



CITY OF ATWATER

CITY COUNCIL

ACTION MINUTES

December 8, 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

INVOCATION:

Provided by Chaplain Steve Mead.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by City Council Member Raymond.

SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the agenda as posted.

MOTION: Raymond

SECOND: Ambriz

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS:

Oath of Office — Police Officer, Police Corporals and Police Sergeant

That City Clerk Kory Billings administer the ceremonial oath of office to the newly appointed Police Officer: Davion Bell, Police Corporals: Trevor Phillips and Dave Goodwin and Police Sergeant: Nicholette Mulligan.

PRESENTATION:

Verbal Update regarding Race Communications ongoing Fiber Installation Project within the City (Jim Miller, Vice President, Race Communications)

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion to approve Consent Calendar as presented.

MOTION: Cale

SECOND: Raymond

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Approved Items:

- **Item 1:** Warrants – November 20, 2025, November 24, 2025, and December 8, 2025
- **Item 2:** Resolution 3582-25 approving Agreement affecting Real Property and Outside Service Agreement for Water Service with Property Owner Margarita Sanchez (Evergreen Mobile Home Park)
- **Item 3:** Resolution No. 3583-25 approving Amendment No.2 to Task Order No.1 between City of Atwater and CCME, Inc. for the Race Communication Fiber Installation Project
- **Item 4:** Resolution No. 3584-25 approving City of Atwater Salary Schedule B-26 Effective January 1, 2026, Conforming to State of California Minimum Wage Increase
- **Item 5:** Resolution No. SA No. 2025-2 adopting the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule 26-27 for the July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 period and adopting the Administrative Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27
- **Item 6:** Waiving the First Reading by Title Only, and introduce Ordinance No. CS 1080 amending section 8.32.050(c)(2) of the Atwater Municipal Code to add a provision allowing for the notification of a Notice and Order to Abate via the property owner's address on file with the City
- **Item 7:** Approving a correction to the Lease-Purchase Agreement (Purchase Order) for the purchase of Kenwood portable radios to reflect the full principal and interest amount for the term of the purchase
- **Item 8:** 2026 City Council Reorganization/Mayor's Committee Assignments
- **Item 9:** Adopting 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
- **Item 10:** Adopting an Ordinance adopting Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment No. 25-13-0100 amending Chapter 17.12 "Administration and General Conditions" of the Atwater Municipal Code
- **Item 11:** Adopting 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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Authorizing the Application and Amending the PLHA Plan for the Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program

Public hearing was opened. No public comment was received. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 3585-25 authorizing the application and approving amendments to the City of Atwater's Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Plan.

MOTION: Raymond

SECOND: Ambriz

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF:

Accepting the 2026 Regular Meeting Schedule

MOTION: Council Member Raymond motioned to accept the 2026 Regular Meeting Schedule, selecting the status quo schedule that cancels the second regular meeting in July, November, and December 2026.

VOTE: Ayes – Raymond, Rochester, Nelson. Noes – Ambriz and Cale. Motion passed.

2026-2030 Strategic Plan Status Check-in

City Manager Hoem presented the 2026-2030 Strategic Plan update.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Public comments were received regarding community events, permits, and requirements.

COUNCIL MATTERS

Council Members and Mayor provided individual updates.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Update provided by City Manager Hoem.

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)

REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION:

Council Member Raymond left at 7:48 PM. City Attorney reported City Council convened and there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

APPROVED:



MICHAEL G. NELSON
MAYOR

ATTEST:



GISELA PERALTA
DEPUTY CITY CLERK