



CITY OF ATWATER

CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES June 8, 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 Daniel Perez of Victory Baptist Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by Council Member Rochester.

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: Cale

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Public comment was received regarding the Atwater Fourth of July, Police Chief recruitment and hiring procedures, and an update on Bloss Healthcare.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve Consent Calendar as posted.

MOTION: Raymond

SECOND: Cale

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Public comment was received regarding the City issued credit cards.

Approved Items:

- **Item 1:** Warrants – May 28, 2026; June 4, 2026
- **Item 2:** Minutes (City Council) – May 11, 2026 – Regular meeting
- **Item 3:** Adoption of Resolution No. 3619-26 approving the Statement of Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2026-27 and delegating authority to the City Treasurer to invest funds in accordance with the Statement of Investment Policy.
- **Item 4:** Adoption of Resolution No. 3620-26 approving a new Schedule "A" agreement with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) for fire service operations from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029 in an amount not to exceed \$18,624,412 over three years; and authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of Atwater.
- **Item 5:** Adoption of Resolution No. 3621-26 Approving and Ratifying a Side Letter Agreement Between the City of Atwater and the Atwater Miscellaneous Employees Unit American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Local 2703, Council 57, Regarding Terms and Conditions of Employment Relating to Article 6 (Salaries), Section 6.1 (Salary Ranges) and Section 6.2 (Job Classification Review and Compensation Adjustments) of the Current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute the Agreement on Behalf of the City.
- **Item 6:** Adoption of Resolution No. 3622-26 Approving and Ratifying a Side Letter Agreement Between the City of Atwater and the Atwater Mid-Managers Group American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Local 2703, Council 57, Regarding Terms and Conditions of Employment Relating to Article 6 (Salaries), Section 6.1 (Salary Ranges) and Section 6.2 (Job Classification Review and Compensation Adjustments) of the Current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute the Agreement on Behalf of the City.
- **Item 7:** Waiving the Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. CS 1081 adopting Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment No. 26-5-0100 amending Chapter 17.34 "Office Commercial District", Chapter 17.35 "Neighborhood Commercial District", Chapter 17.36 "Central Commercial District", Chapter 17.37 "Thoroughfare Commercial District" and Chapter 17.38 "General Commercial District" of the Atwater Municipal Code.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF

Receiving and Accepting the City of Atwater's Annual Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2025

City Manager Hoem presented the City of Atwater's Annual Financial Report. No further action necessary; informational item only. Public comment was opened and no comments were received.

Accepting the City of Atwater Police Department 2025 Annual Military Equipment Use Report

Police Chief McEachin verbally presented the 2025 Annual Military Equipment Use Report. Public comment was opened and no comments were received.

MOTION: Raymond

SECOND: Rochester.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 3623-26 setting the City of Atwater's Miscellaneous Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

City Manager Hoem presented the item. Public hearing was opened and no comments were received.

MOTION: Cale

SECOND: Ambriz

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adopt Joint Authority Resolution No. 3624-26, Resolution No. AFRPD 1-2026, and Resolution No. SA 2026-1 adopting the Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget, approving Fund Expenditures and Fund Transfers, and a Five-Year Capital Improvement Program with any modifications from the budget review and public hearing; to adopt Resolution No. 3625-26 establishing the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Appropriations Limitation; to adopt Resolution No. 3626-26 amending the City of Atwater Classification Plan and adopting Salary Schedule A-27, effective June 18, 2026.

City Manager Hoem presented the item.

Public hearing was opened and comments were received regarding community efforts and economic development.

MOTION: Rochester

SECOND: Raymond

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL MATTERS

Council Members and Mayor provided individual updates.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Update provided by City Manager Hoem.

CLOSED SESSION

Public Employee Performance Evaluation (pursuant to Government Code Section 54957): Title: City Manager

Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Name of case: Jake LeBeaux v. City of Atwater, et al.; Case No. 26CV-01949

Public comment was opened and comment was received regarding the City Manager performance evaluation.

MAYOR OR CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Nelson reported out from closed session and there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.

APPROVED:



MICHAEL G. NELSON
MAYOR

ATTEST:



GISELA PERALTA
DEPUTY CITY CLERK