

**CITY OF LATHROP
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024
7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
390 Towne Centre Drive
Lathrop, CA 95330**

MINUTES

PLEASE NOTE: There was a Closed Session scheduled for 6:45 p.m. The scheduled closed session was not held. The Regular Meeting commenced at 7:10 p.m.

1. PRELIMINARY

1.1 CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Akinjo called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

1.2 CLOSED SESSION

- 1.2.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: Anticipated Litigation - Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) and 54956.9(e)(1)
- 1 Potential Case(s)

RECONVENE

1.2.2 REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session held.

1.3 ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Akinjo, Vice Mayor Torres-O’Callaghan and Councilmember Diallo

Absent: Councilmember Lazard.

1.4 INVOCATION – Senior Pastor Don Britton, Grace Community Church, provided the invocation.

1.5 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Senior Pastor Don Britton led the pledge of allegiance.

1.6 ANNOUNCEMENT(S) BY MAYOR / CITY MANAGER

Deputy City Manager Thomas Hedegard provided a brief update on the student transportation project startup and status of the request for proposals for transit services.

1.7 INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S) - None

1.8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT(S) OF INTEREST - None

2. **PRESENTATIONS** - None

3. **CITIZEN'S FORUM**

Ravinder Kumar and Anrush Singh (in person speakers) provided information regarding the Sewa Diwali Food Drive.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

On a motion by Vice Mayor Torres-O'Callaghan, seconded by Councilmember Diallo, the City Council approved the Consent Calendar, by the following roll call vote, unless otherwise indicated:

Ayes:	Diallo, Torres-O'Callaghan and Akinjo
Noes:	None
Absent:	Lazard
Abstain:	None

4.1 **WAIVING OF READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Waived the Reading in full of ordinances and resolutions on agenda and adopted by reading of title only, unless otherwise requested by the Mayor or a Councilmember.

4.2 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approved Minutes for the Special City Council Meeting of November 18, 2024.

4.3 **SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 24-460 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LATHROP AMENDING THE LATHROP MUNICIPAL CODE (LMC) TO UPDATE CHAPTER 13.04 WATER SERVICE SYSTEM, CHAPTER 13.16 SEWER SERVICE SYSTEM AND CHAPTER 13.20 UTILITY RATES AND CHARGES IN TITLE 13, PUBLIC SERVICES**

Waived full reading and adopted **Ordinance 24-460** amending the Lathrop Municipal Code (LMC) updating Chapter 13.04 Water Service System, Chapter 13.16 Sewer Service System, and Chapter 13.20 Utility Rates, and Charges in Title 13, Public Services.

4.4 **APPROVE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) VEHICLES FROM MANTECA FORD FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Adopted **Resolution 24-5695** approving the purchase of two (2) vehicles from Manteca Ford for the Building Department.

- 4.5 APPROVE 2025 FACILITY FEE WAIVER REQUEST FROM RIVER ISLANDS HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL TEAMS

Adopted **Resolution 24-5696** approving a facility fee waiver request from River Islands High School Baseball and Softball Teams.

- 4.6 APPROVE SUBMITTAL OF LOUISE AVENUE AND INTERSTATE 5 INTERCHANGE, CIP PS 06-06 FOR THE 2025 SJCOG ONE VOICE PROJECT NOMINATIONS

Adopted **Resolution 24-5697** approving a submittal for Louise Avenue and Interstate 5 Interchange, CIP PS 06-06 for the 2025 San Joaquin Council of Governments One Voice Project Nominations.

- 4.7 APPROVE PARCEL MAP 24-01 AND OFFSITE IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT WITH LATHROP LAND ACQUISITION, LLC FOR COMMERCIAL LOTS LOCATED IN THE CLSP COMMERCIAL AREA

Adopted **Resolution 24-5698** approving Parcel Map 24-01 and Offsite Improvement Agreement with Lathrop Land Acquisition, LLC for commercial lots located in the Central Lathrop Specific Plan Commercial Area.

- 4.8 APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CALLANDER ASSOCIATES LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, INC. FOR THE DESIGN OF MOSSDALE LANDING AND MANUEL VALVERDE COMMUNITY PARKS RENOVATIONS, CIP PK 24-04

Adopted **Resolution 24-5699** approving Professional Services Agreement with Callander Associates Landscape Architecture, Inc. for the design of Mossdale Landing and Manuel Valverde Community Parks Renovations, CIP PK 24-04.

- 4.9 APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR SANGALANG PARK SHADE SHELTER, CIP PK 25-13

Adopted **Resolution 24-5700** approving budget amendment for the Sangalang Park Shade Shelter, CIP PK 25-13.

- 4.10 ACCEPT PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED BY MG & JC CONCRETE, INC. FOR MCKEE BOULEVARD COBBLES ASSOCIATED WITH MOSSDALE LANDSCAPE REHABILITATION, CIP GG 25-06

Adopted **Resolution 24-5701** accepting public improvements constructed by MG & JC Concrete, Inc. for the McKee Boulevard cobbles associated with the Mossdale Landscape Rehabilitation Project, CIP GG 25-06, authorizing the Filing of a Notice of Completion, releasing contract retention, and releasing the Performance and Payment Bonds.

- 4.11 RATIFY THE SERVICE CONTRACT WITH MCC CONTROLS LLC, DBA PRIMEX TO PROVIDE THE EQUIPMENT UPGRADES OF THE OPERATOR INTERFACE TERMINALS (OIT'S) FOR VARIOUS STATIONS RELATED TO CIP GG 24-33

Adopted **Resolution 24-5702** ratifying Service Contract with MCC Controls LLC, dba Primex, to provide equipment upgrades of the Operator Interface Terminals (OIT's) for various stations related to CIP GG 24-33.

- 4.12 RATIFY THE PURCHASES OF EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE FOR TWENTY-TWO NEW LATHROP POLICE DEPARTMENT FLEET VEHICLES AND APPROVE RELATED BUDGET AMENDMENT

Adopted **Resolution 24-5703** ratifying purchase of equipment and software for twenty-two (22) new Lathrop Police Department fleet vehicles and approving related budget amendment.

- 4.13 CREATE CIP PW 25-09, WELL 7 PUMP HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS, APPROVE A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH GCJ CONSTRUCTION, INC. AND APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT

Adopted **Resolution 24-5704** creating CIP PW 25-09, Well 7 Pump House Improvements, approving Construction Contract with GCJ Construction, Inc. and approving related budget amendment.

RIVER ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ITEM(S)

- 4.14 APPROVE LARGE LOT FINAL MAP AND SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT FOR 25 UNDEVELOPABLE PARCELS IN TRACT 4256 WITHIN THE WOODLANDS WEST DISTRICT OF RIVER ISLANDS

Adopted **Resolution 24-5705** approving large lot Final Map for Tract 4256 within the Woodlands West District, totaling 25 undevelopable parcels, and Subdivision Improvement Agreement with Califia, LLC.

5. SCHEDULED ITEMS

- 5.1 PUBLIC HEARING (PUBLISHED NOTICE) TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO TITLE 3, CHAPTER 3.30 INFORMAL BIDDING, TO INCREASE INFORMAL BIDDING THRESHOLDS AND SERVICE DEFINITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL 2192 (2024) AMENDMENTS TO THE PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE

City Engineer Brad Taylor provided the presentation, which included a summary of the changes as a result of the passing of Assembly Bill 2192. Mayor Akinjo opened the public hearing. There were no speakers. Mayor Akinjo closed the public hearing.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Torres-O'Callaghan, seconded by Councilmember Diallo, the City Council consider the following:

1. Held a public hearing; and
2. Held first reading and introduction of an ordinance amending Title 3, Chapter 3.30 Informal Bidding, to increase informal bidding thresholds and service definitions in accordance with updated Assembly Bill 2192 (2024) amendments to the Public Contract Code.

Ayes:	Diallo, Torres-O'Callaghan and Akinjo
Noes:	None
Absent:	Lazard
Abstain:	None

5.2 UNSCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL VACANCY WITH TERM ENDING DECEMBER 2026

Director of Government Services and City Clerk (City Clerk) Teresa Vargas provided the presentation on options to fill the City Council vacancy. The vacancy was as a result of Paul Akinjo being elected Mayor and leaving an unscheduled City Council Member vacancy for the remainder of his term ending in 2026.

City Clerk Teresa Vargas announced a public comment letter received from Jimmy Zien supporting the appointment of Stephen Dresser, as the City Council Candidate with the next highest number of votes. The following in person speakers spoke in support of appointing Stephen Dresser, as the City Council Candidate with the next highest number of votes: Sheilla Zavallos, Bob Wallace, Steve Howe, Patty Klingman, Stephen (Steve) Dresser, Bob Klingman, George Jackson, Tosh Ishihara, Bennie Gatto, and Mark Elliott. Mansoor Fazel spoke in support of accepting applications for appointment consideration.

A question and answer period followed. The City Council discussed the matter. Vice Mayor Torres-O'Callaghan and Councilmember Diallo expressed interest in accepting applications for consideration and invited those interested in applying. Mayor Akinjo expressed interest in appointing the City Council Candidate with the next highest number of votes.

MOTION FAILED by Mayor Akinjo to continue the discussion to the next regular City Council meeting, due to lack of second. There were no motions made to adopt the proposed resolution, due to insufficient majority votes (minimum of three aye votes). The question and answer period continued. City Attorney Salvador Navarete provided additional information.

On a motion by Councilmember Diallo, seconded by Vice Mayor Torres-O'Callaghan, as the City Council majority, provided their consensus and direction to move forward with the City Council candidate application process, Option 2(b), by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	Diallo and Torres-O'Callaghan
Noes:	Akinjo
Absent:	Lazard
Abstain:	None

City Clerk Teresa Vargas confirmed starting the advertising of the application process immediately, including scheduling a Special City Council Meeting on January 6, 2025, for City Council consideration of the applications received.

~~Adopt Resolution to Fill the City Council Vacancy by One of the Following Options:~~

- ~~1. Fill the Vacancy by Special Election to be Held Not Less Than 114 Days from the Call of the Special Election; or~~
- ~~2. Fill the Vacancy by Appointment Until the Next Regularly Scheduled General Municipal Election to be Held November 3, 2026~~

6. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

6.1 MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORT(S) - None

6.2 MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER COMMENT(S)

Councilmember Diallo thanked those in attendance. Vice Mayor Torres-O'Callaghan expressed appreciation to the Lathrop High School Football Team. Mayor Akinjo congratulated the newly elected officials and thanked those in attendance.

7. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, Mayor Akinjo adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.


Teresa Vargas, MMC
Government Services Director
City Clerk