



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

**April 6, 2026, 3:30 p.m.**  
**Council Chamber**  
**736 F Street, Arcata**

Present: Mayor White, Councilmember Matthews, Councilmember Schaefer,  
Councilmember Stillman

Absent: Vice Mayor Atkins-Salazar

Staff Present: City Manager Perry, Assistant City Manager Miller, City Engineer  
Khatri, Director of Environmental Services Sinkhorn, Human  
Resources/Administrative Services Director Vink, Assistant City  
Engineer Caisse, Police Business Manager Brazil, City Clerk Varley

**A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Arcata was held on the above date at 3:30 p.m. with Mayor White presiding. Notice of this meeting was posted on April 3, 2026.**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Varley called roll.

**3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

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

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor White invited public comment.

There being none, Mayor White closed the public comment period.

**5. DISCUSSION**

**a. Overview of the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget.**

Assistant City Manager Miller and Human Resources/Administrative Services Director Vink presented, they provided three handouts.

Director Miller and Director Vink responded to inquiries and comments from the Council.

Assistant City Manager Miller reviewed other budget considerations and responded to inquiries from the Council.

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

**b. Provide Direction to Staff on Possible Renewal of Measure G (Existing Three-Quarter Percent Transactions and Use Tax).**

Assistant City Manager Miller presented.

**BY GENERAL CONSENSUS, THE COUNCIL DIRECTED STAFF TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROCESS TO PLACE MEASURE G ON THE BALLOT FOR RENEWAL IN NOVEMBER 2026.**

**Certain direction was given, but no Council action was taken. There was a presentation and discussion only for this item.**

**c. Review and Revise the City Council's Legislative Platform; Community Support and Sponsorship of Events; Goals; and Priority Projects for the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget.**

Assistant City Manager Miller reviewed the proposed additions for the Legislative Platform.

**BY GENERAL CONSENSUS, THE COUNCIL REQUESTED TO INCLUDE SUPPORTING THE POWER CHARGE INDIFFERENT ADJUSTMENT (PCIA) ISSUE.**

Assistant City Manager Miller led a discussion with Council and staff to review the City Manager recommended sponsorships, and the updated City Council goals and priority projects for Fiscal Year 2026/2027.

**Certain direction was given, but no Council action was taken. There was a presentation and discussion only for this item.**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rhea Varley

City Clerk

