

**SPECIAL
MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR
AGENCY/PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY
MEETING AGENDA
January 20, 2026**

1. CALL TO ORDER 6:03 PM

Council Members Present: Vosburg, Schindler, Ramirez, Lowder, Arroyo

Others Present: City Manager Sean Brewer, Assistant City Attorney Nick Matoian, Assistant City Manager Jesse Barron, Chief of Police Jose Garza, Fire Chief Greg DuPuis, Administrative Analyst Mercedes Garcia, and City Clerk Shannon Jensen

Council Members Absent: None

Others Absent: Financial Services Director Mai Vang and City Treasurer Dawn Kahikina

Changes to the Agenda: City Manager Sean Brewer announced the following Changes to the Agenda:

1. Item No. 5.5 includes an amended contract.

*Motion by Ramirez, Second by Schindler to Approve the Agenda for the Special meeting of January 20, 2026.
Motion **Approved** by 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

2. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Swearing In of New Councilman Abel Arroyo

Mayor Vosburg swore-in newly appointed Councilman Abel Arroyo.

2. 2025 Firefighter of the Year Award

Fire Chief Greg DuPuis presented Firefighter Darren Burke with a certificate for *2025 Firefighter of the Year*.

3. 2025 Officer of the Year Award

Chief of Police Jose Garza presented Police Officer Cirilo Cruz with a certificate for *2025 Officer of the Year*.

Chief Garza presented Dispatcher Stacy Anderson with a certificate for *2025 Dispatcher of the Year*.

4. 2025 Coalinga Police Department Annual Report

Chief of Police Jose Garza presented the 2025 Coalinga Police Department Annual Report.

Mayor Vosburg called a brief recess to allow those being honored to take photographs with their families.

Mayor Vosburg reconvened the meeting at 6:19pm.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

The following individual(s) spoke under Citizen Comments:

Bill Lewis announced that the Coalinga Healthcare District will be launching its annual grant funding program to support community wellness initiatives. He noted that, in March, the District will fund CPR training for four participants. Mr. Lewis encouraged anyone aware of opportunities that promote community wellness and may be eligible for District funding to contact him directly.

David Gutierrez expressed concerns regarding job opportunities and the availability of activities for younger residents in the community. He stated he would like to see more employment opportunities for youth. Mr. Gutierrez also expressed opposition to the proposed splash pad location and indicated his support for the development of a fishing pond.

The following individual(s) submitted written comment(s):

None

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Authorize the Completion of the Fire Station Emergency Generator
2. Strategic Plan Implementation – Envision Coalinga Project List Monthly Update (November / December 2025)

Mayor Pro-Tem Schindler **Pulled** Item No. 5.2 for Discussion.

City Manager Sean Brewer provided a brief overview of the project list monthly update.

3. Consideration of Bid Award for Natural Gas Cathodic Protection Deep Anode Well #4 and #10 Replacement Project

4. Notice of Completion for Coalinga Perimeter Multi-Use Trail 3, 4, and 9 Project

*Councilman Ramirez **Pulled** Item No. 5.4 for Discussion.*

City Manager Sean Brewer provided a brief overview of the item, outlining upcoming phases and planned improvements, including future connectivity and lighting enhancements.

5. Adopt Resolution No. 4303 Approving Water Conveyance Agreement with Gladstone California Water LP for Westlands Source Water to be Conveyed in January and February 2026

*Councilman Arroyo **Pulled** Item No. 5.5 for Discussion*

City Manager Sean Brewer provided an brief overview of the item, clarifying that the Agreement is a water transfer of water through the City's conveyance system, not a sale of water.

6. Waive the Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance No. 877 – Authorizing the City Manager to Execute City Instruments Pursuant to California Government Code Section 40602
7. Approve Award for the Interior Building Painting Project of City Hall
8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Pleasant Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (PVGSA) to Allow Access to a Water Well in the City of Coalinga to Monitor Groundwater Quality in the Pleasant Valley Subbasin

*Mayor Vosburg **Pulled** Item No. 5.8 for Discussion.*

City Manager Sean Brewer provided a brief overview of the item, clarifying that the Agreement allows PVGSA access to a City well for monitoring purposes only.

*Motion by Schindler, Second by Lowder to Approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5.1 through 5.8. **Approved** by 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

6. ORDINANCE PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration of Establishing an Ad Hoc Community Outreach Committee
Sean Brewer, City Manager

City Manager Sean Brewer provided a brief overview of the item.

Council discussed the structure of the committee and proposed modifications to the policy, including removing the designation of a specific alternate member to allow flexibility for Council participation.

*Motion by Schindler, Second by Lowder to Approve the Ad Hoc Community Outreach Committee Policy with the modification to remove the designation alternate member. **Approved** by 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

2. Consideration of City Council Appointments to Fill Two Vacant San Joaquin Valley Division (SSJVD) Policy Committee Positions with the League of California Cities and Authorization for related Travel
Sean Brewer, City Manager

City Manager Sean Brewer provided an overview of the item.

Council discussed the San Joaquin Valley Division Policy Committee positions, the related travel requirements, and the nomination of two Councilmembers to serve as representatives for the Public Safety and Transportation Policy Committees.

*Motion by Lowder, Second by Ramirez to Appoint Councilman Lowder to the Public Safety Policy Committee and Councilman Ramirez to the Transportation Policy Committee, and to Authorize related travel. **Approved** by a 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

3. Consideration of Commemorative Banners in Recognition of the 250th Anniversary of the United States (Future Agenda Item – Mayor Pro-Tem Schindler
Sean Brewer, City Manager)

City Manager Sean Brewer provided an overview of the item.

Council discussed the proposed design and installation of commemorative banners recognizing the 250th anniversary of the United States and directed staff to include funding in the FY 2026–2027 budget, with approximately \$5,000 allocated as a one-time cost, and the ability to return to Council for additional funding if needed.

*Motion by Ramirez, Second by Schindler to Approve a \$5,000 Allocation in the FY 2026-27 Budget as a One-Time Cost for the Design and Installation of Commemorative Banners Recognizing the 250th Anniversary of the United States, with the Ability to Return to Council for Additional Funding if Needed. **Approved** by a 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager's Announcements:

City Manager Sean Brewer announced a potential Washington, D.C. advocacy trip in coordination with Townsend Public Affairs, tentatively scheduled for March 3th – 6th, 2026 and encouraged any Councilmembers interested in participating to reach out to him.

Following a brief discussion, Council requested that the item be brought back for formal consideration at a future meeting.

Council Member's Announcements:

None

Mayor's Announcements:

None

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Pro-Tem Schindler requested a Future Agenda Item to explore options for reopening the West Hills College pool for summer use, including potential coordination and possible funding opportunities through the Coalinga Healthcare District.

Councilman Ramirez noted that the wording on the electronic sign is too small and difficult to read.

City Manager Sean Brewer acknowledged the concern, and stated staff is actively working on adjusting the electronic sign display.

Councilman Lowder requested a Future Agenda Item to update Council regarding the proposed Rally Cross events at the Airport.

Councilman Ramirez requested staff coordinate with Fresno County Public Works regarding ongoing illegal dumping concerns along Phelps Avenue just past the cemetery, including potential monitoring or enforcement solutions.

City Manager Sean Brewer stated staff would follow up with Fresno County Public Works regarding the illegal dumping concerns and potential monitoring solutions.

Mayor Vosburg requested a Future Agenda Item for staff to explore implementation of a public-facing crime reporting tool that maps and shares crime activity with the community to help increase awareness.

Mayor Vosburg requested a Future Agenda Item for staff to bring back neighborhood watch awareness efforts along with the Explorer Program.

Mayor Vosburg requested meetings be scheduled through the newly established Ad Hoc Community Outreach Committee, including a meet and greet with the School District and a meeting with the City of Huron regarding ambulance services.

Councilman Lowder requested a Future Agenda Item to explore coordination of community event scheduling among the City, Chamber of Commerce, School District, and Recreation and Parks District to reduce scheduling conflicts and avoid overlapping events that divide attendance and limit overall participation.

9. CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – Government Code Section 54957.6. CITY NEGOTIATORS: City Manager, Sean Brewer and City Attorney, Mario Zamora. EMPLOYEE (ORGANIZATION): Police Officers Association
2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – Government Code 54957.6. CITY NEGOTIATORS: City Manager, Sean Brewer and City Attorney, Mario Zamora. EMPLOYEE (ORGANIZATION): General Employees

10. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

No reportable action was taken during Closed Session.

11. ADJOURNMENT 7:49 PM

APPROVED:

Nathan Vosburg, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shannon Jensen, City Clerk

Date