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CITY OF ATWATER
City Council

AGENDA

Council Chambers
750 Bellevue Road
Atwater, California

November 9, 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.)

PRESENTATIONS

- **All Dads Matter (All Dads Matter Supervisor - Lamar Henderson Jr.)**

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

NOTICE TO 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.

WARRANTS

1. **a.) October 22, 2026**
   b.) October 29, 2026
   Staff's Recommendation: Receive and file reports as listed.

MINUTES: (City Council)

2. **October 26, 2026 - Regular Meeting**
   Staff's Recommendation: Acceptance of minutes as listed.

RESOLUTIONS

3. **Adopting City of Atwater Salary Schedule B-27 Effective January 1, 2027, Conforming to State of California Minimum Wage Increase** (Human Resources Director Sousa)

   Staff's Recommendation: Adoption of Resolution No. 3660-26 Adopting City of Atwater Salary Schedule B-27 Effective January 1, 2027, Confirming to the State of California Minimum Wage Increase.

4. **Amending the City of Atwater Classification Plan by Amending the City Manager Job Description** (Human Resources Director Sousa)

   Staff's Recommendation: Adoption of Resolution No. 3661-26 amending the City of Atwater Classification Plan by Amending the City Manager job description.

OTHER ACTIONABLE ITEMS:

5. **Approving Fee Waiver Requested by Merced County Human Services Agency to use Atwater Community Center to Host a Disaster Preparedness Training** (Deputy City Clerk Peralta)

   Staff's Recommendation: Approval of a fee waiver requested by Merced County Human Services Agency to use the Atwater Community Center Mutli-Purpose room on Thursday, December 3rd, 2026, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM; 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 Human Services Agency using the Atwater Community Center to host a Disaster Preparedness Training.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF:

6. **Atwater Community Partnership Grant Program - Applicant Presentations** (City Manager Martin)

   Staff's Recommendation: The City Council receive presentations from the two responsive applicants to the City of Atwater Community Partnership Grant Program.

7. **Discussion and Possible Direction Regarding the Elected and Appointed Officials Handbook** (City Manager Martin)

   Staff's Recommendation: Direct the City Manager to review the Elected and Appointed Officials Handbook, prepare necessary revisions incorporating Council direction, and return the revised handbook to the City Council for consideration in January 2027.

8. **Discussion Regarding Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR)** (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**

CITY MANAGER REPORTS/UPDATES:

CLOSED SESSION

Adjourn to Conference Room A

- **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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