



CITY OF ARCATA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

May 14, 2025, 3:30 p.m.
Council Chamber
736 F Street, Arcata

Present: Mayor Stillman, Vice Mayor White, Councilmember Atkins-Salazar, Councilmember Matthews, Councilmember Schaefer

Staff Present: City Manager Perry, Assistant City Manager Miller, Chief of Police Silvers, City Engineer Khatri, Director of Community Development Loya, Director of Environmental Services Sinkhorn, Human Resources/Administrative Services Director Vink, Assistant City Engineer Caisse, Lieutenant Ortega, City Clerk Varley

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Arcata was held on the above date at 3:34 p.m. with Mayor Stillman presiding. Notice of this meeting was posted on May 12, 2025.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stillman called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Stillman invited public comment.

Public Comment: Moonlight Macumber.

Mayor Stillman closed the public comment period.

3. DISCUSSION

a. Review Requested Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds, and Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Budgets.

Assistant City Manager Miller led a discussion with Council and staff to review the requested Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds, and Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) budgets.

No action was taken. There was a presentation and discussion only for this item.

b. Review the City of Arcata's Proposed 2025-2026 Legislative Platform.

Assistant City Manager Miller stated that the proposed 2025-2026 Legislative Platform was included in the agenda packet for this meeting and said that it would be brought back for consideration and adoption on June 18, 2025.

On inquiry by Councilmember Schaefer, Director of Community Development Loya recommended removing Item 3 (Support Nordic AquaFarms efforts to provide a land-based aquaculture facility on the Samoa Peninsula) from the Land-Use Planning, Affordable Housing, Historic Preservation section of the Legislative Platform.

Mayor Stillman requested that CivicWell be copied on all Legislative Platform letters.

No action was taken. There was discussion only for this item.

c. Review the City of Arcata's Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Proposed Budget, Scheduled for Public Hearing and Possible Adoption at the June 18, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting; and Provide Direction to Staff.

Assistant City Manager Miller explained that this was a time for the Council to request any additional budget discussion and to review final numbers.

City Manager Perry and Assistant City Manager Miller responded to inquiries and comments from the Council.

No action was taken. There was discussion only for this item.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhea Varley

City Clerk