

**CITY OF LATHROP
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 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 commencing, which commenced at 6:01 p.m. The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:12 p.m.

1. PRELIMINARY

1.1 CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Akinjo called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and adjourned to Closed Session.

1.2 CLOSED SESSION

1.2.1 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR: Pursuant to 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, 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 7:12 p.m.

1.2.2 REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Salvador Navarrete reported that Council met in Closed Session pursuant to Item 1.2; provided appropriate direction. No other reportable action taken.

1.3 ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

1.4 INVOCATION – Lead Pastor Trinity Neilson, New Life Church, provided the invocation.

1.5 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Lead Pastor Nielson 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 Items 4.12 and 4.13, due to her employment with Dell’Osso Farms.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1 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 Varsity Volleyball Coach Toa Fa’ali’i provided certificates of recognition to the Lathrop High School Girls Varsity Volleyball Team for ranking 1st in the Western Athletic Conference League Standings.

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

Parks and Recreation Director Todd Sebastian and Varsity Flag Football Coach Randy Baltazar provided certificates of recognition to the Lathrop High School Girls Varsity Flag Football Team for ranking 1st place in the Western Athletic Conference League Standings.

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

Parks and Recreation Director Todd Sebastian and Varsity Football Coach Ryan Teicheira provided certificates of recognition to the Lathrop High School Varsity Football Team for ranking 1st place in the Western Athletic Conference League Standings.

2.4 PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH 23-27, 2026, AS GOVERNMENT FINANCE PROFESSIONALS' WEEK

Mayor Akinjo, on behalf of the City Council, presented a proclamation declaring March 23–27, 2026, as Government Finance Professionals' Week. The proclamation was presented to Finance Director Cari James and members of the Finance Department. Director James provided remarks and expressed appreciation for the recognition.

2.5 INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE(S)

Parks and Recreation Director Todd Sebastian introduced Casey Ruebsamen as the new Senior Recreation Leader in the Parks and Recreation Department.

3. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Ellon Britton (in-person speaker), representing Pacific Gas & Electric, introduced herself as the new area representative for the region.

Julie and Jeff Ganoë (in-person speakers) expressed concerns regarding noise and activity at the basketball court during late evening hours at Valverde Park, noting that the court is located approximately 15 feet from their residence. They requested consideration of a sound wall as a noise deterrent.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Councilmember Lazard, seconded by Councilmember Dresser, the City Council approved the Consent Calendar, Items 4.1 through 4.10, by the following roll call vote, unless otherwise indicated:

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

** Item 4.11 was moved to a future regularly scheduled meeting.*

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 January 12, 2026.

4.3 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 26-479 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LATHROP AMENDING THE LATHROP MUNICIPAL CODE (LMC) TO MODERNIZE, SIMPLIFY, AND STREAMLINE VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 17, ZONING (TA-25-158)

Waived full reading and adopted **Ordinance 26-479** amending Lathrop Municipal Code (LMC) to modernize, simplify, and streamline various Sections of Title 17, Zoning (TA-25-158).

4.4 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 26-480 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LATHROP AMENDING THE LATHROP MUNICIPAL CODE (LMC) CHAPTER 8.27 "VENDING FROM MOTORIZED FOOD WAGONS"

Waived full reading and adopted **Ordinance 26-480** amending Lathrop Municipal Code (LMC) Chapter 8.27 "Vending from Motorized Food Wagons".

4.5 LATHROP POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2026

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

4.6 APPROVE OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FOR THE MAYOR TO ATTEND THE 2026 AFRICAN AMERICAN MAYORS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Adopted **Resolution 26-5970** authorizing out of state travel for Mayor Akinjo to attend the 2026 African American Mayors Association Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., April 9-10, 2026.

4.7 APPROVE TITLE VI PROGRAM FOR LATHROP TRANSIT

Adopted **Resolution 26-5971** authorizing the City Manager or designee to submit a Title VI Program for Lathrop Transit to the Federal Transit Administration.

4.8 APPROVE A SOFTWARE EXTENSION WITH ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INC., FOR GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION

Adopted **Resolution 26-5972** approving a software extension with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc., for Geographic Information Systems Software Subscription.

4.9 CREATE CIP GG 26-29 SCHOOL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AND APPROVE RELATED BUDGET AMENDMENT

Adopted **Resolution 26-5973** creating CIP GG 26-29 School Safety Improvements Project and approving related budget amendment.

4.10 CREATE CIP PW 26-30 WATER METER GATEWAY AND TOWER, APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ALPHA OMEGA WIRELESS, INC., TO INSTALL AN 80 FT TOWER, AND APPROVE RELATED BUDGET AMENDMENT

Adopted **Resolution 26-5974** creating CIP PW 26-30 Water Meter Gateway and Tower, approving Professional Services Agreement with Alpha Wireless, Inc., to install an 80 ft tower, and approving related budget amendment.

4.11 *ACCEPT PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED BY FRONTLINE GENERAL ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR THE GATEWAY ARCHES ASSOCIATED WITH HISTORIC LATHROP BEAUTIFICATION, CIP GG 24-23

Pulled by Councilmember Dresser. A question and answer period ensued, during which Councilmember Dresser expressed concerns regarding product malfunctions. City Engineer Brad Taylor responded to questions from the Council. By Council consensus, staff was directed to return with the project acceptance once the contractor or the manufacturer have replaced or certified all faulty items. The item was not adopted and will be brought back to a future regularly scheduled meeting.

Adopt Resolution to Accept Public Improvements Constructed by Frontline General Engineering Construction, Inc. for the Gateway Arches Associated with Historic Lathrop Beautification, CIP GG 24-23, and Authorize the Filing of a Notice of Completion, Release of Contract Retention, and Release of Performance and Payment Bonds

RIVER ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ITEMS

Councilmember Lazard recused herself at 8:10 p.m., following the vote of the Consent Calendar, prior to the vote of Item 4.12, due to declared conflict of interest noted on Item 1.8

On a motion by Councilmember Diallo, seconded by Councilmember Dresser, the City Council approved the River Islands Consent Items 4.12 and 4.13, by the following roll call vote:

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

4.12 APPROVE PRECISE PLAN FOR CAMBAY PARKWAY FROM CALLERTON AVENUE TO GOLDEN VALLEY PARKWAY, LOCATED IN PHASE 2 OF THE RIVER ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT

Adopted **Resolution 26-5975** approving the Precise Plan for Cambay Parkway from Callerton Avenue to Golden Valley Parkway located Phase 2 of the River Islands Phase Development.

4.13 APPROVE OFFSITE IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CALIFIA, LLC., FOR HERITAGE PARK (N5) AND PHASE 2 BOOSTER PUMP STATION AND STORAGE TANKS, LOCATED IN PHASE 2 OF THE RIVER ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT

Adopted **Resolution 26-5976** approving Offsite Improvement Agreement with Califia, LLC., for Heritage Park (N5) and the Phase 2 Booster Pump Station and Storage Tanks, within Phase 2 of River Islands Development.

5. SCHEDULED ITEMS

Councilmember Lazard returned to the dais at 8:10 p.m.

5.1 PUBLIC HEARING (PUBLISHED NOTICE) TO CONSIDER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT (HOME) PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

Economic Development Administrator provided the presentation. 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 Diallo, seconded by Councilmember Lazard, the City Council considered the following:

1. Held a public hearing; and
2. Adopted **Resolution 26-5977** recommending allocations of the CDBG and HOME Funds for FY 26-27 to San Joaquin County and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), pursuant to budget amendments.

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

5.2 PUBLIC HEARING (PUBLISHED NOTICE) TO CONSIDER UPDATING THE PUBLIC SAFETY SECTION OF THE CITY OF LATHROP'S MASTER FEE SCHEDULE TO INCORPORATE NEW FEES RELATED TO CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS

Police Chief Stephen Sealy provided the presentation. question and answer period ensued throughout the presentation. 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. Adopted **Resolution 26-5978** approving an update to the Public Safety Section of the City of Lathrop's Master Fee Schedule to incorporate new fees related to Concealed Weapon Permits.

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

5.3 PUBLIC HEARING (PUBLISHED NOTICE) TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LATHROP TO UPDATE THE POLICY FOR THE USE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT BY THE LATHROP POLICE DEPARTMENT, IN COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 7070-7075, ASSEMBLY BILL 481

Police Captain Tracie Shea provided the presentation, followed by a question and answer period. Mayor Akinjo then opened the public hearing. City Clerk Teresa Vargas introduced a public comment letter dated March 9, 2026, submitted by an individual identifying as 'Concerned Citizen' (name not provided). There were no speakers. Mayor Akinjo closed the public hearing.

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

1. Held a public hearing; and

- 2. Waived first reading and introduced 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 9.20.010 titled "Definitions" and Section 9.20.050 titled "Active Policies" to Update Existing Military Use Policy No. 706, and revise Section 706.1.1 - Definitions; and
- 3. Adopted **Resolution 26-5979** accepting the Annual Military Equipment Report

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

5.4 BIENNIAL BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 25-26 MID-YEAR REPORT (YEAR 1)

Deputy City Manager Thomas Hedegard and Finance Director Cari James provided the presentation. A question and answer period followed the presentation.

On a motion by Councilmember Lazard, seconded by Vice Mayor Torres-O'Callaghan, the City Council adopted **Resolution 26-5976** approving the Mid-Year Budget Report for Year 1 of the Biennial Budget FY 2026 and FY 2027 and approving related budget and position requests.

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 Planning Commission, with Term Ending June 30, 2030, due to Unexpired Term Vacancy

City Clerk Teresa Vargas provided a summary regarding the unscheduled vacancy created by Commissioner Susan Zaca's departure. By Council consensus, the application deadline to receive applications for the Lathrop Planning Commission vacancies was set for April 30, 2026.

- 6.2 MAYOR AKINJO REFERRAL - Set Application Deadline for One (1) Member to the San Joaquin County Mosquito Vector Control District, with Term Ending December 31, 2028, due to Unexpired Term Vacancy

City Clerk Teresa Vargas provided a summary regarding the unscheduled vacancy created by Board Member Susan Zaca's departure. By Council consensus, the application deadline to receive applications for the Regional Appointment to the San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District vacancy was set for April 30, 2026.

6.3 MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Councilmember Dresser reported on his attendance at a recent meeting of the San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency. Mayor Akinjo reported on his attendance at several meetings, including meetings of the League of California Cities and the San Joaquin Council of Governments.

6.4 MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER COMMENT(S)

Councilmember Diallo requested the following referrals: additional maintenance and cleanup related to the stop sign removal, as well as traffic calming measures at Marina Drive and Silver Springs Way; follow-up regarding concerns presented during Citizen's Forum related to noise and activity at the basketball court during late evening hours at Valverde Park; and consideration of an ordinance prohibiting ICE from occupying vacant warehouse facilities within the City.

City Manager Stephen Salvatore responded that staff could address the first item administratively as a health and safety matter without the need for a formal referral. He further explained that staff could also address the second matter by evaluating potential options to mitigate the nuisance and return to the Council for consideration. By Council consensus, the third matter would proceed through the formal referral process and be agendaized under Council Referrals at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

7. **ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, Mayor Akinjo adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m. in memory of Doug Torres, father of Vice Mayor Torres-O'Callaghan.



Teresa Vargas, MMC
Government Services Director
City Clerk