



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

**Date: February 26, 2026, 5:00 p.m.**  
**Location: Council Chamber**  
**736 F Street, Arcata**

Present: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Atkins-Salazar, Councilmember Matthews, Councilmember Schaefer (arrived at 5:06 p.m.), Councilmember Stillman

Staff Present: City Manager Perry, Assistant City Manager Miller, City Engineer Khatri, Director of Community Development Loya, Director of Environmental Services Sinkhorn, Deputy Director of Community Development Dart, City Clerk Varley

**A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Arcata was held on the above date at 5:00 p.m. with Mayor White presiding. Notice of this meeting was posted on February 20, 2026.**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

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

**3. ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Varley called roll.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor White invited public comment and opened the public hearing.

Councilmember Schaefer arrived at 5:06 p.m.

**Public comment:** Darlene Spoor, John George, Joanne McGarry, Maggie Kraft, an unidentified member of the audience, and an unidentified member of the audience.

Mayor White closed the public hearing.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **Provide Direction on Potential Projects the City May Submit for Funding Under the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2025 Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA).**

Director of Community Development Loya presented.

The Council deliberated regarding which of the two recommended application options they would choose.

**ON MOTION BY MATTHEWS, SECONDED BY STILLMAN, AND WITH A FOUR-TO-ONE VOICE VOTE, THE COUNCIL DIRECTED STAFF TO PURSUE OPTION 02. AYES: WHITE, ATKINS-SALAZAR, MATTHEWS, STILLMAN. NOES: SCHAEFER. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTENTIONS: NONE.**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rhea Varley

City Clerk