



CITY OF ATWATER

CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES February 9, 2026

Council Chambers – 750 Bellevue Road, Atwater, California

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION:

Provided by City Clerk Billings.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by Mayor Pro Tem Cale.

ROLL CALL

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

SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the agenda as posted.

MOTION: Raymond

SECOND: Ambriz

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

Oath of Office - Police Officer

City Clerk Billings gave the ceremonial oath of office to the newly appointed Police Officer Robert Freese.

Measure V Regional Funding Progress Report

Stacie Guzman, Executive Director, Merced County Association of Governments presented the progress report.

Unpermitted Food Vending

Mark Mimms, Director of Economic Development and Amanda Duran, Deputy Director of Environmental Health of Merced County presented a PowerPoint regarding the unpermitted food vending in the City of Atwater and surrounding areas.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Public comments were received regarding the Women's Club, the unhoused community, various parks in the community and a update regarding P,G &E.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion to approve Consent Calendar as presented.

MOTION: Cale

SECOND: Ambriz

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Approved Items:

- **Item 1:** Treasurer's Report – November 30, 2025
- **Item 2:** Warrants – January 22, 2026, January 29, 2026
- **Item 3 :** Minutes (City Council) – January 12, 2026 – Special meeting and January 12, 2026 Regular meeting
- **Item 4:** Adoption of Resolution No. 3592-26 approving Amendment No. 1 to the Use Agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Atwater Police Activities League for the use of Osborn Park and Veterans Memorial Park softball, soccer field and concession for organized activities, and authorizes and directs the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Amendment No. 1 on behalf of the City.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Resolution Approving the Closeout Report on the 2022 CDBG Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation (22-CDBG-PI-00004) Program Income Award

Public hearing was opened. No public comment was received. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 3594-26, Accepting and approving the closeout report on the 2022 CDBG Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation (22-CDBG-PI-00004) Program Income award.

MOTION: Raymond
SECOND: Cale
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF:

Approving a Resolution which Adopts the Mid-Year Budget Revenue and Expense Amendments for Fiscal Year 2025-26

MOTION: Council Member Raymond motioned to adopt Resolution No. 3595-26, which includes Budget Amendment No. 9 amending the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget based upon mid-year review.

MOTION: Raymond
SECOND: Ambriz
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Regarding Proposed Transportation Priorities for Potential Use of RSTP Exchange Funds

City Manager Hoem provided a brief update regarding projects that can be completed with these funds and City Council discussed.

Community Development Director Employment Agreement

MOTION: Council Member Raymond motioned to adopt Resolution No. 3593-26 to ratify the Community Development Director Employment Agreement in the annual amount of \$149,562.92 plus benefits with Jonnie Hanson Lan, in a form approved by the City Attorney; and authorize and direct the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

MOTION: Raymond
SECOND: Cale
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL MATTERS

Council Members and Mayor provided individual updates.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Update provided by City Manager Hoem.

CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Labor Negotiators - Government Code Section 54957.6, Agency Negotiators: City Manager Hoem; Unrepresented employees; Department Heads

Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): Number of cases (1)

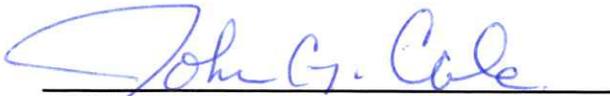
REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION:

City Attorney reported City Council convened and there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

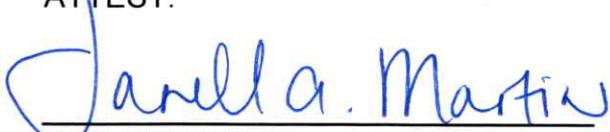
The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

APPROVED:



JOHN CALE
MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:



JANELL MARTIN
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK