

**CITY OF LATHROP
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025
7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
390 Towne Centre Drive
Lathrop, CA 95330**

MINUTES

PLEASE NOTE: There was a closed session, which commenced at 6:31 p.m. The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:04 p.m.

1. PRELIMINARY

1.1 CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Akinjo called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

1.2 CLOSED SESSION

1.2.1 LIABILITY CLAIMS: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.95:

- a. Claimant: Tom Luckey on behalf of TCN Properties, LP
Agency Claimed Against: City of Lathrop
- b. Claimant: Tom Luckey on behalf of TCN Properties, LP
Agency Claimed Against: City of Lathrop

RECONVENE – Mayor Akinjo reconvened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

1.2.2 REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Salvador Navarrete reported that direction was provided pursuant to matters under Item 1.2.1 (a) and (b); the City Council denied both claims. There was no other reportable action taken.

1.3 ROLL CALL Present: Mayor Akinjo; Vice Mayor Torres-O’Callaghan; and Councilmembers: Diallo, Dresser and Lazard.

Absent: None.

1.4 INVOCATION – Pastor Nathaniel Camarena, Abundant Life Center Church, provided the invocation.

1.5 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Pastor Camarena led the pledge of allegiance.

1.6 ANNOUNCEMENT(S) BY MAYOR / CITY MANAGER - None

1.7 INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S) - None

1.8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT(S) OF INTEREST

Councilmember Lazard declared a conflict of interest with Item 4.15, due to her employment with Dell'Osso Farms

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1 INTRODUCTION OF THE CITY OF LATHROP'S 2025 POET LAUREATE AND READING OF POEM

- Jose Garcia Martin

Parks and Recreation Director Todd Sebastian introduced Jose Garcia Martin as the City of Lathrop's first Poet Laureate for Calendar Year 2025. Mr. Garcia Martin read a poem for the City Council and the audience.

2.2 PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE 175th ANNIVERSARY OF SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

Mayor Akinjo, accompanied by the City Council, provided a proclamation to San Joaquin County Board of Supervisor's Chair Paul Canepa and Vice Chair Sonny Dhaliwal declaring the 175th Anniversary of the incorporation of San Joaquin County. San Joaquin County Board Chair Canepa and Vice Dhaliwal spoke on the matter.

2.3 PROCLAMATION DECLARING FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Councilmember Diallo, accompanied by the City Council, provided a proclamation declaring February 2025 as Black History Month to Lathrop resident and local business owner Dr. Saviour Achilike, MD.

2.4 PROCLAMATION DECLARING FEBRUARY AS NATIONAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Councilmember Dresser, accompanied by the City Council, provided a provided a proclamation declaring February as National Cancer Awareness Month to local business owner and community member Jass Sangha.

2.5 RECOGNITION OF STEPHEN QUALLS FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE AS THE REGIONAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS MANAGER, CENTRAL VALLEY DIVISION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES

Mayor Akinjo and Councilmember Diallo presented a plaque recognizing Mr. Stephen Qualls for his years of service as the Regional Public Affairs Manager for the Central Valley Division of the League of California Cities.

2.6 CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO THE LATHROP HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM FOR RANKING FIRST PLACE IN THE WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE LEAGUE STANDINGS

Parks and Recreation Director Todd Sebastian and Coach Toa Fa'ali'i introduced certificates of recognition to the Lathrop High School Girls Varsity Volleyball Team for ranking first place in the Western Athletic Conference League Standings.

2.7 CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO THE LATHROP HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM FOR RANKING FIRST PLACE IN THE WESTERN LEAGUE STANDINGS

2.8 Parks and Recreation Director Todd Sebastian and Coaches Toa Fa'ali'i introduced certificates of recognition to the Lathrop High School Varsity Football Team for ranking first place in the Western League Standings.

2.9 QUARTERLY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION

Economic Development Administrator Shelley Burcham provided the quarterly economic development update and presentation.

3. CITIZEN'S FORUM

There were no speakers during Citizen's Forum.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Ayes:	Diallo, Dresser, Lazard, Torres-O'Callaghan, and Akinjo
Noes:	Dresser (only on Items 4.5 and 4.6)
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

4.1 WAIVING OF READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Waived the reading in full Ordinances and Resolutions on agenda and adopt by reading of title only, unless otherwise requested by the Mayor or a Councilmember.

4.2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of December 9, 2024, and Special City Council Meeting of January 6, 2025.

- 4.3 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 25-462 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LATHROP AMENDING THE LATHROP MUNICIPAL CODE (LMC) TO MODERNIZE, SIMPLIFY, AND STREAMLINE VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 8, HEALTH AND SAFETY AND TITLE 17, ZONING (TA-24-161)

Waived full reading and adopted **Ordinance 25-462** amending the Lathrop Municipal Code (LMC) to modernize, simplify, and streamline various sections of Title 8, Health and Safety and Title 17, Zoning (TA-24-161).

- 4.4 DECLARE SIX VEHICLES AND VARIOUS FURNITURE SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR DISPOSAL

Adopted **Resolution 25-5718** declaring five vehicles and various furniture surplus property and authorizing their disposal.

- 4.5 RATIFY OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FOR COUNCILMEMBER DIALLO TO ATTEND THE 2025 YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS (YEO) WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Pulled by Councilmember Dresser and Councilmember Diallo. A question and answer period ensued. Councilmember Diallo provided additional information related to the conference. Government Services Director and City Clerk Teresa Vargas and City Attorney Salvador Navarrete responded to the questions from the City Council. Councilmember Dresser expressed concern with approving travel after the conclusion of the event and requested clearer guidelines for the approval of training and travel.

Adopted **Resolution 25-5719** ratifying approval for out of state travel for Councilmember Diallo to attend the Young Elected Officials (YEO) Women's Leadership Program, February 5-9, 2025, in Washington, DC, and approving related budget amendment.

- 4.6 APPROVE OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FOR COUNCILMEMBER DIALLO TO ATTEND THE YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS (YEO) NETWORK 2025 NATIONAL CONVENING

Pulled by Councilmember Dresser and Councilmember Diallo. A question and answer period ensued. This item was discussed together with Item 4.5.

Adopted **Resolution 25-5720** authorizing out of state travel for Councilmember Diallo to attend the Young Elected Officials (YEO) Network 2025 National Convening in Washington, D.C. April 30 - May 5, 2025, and approving related budget amendment.

- 4.7 APPROVE OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FOR TWO CITY STAFF MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE TYLER CONNECT 2025 CONFERENCE

Adopted **Resolution 25-5721** authorizing out of state travel for the Senior Management Analyst and Customer Service Supervisor to attend the Tyler Connect 2025 Conference in San Antonio, Texas from May 11-14, 2025.

- 4.8 APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF ENCRYPTION EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE FOR TWENTY-TWO NEW LATHROP POLICE DEPARTMENT FLEET VEHICLE RADIOS

Adopted **Resolution 25-5722** approving the purchase of encryption equipment and software for twenty-two new Police Department fleet vehicle radios.

- 4.9 APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 WITH MACKAY & SOMPS CIVIL ENGINEERS, INC. TO PROVIDE CIVIL ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH LATHROP ANIMAL CENTER PROJECT, CIP GG 23-11

Adopted **Resolution 25-5723** approving Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with MacKay & Somps Civil Engineers, Inc. to provide civil engineering and land surveying services associated with the Lathrop Animal Center Project, CIP GG 23-11.

- 4.10 APPROVE PURCHASE FROM JAM SERVICES, INC. FOR LATHROP HIGH SCHOOL PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL PROJECT, CIP PS 25-05 AND APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT

Adopted **Resolution 25-5724** approving the purchase from JAM Services, Inc. for the Lathrop High School Pedestrian Signal Project, CIP PS 25-05, and approving related budget amendment.

- 4.11 APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH EKI ENVIRONMENT & WATER, INC. FOR SANITARY SEWER MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE AND APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR CIP WW 24-22 SSO REDUCTION

Adopted **Resolution 25-5725** approving an agreement with EKI Environment & Water, Inc. to update the City of Lathrop's Sanitary Sewer Management Plan and approve a budget amendment for CIP WW 24-22, the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Reduction Project.

- 4.12 CREATE CIP PS 25-18 FOR STRIPING IMPROVEMENTS, CLOSE OUT CIP PS 24-09 FOR LATHROP BICYCLE MASTER PLAN, AND APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT

Pulled by Councilmember Dresser. A question and answer period ensued. City Engineer Brad Taylor responded to questions from the City Council.

Adopted **Resolution 25-5726** creating CIP PS 25-18 for striping improvements, closing out CIP PS 24-09 for the Lathrop Bicycle Master Plan, and approving related budget amendment.

4.13 ACCEPT PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED BY LAWRENCE BACKHOE SERVICE, INC. FOR CITYWIDE FIBER OPTIC IMPROVEMENTS, CIP GG 22-03

Adopted **Resolution 25-5727** accepting public improvements constructed by Lawrence Backhoe Service, Inc. for Citywide Fiber Optic Improvement Project, CIP GG 22-03, and authorizing the filing of a Notice of Completion, releasing contract retention, and releasing Performance and Payment Bonds.

4.14 ACCEPT PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED BY AMERICAN PAVEMENT SYSTEMS, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MOSSDALE PAVEMENT PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE, CIP PS 24-32

Adopted **Resolution 25-5728** accepting public improvements constructed by American Pavement Systems, Inc. for construction of Mossdale Pavement Preventative Maintenance Project, CIP PS 24-32, authorizing the filing of a Notice of Completion, releasing contract retention, and releasing Performance and Payment Bonds.

RIVER ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ITEM(S)

Councilmember Lazard recused herself at 8:36 p.m., following the vote of the consent calendar, prior to the vote of Item 4.15, due to declared conflict of interest as noted on Item 1.8.

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

4.15 ACCEPTANCE OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN TRACT 4149 FROM RIVER ISLANDS

Adopted **Resolution 25-5729** to accept various public improvements in Tract 4149 from the River Islands Development.

5. SCHEDULED ITEMS

Councilmember Lazard returned to the dais at 8:39 p.m.

- 5.1 PUBLIC HEARING (PUBLISHED NOTICE) TO CONSIDER ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE UPDATING THE MILITARY EQUIPMENT LIST AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY NO. 706, FOR THE USE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT BY THE LATHROP POLICE DEPARTMENT, IN COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 7070- 7075, ASSEMBLY BILL 481

Police Chief Stephen Sealy and Police Captain Tracie Shea provided the presentation. A question and answer period followed the presentation. Council members discussed internal audits, sniper training, and public education on the deployment of heavy military equipment during emergency situations.

Mayor Akinjo opened the public hearing. There were no speakers. Mayor Akinjo closed the public hearing.

On a motion by Councilmember Diallo, seconded by Councilmember Lazard, the City Council considered the following:

1. Held a public hearing; and
2. Held first reading and introduction of an ordinance amending Chapter 9.20 titled "Military Equipment Use Policy", of Title 9 "Public Peace and Welfare" of the Lathrop Municipal Code by amending Section 9.20.050 titled "Active Policies" to update existing military equipment list for Military Equipment Use Policy No. 706, by incorporating funding, acquisition, and use of new military equipment for the Lathrop Police Department, in compliance with California Government Code Sections 7070-7075, Assembly Bill (Chieu); and
3. Adopted **Resolution 25-5730** accepting the 2024 Annual Military Equipment Report.

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

At the conclusion of Item 5.1, Councilmember Dresser stepped down from the dais at 9:12 p.m., and returned to the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

- 5.2 PUBLIC HEARING (PUBLISHED NOTICE) TO CONSIDER HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE NO. GPA-24-159. THE GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT WILL ADDRESS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 65580 THROUGH 65589.8 REQUIRING AN UPDATE TO THE CITY'S HOUSING ELEMENT.

Community Development Director Rick Caguiat and Planning Consultant Beth Thompson, with DeNovo Planning, provided the presentation. Mr. Caguiat entered into the record a revised Attachment No. 2 to the Staff Report related to the Housing Element Document (HP-22). The document was made available in printed form to the public, uploaded to the City Council tablets and on the City's website during the meeting.

A question and answer period followed the presentation. Mayor Akinjo opened the public hearing. There were no speakers. Mayor Akinjo closed the public hearing.

On a motion by Councilmember Dresser, seconded by Councilmember Lazard, the City Council considered the following:

1. Held a public hearing considering Housing Element Update No. GPA-24-159. The General Plan Amendment addressing Government Code Sections 65580 through 65589.8, requiring an update to the City's Housing Element; and
2. Adopted **Resolution 25-5731** amending the 2022 General Plan replacing the adopted Housing Element with the 6th Cycle Housing Element.

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

5.3 OUT OF STATE TRAVEL APPROVAL FOR THE 2025 SAN JOAQUIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SJCOG) ONE VOICE TRIP

Government Services Director and City Clerk Teresa Vargas provided the presentation. The City Council discussed authorizing out of state travel for Council Members to attend the 2025 San Joaquin County One Voice Trip. Council consensus provided staff with option, "Option 1", which consisted of travel approval for two (2) Councilmembers, and the City Manager.

On a motion by Councilmember Lazard, seconded by Vice Mayor Torres-O'Callaghan, the City Council adopted **Resolution 25-5732** authorizing Option 1, out of state travel for Mayor Akinjo, Councilmember Diallo, and City Manager Stephen Salvatore, to the 2025 San Joaquin County One Voice Trip to Washington, D.C. from May 18-22, 2025, and approving related budget amendment.

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

6. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

6.1 MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Councilmember Diallo announced her recent appointment to San Joaquin LAFCo Chair. Mayor Akinjo announced the appointment of the new SJACA Executive Director Darren Suen.

6.2 MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER COMMENT(S)

Councilmember Diallo commented on her attendance to the 2025 Young Elected Officials Women's Leadership Program in Washington, D.C. Councilmember Dresser requested art pieces of the Joyce Gatto Art Gallery to be displayed at the Senior Center for accessibility to members of the public not able to travel to City Hall to view the art. Councilmember Dresser also requested information regarding the City's streaming services. Vice Mayor Torres-O'Callaghan reported her attendance to the District Attorney's informational seminar on human trafficking crimes. Mayor Akinjo commented on the importance of public safety and safe communities.

7. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, Mayor Akinjo adjourned the meeting at 10:01 pm



Teresa Vargas, MMC
Government Services Director
City Clerk