



# CITY OF ATWATER

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## CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES

### February 10, 2025

REGULAR SESSION: (Council Chambers)

*The City Council of the City of Atwater met in Regular Session this date at 6:00 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 Pastor Rich Miller.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

*The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Cale.*

ROLL CALL: (City Council)

**Present:** City Council Members Ambriz, Cale, Raymond, Rochester and Mayor Nelson

**Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** City Manager Hoem, City Attorney Splendorio, Police Chief McEachin, Finance Director Nicholas, Human Resources Director Sousa, Public Works Director Vinson, City Clerk Billings and Assistant City Clerk Martin

SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED OR AS AMENDED:

***Mayor Nelson requested the adjournment item in memory of former Mayor Joe Frontella and former City Manager Tom Smith be moved to the beginning of the agenda as a ceremonial item.***

***Greg Olzack gave a short presentation.***

***Mayor Nelson presented a Certificate of Adjournment to the family of Joe Frontella.***

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

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

***No one came forward to speak.***

***Mayor Nelson closed the public comment.***

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1.     a.) October 31, 2024  
       b.) November 30, 2024  
       c.) December 31, 2024

***ACTION: Acceptance of reports as listed.***

WARRANTS:

2.     a.) January 27, 2025  
       b.) February 10, 2025

***ACTION: Acceptance of warrants as listed.***

MINUTES: (Citizens' Oversight Committee)

3.     September 10, 2024 – Regular meeting

**ACTION: Acceptance of minutes as listed.**

**MINUTES:** (City Council)

4. a.) December 9, 2024 – Regular meeting  
b.) January 13, 2025 – Special meeting  
c.) January 13, 2025 - Regular meeting

**ACTION: Approval of minutes as listed.**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

5. Resolution Approving the Merced Regional Active Transportation Plan (Deputy City Manager/Community Development Director Thompson)

**ACTION: Adoption of Resolution No. 3519-25 approving the Merced Regional Active Transportation Plan.**

**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.***

***Roger Wood spoke regarding Mr. Frontella and the Fruitland Avenue project.***

***Gary Ferraris spoke regarding employee relations.***

***Mayor Nelson closed the public comment.***

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS/UPDATES:**

***City Council Member Rochester had nothing to report.***

***City Council Raymond spoke had nothing to report.***

***Mayor Pro Tem Cale had nothing to report.***

***City Council Member Ambris gave a brief update regarding the City Council Academy in Sacramento. "Enjoy Valentines Day."***

***Mayor Nelson thanked the Frontella Family for being at the meeting this evening.***

CITY MANAGER REPORTS/UPDATES:

Updates from the Office of the City Manager

***City Manager Hoem reported the following:***

- ***Brief update regarding recent training attended***
- ***Civic 2 (1350 Broadway Ave – update)***
- ***Mid-Year budget will be presented at the next regular City Council meeting***
- ***Sandbag location is at the corner of Atwater Blvd. and First Street***

CLOSED SESSION: (Conference Room A)

**Conference with Labor Negotiators - Government Code Section 54957.6, Agency Negotiators: City Manager Hoem and Human Resources Director Sousa Bargaining Units: AFSCME Local 2703 - Miscellaneous Employees Unit**

***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 6:22 PM. Closed Session was called to order at 6:27 PM.***

MAYOR OR CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION:

***Mayor Nelson reported there was no reportable action.***

ADJOURNMENT:

***Mayor Nelson adjourned the meeting at 7:03 PM.***

APPROVED:

  
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MIKE NELSON  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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JANELL MARTIN  
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK