

# CITY OF ARCATA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBER  
736 F Street, Arcata

FEBRUARY 21, 2024  
Wednesday, 6:00 PM

## AGENDA

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**SPECIAL MEETING**

**5:30 p.m.**

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
3. **CLOSED SESSION**
  - A. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8. Property: Assessor's Parcel Nos. 503-232-004, -013, and -016. Agency Negotiator: Karen Diemer, City Manager. Under Negotiation: Price and Terms.**
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5. **ADJOURNMENT**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**6:00 p.m.**

- I. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**
- II. **FLAG SALUTE**
- III. **ROLL CALL**
- IV. **CEREMONIAL MATTERS**
  - A. **Proclamation Recognizing February 27, 2024, as *Spay Day USA*.**

**B. Proclamation in Recognition of *Human Trafficking Awareness*.**

**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 February 7, 2024.**
- B. Bi-Weekly Report on Disbursements.**
- C. Adopt Ordinance No. 1567, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Arcata Amending the Arcata Municipal Code to Make Minor and Non-Substantive Corrections, Updates, and Clarifications; Waive Reading of the Text and Consent to Read by Title Only.**
- D. Approve the Purchase of Three 2025 Ford Police Interceptors and Award Contract to Harper Motors in the Amount of \$173,634.11, Including Tax; and Authorize the City Manager to Execute All Applicable Documents.**
- E. Adopt Resolution No. 234-33 Amending Resolution No. 156-09 Designating One-Way Streets and Alleys.**

**IX. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Consider Parking Standards as Outlined in the General Plan Update.**

At its January 3 meeting, the Council outlined several topics it wished to cover before adopting the General Plan. Since that time, the public and Planning Commission have also considered several amendment recommendations. This item

will address the parking standards that are in the December 12, 2023, draft General Plan to address the January 3 list of topics, as well as the recommendations that have been made since that time.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Council receive a staff report on the parking standards proposed in the General Plan update and consider recommendations of the Planning Commission and public as necessary.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Approve the U.S. 101 and Sunset Avenue Interchange Project and Direct the Staff to File a California Environmental Quality Act Document Declaration as a Notice of Exemption with the Humboldt County Recorder's Office for the Project.**

The U.S. 101 and Sunset Avenue Interchange Improvements Project (Project) will consolidate three existing stop-controlled intersections into two new roundabouts, simplifying vehicle movements and providing significantly safer bicycle and pedestrian facilities through the interchange. The Project, which has been identified in long-range plans for more than a decade, is a high priority for the Arcata community to increase safety for all modes of transportation; improve traffic operations at a significant bottleneck in the local and regional transportation network; and provide affordable transportation options to students and residents accessing Cal Poly Humboldt.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Council:

- 1) Approve the U.S. 101 and Sunset Avenue Interchange Project; and
- 2) Direct the staff to file a California Environmental Quality Act Document Declaration as a Notice of Exemption with the Humboldt County Recorder's Office for the Project.

Staff has determined that the project qualifies for Class 1, 2, and 3 California Environmental Quality Act Categorical Exemptions.

**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 items relating to City business and shall not request or lead to action by the Council at this meeting.

**XIV. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

**A. Set a Date for a Study Session with City Committee and Commission Chairpersons.**

**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)