

**CITY OF LATHROP
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026, 7:00 P.M.
CLOSED SESSION, 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
390 Towne Centre Drive
Lathrop, CA 95330**

MINUTES

**PLEASE NOTE: There was a Closed Session, which commenced at 6:02 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 6:02 p.m. and adjourned to Closed Session.

1.2 CLOSED SESSION

1.2.1 LIABILITY CLAIM: Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.95

- Claimant: Tommie Moore
Agency Claimed Against: City of Lathrop

1.2.2 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR: Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6

- Agency Negotiator: Stephen J. Salvatore, City Manager
Employee Organization: Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 1021
- Agency Negotiator: Stephen J. Salvatore, City Manager
Employee Organization: Lathrop Mid-Managers and Confidential Employees Association (LMCEA)
- Agency Negotiator: Stephen J. Salvatore, City Manager
Employee Organization: Lathrop Police Officers Association Employees Association (LPOA)
- Agency Negotiator: Stephen J. Salvatore, City Manager
Unrepresented Sworn Classifications: Police Captain, Police Lieutenant
- Agency Negotiator: Stephen J. Salvatore, City Manager
Unrepresented Classifications: Assistant City Manager, Deputy City Manager, Government Services Director/City Clerk, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Information Systems Director, Finance Director, Human Resources Director, Community Development Director, Parks and Recreation Director, Chief Building Official

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

1.2.3 REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Salvador Navarrete reported that direction was provided pursuant to matters under Item 2.1; the claim under Item 1.2.1 was denied by a 5-0 vote; appropriate direction was provided on other matters; and no other reportable action was 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 Roger Slates, Church in the Park, provided the invocation.

1.5 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Pastor Slates 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 Dresser declared a conflict of interest with Item 4.17, due to his residence within the Woodfield Park District Area.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1 PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 5-11, 2026, AS NATIONAL PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE PROFESSIONALS’ APPRECIATION WEEK

Mayor Akinjo, on behalf of the City Council, presented a proclamation declaring April 5-11, 2026, as Property and Evidence Professionals’ Appreciation Week. The proclamation was presented to Property and Evidence Manager Melissa Dooley.

2.2 PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 12-18, 2026, AS ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER APPRECIATION WEEK

Mayor Akinjo, on behalf of the City Council, presented a proclamation declaring April 12-18, 2026, as Animal Control Appreciation Week. The proclamation was presented to Animal Center Staff: Cathy Long, Jessyka Fernades, Krystal Ruebsamen and Community Resource Officer Gabrielle Johnson.

2.3 INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE(S)

Public Works Director / City Engineer Brad Taylor introduced Junior Engineer Deanna Martinez and Parks, Streets and Facility Maintenance Superintendent Dominic Maraspini introduced Maintenance Worker Jorge Saldate as new employees in the Public Works Department. *GIS/CAD Engineering Technician Arashdeep Mehroke was not available for introduction.*

3. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Dwayne Davis (in-person speaker) expressed various concerns, including recent traffic incidents near Lathrop High School; narrow traffic lanes; and bike lane barriers installed as part of recent street improvements intended to protect pedestrians and bicyclists near Lathrop High School, which he stated have caused traffic confusion and accidents.

City Manager Stephen Salvatore explained that the traffic calming improvements are intended to protect students and reduce speeding drivers. Mr. Salvatore further explained that the most recent traffic incidents involved drivers traveling above the posted speed limit. Mr. Salvatore also stated that staff continue to evaluate traffic patterns and that modifications will be made as necessary to ensure the overall safety of both drivers and pedestrians.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Vice Mayor Torres-O'Callaghan, seconded by Councilmember Diallo, the City Council approved the Consent Calendar, Items 4.1 through 4.16, by the following roll call vote, unless otherwise indicated:

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

**Item 4.17 was voted separately due to declared conflict of interest by Council Member Dresser.*

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 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 26-481 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LATHROP AMENDING LATHROP MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 9.20 TITLED "MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY", OF TITLE 9 "PUBLIC PEACE AND WELFARE" BY AMENDING SECTION 9.20.010 TITLED "DEFINITIONS" AND SECTION 9.20.050 TITLED "ACTIVE POLICIES" TO UPDATE EXISTING MILITARY USE POLICY NO.

706 TO REVISE SECTION 706.1.1 - DEFINITIONS, IN COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 7070-7075, ASSEMBLY BILL 481 (CHIEU)

Waived full reading and adopt **Ordinance 26-481** amending Lathrop Municipal Code (LMC) Chapter 9.20 titled "Military Equipment Use Policy", of Title 9 "Public Peace and Welfare" by amending Section 9.20.010 titled "Definitions" and Section 9.20.050 titled "Active Policies" to update existing Military Use Policy No. 706 to revise Section 706.1.1 - Definitions, in compliance with Government Code Sections 7070-7075, Assembly Bill 481 (Chieu).

4.3 RATIFY SAN JOAQUIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ANNUAL FINANCIAL PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2026-2027

Adopted **Resolution 26-5981** ratifying the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) Annual Financial Plan for FY 2026-2027.

4.4 ADOPT A TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR LATHROP TRANSIT

Pulled by Councilmember Dresser. A question and answer period ensued. Deputy City Manager Thomas Hedegard provided additional information.

Adopted **Resolution 26-5982** adopting the Transit Asset Management Plan for Lathrop Transit and designating the City Manager as the Account Executive.

4.5 LATHROP POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT FOR MARCH 2026

Pulled by Councilmember Diallo. A question and answer period ensued. Captain Shea provided additional information.

The City Council received the Monthly Police Department Report for March 2026.

4.6 ACCEPT THE GENERAL PLAN HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025

Adopted **Resolution 26-5983** accepting the General Plan Housing Element Annual Progress Report for Calendar Year 2025 and authorizing staff to submit the Report to the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation and State Department of Housing and Community Development.

4.7 ACCEPT PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED BY CONSOLIDATED ENGINEERING, INC., FOR MANTHEY ROAD PAVEMENT REHABILITATION, CIP PS 24-06

Adopted **Resolution 26-5984** accepting public improvements constructed by Consolidated Engineering, Inc., for Manthey Road Pavement Rehabilitation, CIP PS 24-06, and authorizing the filing of a Notice of Completion, releasing of contract retention, and releasing of Performance and Payment Bonds.

- 4.8 ACCEPT PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED BY CONSOLIDATED ENGINEERING, INC., FOR WOODFIELD PAVEMENT REHABILITATION, CIP PS 25-08

Adopted **Resolution 26-5985** accepting public improvements constructed by Consolidated Engineering, Inc., for the Woodfield Pavement Rehabilitation Project, CIP PS 25-08, and authorizing the filing of a Notice of Completion, releasing of contract retention, and releasing of Performance and Payment Bonds.

- 4.9 APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TANKO STREETLIGHTING INC., TO COMPLETE STREETLIGHT AUDIT, DESIGN AND BID COORDINATION FOR CITYWIDE STREETLIGHT LED CONVERSION, CIP GG 26-27

Pulled by Councilmember Dresser. A question and answer period ensued. Public Works Director/City Engineer Brad Taylor provided additional information.

Adopted **Resolution 26-5986** approving Professional Services Agreement with Tanko Streetlighting Inc., to complete streetlight audit, design and bid coordination for the Citywide Streetlight LED Conversion Project, CIP GG 26-27.

- 4.10 APPROVE CONTRACT WITH CONSOLIDATED ENGINEERING, INC., FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HOWLAND ROAD PAVEMENT REHABILITATION, CIP PS 26-23

Pulled by Councilmember Dresser. A question and answer period ensued. Public Works Director/City Engineer Brad Taylor provided additional information.

Adopted **Resolution 26-5987** approving a Construction Contract with Consolidated Engineering, Inc., for construction of Howland Road Pavement Rehabilitation Project, CIP PS 26-23.

- 4.11 APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PACIFIC ADVANCED CIVIL ENGINEERING, INC., (PACE) FOR GROUNDWATER TREATMENT IMPROVEMENTS, CIP PW 20-16

Adopted **Resolution 26-5988** approving a Professional Services Agreement with Pacific Advanced Civil Engineering, Inc., (PACE) for

engineering consulting services for the Groundwater Treatment Improvement Project, CIP PW 20-16.

4.12 APPROVE CONTRACT WITH CALIFORNIA CONSULTING, INC., FOR COMPREHENSIVE GRANT WRITING SERVICES FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Pulled by Mayor Akinjo. A question and answer period ensued. Deputy City Manager Thomas Hedegard provided additional information.

Adopted **Resolution 26-5989** approving a Professional Services Agreement with California Consulting, Inc., for comprehensive grant writing services for the Parks and Recreation Department.

4.13 APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 WITH VEOLIA WATER WEST OPERATING SERVICES, INC., FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE LATHROP CONSOLIDATED TREATMENT FACILITY, AND APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT

Adopted **Resolution 26-5990** approving Amendment No. 1 with Veolia Water West Operating Services, Inc., for the operation and maintenance of the Lathrop Consolidated Treatment Facility, and approving related budget amendment.

4.14 APPROVE RECLASSIFICATION OF THE SENIOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER TO AN AT-WILL, CONFIDENTIAL UNREPRESENTED POSITION

Adopted **Resolution 26-5991** approving the reclassification of the Senior Construction Manager to an at-will, confidential unrepresented position, approving the amended FY 2025-26 Grade Step Table, and amending the job description to reflect unrepresented status.

4.15 APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY ENGINEER'S REPORT AND DECLARE INTENTION TO LEVY ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 FOR INDUSTRIAL LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT; RESIDENTIAL LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT; MOSSDALE LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT; STORM DRAIN DISTRICT ZONE 1; AND STORM DRAIN DISTRICT ZONE 1A

1. Adopted **Resolution 26-5992** approving the Preliminary Engineer's Report for the Industrial Lighting Maintenance District and Declaring Intention to Levy Annual Assessments for Fiscal Year 2026-27
2. Adopted **Resolution 26-5993** approving the Preliminary Engineer's Report for the Residential Lighting Maintenance District and Declaring Intention to Levy Annual Assessments for Fiscal Year 2026-27
3. Adopted **Resolution 26-5994** approving the Preliminary Engineer's Report for the Mossdale Landscape and Lighting

- Maintenance District and Declaring Intention to Levy Annual Assessments for Fiscal Year 2026-27; and
4. Adopted **Resolution 26-5995** approving the Preliminary Engineer's Report for the Storm Drain Districts Zones 1 and 1A and Declaring Intention to Levy Annual Assessments for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

- 4.16 APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY ENGINEER'S REPORT AND DECLARE INTENTION TO LEVY ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 FOR STONEBRIDGE LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT AND STONEBRIDGE DRAINAGE AND LIGHTING DISTRICT
 1. Adopted **Resolution 26-5996** approving the Preliminary Engineer's Report for the Stonebridge Landscaping Maintenance District and Declaring Intention to Levy Annual Assessments for Fiscal Year 2026-27
 2. Adopted **Resolution 26-5997** approving the Preliminary Engineer's Report for the Stonebridge Drainage & Lighting District and Declaring Intention to Levy Annual Assessments for Fiscal Year 2026-27

Councilmember Dresser recused himself at 7:59 p.m. following the vote of Item 4.16, prior to the vote consideration for Item 4.17, due to declared conflict of interest.

- 4.17 APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY ENGINEER'S REPORT AND DECLARE INTENTION TO LEVY ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 FOR LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 93-1 (WOODFIELD PARK)

A discussion ensued over conflict of interests reporting requirements. City Attorney Salvador Navarrete provided additional information.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Torres-O'Callaghan, seconded by Councilmember Diallo, the City Council adopted **Resolution 26-5998** approving the Preliminary Engineer's Report for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 93-1 (Woodfield Park) and Declaring Intention to Levy Annual Assessments for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

Ayes: Diallo, Lazard, Torres-O'Callaghan and Akinjo
 Noes: None
 Absent: None
 Abstain: Dresser (*Councilmember Dresser abstained due to his residence within the Woodfield Park District Area.*)

Councilmember Dresser returned to the dais at 8:01 p.m.

5. SCHEDULED ITEMS

Public Works Director / City Engineer Brad Taylor provided a brief summary for Items 5.1 through 5.3, including the request to open the Public Hearing and continue the hearing to the Regular Meeting of May 11, 2026. City Attorney Salvador Navarrete provided additional information regarding the matter.

5.1 PUBLIC HEARING (PUBLISHED NOTICE) AND CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY TO ACQUIRE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 134 ROTH ROAD (APN 196-020-04), OWNED BY INDERPAL PAL, BY EMINENT DOMAIN

Mayor Akinjo opened the public hearing. There were no speakers. Mayor Akinjo continued the hearing to the Regular Meeting of May 11, 2026.

City Council to Consider the Following:

1. Held a Public Hearing and Continued to May 11, 2026; and
2. Continued the Item to the Regular City Council Meeting of May 11, 2026, for Council to Consider the Following:
3. Adopt Resolution of Necessity of the City of Lathrop to Acquire Real Property in Connection with the Harlan Road Realignment Project, CIP PS 14-04; Make Findings and Determinations; and Authorize Eminent Domain Proceedings for the Property located at 134 Roth Road (APN 196-020-04), Owned by Inderpal Pal

5.2 PUBLIC HEARING (PUBLISHED NOTICE) AND CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY TO ACQUIRE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 116 ROTH ROAD (APN 196-020-20) and 11338 S. HARLAN ROAD (APN 196-020-06), OWNED BY FAST LANE SIERRA 2018, LLC., BY EMINENT DOMAIN

Mayor Akinjo opened the public hearing. There were no speakers. Mayor Akinjo continued the hearing to the Regular Meeting of May 11, 2026.

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5.3 PUBLIC HEARING (PUBLISHED NOTICE) AND CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY TO ACQUIRE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11616 S. HARLAN ROAD, LATHROP CA 95330 (APN 196-020-140), OWNED BY BALWANT SINGH SANDHU, BY EMINENT DOMAIN

Mayor Akinjo opened the public hearing. There were no speakers. Mayor Akinjo continued the hearing to the Regular Meeting of May 11, 2026.

City Council to Consider the Following:

1. Held a Public Hearing and Continued to May 11, 2026; and
2. Continued the Item to the Regular City Council Meeting of May 11, 2026, for Council to Consider the Following:
3. Adopt Resolution of Necessity of the City of Lathrop to Acquire Real Property in Connection with the Harlan Road Realignment Project, CIP PS 14-04; Make Findings and Determinations; and Authorize Eminent Domain Proceedings for the Property Located at 11616 S Harlan Road (APN 196-020-140), Owned by Balwant Singh Sandhu

5.4 COUNCIL TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER CREATION OF SEVENTH STREET PARKING REHABILITATION, CIP PS 26-31, APPROVE MASTER AGREEMENT AND TASK ORDER NO. 1 WITH GDR ENGINEERING, INC., FOR DESIGN SERVICES, AND APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT

Public Works Director / City Engineer Brad Taylor provided the presentation, including the updated project scope and revised project cost. Mr. Taylor requested Council consideration to approve the project and a budget amendment in the amount of \$350,000. A question and answer period followed the presentation.

On a motion by Councilmember Dresser, seconded by Councilmember Diallo, the City Council adopted **Resolution 26-5999** creating the Seventh Street Parking Rehabilitation, CIP PS 26-31, approving the Master Agreement and Task Order No. 1 with GDR Engineering, Inc., for professional design services, and related budget amendment.

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

6. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

- 6.1 MAYOR AKINJO REFERRAL – Set Application Deadline for One (1) Member to the Senior Advisory Commission, with Term Ending June 30, 2028, due to Unexpired Term Vacancy

City Clerk Teresa Vargas provided a summary regarding the unscheduled vacancy created by Commissioner Erika Crowder's departure. By Council consensus, the application deadline to receive applications for the Lathrop Senior Advisory Commission vacancy was set for April 30, 2026. Council consensus also directed that the appointed incumbent be considered for the Regional Appointment to the San Joaquin County Commission on Aging.

6.2 MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Vice Mayor Torres-O'Callaghan reported on her attendance at the Transportation Committee meeting of the League of California Cities, during which e-bike regulations were heavily discussed. Vice Mayor Torres-O'Callaghan also reported on her attendance at the Environmental Committee meeting, during which generators as an alternative energy backup for pump stations were discussed. Councilmember Dresser reported on his attendance at a recent meeting of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, during which board appointments were made. Mayor Akinjo reported on his attendance at recent meetings of the San Joaquin Council of Governments and the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority, during which regional transportation projects were discussed.

6.3 MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER COMMENT(S)

Councilmember Dresser expressed appreciation to Public Works Director / City Engineer Brad Taylor for his creative ideas, hard work, and careful attention to traffic calming measures aimed at enhancing traffic safety. City Manager Stephen Salvatore echoed similar sentiments and provided an overview of Mr. Taylor's efforts in advancing projects in coordination with Caltrans. City Clerk Teresa Vargas shared a public request from Tide & Thyme, a local non-profit organization, seeking assistance from the City to establish a local community garden. Ms. Vargas stated that she would relay the information to the Parks and Recreation Department for potential collaboration during the City's Earth Day event.

7. **ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, Mayor Akinjo adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.



Teresa Vargas, MMC
Government Services Director
City Clerk