



**CITY OF ARCATA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

**October 7, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chamber
736 F Street, Arcata**

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

Staff Present: City Manager Perry, Assistant City Manager Miller, City Attorney Goldstein (via teleconference), City Engineer Khatri, Director of Environmental Services Sinkhorn, Lieutenant Altizer, IT and Digital Media Specialist Carrillo, Community Development Specialist Sauter, City Clerk Varley, Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Redfern

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arcata was held on the above date at 6:01 p.m. as a hybrid meeting, via teleconference utilizing Zoom Video Communications and in person, with Mayor White presiding. Notice of this meeting was posted on October 2, 2026.

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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

2. FLAG SALUTE

Mayor White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Varley called roll.

4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

a. Proclamation in Recognition of Fire Prevention Week, October 4–10, 2026.

Vice Mayor Atkins-Salazar read the proclamation and presented it to Arcata Fire District Assistant Fire Chief Ross McDonald.

b. Proclamation Recognizing October 2026 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Councilmember Schaefer read the proclamation and presented it to Julie with Humboldt Domestic Violence Services.

5. **REPORT BY COMMISSION/COMMITTEE**

There was none.

6. **STAFF REPORTS**

a. **Receive an Update from City Engineer Netra Khatri on the City's Complete Streets Policy.**

City Engineer Khatri provided an update regarding the City's Complete Streets Policy.

b. **Receive an Update from Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Tabatha Miller and City Engineer Netra Khatri Regarding Measure G.**

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Miller and City Engineer Khatri provided an update regarding Measure G.

7. **ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS [EARLY - TIME LIMITED]**

Mayor White invited public comment.

Public comment: An unidentified member of the audience, an unidentified member of the audience, Susan Parsons, Tamar Krigel, Shawn Leon, Gill Freedman, Michael Golden, Shannon Townsend, Mohammed Deif, and Raymond M.

Mayor White closed the oral and written communications [early - time limited].

8. **N/A**

None.

9. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mayor White invited public comment.

Public comment: Joanne McGarry.

Mayor White closed the public comment period.

**ON MOTION BY STILLMAN, SECONDED BY SCHAEFER, AND WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE, THE COUNCIL ADOPTED THE CONSENT CALENDAR [AS PRESENTED FOR OCTOBER 7, 2026, ITEMS A THROUGH I].
AYES: WHITE, ATKINS-SALAZAR, MATTHEWS, SCHAEFER, STILLMAN.
NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTENTIONS: NONE.**

a. **Approval to Waive Reading of the Text and Consent to Read by Title Only for Any Ordinance on this Agenda.**

b. **Approve the Minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of September 16, 2026.**

c. **Approve the Minutes of the City Council Meeting of September 16, 2026.**

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

- e. **Adopt Ordinance No. 1590, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Arcata Modifying the Whaley House Landmark Historic Property Combining Zone (LHP-80-31) on Assessor Parcel Number 021-093-004; and Adopt Ordinance 1591, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Arcata Amending the Zoning Map to Add a Planned Development Combining Zone to Assessor Parcel Number 021-093-004.**
- f. **Approve the Purchase of Five AIRE-O2 Triton 2.0 Aerators and Award Contract to Newterra Corporation, Inc., in the Amount of \$376,101.34, Including Tax; and Approve Necessary and Associated Related Actions.**
- g. **Approve the Voluntary Closure of City Offices to the Public from December 28, 2026, through January 1, 2027; and Authorize the City Manager to Execute All Applicable Documents.**
- h. **Adopt Resolution No. 267-18 Making Determination that Public Convenience or Necessity Would be Served by the Issuance of Alcohol Beverage Control License for Compass Group USA Inc.; and Authorize the City Manager to Execute Applicable Documents.**
- i. **Adopt Resolution No. 267-21, Authorizing the Position of Finance Director and Amending the Budget to Provide Funding for the Position for the Remainder of Fiscal Year 2026-27.**

10. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Public Scoping Hearing on Potential Projects for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Income Application.**

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Miller provided a staff report.

Mayor White opened the public hearing.

Cal Poly Humboldt's Executive Director of Initiatives, Connie Stewart, provided a presentation regarding the proposed Behavioral Health Triage Center project.

Mayor White invited public comment.

Public comment: Joanne McGarry.

Mayor White closed the public hearing.

BY GENERAL CONSENSUS, THE COUNCIL SUPPORTED THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TRIAGE CENTER AS A PROPOSED CDBG INCOME ACTIVITY.

Assistant City Manager Miller and Director Stewart responded to inquiries and comments from the Council.

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

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Consider Authorization to Pursue an International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) Trail Town Program Designation as Part of the City of Arcata's Economic Strategic Plan 2026-2031. Not Subject to CEQA.**

City Manager Perry provided a staff report and then responded to inquiries and comments from the Council.

Mayor White invited public comment.

Public comment: Joanne McGarry, and an unidentified member of the audience.

Mayor White closed the public comment period.

ON MOTION BY SCHAEFER, SECONDED BY MATTHEWS, AND WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE, THE COUNCIL AUTHORIZED STAFF TO PURSUE THE INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN BIKE ASSOCIATION TRAIL TOWN PROGRAM DESIGNATION AS AN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ECONOMIC STRATEGIC PLAN 2026-2031; AND AUTHORIZED STAFF TO SUBMIT THE IMBA TRAIL TOWN DESIGNATION APPLICATION; AND AUTHORIZED THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS. NOT SUBJECT TO CEQA. AYES: WHITE, ATKINS-SALAZAR, MATTHEWS, SCHAEFER, STILLMAN. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTENTIONS: NONE.

- b. **Approve a Memorandum of Understanding Establishing Redwood Coast Energy Authority as Host Agency for the Regional Climate Committee and Climate Program Manager Relating to the Regional Climate Action Plan; and Authorize City Manager to Sign.**

Director of Environmental Services Sinkhorn provided a staff report and then responded to inquiries and comments from the Council.

Mayor White invited public comment.

Public comment: Joanne McGarry and Colin Fiske.

Mayor White closed the public comment period.

ON MOTION BY SCHAEFER, SECONDED BY STILLMAN, AND WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE, THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE MOU ESTABLISHING RCEA AS THE HOST AGENCY FOR THE REGIONAL CLIMATE COMMITTEE AND CLIMATE PROGRAM MANAGER POSITION TO COORDINATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL CLIMATE ACTION PLAN; AND AUTHORIZED THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS. AYES: WHITE, ATKINS-SALAZAR, MATTHEWS, SCHAEFER, STILLMAN. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTENTIONS: NONE.

12. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS [CONTINUED]

Mayor White invited public comment.

Public comment: Tricia Atwood, Joanne McGarry, Sherri, Ella, and Jody.

Mayor White closed the oral and written communications [continued] period.

13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

There was none.

14. COUNCIL REPORTS

Presenters: Schaefer, Atkins-Salazar, Matthews, Stillman, and White.

15. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. **Confirm a Joint Study Session with the Planning Commission for October 28, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the D Street Neighborhood Center for the Purpose of Discussing the Housing Element Update and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing.**

BY GENERAL CONSENSUS, THE COUNCIL CONFIRMED A JOINT STUDY SESSION WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR OCTOBER 28, 2026, AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE D STREET NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE AND AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING.

16. CLOSED SESSION

There was none.

17. CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

There were none.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhea Varley

City Clerk