



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

**April 8, 2026, 3:30 p.m.**  
**Council Chamber**  
**736 F Street, Arcata**

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

Absent: Mayor White, Councilmember Schaefer

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, Lieutenant Scown, 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 Vice Mayor Atkins-Salazar presiding. Original notice of this meeting was posted on April 3, 2026, with a revised notice being posted on April 6, 2026.**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Mayor Atkins-Salazar called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Varley called roll.

**3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Vice Mayor Atkins-Salazar read a statement acknowledging that Arcata sat on ancestral Wiyot land.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Vice Mayor Atkins-Salazar invited public comment.

**Public comment:** Joanne McGarry.

Vice Mayor Atkins-Salazar closed the public comment period.

**5. DISCUSSION**

**a. Review Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds, and Capital Improvement Projects (CIP).**

Assistant City Manager Miller provided an overview of the different funds for this item.

Assistant City Engineer Caisse presented regarding the City's Capital Improvement Program and its associated projects.

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

**b. Follow Up on Potential Changes to the City Council's Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Legislative Platform, Goals, and Priority Projects.**

**There was no presentation or discussion for this item. No Council Action was taken.**

The Council retired to closed session in the City Manager's Conference Room at 4:35 p.m.

**6. CLOSED SESSION—City Manager's Conference Room, 736 F Street, Arcata**

**a. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. Employee Organizations: International Union of Operating Engineers Local No. 3; Arcata Police Association; and Non-Represented**

The Council met in closed session in the City Manager's Conference Room.

**7. CLOSED SESSION REPORTS**

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The Council returned to open session at 5:08 p.m.

Vice Mayor Atkins-Salazar stated that there was nothing to report out for this closed session item.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhea Varley  
City Clerk