



# CITY OF ATASCADERO CITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

City Hall Council Chambers, Fourth Floor  
6500 Palma Avenue, Atascadero, California

<b><u>City Council Regular Session:</u></b>	<b>6:00 P.M.</b>
<b><u>City Council Closed Session:</u></b>	<b>Immediately following conclusion of City Council Regular Session</b>

### REGULAR SESSION — CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Moreno called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M. and Council Member Bourbeau led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Bourbeau, Dariz, Newsom, Mayor Pro Tem Funk, and Mayor Moreno

Absent: None

Others Present: None

Staff Present: City Manager James R. Lewis, Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Lara Christensen, Fire Chief Casey Bryson, Police Chief Dan Suttles, Public Works Director Nick DeBar, City Attorney Dave Fleishman, Deputy City Manager – IT Luke Knight, and Battalion Chief Dave Van Son.

### CLOSED SESSION – REPORT (IF ANY)

#### a. April 9, 2024

City Attorney Fleishman reported there was no reportable action.

### PRESENTATIONS:

#### 1. National Public Works Week

The City Council presented a proclamation to the City's Public Works Department in recognition of National Public Works Week.

**A. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**1. City Council Draft Minutes – April 20, 2024 Special Meeting and April 23, 2024 Regular Meeting**

- Recommendation: Council approve the April 20, 2024, Draft City Council Special Meeting Minutes and the April 23, 2024, Draft City Council Regular Meeting Minutes. [City Clerk]

**2. Legislative Platform Update**

- Fiscal Impact: None.
- Recommendation: Council approve the updated 2024 Federal and State Legislative Platform. [City Manager]

**3. Community Development Staffing Adjustment**

- Fiscal Impact: Potential General Fund salary savings of up to \$17,800 annually.
- Recommendation: Council:
  1. Authorize the City Manager to add the title *Chief Building Official*.
  2. Amend the fiscal year 2023-2024 monthly salary schedule to add new position as follows:

CLASSIFICATION	RANGE	STEP A	STEP B	STEP C	STEP D	STEP E
Chief Building Official	M46	9,395.18	9,864.94	10,358.19	10,876.10	11,419.91

3. Adopt Draft Resolution for Non-Represented Professional and Management Workers and Confidential Employees. [Community Development]

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

***Mayor Moreno opened the Public Comment period.***

The following persons spoke on this item: None.

***Mayor Moreno closed the Public Comment period.***

**MOTION BY:** Bourbeau

**SECOND BY:** Funk

**1. Approve Consent Calendar (#A-3: Resolution No. 2024-008).**

**AYES (5):** Bourbeau, Dariz, Newsom, Funk, and Moreno

***Passed 5-0***

**UPDATES FROM THE CITY MANAGER:**

City Manager Lewis gave an update on projects and events within the City.

**COMMUNITY FORUM:**

The following persons spoke by telephone or through the webinar: John DiNunzio, Geoff Auslen, Wendy Lewis, Tom Walton, Gary Lehrer, Becky Hallett, Vicky Miller, Scott Staton, Maria Smith, and Dan Hathaway.

**B. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**1. Weed Abatement Hearing of Objections**

- Fiscal Impact: None. Costs are recovered through assessments charged to non-compliant parcels that must be abated by the City Contractor. Those property owners who comply with the Municipal Code are not assessed or charged.
- Recommendation: Council:
  1. Hear all objections to the proposed removal of vegetative growth and/or refuse and allow or overrule any objections.
  2. Authorize the Fire Chief to proceed and perform the work of abatement. [Fire & Emergency Services]

Ex-Parte: None.

Battalion Chief Van Son gave the report and he and Fire Chief Bryson answered questions from Council.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

***Mayor Moreno opened the Public Comment period.***

The following persons spoke on this item: Ray Wilson, Chuck Kemp, and Geoff Auslen.

***Mayor Moreno closed the Public Comment period.***

**MOTION BY:** Bourbeau  
**SECOND BY:** Funk

**1. Authorize the Fire Chief to proceed and perform the work of abatement.**

**AYES (5):** Bourbeau, Dariz, Newsom, Funk, and Moreno

***Passed 5-0***

**C. MANAGEMENT REPORTS:**

**1. Community Cleanliness**

- Fiscal Impact: \$60,000 in General Fund reserves over fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.
- Recommendation: Council:
  1. Provide direction to staff on options to enhance and/or expand the existing Graffiti Abatement ordinance.
  2. Provide staff direction on options to address the unauthorized removal of shopping carts from retail establishments and the abatement of abandoned shopping carts.
  3. Authorize the Director of Administrative Services to appropriate an additional \$30,000 of General Fund Reserves for Campsite Debris Removal in each of the fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 and move the budget for Campsite Debris Removal from the Parks Division of the Public Works Department to the Police Department. [Police Department]

Chief Suttles gave the report and answered questions from Council. City Manager Lewis and Public Works Director DeBar also answered questions from the Council.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Mayor Moreno opened the Public Comment period.**

The following persons spoke on this item: Geoff Auslen.

**Mayor Moreno closed the Public Comment period.**

Following discussion, Council provided staff direction on options to enhance and/or expand the existing Graffiti Abatement ordinance and on options to address the unauthorized removal of shopping carts from retail establishments and the abatement of abandoned shopping carts.

**MOTION BY:** Bourbeau

**SECOND BY:** Funk

- 1. Authorize the Director of Administrative Services to appropriate an additional \$30,000 of General Fund Reserves for Campsite Debris Removal in each of the fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 and move the budget for Campsite Debris Removal from the Parks Division of the Public Works Department to the Police Department.**

**AYES (5):** Bourbeau, Dariz, Newsom, Funk, and Moreno

**Passed 5-0**

**D. COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

The following Council Members gave brief update reports on their committees since their last Council meeting:

Mayor Moreno

2. County Mayors Round Table
3. Regional Economic Action Coalition (REACH)
4. SLO Council of Governments (SLOCOG)
5. SLO Regional Transit Authority (RTA)

Mayor Pro Tem Funk

2. Homeless Services Oversight Council

Council Member Bourbeau

3. Integrated Waste Management Authority (IWMA)

Council Member Newsom

2. City / Schools Committee

**E. INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION AND / OR ACTION: None.**

**ADJOURN TO CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Moreno recessed the Regular Meeting at 8:41 P.M. and called the Closed Session Meeting to order.

**CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION:**

- 1. CLOSED SESSION — PUBLIC COMMENT**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

***Mayor Moreno opened the Public Comment period.***

The following persons spoke on this item: None.

***Mayor Moreno closed the Public Comment period.***

**2. COUNCIL LEAVES CHAMBERS TO BEGIN CLOSED SESSION**

**3. CLOSED SESSION — CALL TO ORDER**

**a. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Govt. Code Sec. 54957.6)**

Agency designated representatives: James R. Lewis, City Manager

Employee organizations: Atascadero Professional Firefighters, Local 3600; Atascadero Police Association; Service Employees International Union, Local 620; Mid-Management/Professional Employees; Non-Represented Professional and Management Workers and Confidential Employees

**4. CLOSED SESSION — ADJOURNMENT**

Following Closed Session, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 P.M.; no reportable action taken.

**MINUTES PREPARED BY:**



Lara K. Christensen  
City Clerk

**APPROVED:** May 28, 2024