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CITY OF ATWATER

City Council

AGENDA

Council Chambers
750 Bellevue Road
Atwater, California

November 10, 2025

REGULAR SESSION: (Council Chambers)

CALL TO ORDER:

6:00 PM

INVOCATION:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

ROLL CALL: (City Council)

Ambriz _____, Cale _____, Raymond _____, Rochester _____, Nelson _____

SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEMS: (The City Clerk shall announce any requests for items requiring immediate action subsequent to the posting of the agenda. Subsequent need items require a two-thirds vote of the members of the City Council present at the meeting.)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED OR AS AMENDED: (This is the time for the City Council to remove items from the agenda or to change the order of the agenda.)

CEREMONIAL MATTERS:

- **Recognition - Retirement of Police Sergeant**

Staff's Recommendation: That the City Council and Police Chief McEachin recognize Police Sergeant Dave Sarginson on his retirement from the Atwater Police Department.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Background information has been provided on all matters listed under the Consent Calendar, and these items are considered to be routine. All items under the Consent Calendar are normally approved by one motion. If a Councilmember requests separate discussion on any item, that item will be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. **September 30, 2025**

Staff's Recommendation: Acceptance of report as listed.

WARRANTS:

2. **November 10, 2025**

Staff's Recommendation: Receive and file the report as listed.

MINUTES: (City Council)

3. **a.) October 13, 2025 — Regular meeting**

b.) October 27, 2025 — Regular meeting

Staff's Recommendation: Approval of minutes as posted.

AGREEMENTS:

4. **Awarding and Approving an Agreement for Debt Collection Services with Pacific Credit Services** (Finance Director Nicholas)

Staff's Recommendation: Adoption of Resolution No. 3578-25 awarding and approving the Professional Services Agreement with Pacific Credit Services of Sacramento, California, in a form approved by the City Attorney, and authorizing and directing the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

RESOLUTIONS:**5. Approving CMAQ/CRP Grant Application Atwater-Livingston Canal Trailway** (City Manager Hoem)

Staff's Recommendation: Approving submittal of CMAQ/CRP Grant application for the Atwater-Livingston Canal Trailway (ALCT); and adopting Resolution No. 3579-25 authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute all agreements/documents related to the Atwater-Livingston Canal Trailway application; and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the CMAQ Assurance of Timely Project Delivery form.

6. Interim Community Development Director Employment Agreement (City Manager Hoem)

Staff's Recommendation: Adoption of Resolution No. 3580-25 to ratify the Interim Community Development Director Employment Agreement with Greg Greeson, in a form approved by the City Attorney; and authorize and direct the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

ORDINANCES (WAIVING SECOND READING AND ADOPTION):**7. Adopting an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.44.050 Emergency Organization** (CAL Fire Battalion Chief Randol)

Staff's Recommendation: Adoption of Ordinance No. CS 1074 Amending Chapter 2.44.050 of the Atwater Municipal Code to Maintain Consistency regarding Emergency Organization.

8. Adopting an Ordinance Amending Chapter 17.16 "Low Density Residential Districts" of the Atwater Municipal Code to adjust the Minimum Lot Depth (City Manager Hoem)

Staff's Recommendation: Adoption of Ordinance No. CS 1076 amending Chapter 17.16 "Low Density Residential Districts" of the Atwater Municipal Code to adjust the Minimum Lot Depth in Section 17.16.050 of this chapter and add definitions for knuckle lots and cul-de-sac lots in Chapter 17.06).

OTHER ACTIONABLE ITEMS:**9. Authorization to Record a Notice of Completion for the Downtown Pedestrian Improvements Project — Phase 2** (City Manager Hoem)

Staff's Recommendation: Authorize and direct City Manager to sign a Notice of Completion once the project is complete and have it recorded on behalf of the City.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

10. **Waive the First Reading, by Title only, and Introduce an Ordinance adopting Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment No. 25-12-0100 amending Chapter 17.16 “Low Density Residential Districts” of the Atwater Municipal Code to adjust the setbacks for R-1-5 in Section 17.16.050 of this Chapter** (City Manager Hoem)

Staff's Recommendation: Open the public hearing and receive any testimony from the public; and

Close the public hearing; and

Motion to waive the first reading by title only, and introduce Ordinance No. CS 1077 adopting Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment No. 25-12-0100 amending Chapter 17.16 “Low Density Residential Districts” of the Atwater Municipal Code to adjust the setbacks for R-1-5 in Section 17.16.050 of this chapter; or

Motion to approve staff's recommendation as presented.

11. **Waive the First Reading, by Title only, and Introduce an Ordinance adopting Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment No. 25-13-0100 amending Chapter 17.12 "Administration and General Conditions" of the Atwater Municipal Code** (City Manager Hoem)

Staff's Recommendation: Open the public hearing and receive any testimony from the public; and

Close the public hearing; and

Motion to waive the first reading by title only, and introduce Ordinance No. CS 1078 adopting Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment No. 25-13-0100 amending Chapter 17.12 "Administration and General Conditions" of the Atwater Municipal Code; or

Motion to approve staff's recommendation as presented.

12. **Waive the First Reading, by Title only, and Introduce an Ordinance Adopting Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment No. 25-16-0100 amending Chapter 17.16 “Low Density Residential Districts” of the Atwater Municipal Code to Adjust the Setbacks for Accessory Structures (Carports) in Section 17.16.080 of this Chapter** (City Manager Hoem)

Staff's Recommendation: Open the public hearing and receive any testimony from the public; and

Close the public hearing; and

Motion to waive the first reading by title only, and introduce Ordinance No. CS 1079 Adopting Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment No. 25-16-0100 amending Chapter 17.16 “Low Density Residential Districts” of the Atwater Municipal Code to Adjust the Setbacks for Accessory Structures (Carports) in Section 17.16.080 of this Chapter; or

Motion to approve staff's recommendation as presented.

13. Adopting an Ordinance Repealing and Re-enacting Title 15, "Buildings and Construction" of the Atwater Municipal Code (City Manager Hoem)

Staff's Recommendation: Open the public hearing and receive any testimony from the public; and

Close the public hearing; and

Motion to waive the second reading by title only, and adopt Ordinance No. CS 1075 Repealing and Re-enacting Title 15 "Buildings and Construction" of the Atwater Municipal Code; or

Motion to approve staff's recommendation as presented.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF:

14. Approving Use Agreement between the City of Atwater and the Atwater Police Activities League for Facility Use (Public Works Director Vinson)

Staff's Recommendation: Motion to adopt Resolution No. 3581-25 Approving a Use Agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney, with the Atwater Police Activities League for the use of Veterans Memorial Park Castle Youth Center and BMX Track for organized activities, and authorizes and directs the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Use Agreement on behalf of the City; or

Motion to approve staff's recommendation as presented.

15. Report from Fire and Police Departments on Key Public Safety Data (October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025) (CAL Fire Battalion Chief Randol and Police Chief McEachin)

Staff's Recommendation: Fire and Police Departments will present a follow-up report in response to previous City Council direction, providing an overview of key public safety data collected between October 1, 2024, and September 30, 2025.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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CITY COUNCIL REPORTS/UPDATES:

- **City Council Member Cale, District 1**
- **City Council Member Rochester, District 2**
- **City Council Member Ambriz, District 3**
- **City Council Member Raymond, District 4**
- **Mayor Nelson**

CITY MANAGER REPORTS/UPDATES:

16. Update from the City Manager

ADJOURNMENT:

CLOSED SESSION:

- **Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Name of case: City of Atwater v. Robert Hugo Carbajal, et al. (Merced County Superior Court, Case No. 23CV-00807)**
- **Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Name of case: Michael loane, Jr. vs City of Atwater; Case No. 24CV-01699**

MAYOR OR CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION:

CERTIFICATION:

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KORY J. BILLINGS
CITY CLERK

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