

**CITY OF LATHROP
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025, 7:00 P.M.
CLOSED SESSION, 6:15 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
390 Towne Centre Drive
Lathrop, CA 95330**

MINUTES

PLEASE NOTE: There was a Closed Session, which commenced at 6:17 p.m. The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:10 p.m.

1. PRELIMINARY

1.1 CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Akinjo called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m. and adjourned to Closed Session.

1.2 CLOSED SESSION

1.2.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: Anticipated Litigation - Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

- 1 Potential Case

1.2.2 LIABILITY CLAIM: Pursuant to CA Government Code Section 54956.95:

- Claimant: Ayden Horn
Agency Claimed Against: City of Lathrop

RECONVENE – Mayor Akinjo reconvened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

1.2.3 REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Salvador Navarrete reported that direction was provided pursuant to matters listed under Item 1.2; 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 – Police Chief Stephen Sealy provided the invocation.

1.5 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Police Chief Stephen Sealy 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 4.17 through Item 4.22, due to her employment with Dell'Osso Farms.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1 PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2025 AS HINDU HERITAGE MONTH

Mayor Akinjo, joined by the City Council, presented a proclamation to members of the community designating October 2025 as Hindu Heritage Month. The following community members were present to accept the proclamation and offer remarks: Poonam Dahiya, Advaita, Rajesh Mehrotra, Palash Bharadwaj, Pranita Pilkhne, Ankit Mittal, Anand Kuchibhotla, Geetha, Eshha, Nayanika, and Aahana Sharma.

2.2 RECOGNITION OF UTILITY PLANT SUPERVISOR CHRIS HART FOR 26 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE CITY OF LATHROP

Assistant City Manager Michael King announced the retirement of Utility Plant Supervisor Chris Hart, expressing appreciation for his service to the City of Lathrop and extending well wishes for his future endeavors. Mayor Akinjo then presented Mr. Hart with a proclamation recognizing his many accomplishments and 26 years of public service.

2.3 INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE(S)

Information Services Director Tony Fernandes introduced Information Systems Engineers Jose Abundis and Melissa Manske. The City Council welcomed the new employees.

3. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Anthony and Vanessa Mendoza expressed concern with "No Parking" signs on River Bend Drive and requested removal to create more available parking in the area. Jaswinder Bajwa requested the installation of additional park benches at Mossdale Park, increased sweeping in public areas, and the construction of concrete walk paths along the levee. Nate Knodt commented on public transportation matters and addressed a recent letter sent by the City of Lathrop to the San Joaquin Regional Transit District. Kajal Aggarwal expressed concerns regarding the limited availability of daycare options in the River Islands Development.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Councilmember Lazard, seconded by Vice Mayor Torres-O'Callaghan, the City Council approved the Consent Calendar, Items 4.1 through 4.22, by the following roll call vote, unless otherwise indicated:

Ayes: Diallo, Dresser, Lazard, Torres-O'Callaghan, and Akinjo
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 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 Regular City Council Meeting of August 11, 2025.

4.3 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 25-472 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LATHROP TO AMEND TITLE 15 "BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION" TO INCORPORATE THE 2025 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS INTO THE LATHROP MUNICIPAL CODE

Waived full reading and adopted **Ordinance 25-472** amending Title 15 "Buildings and Construction" to incorporate the 2025 California Building Standards into the Lathrop Municipal Code.

4.4 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 25-473 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LATHROP TO ADD CHAPTER 15.32 TO TITLE 15 "BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION" TO THE LATHROP MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH AN EXPEDITED, STREAMLINE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

Waived full reading and adopted **Ordinance 25-473** adding Chapter 15.32 to Title 15 "Buildings and Construction" to the Lathrop Municipal Code establishing an expedited, streamline permitting process for electric vehicle charging stations.

4.5 ANNUAL REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF THE CITY'S INVESTMENT POLICY

Adopted **Resolution 25-5888** approving the Annual Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

4.6 APPROVE TABLE SPONSORSHIP AT THE MANTECA POLICE CHIEF'S BLACK-TIE BALL, A NIGHT AMONG HEROES

Adopted **Resolution 25-5889** approving city participation and table sponsorship at the Manteca Police Chief's Black-Tie Ball, a night among heroes, by Manteca Police Chief's Foundation on November 1, 2025, in Manteca, California.

- 4.7 RATIFY EMERGENCY SERVICE CONTRACTS WITH CLEAN HARBORS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC., MP ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC., AND UTILITY SERVICE COMPANY, INC., FOR THE BACKWASH TANK AT THE LOUISE AVENUE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY

Adopted **Resolution 25-5890** ratifying Emergency Service Contracts with Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc., MP Environmental Services, Inc., and Utility Service Company, Inc., for the Backwash Tank at the Louise Avenue Water Treatment Facility.

- 4.8 ADOPT IWRMP AMENDMENTS TO THE WATER, WASTEWATER, AND RECYCLED WATER MASTER PLANS (PW 22-19 AND WW 22-24) AND CEQA DETERMINATION

Adopted **Resolution 25-5891** approving the Integrated Water Resources Master Plan Amendments to the Water, Wastewater, and Recycled Water Master Plans (PW 22-19 and WW 22-24), and to approving an Addendum to the City of Lathrop Integrated Water Resources Master Plan Environmental Impact Report in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15164.

- 4.9 APPROVE PURCHASE OF NINE (9) FLEET VEHICLES FROM MANTECA FORD-MERCURY, INC.

Adopted **Resolution 25-5892** approving the purchase of nine (9) fleet vehicles from Manteca Ford-Mercury, Inc.

- 4.10 APPROVE TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF LATHROP

Adopted **Resolution 25-5893** approving Title VI Non-Discrimination Policy Implementation Plan in compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 for the City of Lathrop.

- 4.11 APPROVE CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH GSE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., FOR CTF PHASE 4 EXPANSION, CIP WW 25-26 AND APPROVE INTERFUND LOAN AGREEMENT AND CORRESPONDING BUDGET AMENDMENT

1. Adopted **Resolution 25-5894** finding that an emergency exists, approving CCO No. 1 with GSE Construction Company, Inc. for CTF Phase 4 Expansion, CIP WW 25-26 and approving related budget amendment; and

2. Adopt **Resolution 25-5895** approving an Interfund Loan from the Water Fund (5620) to the Wastewater (Funds 6010, 6080, and 6030) to fund Capital Improvement Projects (6090) and authorize immediate funding for the procurement and installation of the Phase 4 Headworks Assembly.

- 4.12 APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH ALISTO ENGINEERING GROUP, INC., TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE MOSSDALE WASTEWATER PUMP STATION ACCESS MODIFICATIONS AND UPGRADES PROJECT, CIP WW 26-09

Adopted **Resolution 25-5896** approving an Agreement with Alisto Engineering Group, Inc., to provide professional engineering consulting services for the Mossdale Wastewater Pump Station Access Modifications and Upgrades Project, CIP WW 26-09.

- 4.13 ACCEPT PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED BY ARROW DRILLERS INC., FOR CONSTRUCTION OF GOLDEN VALLEY PARKWAY AND SADLER OAK DRIVE FIBER OPTIC EXTENSION, CIP GG 22-03

Adopted **Resolution 25-5897** accepting public improvements constructed by Arrow Drillers, Inc., for Golden Valley Parkway and Sadler Oak Drive Fiber Optic Extension Project, CIP GG 22-03 and authorizing the filing of a Notice of Completion, releasing of contract retention, and releasing of performance and payment bonds.

- 4.14 ACCEPT PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED BY DSS COMPANY DBA KNIFE RIVER CONSTRUCTION FOR LOUISE AVENUE AND MCKINLEY AVENUE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, CIP PS 15-02 AND APPROVE PROJECT BUDGET AMENDMENT

Adopted **Resolution 25-5898** accepting public improvements constructed by DSS Company, dba Knife River Construction, for Louise Avenue and McKinley Avenue, CIP PS 15-02, authorizing the filing of a Notice of Completion, releasing of contract retention, releasing of Performance and Payment Bonds, and approving related budget amendment.

- 4.15 ACCEPT PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED BY DSS COMPANY DBA KNIFE RIVER CONSTRUCTION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BULBOUTS ON 5TH STREET, CIP PS 25-16

Adopted **Resolution 25-5899** accepting public improvements constructed by DSS Company dba Knife River Construction for bulbouts on 5th Street, CIP PS 25-16, and authorizing the filing of a Notice of Completion, releasing of contract retention, and releasing of Performance and Payment Bonds.

4.16 CREATE MISSIONARY MINNIE LEE COTTON PARK RESTROOM PROJECT, CIP PK 26-21 AND APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT

Adopted **Resolution 25-5900** creating Missionary Minnie Lee Cotton Park Restroom Project, CIP PK 26-21 and approving related budget amendment.

RIVER ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ITEMS

Councilmember Lazard recused herself at 8:26 p.m. prior to the vote of Item 4.17, due to declared conflict of interest related to her employment with Dell'Osso Farms.

On a motion by Councilmember Diallo, seconded by Vice Mayor Torres-O'Callaghan, the City Council approved the River Island Development Consent Calendar, Items 4.17 through 4.22, by the following roll call vote unless otherwise noted:

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

4.17 APPROVE A PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE CREDIT AND REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH RIVER ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT, LLC., AND CALIFIA, LLC., RELATING TO THE RIVER ISLANDS PROJECT

Adopted **Resolution 25-5901** approving Public Infrastructure Credit and Reimbursement Agreement with River Islands Development, LLC., and Califia, LLC., relating to the River Islands Development Project.

4.18 APPROVE FINDING FOR 200-YEAR URBAN LEVEL OF FLOOD PROTECTION FOR THE RIVER ISLANDS PROJECT

Adopted **Resolution 25-5902** approving Finding for 200-Year Urban Level of Flood Protection for the River Islands Project within Island Reclamation District No. 2062.

4.19 APPROVE FINAL MAP, CFD ANNEXATION, IRREVOCABLE OFFER OF DEDICATION, AND SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT FOR 38 LOTS IN TRACT 4207 VILLAGE 44 UNIT 1 WITHIN LAKE HARBOR WEST DISTRICT OF RIVER ISLANDS

Adopted **Resolution 25-5903** approving Final Map for Tract 4207 Village 44 Unit 1 within the Lake Harbor West District, totaling 38 Lots, annexation into CFD 2023-1, Irrevocable Offer of Dedication, and Subdivision Improvement Agreement with River Islands Development Area 1, LLC.

4.20 APPROVE FINAL MAP AND SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT FOR 73 LOTS IN TRACT 4224 VILLAGE 6 UNIT 2 WITHIN WOODLANDS EAST DISTRICT OF RIVER ISLANDS

Adopted **Resolution 25-5904** approving Final Map for Tract 4224 Village 6 Unit 2 within the Woodlands East District, totaling 73 Lots, and Subdivision Improvement Agreement with River Islands Development Area 3, LLC.

4.21 APPROVE FINAL MAP AND SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT FOR 32 LOTS IN TRACT 4232 VILLAGE 26 UNIT 2 WITHIN WEST VILLAGE DISTRICT OF RIVER ISLANDS

Adopted **Resolution 25-5905** approving Final Map for Tract 4232 Village 26 Unit 2 within the West Village District, totaling 32 lots, and Subdivision Improvement Agreement with River Islands Development Area 1, LLC.

4.22 APPROVE FINAL MAP AND SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT FOR 60 LOTS IN TRACT 4245 VILLAGE 28 UNIT 2 WITHIN WEST VILLAGE DISTRICT OF RIVER ISLANDS

Adopted **Resolution 25-5906** approving Final Map for Tract 4245 Village 28 Unit 2 within the West Village District, totaling 60 lots, and a Subdivision Improvement Agreement with River Islands Development Area 1, LLC.

5. SCHEDULED ITEMS

Councilmember Lazard returned to the dais at 8:28 p.m.

5.1 PUBLIC HEARING (PUBLISHED NOTICE) TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 12.04.010 AND SECTION 12.20.010 OF THE LATHROP MUNICIPAL CODE (LMC)

Parks and Recreation Direction Todd Sebastian provided a presentation introducing amendments related to conduct in city parks and prohibited actions. Mayor Akinjo opened the public hearing. With no members of the public wishing to speak, Mayor Akinjo closed the public hearing. A City Council discussion followed. Councilmember Dresser expressed concern that the amendments could limit recreational activities for residents.

Mayor Akinjo stepped down from the dais at 8:36 p.m. and returned at 8:38 p.m.

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

1. Held a public hearing; and

2. Waived first reading and introduced an ordinance amending Municipal Code Section 12.04.010 "Definitions" adding special use permit definition and Section 12.20.010 "Conduct in City Parks - Prohibited Actions" to clarify when a special use permit is required, by the following roll call vote.

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

5.2 REVIEW AND CONSIDER TRAFFIC CONTROL OPTIONS FOR RIVER ISLANDS PARKWAY AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF BOSCH AVENUE AND IMPERIAL DRIVE

City Engineer Brad Taylor gave a presentation outlining traffic control options for River Islands Parkway at the intersections of Bosch Avenue and Imperial Drive. A question and answer period followed the presentation. Vice Mayor Torres-O'Callaghan expressed concerns with removing the sidewalk and stop sign, noting that residents would likely continue to cross the intersection regardless; expressed support for installing a pedestrian hybrid beacon or a traffic signal. Councilmember Diallo noted that the intersection is heavily trafficked and expressed support for the recommended option to remove the stop sign and crosswalk, thereby directing pedestrians to use the adjacent traffic signals. Public speaker Padma Mariam expressed concern with the unusually high number of stop signs and traffic signals along River Islands Parkway, noting that it is confusing and results in constant stop-and-go traffic.

On a motion by Councilmember Diallo, seconded by Councilmembers Lazard, the City Council considered traffic control options for River Islands Parkway at the intersections of Bosch Avenue and Imperial Drive, and provided staff with direction to move forward with Option 1, with additional public outreach within the River Islands Development community, by the following roll call vote:

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

5.3 REVIEW AND CONSIDER OPTIONS FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY ON SPARTAN WAY, CREATE SPARTAN WAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS, CIP PS 26-20, AND APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT

City Engineer Brad Taylor gave a presentation regarding traffic safety options on Spartan Way. A question and answer period followed.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Torres-O'Callaghan, seconded by Councilmembers Diallo, the City Council adopted **Resolution 25-5907** creating Spartan Way Traffic Safety Enhancements, CIP PS 26-20, and approved related budget amendment.

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

6. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

- 6.1 COUNCILMEMBER DIALLO REFERRAL - Discuss and Request Creating a 2x2 Committee between the City of Lathrop and San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office for Matters Related to a Proposed Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Jurisdictional Waterways in Lathrop

At the request of Councilmember Diallo, this referral was continued to the next meeting to allow the attorneys to continue their discussions.

- 6.2 COUNCILMEMBER DRESSER REFERRAL – Discuss and Request Project for Street Pavement Repairs on 7th Street in Front of the Post Office

Councilmember Dresser provided an overview of his referral, including concerns about limited parking spaces. A question and answer period followed. City Attorney Salvador Navarrete provided information regarding public right-of-way access on federal property, and City Manager Stephen Salvatore added details about surveying the area and returning to the Council with potential options for consideration. By consensus, the City Council directed staff to explore pavement repair options for 7th Street in front of the Post Office.

- 6.3 COUNCILMEMBER DRESSER REFERRAL – Discuss and Request Red Light Violation Cameras at Multiple Intersections

Councilmember Dresser provided an overview of his referral, expressing concerns about red light violators and requesting that staff research the cost of installing red light violation cameras at multiple intersections. City Manager Stephen Salvatore noted recently proposed legislation that would reduce penalties for red light violations. By consensus, the City Council directed staff to investigate the installation costs associated with red light violation cameras at multiple intersections.

- 6.4 MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Vice Mayor Torres-O'Callagan, Councilmember Diallo, and Mayor Akinjo reported their attendance at the recent Annual League of California Cities Conference.

During the conference, Councilmember Diallo was appointed President of the Central Valley Division and 1st Vice President of the African American Caucus, and Vice Mayor Torres-O'Callaghan was appointed as 2nd Vice President of the Central Valley Division.

6.5 MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER COMMENT(S)

Councilmember Diallo expressed appreciation to City Engineer Brad Taylor for his collaboration with Caltrans on traffic signal timing adjustments. Vice Mayor Torres-O'Callaghan thanked Public Works staff for their storm preparations in anticipation of the heavy winds and rain. Councilmember Dresser reported his attendance to the Lathrop-Manteca Fire Department open house event, and the Cheema Trucking grand opening. Mayor Akinjo echoed similar sentiments.

Prior to adjournment, Chief Sealy provided an update on a current traffic incident that resulted in the closure of McKinley between Louise Avenue and Yosemite Avenue

- 7. ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, Mayor Akinjo adjourned the meeting at 9:31 p.m.



Teresa Vargas, MMC
Government Services Director
City Clerk