



# CITY OF ATWATER

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## CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES

**February 24, 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 Police Chaplain Mead.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

*The Pledge of Allegiance was led by City Council Member Ambriz.*

ROLL CALL: (City Council)

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

**Absent:** *City Council Member Raymond*

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

SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEMS: *None*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED OR AS AMENDED:

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Verbal report by Race Communications regarding an upcoming City-Wide Fiber-Optic Infrastructure Project within the City of Atwater

***Jim Miller of RACE Communications gave a brief PowerPoint presentation.***

Monthly report by Merced County District 3 Supervisor McDaniel

***Merced County District 3 Supervisor McDaniel reported the following:***

- ***Lane Closure on Santa Fe.***
- ***Light at the Merced County Library in Atwater for the Flags.***
- ***Beachwood Franklin Park schedule.***
- ***AME Schedule.***
- ***Secretary of Labor to visit Castle.***
- ***April 26, 2025 Annual Car Show at Castle.***

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. January 31, 2025

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

WARRANTS:

2. February 24, 2025

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

**MINUTES: (Planning Commission)**

3. December 18, 2024 – Regular meeting

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

**MINUTES: (City Council)**

4. February 10, 2025 – Regular meeting

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

**REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF:**

Approval of Parcel Map 22-09-0100 and Associated Subdivision Improvement Agreement (City Manager Hoem)

***City Manager Hoem provided background information on this item.***

***Mayor Nelson opened public comment regarding this item.***

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

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

***MOTION: City Council Member Rochester moved to execute, in a form approved by the City Attorney, the subdivision improvement agreement associated with Parcel Map 22-09-0100; and to approve and adopt Parcel Map 22-09-0100. The motion was seconded by City Council Member Ambriz and the vote was: Ayes: Cale, Ambriz, Rochester, Nelson; Noes: None; Absent: Raymond. The motion passed.***

Approving a Resolution which Adopts the Mid-Year Budget Revenue and Expense Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2024-25 (Finance Director Nicholas)

***Finance Director Nicholas provided background information on this item.***

***Mayor Nelson opened public comment regarding this item.***

***Linda Dash spoke regarding the budget and employee positions.***

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

***MOTION: City Council Member Ambriz moved to adopt Resolution No. 3519-25 approving Budget Amendment No. 10 amending the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget based upon Mid-Year analysis of revenue and expenses. The motion was seconded***

***by Mayor Pro Tem Cale and the vote was: Ayes: Cale, Ambriz, Nelson; Noes: Rochester; Absent: Raymond. The motion passed.***

**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 the Fruitland Avenue project.***

***Dean Way spoke regarding the Fruitland Avenue project.***

***Diane Con spoke regarding the Fruitland Avenue project.***

***Ashley spoke regarding the Fruitland Avenue project.***

***Shelly loane spoke regarding the Fruitland Avenue project.***

***Anita Lingenfelter Mesa spoke regarding the Fruitland Avenue project.***

***Gabe Santos spoke regarding Police Officers positions.***

***Dee Heller spoke regarding the Atwater Historical Society.***

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

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS/UPDATES:**

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

***City Council Member Ambriz thanked everyone for their public comment.***

***City Council Member Rochester thanked everyone for their public comments, great job to Atwater High School, Atwater Historical Society, Lady Falcons, and Public Works.***

***Mayor Nelson thanked everyone for their public comments.***

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS/UPDATES:**

**Updates from the Office of the City Manager**

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

- ***Civic 2 (1350 Broadway Ave – update)***

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**

**Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Name of case: Bradley Kessler, et al. vs City of Atwater; Case No. 24CV-04683**

***Mayor Nelson invited public comments on Closed Session items.***

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

***Mayor Nelson adjourned the meeting to Conference Room A for Closed Session at 7:01 PM. Closed Session was called to order at 7:07 PM.***

MAYOR OR CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION:

***City Attorney Splendorio reported there was information received and there was no reportable action.***

ADJOURNMENT:

***Mayor Nelson adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.***

APPROVED:

  
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MIKE NELSON  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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JANELL MARTIN  
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK