

**CITY OF ARCATA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

COUNCIL CHAMBER  
736 F Street, Arcata

JANUARY 03, 2024  
Wednesday, 6:00 PM

**AGENDA**

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**I. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

**II. FLAG SALUTE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

**IV. CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

**V. REPORT BY COMMISSION/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 December 14, 2023.**
- B. Approve the Minutes of the City Council Meeting of December 20, 2023.**
- C. Bi-Weekly Report on Disbursements.**

- D. Award an Agreement for an Amount Not to Exceed \$109,123 to AP Triton, LLC, to Provide a Comprehensive Community Risk Assessment and Standards of Cover Deployment Analysis for the Arcata Fire Protection District and Authorize the City Manager to Execute All Applicable Documents.**

**IX. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

Items removed from the Consent Calendar will be heard under this section.

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Review Revised Draft General Plan 2045.**

The Planning Commission spent most of its meetings during 2022 and 2023 reviewing various elements of the General Plan and Gateway Area Plan. On December 12, 2023, the Commission made recommendations to move several policies from the Gateway Plan to the General Plan. This work added to earlier recommendations and reviews of the General Plan 2045. The current revised draft version dated December 12, 2023, is the version the Environmental Impact Report will be based on. The Council should review the December 2023 draft General Plan 2045 and provide feedback as necessary.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Council receive and review the updated General Plan 2045.

**B. Review the December 2023 Revised Gateway Area Plan.**

The Planning Commission spent most of its meetings during 2022 and 2023 reviewing various elements of the General Plan and Gateway Area Plan. On December 12, 2023, the Commission made recommendations to move several policies from the Gateway Plan to the General Plan. This work added to earlier recommendations and reviews of the Gateway Area Plan. The current revised draft version dated December 12, 2023, is the version the Environmental Impact Report will be based on. The Council should review the December 2023 draft Gateway Area Plan and provide feedback as necessary.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Council receive and review the revised Gateway Area Plan.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Introduce Ordinance No. 1566 Amending the Arcata Municipal Code Title II, Chapter 10, to Make Biennial Consumer Price Index Adjustments to Campaign Contribution Limitations.**

In 1992, the Arcata voters adopted a ballot measure that established campaign contribution limitations (codified in the Arcata Municipal Code at §§ 3011–3018, Title II, Chapter 10). This ballot measure set local office candidate campaign contribution limitations and requirements for disclosure of independent expenditures at \$100 per

election cycle, to be adjusted every even-numbered year by the consumer price index (CPI). Ordinance No. 1566 makes this adjustment for 2024.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Council introduce Ordinance No. 1566, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Arcata Amending the Arcata Municipal Code Title II, Chapter 10, to Make Biennial Consumer Price Index Adjustments to Campaign Contribution Limitations; waive reading of the text and consent to read by title only.

**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 & 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 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)