

**CITY OF LATHROP
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026, 7:00 P.M.
CLOSED SESSION, 5:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
390 Towne Centre Drive
Lathrop, CA 95330**

MINUTES

**PLEASE NOTE: There was a Closed Session, which commenced at 5:01 p.m.
The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:17 p.m.**

1. PRELIMINARY

1.1 CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Akinjo called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and adjourned to Closed Session.

1.2 CLOSED SESSION

1.2.1 LIABILITY CLAIMS: Pursuant to CA Government Code Section 54956.95:

- a. Claimant: Edward Short
Agency Claimed Against: City of Lathrop
- b. Claimant: Alejandra Maldonado
Agency Claimed Against: City of Lathrop
- c. Claimant: Bobby D. Gray III
Agency Claimed Against: City of Lathrop
- d. Claimant: Clara Shanae Precious Mayberry
Agency Claimed Against: City of Lathrop
- e. Claimant: Cathy Dawson
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: Lathrop Police Officers Association Employees Association (LPOA)

1.2.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957:

- Police Chief
- City Attorney
- City Manager

RECONVENE – Mayor Akinjo reconvened the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

1.2.4 REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Salvador Navarrete reported that Liability Claim b under Item 1.2.1 was continued and Liability Claims a, c, d, and e were denied. Mr. Navarrete further reported that the City Council provided direction to staff regarding the matter under Item 1.2.2. Mayor Akinjo deferred to Government Services Director and City Clerk (City Clerk) Teresa Vargas to report on Item 1.2.3. Ms. Vargas reported that the City Council conducted performance evaluations and that no reportable action was taken.

1.3 ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Akinjo; Councilmembers Diallo, Dresser and Lazard.

Absent: Vice Mayor Torres-O'Callaghan*

** Vice Mayor Torres-O'Callaghan arrived and participated in the Closed Session beginning at 5:01 p.m.; however, she departed at 7:15 p.m., before the commencement of the Regular Meeting, due to previously scheduled travel related to City business.*

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

City Clerk Teresa Vargas announced that the Nomination Period for the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election would begin Monday, July 13, 2026, and close Friday, August 7, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Prospective candidates were encouraged to contact the City Clerk's Office at (209) 941-7230 to schedule an appointment to obtain Nomination Papers during the Nomination Period.

1.7 INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)

1.7.1 INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION REGARDING DRONES AS FIRST RESPONDERS

Police Chief Stephen Sealy provided a presentation that included an overview of the Drone as First Responder (DFR) program, examples of incidents appropriate for a DFR response, and the program's public safety benefits. A question and answer period followed. The City Council received the information and took no action on the matter.

1.7.2 INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE REGARDING POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF AN ARMORED RESCUE VEHICLE FROM THE REDLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT UTILIZING LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE (LESO) PROGRAM

Police Chief Stephen Sealy provided a presentation regarding the potential acquisition of an armored rescue vehicle from the Redlands Police Department through the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) Program. The presentation included an overview of the proposed acquisition, estimated costs, intended use, and compliance with Assembly Bill 481 requirements governing military equipment. A question and answer period followed. The City Council received the information and took no action on the matter.

1.8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT(S) OF INTEREST

Councilmember Lazard declared a conflict of interest with Items 4.12 to 4.14, due to her employment with Dell'Osso Farms.

Councilmember Dresser requested clarification regarding a potential conflict of interest involving an item related to street maintenance near his residence. City Attorney Salvador Navarrete advised that, provided the program was generally applicable, benefited the City as a whole, and did not confer a direct financial benefit on Councilmember Dresser or his property, no disqualifying financial conflict of interest would exist.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1 PROCLAMATION DECLARING JULY 2026 AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

Mayor Akinjo, joined by the City Council, presented a proclamation declaring July 2026, as Parks and Recreation Month. Parks and Recreation Department staff were present to accept the proclamation.

2.2 INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE(S)

Assistant City Manager Michael King introduced LaWana Bluford as the new Permit Technician for the Building Division of the Public Works Department.

3. CITIZEN'S FORUM

City Clerk Teresa Vargas announced the receipt of two written public comments from Torie Cortez, dated June 9 and July 13, 2026. Victoria "Torie" Cortez, participating via Zoom, expressed various concerns primarily related to traffic safety and discussed a March 23, 2026, communication requesting a community traffic-safety education event.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Councilmember Dresser, seconded by Councilmember Diallo, the City Council approved the regular Consent Calendar, Items 4.1 through 4.11, by the following roll call vote, unless otherwise indicated:

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

4.1 WAIVING OF READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Waived the reading in full of 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 June 8, 2026.

4.3 LATHROP POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT FOR JUNE 2026

Received Monthly Police Department Report for June 2026.

4.4 APPROVE OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND THE IAMC FALL FORUM IN OCTOBER 2026

Adopted **Resolution 26-6063** authorizing out of state travel for the Economic Development Administrator to attend and represent the City of Lathrop at the Industrial Asset Management Council's Fall Forum in Columbus, OH from October 17-21, 2026.

4.5 APPROVAL OF NEW JOB CLASSIFICATIONS FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENTS

Adopted **Resolution 26-6064** authorizing the Public Outreach and Communications Coordinator, Water Operations Superintendent, and Wastewater, Recycled Water and Environmental Operations Superintendent job classifications; eliminating the existing Utility

Operations Superintendent Classification; approving the updated Salary Schedule and Position Control Roster; and approving the related budget amendments.

- 4.6 APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 PROJECT LIST ASSOCIATED WITH SENATE BILL 1, THE ROAD REPAIR ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017

Adopted **Resolution 26-6065** approving Fiscal Year 2026-27 Project List funded by Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

- 4.7 APPROVE INSTALLATION OF NEW RESIDENTIAL WATER WELL LOCATED AT 11674 HARLAN ROAD (APNs 196-020-15 & 196-020-16) PURSUANT TO LMC SECTION 8.36.040

Martin Torres, the property owner, spoke in person and stated that connecting to the City's water system would be cost prohibitive. He supported the proposed water well installation as an alternative that would allow the property to remain in compliance. Public Works Director/City Engineer Brad Taylor explained that staff had worked with Mr. Torres to identify an appropriate solution and that the Lathrop Municipal Code requires City Council approval of a well when City water service is available.

Adopted **Resolution 26-6066** authorizing the installation of a new residential water well located at 11674 Harlan Road (APNs 196-020-15 & 196-020-16) pursuant to Lathrop Municipal Code Section 8.36.040.

- 4.8 APPROVE REPLACEMENT OF THE SOUTH LATHROP COMMERCE CENTER BONDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT FOR PARCEL MAP 17-01 AND FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT FOR PARCEL MAP 17-01

Adopted **Resolution 26-6067** authorizing replacement of the South Lathrop Commerce Center bonds associated with the Subdivision Improvement Agreement for Parcel Map 17-01 and approve the First Amendment to the Subdivision Improvement Agreement for Parcel Map 17-01 to designate PRIII CHI Tripoint Logistics Center Owner, LLC., as the responsible party and extend the deadline for completion of the remaining public improvements.

- 4.9 APPROVE PURCHASE OF TURBIDITY METER EQUIPMENT FROM UGSI CHEMICAL FEED, INC., FOR THE LOUISE AVENUE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY

Adopted **Resolution 26-6068** authorizing the purchase of turbidity meter equipment from UGSI Chemical Feed, Inc., for the Louise Avenue Water Treatment Facility.

- 4.10 APPROVE MASTER AGREEMENT AND TASK ORDER NO. 1 WITH DAHLIN GROUP, INC., FOR CORPYARD VEHICLE STORAGE BUILDING, CIP GG 26-01

Adopted **Resolution 26-6069** authorizing a Master Agreement and Task Order No. 1 with Dahlin Group, Inc., for Professional Architectural and Engineering Services for the Corpyard Vehicle Storage Building, CIP GG 26-01.

- 4.11 ACCEPT TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH OFFSITE IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT FOR PARCEL MAP 24-01 AT THE GOLDEN VALLEY PARKWAY AND LOCOMOTIVE STREET INTERSECTION FROM LATHROP LAND ACQUISITION, LLC

Adopted **Resolution 26-6070** accepting traffic signal improvements associated with the Offsite Improvement Agreement for Parcel Map 24-01 at the Golden Valley Parkway and Locomotive Street intersection from Lathrop Land Acquisition, LLC.

RIVER ISLANDS CONSENT ITEM(S)

At 8:14 p.m., following the vote on the Consent Calendar, Councilmember Lazard recused herself from the consideration of and voting on Items 4.12 through 4.14 due to the conflict of interest declared under Item 1.8.

On a motion by Councilmember Diallo, seconded by Councilmember Dresser, the City Council approved the River Islands Development Consent Items, Item 4.12 through Item 4.14, by the following roll call vote:

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

- 4.12 APPROVE FINAL MAP, CFD ANNEXATION, AND SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT FOR 56 LOTS IN TRACT 4279 UNIT 5 WITHIN WEST VILLAGE DISTRICT OF RIVER ISLANDS

Adopted **Resolution 26-6071** approving Final Map for Tract 4279 Unit 5 within the West Village District, totaling 56 single family lots, annexation into CFD 2023-1, and a Subdivision Improvement Agreement with River Islands Development Area 1, LLC.

- 4.13 CREATE CIP WW 26-32 FOR CLSP AND RIVER ISLANDS 2A SEWER PUMP STATION FLOW METER REPAIRS, APPROVE MASTER AGREEMENT AND TASK ORDER NO. 1 WITH SANBELL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES, AND APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT

Adopted **Resolution 26-6072** creating CIP WW 26-32 for CLSP and River Islands 2A Sewer Pump Station Flow Meter Repairs, approving a Master Agreement and Task Order No.1 with Sanbell for Professional Engineering Services, and approving related budget amendment.

- 4.14 FIND THAT A PORTION OF PARCEL B OF TRACT 4219, VILLAGE 21 IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ITS DEDICATED PURPOSE AND ACCEPT AN IRREVOCABLE OFFER OF DEDICATION OF ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR THE CAUFIELD WAY EXTENSION FROM CALIFIA, LLC

Adopted **Resolution 26-6073** finding a portion of Parcel B of Tract 4219, Village 21, is no longer needed for its dedicated purpose and accepting an Irrevocable Offer of Dedication of road right-of-way for the Caufield Way extension from Califia, LLC.

5. SCHEDULED ITEMS

Councilmember Lazard returned to the dais at 8:17 p.m.

- 5.1 PUBLIC HEARING (PUBLISHED NOTICE) TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LATHROP TO AMEND SECTION 10.24.030 TO TITLE 10 ("VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC") OF THE LATHROP MUNICIPAL CODE TO DESIGNATE NO PARKING AREAS ON YOSEMITE COURT AS NO PARKING OF VEHICLES OVER 5 TONS

Public Works Director/City Engineer Brad Taylor provided a presentation regarding the proposed amendment to Lathrop Municipal Code Section 10.24.030, which would prohibit the parking of vehicles exceeding five tons in designated areas on Yosemite Court. Mayor Akinjo opened the public hearing. There were no speakers. Mayor Akinjo closed the public hearing.

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

1. Held a public hearing; and
2. Waived first reading and introduced an ordinance amending Section 10.24.030 to Title 10 ("Vehicles and Traffic") of the Lathrop Municipal Code to designate no parking areas on Yosemite Court as no parking of vehicles over 5 tons, by the following roll call vote:

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

5.2 PUBLIC HEARING (PUBLISHED NOTICE) TO CONSIDER STATUS OF CITY OF LATHROP EMPLOYEE VACANCIES AND RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION EFFORTS AS REQUIRED BY ASSEMBLY BILL 2561 (GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 3502.3)

Deputy City Manager Thomas Hedegard and Human Resources Director Juliana Burns provided a presentation regarding the City's compliance with Assembly Bill 2561, including employee vacancies, recruitment and retention efforts, and benefits available citywide and under applicable employee bargaining agreements. A question and answer period followed. City Attorney Salvador Navarrete clarified that the item did not include discussion of ongoing negotiations with the Lathrop Police Officers' Association (LPOA). Deputy City Manager Hedegard provided additional information in response to questions.

Police Officer Vatche Tatarian, President of the LPOA, spoke regarding the importance of recruiting and retaining experienced personnel, compaction issues involving supervisory and nonsupervisory sworn personnel, professional development for existing employees, and the creation of long-term career opportunities and workforce stability for officers.

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 Diallo, the City Council to considered the following:

1. Held a public hearing; and
2. Adopted **Resolution 26-6074** accepting the status of City of Lathrop employee vacancies and recruitment and retention efforts as required by Assembly Bill 2561 (Government Code Section 3502.3), by the following roll call vote:

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

*(*Pursuant to page 13, Chapter IV, Section B(5) of the Handbook of Rules and Procedures of the Lathrop City Council, an abstention for a reason other than an identified legal disqualification is counted as an affirmative vote.)*

6. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

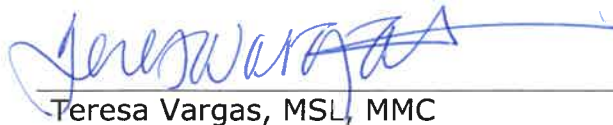
6.1 MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Councilmember Dresser reported on his attendance at a recent San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency (SJAFCFA) meeting, at which regional floodplain protection was discussed. Mayor Akinjo reported on his attendance at a recent League of California Cities meeting and emphasized continued advocacy and the pursuit of state and federal funding opportunities for the City.

6.2 MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER COMMENT(S)

Councilmember Dresser commented on a recent Kaiser Permanente School of Allied Health Sciences event, highlighting expanded access to mental health services in the region; he also commented on the flashing yellow traffic signals at major intersections throughout the City. Mayor Akinjo commented on the city's development and credited the City leadership with contributing to the City's growth; highlighted a recent church sponsored backpack giveaway, and recognized community volunteers and organizations for their service. He also commented on the progress of traffic safety improvements along Spartan Road. Councilmember Diallo thanked Congressman Gray's office for holding district office hours in the River Islands community and assisting residents with mail delivery issues; and she complimented staff for their participation on the recent Battle of the Badges event between the Lathrop-Manteca Fire District and the Lathrop Police Department.

7. ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, Mayor Akinjo adjourned the meeting at 10:22 p.m.



Teresa Vargas, MSL, MMC
Government Services Director
City Clerk