



CITY OF ATWATER

CITY COUNCIL

ACTION MINUTES

September 25, 2023

OPEN SESSION: (Council Chambers)

The City Council of the City of Atwater met in Open Session this date at 5:30 PM in the City Council Chambers located at the Atwater Civic Center, 750 Bellevue Road, Atwater, California; Mayor Nelson presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Present: City Council Members Ambriz, Button, Cale, Mayor Nelson
Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Raymond
Staff Present: City Manager Waterman, City Attorney Splendorio, Assistant City Clerk Martin

CLOSED SESSION: (Conference Room A)

Conference with Labor Negotiators - Government Code Section 54957.6, Agency Negotiators: City Manager Waterman, Police Chief Salvador, Human Resources Director Sousa, and Finance Director Nicholas Bargaining Units: Atwater Police Officers Association

Mayor Nelson invited public comment on Closed Session items.

No one came forward to speak.

Mayor Nelson adjourned the meeting to Conference Room A for Closed Session at 5:31 PM. Closed Session was called to order at 5:34 PM.

Closed Session adjourned at 5:54 PM.

REGULAR SESSION: (Council Chambers)

The City Council of the City of Atwater met in Regular Session this date at 6:01 PM in the City Council Chambers located at the Atwater Civic Center, 750 Bellevue Road, Atwater, California; Mayor Nelson presiding.

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was led by Michael Giordano.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nelson

ROLL CALL: (City Council)

***Present: City Council Members Ambriz, Button, Cale, Mayor Nelson
Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Raymond,
Staff Present: City Manager Waterman, City Attorney Splendorio, Police Chief Salvador, Finance Director Nicholas, Deputy City Manager/Community Development Director Thompson, Battalion Chief Ayuso, Public Works Director Vinson, City Clerk Billings, Assistant City Clerk Martin***

MAYOR OR CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION:

City Attorney Splendorio reported that the City Council received information, provided direction, and there was no reportable action.

SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEMS: None

Mayor Pro Tem Raymond arrived at the dais at 6:12 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED OR AS AMENDED:

Mayor Nelson requested the ceremonial item for the Ebony Socialites be moved to the end of the agenda to allow for more members to be present.

MOTION: City Council Member Ambriz moved to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by City Council Member Cale and the vote was: Ayes: Cale, Ambriz, Button, Nelson; Noes: None; Absent: None. Abstain: Raymond. The motion passed.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS:

Recognition - Mike Mendes, 4th of July Committee

Mayor Nelson recognized Mike Mendez for his contributions to the community throughout his years of service on the 4th of July Committee.

PRESENTATIONS:

Monthly report by Merced County District 3 Supervisor McDaniel

Merced County District 3 Supervisor McDaniel was represented by Merced County Assistant County Executive Officer Hendrickson reported the following:

- **Atwater Merced Expressway – Review Process, Tentative dates, and Winter 2028 possible end of construction.**

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mayor Nelson opened public comment regarding items on the Consent Calendar.

No one else came forward to speak.

Mayor Nelson closed the public comment.

MOTION: City Council Member Cale moved to approve the Consent Calendar as posted. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Raymond and the vote was: Ayes: Cale, Ambriz, Raymond, Button, Nelson; Noes: None; Absent: None. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. August 31, 2023

ACTION: Acceptance of report as listed.

WARRANTS:

2. September 25, 2023

ACTION: Approval of warrants as listed.

MINUTES: (General Plan Technical Advisor Committee)

3. June 7, 2023 – Regular meeting

ACTION: Acceptance of minutes as listed.

MINUTES: (Planning Commission)

4. August 16, 2023 - Regular meeting

ACTION: Acceptance of minutes as listed.

MINUTES: (City Council)

5. a.) August 28, 2023 – Regular meeting
b.) September 11, 2023 – Special meeting
c.) September 11, 2023 - Special meeting

ACTION: Approval of minutes as listed.

AGREEMENTS:

6. Approving a Purchase Agreement (Purchase Order) with Calgon Carbon for Granulated Activated Carbon Exchange at Central Site (Public Works Director Vinson)

ACTION: Approves a Purchase Agreement (Purchase Order) to Aqueous Vets of Redding, California for Granulated Activated Carbon (GAC) Exchange at Central Site, in an amount not to exceed \$77,983; and authorizes and directs the City Manager or her designee to execute the Agreement (Purchase Order) on behalf of the City.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF:

Authorizing and approving a Cooperative Purchase Agreement with Hi- tech Emergency Vehicle Service Inc. for purchase of a Type VI Fire Engine (CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Ayuso)

CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Ayuso provided background information on this item.

Mayor Nelson asked if anyone would like to come forward and speak on this item.

No one came forward to speak.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS:

Recognition - Ebony Socialites

Mayor Nelson recognized the Ebony Socialites of Atwater for their 52 years of service in the City of Atwater regarding lifelong education, striving for excellence, health awareness, youth outreach, and providing high quality social events for the community.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS/UPDATES:

City Manager Updates

City Manager Waterman reported the following:

- **City Manager Waterman spoke regarding Bellevue Realignment and Reconstruction Project.**
- **City Manager Waterman spoke regarding attending the annual League of California Cities Conference in Sacramento with Mayor Nelson and City Council Member Cale.**
- **Customers that have past due amounts need to reach out to the Finance Department to set up payment arrangements.**
- **City Manager Waterman asked that Police Chief Salvador introduce new Police Recruits and Battalion Chief Aysuo introduce new fire staffing.**

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Notice to the public was read.

Mayor Nelson clarified that under the Brown Act, members of the public are entitled to directly address the City Council and are not entitled to address their comments to other members of the public or to staff.

Mayor Nelson opened public comment.

Donald Wisdom, III, spoke regarding previous incidents as a police officer and employment.

Christan Santos, Field Representative for Congressman John Duarte, provided an update regarding Congressman Duarte's office.

Kelly Wisdom spoke regarding her husband's employment.

Adam Reed spoke regarding Old Town Atwater Ice Rink opening dates and Winton Cemetery Cleaning days.

Mary Pickford spoke regarding the Remembering Loved Ones in Atwater ceremony.

Greg Olzack spoke regarding the Atwater Historical Society 50th Anniversary events and open house first Sunday of the month.

Mayor Nelson closed the public comment.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS/UPDATES:

City Council comments

City Council Member Cale gave his best wishes to Mike Mendes, congratulated Old Town Atwater for another year of the Ice-Skating Rink opening, congratulated the Ebony Socialites for their success in the City of Atwater and congratulations to the new the new Police recruits and all Fire Staffing.

City Council Member Button stated he was humbled by those in our community that were recognized this evening and thanked them for their service to our community.

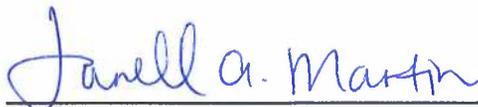
Mayor Pro Tem Raymond had no comments.

City Council Member Ambriz had no comments.

Mayor Nelson spoke regarding the League of California Cities Conference attended by City Manager Waterman and City Council Member Cale. He also spoke regarding Teasdale and expansion.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Nelson adjourned the meeting at 7:08 PM.



JANELL MARTIN
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK