal business hours. Such documents are also available at the city's website, [www.cityofhanfordca.com](http://www.cityofhanfordca.com) subject to staff's ability to post documents 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 Planning Division's office, 559-585-2580, 317 N. Douty Street, Hanford, California 93230, at least 2 days prior to the meeting {28 CFR 35.102.35.104 ADA Title II} APPEALS: Any action of the Planning Commission, which is a final project decision, may be appealed to the City Council by the applicant or any adversely affected person. To file an appeal, an appeal application and filing fee of \$1,100.00 must be submitted to the Community Development Department, 317 N. Douty Street, Hanford, California, within ten (10) days following the date of the final decision of the Planning Commission.*

Chair HAM adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Black  
Recording Secretary