



CITY OF ARCATA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

Date: December 11, 2025, 5:30 p.m.
Location: Council Chamber
736 F Street, Arcata

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

Staff Present: City Manager Perry, City Engineer Khatri, Director of Community Development Loya, Deputy Director of Information Technology Savage, City Clerk Varley

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Arcata was held on the above date at 5:30 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 December 5, 2025.

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mayor Stillman read a statement acknowledging that Arcata sat on ancestral Wiyot land.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Stillman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Varley called roll.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Stillman invited public comment.

Public Comment: Shannon Yodowitz, Joel Yodowitz, Joanne McGarry, and an unidentified member of the audience.

Mayor Stillman closed the public comment period.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

ON MOTION BY WHITE, SECONDED BY SCHAEFER, AND WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE, THE COUNCIL ADOPTED THE CONSENT CALENDAR [AS PRESENTED, FOR DECEMBER 11, 2025]. AYES: STILLMAN,

**WHITE, ATKINS-SALAZAR, MATTHEWS, SCHAEFER. NOES: NONE.
ABSENT: NONE. ABSTENTIONS: NONE.**

- a. **Bi-Weekly Report on Disbursements.**

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Elect a Mayor and Vice Mayor Pursuant to Arcata Municipal Code Section 2020.**

ON MOTION BY STILLMAN, SECONDED BY MATTHEWS, AND WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE, THE COUNCIL NOMINATED CURRENT VICE MAYOR, KIMBERLEY WHITE, AS THE NEXT MAYOR OF ARCATA. AYES: STILLMAN, WHITE, ATKINS-SALAZAR, MATTHEWS, SCHAEFER. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTENTIONS: NONE.

ON MOTION BY WHITE, SECONDED BY STILLMAN, AND WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE, THE COUNCIL NOMINATED COUNCILMEMBER STACY ATKINS-SALAZAR TO BE THE NEXT VICE MAYOR. AYES: WHITE, ATKINS-SALAZAR, MATTHEWS, SCHAEFER, STILLMAN. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTENTIONS: NONE.

- b. **Consider Council Member Assignments to Regional Boards, Committees, and Commissions, and as Liaisons for 2026.**

City Manager Perry reviewed the Council's appointment preferences as the Council discussed regional appointments.

The Council arrived at the determination of the following assignments for the Joint Power Agencies (JPAs) for the year of 2026:

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS: PRIMARY-WHITE; ALTERNATE-ATKINS-SALAZAR;
HUMBOLDT TRANSIT AUTHORITY: PRIMARY-STILLMAN;
ALTERNATE-WHITE;
HUMBOLDT WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY: PRIMARY-ATKINS-SALAZAR; ALTERNATE-MATTHEWS;
REDWOOD COAST ENERGY AUTHORITY: PRIMARY-SCHAEFER;
ALTERNATE-MATTHEWS;
REDWOOD REGION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: PRIMARY-MATTHEWS; ALTERNATE-SCHAEFER;
HUMBOLDT BAY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, WATER QUALITY TASK FORCE: PRIMARY-STILLMAN; ALTERNATE-NONE;
HUMBOLDT-DEL NORTE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY: PRIMARY-MATTHEWS; ALTERNATE-NONE;
LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES, REDWOOD EMPIRE DIVISION, REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AND**

DIVISION BUSINESS MEETINGS: PRIMARY-WHITE; ALTERNATE-ATKINS-SALAZAR.

The Council went on to discuss liaison appointments and arrived at the determination of the following assignments for the year of 2026:

**ARCATA HOUSE PARTNERSHIP: PRIMARY-STILLMAN,
ALTERNATE-SCHAEFER;**

**ARCATA/CAMOAPA SISTER CITY COMMITTEE: PRIMARY-WHITE,
ALTERNATE-SCHAEFER;**

**EQUITY ARCATA ADVISORY TEAM: PRIMARY-SCHAEFER AND
WHITE;**

**FRIENDS OF THE ARCATA MARSH: PRIMARY-STILLMAN,
ALTERNATE-WHITE;**

**HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING WORKING GROUP: PRIMARY-
ATKINS-SALAZAR AND STILLMAN;**

CPH/CITY LIAISONS: PRIMARY-WHITE AND ATKINS-SALAZAR.

**ON MOTION BY SCHAEFER, SECONDED BY MATTHEWS, AND
WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE, THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE
LIAISON APPOINTMENTS AS DISCUSSED, AND AS THE CITY
MANAGER HAD WRITTEN OUT. AYES: WHITE, ATKINS-SALAZAR,
MATTHEWS, SCHAEFER, STILLMAN. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.
ABSTENTIONS: NONE.**

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhea Varley

City Clerk