

**CITY OF ARCATA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SPECIAL AND REGULAR**

COUNCIL CHAMBER
736 F Street, Arcata

NOVEMBER 15, 2023
Wednesday, 6:00 PM

AGENDA

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SPECIAL MEETING

5:45 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
3. **COMMITTEE INTERVIEW**
 - A. **Interview One Candidate for a Vacancy on the Transportation Safety Committee for a Term Expiring March 31, 2026.**
4. **ADJOURNMENT**

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 p.m.

- I. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**
- II. **FLAG SALUTE**
- III. **ROLL CALL**
- IV. **CEREMONIAL MATTERS**
 - A. **Proclamation in Recognition of *Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week*, November 11–18, 2023.**
 - B. **Proclamation Designating November 25–December 31, 2023, as *The Season of Wonder and Light in Arcata*.**
 - C. **Proclamation in Recognition of *National Hospice and Palliative Care Month*, November 2023.**

V. REPORT BY COMMISSION/COMMITTEE

- A. Annual Report from the Transactions and Use Tax Oversight Committee.**

VI. EARLY ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The City Council values your comments. This 15-minute time period allows people to address the Council on matters not on the agenda. Please know that, pursuant to the Brown Act, the Council cannot discuss or take action on items that are not listed on the posted agenda. At the end of all oral communications the Council may respond to statements. Supported requests that require Council action will be set for a future agenda or referred to staff. Speakers may be limited to two minutes. There will also be time for the public to comment specifically on each agenda item and again at the end of the meeting under item number XII (12).

VII. N/A

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine by the City Council and are enacted in one motion. There is no separate discussion of any of these items. If discussion is required, that item is removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately. At the end of the reading of the Consent Calendar, Council members or members of the public can request that an item be removed for separate discussion.

- A. Approve the Minutes of the City Council Meeting of October 24, 2023.**
- B. Approve the Minutes of the City Council Meeting of November 1, 2023.**
- C. Bi-Weekly Report on Disbursements.**
- D. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Playhouse Arts and City of Arcata to Continue a Partnership Conducting Valley West Community Engagement; and Authorize the City Manager to Execute All Applicable Documents.**
- E. Adopt Resolution No. 234-19 Accepting a Conservation Easement on a Portion of Assessor's Parcel No. 500-011-007, Adjacent to the Arcata Community Forest.**
- F. Adopt Resolution No. 234-20, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Arcata Authorizing Submittal of Individual Grant Applications for All CalRecycle Grant Programs for Which the City of Arcata is Eligible.; and Authorize the City Manager to Execute All Applicable Documents.**

- G. Approve the Purchase of a Prius Prime (\$37,538.76, Including Tax) and Award Purchase Contract to Mid-City Motor World; Approve the Purchase of one Ford F-350 (\$80,050.32, Including Tax and Freight) and Award Purchase Contract to Harper Motors; Approve the Purchase of One Hyster Forklift (\$41,205.60, Including Tax and Freight) and Award Purchase Contract to Pape Material Handling; and Authorize the City Manager to Execute All Applicable Documents.**

IX. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Appoint One New Member to the Transportation Safety Committee for a Term Expiring March 31, 2026.**

- B. Consider Resolution No. 234-21 Calling for an Immediate Cease-Fire in Gaza**

The Council will consider a proposed resolution calling for a cease-fire in Gaza. The resolution has been developed by a group of local residents seeking to find collective language to express the revulsion felt by members of the community over the killing of innocent civilians resulting from the Hamas-Israeli War in Gaza. The group has sought to bring forth statements that could be commonly supported (recognizing it will never be universal) from many backgrounds, including those who identify as Palestinian, Jewish, Israeli, Muslim, Arab and more.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Council consider proposed Resolution No. 234-21 calling for a cease-fire in Gaza.

- C. Consider Direction to Staff on the General Plan 2045 Comprehensive Update.**

The City is working on updating its General Plan, which is the overarching policy document for City decisions, including growth and development, conservation and management, budget, mobility and circulation, public services, and a host of other decisions the City makes. General Plans are typically used for 20-year planning periods, laying out the vision for the City for that term. The City included an area plan, the Gateway Area Plan, as one of the new Elements, or chapters, in the General Plan. The purpose of the area plan was to encourage redevelopment of the Gateway Area, one of four areas targeted for infill in the new General Plan. As the policy developed for the Gateway Area Plan, several decision makers and community members saw benefit in not restricting this new body of policy to just the Gateway Area but rather incorporate it City-wide. This item is to discuss expanding the policy in the Gateway Area Plan to be effective Citywide. The

Council will provide direction whether to pivot the planning effort to extend the policy to a citywide scope and, if so, how to implement this action.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Council provide direction whether to retain the Gateway Area Plan as a stand-alone Element of the General Plan applicable only in the Gateway Area or distribute the new policy into the other General Plan Elements to be applicable citywide, as well as any other direction the Council wishes to provide.

XII. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

The City appreciates public input. This time is provided for people to address the Council or submit written communications on matters not on the agenda. Please know that, pursuant to the Brown Act, the Council cannot discuss or take action on items that are not listed on the posted agenda. At the end of all oral and written communications, the Council may respond to statements. Supported requests that require Council action will be set for a future agenda or referred to staff. Speakers addressing the Council may be limited to 3 minutes, with a maximum of 5 minutes, and a time limit on the length of oral communications may be imposed.

XIII. COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

All reports shall be specifically limited to items relating to City business and shall not request or lead to action by the Council at this meeting.

XIV. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

XV. CLOSED SESSION

XVI. CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Other than items continued or tabled to a date certain, the Council may, by majority vote, continue all matters not completed by 10:30 p.m. to the following Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Should the Council vote to continue the meeting past 10:30 p.m., discussion on an item on the agenda that either requires or allows for public input may not begin without a unanimous vote of the City Council members present. (Closed Session items may begin later.) (Reference: Resolution No.223-07)