



CITY OF ATWATER

CITY COUNCIL

ACTION MINUTES

September 22, 2025

Council Chambers – 750 Bellevue Road, Atwater, California

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Cale, Council Members Ambriz, Raymond, Rochester

Absent: None

INVOCATION:

Provided by Police Chaplain Don Borgwardt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by City Clerk Billings.

SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the agenda as posted.

MOTION: Raymond

SECOND: Rochester

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Monthly report by Merced County District 3 Supervisor McDaniel

CONSENT CALENDAR

Item Removed for Separate Consideration and Discussion: Item 5.

Motion to approve Consent Calendar as amended.

MOTION: Cale

SECOND: Raymond

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Approved Items:

- **Item 1:** Treasurer's Report – July 31, 2025
- **Item 2:** Warrants – September 22, 2025
- **Item 3:** City Council Minutes – August 11, 2025 (Regular Meeting)
- **Item 4:** Resolution No. 3569-25 Approving a General Services Agreement with Joe's Landscaping and Concrete Inc. for Landscape Maintenance Services in Landscape Maintenance

Motion to approve Item 5.

Adoption of Resolution No. 3570-25 opposing California Proposition 50 and directing the City Clerk's office to transmit copies of the Resolution to the Governor of California and the California Secretary of State.

MOTION: Raymond

SECOND: Cale

NOES: Rochester, Ambriz

VOTE: Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Waive the First Reading by Title only, and introduce an Ordinance Approving Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment No. 25-09-0100 Amending Chapter 17.71 "Conditional Use Permit" of the Atwater Municipal Code

Public Hearing was opened, and comments were received.

MOTION: Council Member Raymond motioned waive the first reading by title only and introduce Ordinance No. CS 1073 approving Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment No. 25-09-0100 amending Chapter 17.71 "Conditional Use Permit" of the Atwater Municipal Code; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cale.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS AND PRESETATIONS FROM STAFF:

Adopting the City of Atwater Public Safety Master Plan

MOTION: Council Member Rochester motioned to receive and file the City of Atwater Public Safety Master Plan as prepared by Griffin Structures, Inc; and for Fire and Police to report back on statistical data for one full year before the end of the 2025 calendar year; seconded by Council Member Raymond.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Vacant Commercial Building and Property Ordinance or Enhanced Enforcement of the Atwater Municipal Code

MOTION: Council Member Raymond motioned to direct staff to prioritize enhanced enforcement of the existing provisions of the Atwater Municipal Code related to property maintenance, nuisance abatement, and commercial blight; and prepare and present a fiscal analysis outlining the costs associated with adding one (1) additional Code Enforcement Officer position; seconded by Council Member Rochester.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on Modifying the Review Process for the City's Warrant Register

MOTION: Council Member Rochester motioned to receive and file the City's warrant register and part of the Consent Calendar; seconded by Council Member Raymond.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Public comments were received regarding elected official updates, public safety staffing, public safety tax measure, city staff, and community events upcoming and past.

COUNCIL MATTERS

Council Members and Mayor provided individual updates.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Update provided by City Manager Hoem.

CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, Conference with Real Property Negotiations regarding property price and terms of payment. Agency Negotiators: City Manager Hoem and Public Works Director Vinson. Negotiating Parties: National Retail Properties, LP Property Location: 303 E. Bellevue Road, Atwater, CA 95301 APN 156-060-011

Conference with Legal Counsel — Existing Litigation — Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1)) Name of cases: US Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of New York Case. No. 19-23649 and US District Court, Northern District of Ohio Eastern Division Case No. 1:17-md-2804 (National Opioid Class Action Settlements)

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, Public Employee Performance Evaluation; Title: City Manager

REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION:

City Attorney reported the City Council convened on the three Closed Session items, received information, provided direction, and there was no reportable action.

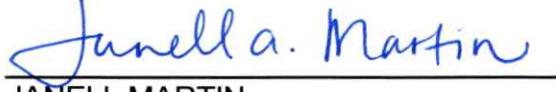
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 PM.

APPROVED:


MICHAEL G. NELSON
MAYOR

ATTEST:


JANEELL MARTIN
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK