City of Santa Paula

City Council Regular

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SANTA PAULA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026

6:30 PM - City Council Regular Meeting

SANTA PAULA CITY HALL
970 VENTURA STREET
SANTA PAULA, CA 93060

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

You are invited to participate in all Regular City Council meetings. Agendas are posted in the front of Santa Paula City Hall, 970 Ventura Street, Santa Paula, 72 hours in advance of the scheduled meetings. The City Council's regular meetings start at 6:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 970 Ventura Street in Santa Paula. Special and Closed Sessions vary by date and time.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN PERSON DURING THE MEETING: If you wish to speak at a City Council meeting, please fill out a ***Public Comment Form*** noting your name and address and submit the form to the City Clerk. Include the Agenda item number, when appropriate. ***Public comments are limited to 3 minutes.***

1. ***Items Not on the Agenda*:** If you wish to discuss an item which is not scheduled on the Agenda, you may address the City Council during *Public Comment*. Please realize that due to the limitations placed on the City Council by provisions of the *California Government Code*, the City Council ordinarily cannot take action on any item that is not on the agenda. Because of these restrictions, expect that matters that you identify during public comment may be referred to staff or considered on a future agenda.
2. ***Agenda Items:*** Items being considered by the City Council may appear on the Consent Calendar, as an Action Item, or as a Public Hearing. Public comments on each type of item are handled differently, as explained below:
    a. For items appearing on the Consent Calendar, please submit a Public Comment Form before the Council takes action on the Consent Calendar. Items that receive a Public Comment Form may be pulled from the Consent Calendar by the Mayor and discussed separately by the City Council.
    b. For items appearing as an Action Item, the Mayor will announce the Agenda item and request the staff report, the staff member responsible will give a brief summary of the report; the City Council will have an opportunity to ask questions of staff; members of the public will be given an opportunity to comment on the item and ask additional questions (all members of the public should speak directly into the microphone at the speaker's platform); and the City Council will discuss the item and then take appropriate action.
    c. For items on which a Public Hearing is scheduled, the Mayor will open the public hearing and receive the staff report; members of the public will be given an opportunity to comment on the item and ask additional questions (all members of the public should speak directly into the microphone at the speaker's platform); the City Council will discuss the item; and the Mayor will close the public hearing after City Council action.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE BEFORE THE MEETING: Members of the public are encouraged to submit email correspondence on any agenda item by sending an email to cityclerk@spcity.org. All public correspondence received by 3:00 p.m. (PT) on the meeting date will be provided to the legislative body before the meeting. Public Comments received after 3:00 p.m. will be provided to the legislative body the next day.

Your Participation in this meeting is in the public domain; meetings are cablecast; minutes of this meeting will reflect your participation in this meeting and are posted on the city's website.

PLEASE NOTE: *Be advised that if you bring a legal challenge to an action, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the meeting described in this Agenda, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at or before the meeting. Any action is subject to the ninety-day time period set forth in Code of Civil Procedure § 1094.6.*

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NOTE: Special and Closed Sessions are not recorded and not available on Channel 10 or live feed on the city website.

MEETING ENVIRONMENT
To maintain a public meeting environment conductive and welcoming to receive public comments from all members of the public, the audience is discouraged from engaging in displays of support or opposition to staff reports or public comments, including clapping, yelling, booing, hissing, or cheering, that may create a disruptive environment for the public who wish to express their views during the meeting are encouraged to do so in silent, non-disruptive ways -- such as raising a hand, shaking hands, or another quiet gesture of support or opposition that does not obstruct views or interrupt proceedings.
Members of the public holding signs are asked to hold the signs on their person in front of them or move to the back of the room so as not to obstruct the view of other members of the public wishing to participate in the meeting.

REGULAR MATTERS - COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   REMINDER: in order to minimize distractions during public meetings, all personal communication devices should be turned off or put in a non-audible mode.

2. **INVOCATION**

3. **FLAG SALUTE**

4. **ROLL CALL**

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
   At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda that is within the subject-matter jurisdiction of the City Council. A Public Comment Form must be submitted to the City Clerk prior to the beginning of the Public Comment period in order to be recognized to speak. Individuals submitting Public Comment Forms after the beginning of the Public Comment period will not be allowed to speak at this time, but may be recognized to speak by the Mayor at the conclusion of the meeting. Individual Councilmembers may briefly respond to Public Comments or ask questions for clarification. The City Council may direct the City Manager to report to the City Council on the item at a later meeting. For items appearing on the Agenda, the public will be invited to make comments at the time the item comes up for City Council consideration. If a member of the public wishes to address a Consent Calendar item, please submit a Public Comment Form for that item. It may then be discussed separately

by the Council, and the public will be invited to make comments at that time. At all times, please use the microphone and write your name and address on the Public Comment Form provided.

6. PRESENTATIONS

6.A POLICE DEPARTMENT EXPLORERS CHANDLER TACTICAL COMPETITION

6.B RECOGNITION OF THE 2025 MEL L. HOWERY SHINING STAR AWARD RECIPIENT

6.C **PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT**
RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council:

1. Receive and file the Parks & Recreation Department's Activity Report for the period of September 1st, 2025, through January 31st, 2026.

Presented by: Gregory Barnes, Parks & Recreation Director

6.D **CITY OF SANTA PAULA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT ~ AUGUST 1, 2025 - DECEMBER 31, 2025**
RECOMMENDATION:
Receive and File

7. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

8. CITY MANAGER REPORTS

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

Background information has been provided to the City Council on all matters listed under the Consent Calendar and these items are considered to be routine by the City Council and are normally approved by one motion. If discussion is requested by a Councilmember on any item, or a member of the public wishes to comment on an item, that item may be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action.

9.A **JANUARY 2026 WARRANTS AND CERTIFICATIONS**
RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends that the City Council:

1. Review and accept the "Certification of Accounts Payable" for the accounts payable payment cycles for January 2026, starting check number 343033 and ending check number 343220.
2. Review and accept the "Certification of Salaries" for the pay period ending dates December 26th, 2025, through January 23rd, 2026.

9.B **RETROACTIVE APPROVAL FOR PARTS PURCHASES - WATER DIVISION**

RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends that the City Council:

Retroactively waive bidding requirements pursuant to SPMC 41.10 for a $5,561.86 expenditure for materials used to repair water services within the City's water distribution system.

10. PUBLIC HEARING

- Verification of posting notice by City Clerk
- Declaration of conflicts (if any)
- Declaration of ex parte contacts (if any)
- Open public hearing
- Staff presentation
- Public comments
- Close public hearing
- Discussion and action

10.A RESOLUTIONS TO MAKE CHANGES TO HARVEST CFD NO. 1 AND APPROVE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CFD NO. 1 FUNDING, CONSTRUCTION, AND ACQUISITION AGREEMENT

RECOMMENDATION:
It is recommended that the City Council adopt:

1. Resolution No. 7602 authorizing amendment of the rate and method of apportionment of special tax and authorized services for Improvement Areas B & C of Harvest Community Facilities District No. 1 and submitting amendments to qualified electors, and
2. Resolution No. 7603 Declaring Results of an Election to amend the rate and method of apportionment of special tax and authorized services for Improvement Areas B & C of Harvest Community Facilities District No. 1 (CFD No. 1).
3. Resolution No. 7604 authorizing the Mayor/Chairperson to execute the Second Amendment to the CFD No. 1 Funding, Construction and Acquisition Agreement on behalf of the City of Santa Paula and Harvest Community Facilities District No. 1.

11. ACTION ITEMS

11.A APPOINTMENT TO COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

RECOMMENDATION:
Staff Recommends that the City Council:
Appoint applicants to various Commissions and Committees and authorize the Mayor to sign a letter to the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging, announcing the appointment of the City of Santa Paula Representative.

Presented by: Julie Latshaw, City Clerk

11.B CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S POLICY & LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council:

1. Review and adopt the proposed amendments to the City's Legislative Platform related to federal immigration policy, oversight, and transparency.

2. Review and adopt the proposed amendments to the City's Legislative Platform related to health and wellness.

Presented by: Gloria Parra, ACC Management Fellow

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

12.A FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council review future agenda items.

13. ADJOURNMENT

State of California)-

County of Ventura)- ss

City of Santa Paula)-

I declare under penalty of perjury that I posted this City Council Agenda on the bulletin board near the front door of City Hall, 970 Ventura Street, Santa Paula, California.

On_____at_____Signed:_____

Julie Latshaw

City Clerk