



City Council Meeting Agenda

September 1, 2026
7:00 PM – Regular Meeting
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.

Council Members will meet in-person in the Council Chambers. Members of the Public may participate either in-person in the Council Chambers or remotely through the City's Public Input Platform. Any member of the public may address the City Council on matters within the Council's jurisdiction during the applicable public comment periods. Comments are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes per speaker.

Speakers participating in person will be recognized first. Remote speakers will be recognized in the order they complete the registration process through the Public Input platform.

To participate remotely, review the instructions and register at:
<https://publiccomment.hanfordca.gov/>

To watch the meeting live (view only), visit:
<http://livestream.hanford.city/>

Members of the public may also submit written comments through the Public Input platform. All written comments received before the close of the meeting will be included in the record.

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

ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK:

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.*

STUDY SESSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

A. Direction Regarding Expansion of Zones Eligible for Wall Murals

B. Discussion About Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use in Local Government and Consideration

of Future City Guidelines or Policies

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (GC 54956.9)(d)(1))

City of Hanford v. Puga, et al.
Kings County Superior Court Case No. 26CU0342

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS (GC 54956.8)

APN: 012-041-007
Negotiating Party: Craig Johnson
Agency Negotiators: Chris Tavarez, Jason Waters, and Ty Mizote

C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS (GC 54956.8)

APN: 012-046-005
Negotiating Party: Solis Martin Vieyra & Araujo Fanny Castro
Agency Negotiators: Chris Tavarez, Jason Waters, and Nick Matoian

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

ROLL CALL:

INVOCATION:

Pastor Stan Plooy

FLAG SALUTE:

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

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.

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. Waive reading in full of resolutions and ordinances and approval and adoption of same by reading the title only.
- B. City Clerk: Approval of the Minutes of the August 4, 2026 Meeting
- C. City Clerk: Approval of the Minutes of the August 18, 2026 Meeting
- D. Administration: Approval of Agreement with Retail Strategies, LLC, for three years of retail recruitment services at annual cost of \$45,000.

- E. Community Development: Adopt Resolution 26-62-R, Approving Historic Resources Permit HRA0023-26 for 240 N. Irwin Street (APN 012-052-004) – Sensory Rock
- F. Community Development: Adopt Resolution 26-60-R, Approving Historic Resources Permit HRA0024-26 for 104 N. Douty Street (APN 012-054-011) - STIIZY
- G. Public Works: Approval of Resolution 26-59-R establishing WeatherWeld Roofing Product as the City standard for roofing applications on City-owned buildings.
- H. Police: Authorization to apply for the FY26/27 California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control/Office of Traffic Safety (ABC/OTS) Local Law Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$22,000 to be used for alcohol enforcement operation overtime costs; and if awarded, approve Resolution 26-57-R for the acceptance of the grant, amend the budget to recognize the grant, appropriate the total amount in the General Fund for the Police Department, and authorize the City Manager or Police Chief to execute the grant agreement.
- I. Finance: Authorization for the City Manager to execute a five-year continuing professional services agreement with NHA Advisors, LLC for Municipal Financial Consulting on debt-related services, with costs based on services provided, with total approximate reporting costs of \$55,000 over five years plus project-specific costs as agreed upon, primarily funded by the applicable enterprise funds

PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. Utilities and Engineering: Public Hearing and consideration of approval of Resolution 26-61-R for City of Hanford Wastewater Fee Rate Increase effective September 2, 2026.
- B. Community Development: Municipal Code Amendment 13-26, a request by the City of Hanford to introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance 26-05, amending Title 15 of the Hanford Municipal Code adding Section 15.57, in order to implement a new Expedited Electric Vehicle Charging Station Permitting Ordinance and create a streamlined EV charging station permitting process, in accordance with Assembly Bills 1236 and 970

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Finance: Adoption of Resolution No 26-58-R approving a joint exercise of powers agreement forming the Hanford Financing Authority
- B. Community Development: Adopt Resolution No. 26-63-R initiating a long-range strategic planning process, including authorizing staff to return for the formation of a "Blue Ribbon Recreation Advisory Committee" to evaluate potential recreation projects and funding options and appropriate \$20,000 from the General Fund (Reserve) for long-range strategic planning services.

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).

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

B. Upcoming Events and Important Dates:

September 5: Free e-waste recycling event at the City Corporation Yard, 900 S. 10th Avenue, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

September 7: City offices closed in observance of Labor Day

September 15: Regular City Council Meeting

October 6: Regular City Council Meeting

October 20: 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}