



# CITY OF ATWATER

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## CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES April 27, 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 City Council Member Ambriz.

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** Council Members Ambriz, Cale, Rochester and Mayor Nelson.

**Absent:** City Council Member Raymond

**SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEMS:** None

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the agenda as posted.

**MOTION:** Ambriz

**SECOND:** Rochester

**ABSENT :** Raymond

**VOTE:** Motion passed.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Monthly report by Merced County District 3 Supervisor McDaniel**

Supervisor McDaniel provided the County of Merced District 3 monthly report.

**Update regarding Encampment Resolution Fund (ERF) Bruce Metcalf and David Carr, Merced Rescue Mission**

Bruce Metcalf and David Carr, Merced Rescue Mission presented a PowerPoint and a brief update.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Public comments were received regarding abatement recovery and employment benefits and wages.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Motion to approve Consent Calendar as presented.

**MOTION:** Cale

**SECOND:** Ambriz

**ABSENT:** Raymond

**VOTE:** Motion passed.

**Approved Items:**

- **Item 1:** Treasurer's Report – March 31, 2026
- **Item 2:** Warrants – April 16, 2026, April 23, 2026
- **Item 3 :** Minutes (City Council) – February 23, 2026 – Regular meeting, March 9, 2026 – Regular meeting
- **Item 4:** Adoption of Resolution No. 3607-26 approving Amendment No.1 to the Special Services Agreement with the County of Merced on Behalf of the Merced County Fire Department for special services which consist of a Heavy Equipment Mechanic to perform the duties of a Heavy Equipment Mechanic I/II from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028, the County of Merced & the City of Atwater will each contribute 50% of the total costs associated with the Heavy Equipment Mechanic; and authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of Atwater
- **Item 5:** Adoption of Resolution No. 3608–26 approving a Professional Services Agreement with Willdan Financial Services for the administration of the City's Landscape Maintenance Districts and Lighting and Drainage Maintenance Districts for Fiscal Year 2026/2027, in an amount not to exceed \$25,086, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement
- **Item 6:** Adoption of Resolution No. 3609-26 approving Budget Amendment No. 13 amending Fiscal Year 2025-2026 regarding restriping various street throughout the City; and Adopt Resolution No. 3610-26 awarding a General Construction

Contract, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to Chrisp Company of Stockton, CA, for the Restriping Various Streets Throughout the City Project, City Project 26-03, Bid Call No. 735-26, in an amount not to exceed \$260,560.00; and authorizes construction contract change orders up to an aggregate amount of \$26,056.00 (10%); and authorizes and directs the City Manager or designee to execute all contract documents and sign a Notice of Completion on behalf of the City.

**REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF:**

**Awarding a Professional Services Agreement to Centerline Design, LLC for the Design of Tenant Improvements at Fire Station 41**

CAL Fire Battalion Chief Randol and Public Works Director Vinson presented a staff report and background information regarding the item.

No public was received regarding this item.

**MOTION:** Council Member Ambriz motioned to adopt Resolution No. 3611-26 awarding a Professional Service Agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to Centerline Design, LLC of Clovis, California, for the Design of Tenant Improvements at Fire Station 41, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00; and authorizes and directs the City Manager to execute the Professional Services Agreement on behalf of the City.

**MOTION:** Ambriz

**SECOND:** Cale

**ABSENT:** Raymond

**VOTE:** Motion passed.

**Discussion, Review, and Possible Direction on Updates to the City's Purchasing and Travel Policies**

City Manager Hoem presented a staff report and background information regarding the item.

Public comments were received regarding credit card receipts, car washes gift policies, policies, and employees appreciation.

**MOTION:** Council Member Ambriz motioned to direct staff to review the Travel and Purchasing Policies to remove overlapping language between the policies, clarify City-issued credit card usage based on this discussion, and clarify travel on a per diem basis based on this discussion, and to review the policy regarding Employee Recognition Programs, and bring back any recommended updates or revisions to the City Council for direction.

**MOTION:** Cale  
**SECOND:** Rochester  
**ABSENT:** Raymond  
**VOTE:** Motion passed.

**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 - Mid-Managers Group and Miscellaneous Employees Unit

No public Comment was received.

**REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION:**

Mayor Nelson reported City Council convened and there was no reportable action.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

**APPROVED:**



MICHAEL G. NELSON  
MAYOR

**ATTEST:**

  
JANELL MARTIN  
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK