



CITY OF ATWATER

CITY COUNCIL AND HOUSING SUCCESSOR TO THE ATWATER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

ACTION MINUTES

April 13, 2026

Council Chambers – 750 Bellevue Road, Atwater, California

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council/Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

INVOCATION:

Provided by Mark Racasens of Atwater Victory Baptist Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by City Council Member Raymond.

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: Cale

SECOND: Rochester

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 Andreas Solis.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Public comments were received regarding a business, a young person receiving an award, community projects, new church leadership and events, grants and youth leadership and the unhoused in areas of the City.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Items Removed for Separate Consideration and Discussion: Item 2 and 6.

Motion to approve Consent Calendar as amended.

MOTION: Cale

SECOND: Rochester

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Approved Items:

- **Item 1:** Treasurer's Report – February 28, 2026
- **Item 3 :** Minutes (Citizens' Oversight Committee) – September 9, 2025 – Regular meeting
- **Item 4 :** Minutes (City Council) – February 21, 2026 – Special meeting, March 28, 2026 – Special meeting
- **Item 5:** Adoption of Resolution No. 3600-26 awarding and approving the Restated Joint Powers Agreement for the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County; and, in a form approved by the City Attorney, and authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.
- **Item 7:** Adoption of Resolution No.3602-26 approving Budget Amendment No.11 amending Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget regarding Green Sands Utilities Extension/Canal Creek Crossing Project; and adopt Resolution No.3603-26 awarding a Professional Service Agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to Black Water Consulting Engineers of Modesto, CA in an amount not to exceed \$499,968.00 for Engineering Design for the Green Sands Avenue Utilities Extension/Canal Creek Crossing; and authorize and direct the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the City
- **Item 8:** Adoption of Resolution No. HSA 2026-1 Approving and authorizing to receive and file the Housing Successor Agency Annual Report for FY 2024-25.
- **Item 9:** Adoption of Resolution 3604-26 Approving and Authorizing to receive and file the Housing Element Annual Progress Report ("APR") for calendar year 2025; and direct the City Manager to submit the APR to the California Department of

Housing and Community Development ("HCD") and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research ("OPR").

- **Item 10:** Approval of a fee waiver requested by the Merced County Registrar of Voters to use the Atwater Community Center during the upcoming June 2, 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election and the November 3, 2026 Statewide General Election as an 11-day Vote Center for each election; and authorizes and directs the City Manager, or designee, to execute any and all documents necessary to waive the facility rental fees associated with Merced County Registrar of Voters using the Atwater Community Center as a Voting Assistance Center.
- **Item 11:** Authorizes and approves a Purchase Agreement (Purchase Order) with Cooks Communications of Fresno, California, for the purchase of Ten (10) new portable radios & accessories; and authorizes and directs the City Manager, or designee, to execute the purchase on behalf of the City.

Motion to approve Item 2

Receive and file Warrants – March 12, 2026, March 26, 2026, April 2, 2026, April 9, 2026

MOTION: Rochester

SECOND: Raymond

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

Motion to approve Item 6

Adoption of Resolution No. 3601-26 approving Amendment No.3 with CCME, Inc., in a form approved by the City Attorney, by increasing the not-to-exceed amount by an additional \$100,000 for Race Communication Fiber Installation Project; and authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No.3 on behalf of the City.

MOTION: Cale

SECOND: Raymond

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF:

Awarding a General Construction Contract with Consolidated Engineering Inc. for Overlaying Various Streets Throughout the City Project

MOTION: Council Member Ambriz motioned to adopt a Resolution No. 3605-26 approving Budget Amendment No. 12 amending Fiscal Year 2025-2026 regarding overlaying various streets throughout the City; and Adopt Resolution No. 3606-26 awarding a General Construction Contract, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to Consolidated Engineering Inc. of Valley Springs, CA, for the Overlaying Various Streets Throughout the City Project, City Project 26-04, Bid Call No. 736-26, in an amount not to exceed \$913,252.50 and authority construction contract change orders up to an

aggregate amount of \$45,662.62 (5%); and authorize and direct the City Manager or designee to execute all contract documents on behalf of the City.

SECOND: Rochester

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

Fire Department Update

CAL Fire Battalion Chief Randol provided the 2025 annual and quarterly update.

Police Department Quarterly Update

Police Chief McEachin provided the 2025 annual and quarterly update.

Community Development Department Quarterly Update

Community Development Director Hanson Lan provided the quarterly update.

Discussion and Possible Direction Regarding City-Owned Water Tower Property

MOTION: Council Member Raymond motioned to begin a Surplus Lands Act process for the Water Tower property. The motion dies due to lack of a second.

CITY COUNCIL MATTERS

Council Members and Mayor Pro Tem 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 and Human Resources Director Sousa; Employee Organizations: AFSCME Local 2703 - Miscellaneous Employees Unit

REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION:

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.

APPROVED:



MICHAEL G. NELSON
MAYOR

ATTEST:



JANELL MARTIN
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK