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CITY OF ATWATER

City Council

AGENDA

Council Chambers
750 Bellevue Road
Atwater, California

September 14, 2026

REGULAR SESSION: (Council Chambers)

CALL TO ORDER:

6:00 PM

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL: (City Council)

Ambriz _____, Cale _____, Raymond _____, Rochester _____, Nelson _____

SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEMS: (The City Clerk shall announce any requests for items requiring immediate action subsequent to the posting of the agenda. Subsequent need items require a two-thirds vote of the members of the City Council present at the meeting.)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED OR AS AMENDED: (This is the time for the City Council to remove items from the agenda or to change the order of the agenda.)

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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CONSENT CALENDAR

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Background information has been provided on all matters listed under the Consent Calendar, and these items are considered to be routine. All items under the Consent Calendar are normally approved by one motion. If a Councilmember requests separate discussion on any item, that item will be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action.

TREASURER'S REPORT

1. a.) July 31, 2026

Staff's Recommendation: Acceptance of reports as listed.

WARRANTS

2. a.) August 27, 2026

b.) September 3, 2026

c.) September 10, 2026

Staff's Recommendation: Receive and file reports as listed.

MINUTES: (City Council)

3. August 24, 2026 - Regular meeting

Staff's Recommendation: Acceptance of minutes as listed.

MINUTES : (Citizens' Oversight Committee)

4. March 10, 2026 - Regular meeting

Staff's Recommendation: Acceptance of minutes as listed.

RESOLUTIONS

- 5. Approving and Ratifying a Side Letter Agreement Between the City of Atwater and 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 9 (Other Compensation), adding Section 9.11 (Bilingual Pay) of the Current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute the Agreement on Behalf of the City** (Human Resources Director Sousa)

Staff's Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 3649-26 Approving and Ratifying a Side Letter Agreement Between the City of Atwater and 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 9 (Other Compensation), adding Section 9.11 (Bilingual Pay) of the Current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute the Agreement on Behalf of the City.

- 6. Approving Municipal Staffing Agreement with Government Staffing Services, Inc., dba MuniTemps, for Temporary Finance Director Staffing Services** (City Manager Martin)

Staff's Recommendation: Adoption of Resolution No. 3650-26 approving an agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Government Staffing Services, Inc., dba MuniTemps, for Temporary Finance Director Staffing Services and Recruiting Services; and authorizes and directs the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

- 7. Approving the Atwater City Council's Response to the 2025–2026 Merced County Civil Grand Jury Report** (City Manager Martin)

Staff's Recommendation: Adoption of Resolution No. 3651-26 approving the City Council's responses to the findings and recommendations contained in the 2025–2026 Merced County Civil Grand Jury report; authorizing the Mayor to sign the responses on behalf of the City Council; and directing the City Manager, to submit the approved responses as required by law.

- 8. Designating One Member to Serve as Voting Delegate Representing the City at the League of California Cities Annual Conference** (City Manager Martin)

Staff's Recommendation: Adoption of Resolution No. 3653-26 designating one member to serve as voting delegate representing the City at the League of California Cities Annual Conference, to be held September 23-25, 2026, in Anaheim, California.

OTHER ACTIONABLE ITEMS:

9. **Authorizing and Approving a Purchase Agreement (Purchase Order) with All Star Fire Equipment Inc of Arcadia, California, for the purchase of New Fire Hoses & Accessories** (CAL Fire Battalion Chief Randol)
Staff's Recommendation: Authorizes and approves a Purchase Agreement (Purchase Order) with All Star Fire Equipment Inc of Arcadia, California, for the purchase of new fire hoses & accessories; and authorizes and directs the Interim City Manager, or designee, to execute the purchase on behalf of the City.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF:

10. **Discussion and Possible action regarding the Community Partnership Grant Program**
Staff's Recommendation: Motion to adopt Resolution No. 3652-26 approving the Atwater Community Partnership Grant Program Policy and Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Request for Proposals; authorize staff to issue the Request for Proposals on September 15, 2026; and direct staff to complete the evaluation process and return to the City Council for applicant presentations and consideration of grant awards.
11. **Review and Discussion Regarding Red Light Cameras** (Police Chief Novetzke)

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS/UPDATES

- **Mayor Pro Tem Cale, District 1**
- **City Council Member Rochester, District 2**
- **City Council Member Ambriz, District 3**
- **City Council Member Raymond, District 4**
- **Mayor Nelson**

CLOSED SESSION

Adjourn to Conference Room A

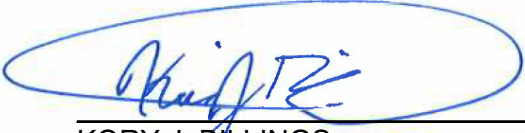
- **Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): Number of cases (1)**
- **Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Name of case:Bradley Kessler, et al. vs City of Atwater; Case No. 24CV-04683**

MAYOR OR CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION:

I, Kory J. Billings, City Clerk of the City of Atwater, do hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing agenda was posted at City Hall a minimum of 72 hours prior to the meeting.


KORY J. BILLINGS
CITY CLERK

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