



# CITY OF ATASCADERO CITY COUNCIL

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## MINUTES

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

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

City Council Regular Session:

6:00 P.M.

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

Mayor Moreno called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and Council Member Newsom 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: Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Lara Christensen, Administrative Services Director Jeri Rangel, Community Development Director Phil Dunsmore, Fire Chief Casey Bryson, Public Works Director Nick DeBar, Police Chief Dan Suttles, City Attorney Dave Fleishman, Deputy City Manager – IT Luke Knight, Planning Manager Kelly Gleason, and Administrative Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Dillon James.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION BY: Bourbeau

SECOND BY: Funk

1. Approve this agenda.
2. Waive the reading in full of all ordinances appearing on this agenda; titles of the ordinances will be read aloud by the City Clerk at the first reading, after the motion and before the City Council votes.

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

***Passed 5-0***

**A. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**1. City Council Draft Minutes – March 12, 2024 Regular Meeting**

- Recommendation: Council approve the March 12, 2024, Draft City Council Regular Meeting Minutes. [City Clerk]

**2. February 2024 Accounts Payable and Payroll**

- Fiscal Impact: \$4,731,855.33.
- Recommendation: Council approve certified City accounts payable, payroll and payroll vendor checks for February 2024. [Administrative Services]

**3. December 2023 Investment Report**

- Fiscal Impact: None.
- Recommendation: Council receive and file the City Treasurer's report for quarter ending December 31, 2023. [City Treasurer]

**4. Weed Abatement and Vegetation Management Services Contract Award**

- Fiscal Impact: \$130,660 annually in budgeted funds.
- Recommendation: Council award a services contract agreement up to \$130,660 annually with Hansen Bros Custom Farming to provide weed abatement and vegetation management services for two years, with three optional annual extensions, for a total not to exceed of five years. [Fire & Emergency Services]

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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-4: Contract No. 2024-003).**

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

***Passed 5-0***

**UPDATES FROM THE CITY MANAGER:**

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

**COMMUNITY FORUM:**

The following persons spoke by telephone or through the webinar: David Athey and Geoff Auslen.

**B. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.**

**C. MANAGEMENT REPORTS:**

**1. General Plan Update Project**

- Fiscal Impact: None.

- Recommendation: Council and community receive an update on the General Plan Update project, provide direction to staff on key policy questions including the draft General Plan Map, and provide staff feedback on next steps. [Community Development]

Community Development Director Phil Dunsmore and Planning Manager Kelly Gleason along with consultants gave the report and answered questions from the Council.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The following persons spoke on this item: Fred Athey, Eric Cleveland, Audrey Taub, Pamela Jardini, Scott Newton, David Athey, William Sima, Max Zappas, and Geoff Auslen.

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

*Mayor Moreno recessed the Meeting at 8:16 P.M.*

*Mayor Moreno reconvened the Meeting with all present at 8:32 P.M*

**Received an update on the General Plan Update project, provided direction to staff on key policy questions including the draft General Plan Map, and provided staff feedback and direction on next steps.**

*Mayor Moreno recessed the Meeting at 10:31 P.M.*

*Mayor Moreno reconvened the Meeting with all present at 10:40 P.M*

**2. General Plan & Housing Element Annual Progress Report 2023**

- Fiscal Impact: None.
- Recommendation: Council review and accept the Annual General Plan and Housing Element Progress Reports for 2023. [Community Development]

Planning Manager Kelly Gleason gave the report and answered questions from the Council.

**Reviewed and accepted the Annual General Plan & Housing Element Annual Progress Report 2023**

Mayor Moreno requested a motion to continue the meeting beyond 11:00 P.M.

**MOTION BY:** Funk

**SECOND BY:** Bourbeau

**1. To continue the meeting beyond 11:00 P.M.**

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

***Passed 5-0***

**3. Consideration of Sales Tax Measure**

- Fiscal Impact: The total cost of placing the measure on the ballot and engage in an educational and outreach program is estimated to be approximately \$45,000 of budgeted General Funds.
- Recommendation: Council:





1. Direct staff to prepare a Draft Resolution and Ordinance for City Council consideration at the June 11, 2024, meeting to place a ½-cent local sales tax override measure on the November 2024 ballot.
2. Provide staff direction on what should be included in the Draft Ordinance.  
[City Manager]

Deputy City Manager Lara Christensen gave the report and answered questions from the Council.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The following persons spoke on this item: Geoff Auslen.

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

**MOTION BY:** Bourbeau  
**SECOND BY:** Newsom

1. Approve staff recommendation for sales tax measure ordinance language and direct staff to prepare a Draft Resolution and Ordinance for consideration at the June 11, 2024, City Council meeting to place a ½-cent local sales tax override measure on the November 2024 ballot.

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 Pro Tem Funk  
3. Homeless Services Oversight Council

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

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Moreno adjourned the meeting at 11:16 P.M.

**MINUTES PREPARED BY:**

  
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Lara K. Christensen  
City Clerk

**APPROVED:** April 9, 2024