



**CITY OF ARCATA**  
**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**Date: September 15, 2025, 5:00 p.m.**  
**Location: Council Chamber**  
**736 F Street, Arcata**

Present: Mayor Stillman, Vice Mayor White, Councilmember Atkins-Salazar (via teleconference), Councilmember Matthews, Councilmember Schaefer

Staff Present: City Manager Perry, Assistant City Manager Miller, Deputy City Attorney Goldstein (via teleconference), IT and Digital Media Specialist Carrillo, City Clerk Varley

**A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Arcata was held on the above date at 5:02 p.m. as a hybrid meeting, via teleconference utilizing Zoom Video Communications and in person, with Mayor Stillman presiding. Notice of this meeting was posted on September 12, 2025.**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Stillman called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF REMOTE PARTICIPATION PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 2449.**

- a. **Approve Councilmember Atkins-Salazar's Remote Participation at the September 15, 2025, City Council Special Meeting Pursuant to Assembly Bill No. 2449 Due to an Emergency Circumstance Pursuant to Government Code section 54953(j)(1).**

On inquiry by Mayor Stillman, Councilmember Atkins-Salazar confirmed that her remote attendance was due to a family medical emergency and said that there was no one else in the room with her.

**ON MOTION BY MATTHEWS, SECONDED BY WHITE, AND WITH A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE, THE COUNCIL APPROVED COUNCILMEMBER ATKINS-SALAZAR'S REMOTE PARTICIPATION AT THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2025, CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 2449 DUE TO AN EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION**

**54953(J)(1). AYES: STILLMAN, WHITE, ATKINS-SALAZAR, MATTHEWS, SCHAEFER. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Stillman invited public comment and announced that each commenter would have two minutes to speak.

**Public Comment:** An unidentified member of the audience, Robert Rottenberg, Dan Shahin, Dave Meserve, Marley, an unidentified member of the audience, Alice Finen, an unidentified member of the audience, an unidentified member of the audience, an unidentified member of the audience, Sarai Bordeaux, Cassidy, Eli Montana, Robin, Merrick, Joanne McGarry, Lex, Deborah Kallick, Abraham, Ramira, Ellen P., Shannon Townsend-Bettis, Philip Sutter, Jody, Joseph Burkes, Jessica Friedlander, Eryn Pimentel, Ben Pridonoff, Refry, an unidentified member of the audience, Lucas, Tamar Krigel, Lisa, Ames, Micah Starr, and Ella.

Mayor Stillman closed the public comment period.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Consider Sending a Letter to CalPERS Urging Divestment.**

Councilmember Schaefer presented regarding the proposed letter and noted that there was a copy of an alternate letter handed out at the meeting for consideration as well.

The Council deliberated regarding the letter under consideration.

**ON MOTION BY MATTHEWS, SECONDED BY WHITE, AND WITH A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE, THE COUNCIL ACCEPTED THE LETTER TO CALPERS AS WRITTEN IN THE AGENDA PACKET. AYES: STILLMAN, WHITE, ATKINS-SALAZAR, MATTHEWS, SCHAEFER. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTENTIONS: NONE.**

**b. Consider Adopting Resolution No. 256-07 Supporting Immediate Safe, and Unhindered Delivery of Humanitarian Aid to Gaza.**

City Manager Perry presented regarding the proposed resolution.

The Council deliberated regarding the proposed resolution.

**ON MOTION BY SCHAEFER, SECONDED BY ATKINS-SALAZAR, AND WITH A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE, THE COUNCIL ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 256-07 SUPPORTING SAFE, AND UNHINDERED DELIVERY OF HUMANITARIAN AID TO GAZA, AS PROPOSED IN THE AGENDA. AYES: STILLMAN, WHITE, ATKINS-SALAZAR, MATTHEWS, SCHAEFER. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTENTIONS: NONE.**

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rhea Varley

City Clerk