

## MINUTES

PLACERVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

**TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026**

CLOSED SESSION: 4:00 P.M.

**OPEN SESSION: 5:00 P.M.**

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – TOWN HALL  
549 MAIN STREET, PLACERVILLE, CA 95667

### 4:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

**Item 1: Public Employee Appointment Pursuant to Government Code § 54957**

Title: Interim City Manager

**Item 2: Public Employee Appointment Pursuant to Gov. Code § 54957**

Position: Director of Finance

**Item 3: Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9**

*Anstess v. City of Placerville et al*, El Dorado Superior Court, Case No. 25CV0634

**Item 4: Conference with Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.8**

Property: 681 Main Street, Placerville, CA

Agency Negotiators: Jackie Neau, John Clerici

Negotiating Parties: R. Thomas Rellas, Ross W. Relles, James C. Relles, JoAnn Bradley, and Ronald S. Relles

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

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### 5:00 P.M. OPEN SESSION

#### **Happy 172nd, Placerville!**

In recognition of the City's 172<sup>nd</sup> birthday, incorporated on May 13, 1854, the City Council will celebrate this milestone with light refreshments at the start of the meeting. All attendees are welcome to join in commemorating our community's rich history and continued growth.

### **1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

*The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.*

- 2. ROLL CALL: Present:** Carter, Clerici, Gotberg, Neau  
**Absent:** Yarbrough

**3. CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

**3.1 A Proclamation Commending Mrs. Julie Burnsidess For Nearly 20 Years of Exemplary Service to the City of Placerville (Mayor Gotberg)**

*Mayor Gotberg read and presented a retirement proclamation to Mrs. Burnsidess. Director of Community Services Denis Nishihara as well as members of the City Council shared remarks in recognition of her service, and public comment was received from Kathi Lishman and Tony Windle.*

**3.2 A Proclamation Declaring May 25, 2026, as Memorial Day at the El Dorado County Veterans' Monument (Mayor Gotberg)**

*Mayor Gotberg extended an invitation to the public to attend the Memorial Day ceremony at the El Dorado County Veterans' Monument on May 25th at 11:00 a.m., noting that she will be present to read the proclamation.*

**3.3 A Proclamation Proclaiming May 10–16, 2026, National Police Week and May 15, 2026, Peace Officers' Memorial Day in the City of Placerville (Mayor Gotberg)**

*Mayor Gotberg read and presented a proclamation honoring Police Week, which was accepted by Commander Maciel and attending members of the Police Department.*

**3.4 A Proclamation Declaring May, 2026, as Lyme Disease Awareness Month (Mayor Gotberg)**

*Mayor Gotberg read and presented a proclamation to Melissa Moya, CEO and Founder of Lyme Fight.*

**4. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – City Attorney Ebrahimi**

*The City Attorney stated that no public comment was received in advance of closed session, and the City Council unanimously appointed Joe Wren as Interim City Manager (Item 1) and Natalie Tornincasa as Finance Director (Item 2). For Items 3 and 4, the Council provided direction to staff, with no reportable action taken.*

**5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

*It was moved by Councilmember Neau that the City Council adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carter and passed by the following roll-call vote:*

AYES: Carter, Clerici, Gotberg, Neau  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Yarbrough  
ABSTAIN: None

## **6. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS TO THE PUBLIC**

### **6.1 Brief Comments by the City Council**

*The City Council provided brief comments.*

### **6.2 Monument Garden Park Bench (Mr. Nishihara)**

*El Dorado High School Trades and Industry teacher Lance Gunnensen presented a handcrafted park bench to the City Council. The bench, built in a Gold Rush-era style by Mr. Gunnensen and EDHS junior Chase F., was constructed using repurposed redwood salvaged from a local, century-old water tower. The donated bench will be permanently installed in the Monument Garden.*

## **7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**NOTE:** All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion by roll call vote unless any member of the Council wishes to remove an item for discussion. The reading of the full text of all Resolutions will be waived unless a Councilmember requests otherwise.

### **7.1 A. Approve the Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting of April 28, 2026 (Ms. O’Connell)**

*The City Council approved the minutes of the regularly scheduled City Council meeting of April 28, 2026.*

### **B. Approve the Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of April 30, 2026 (Ms. O’Connell)**

*The City Council approved the minutes of the Special City Council meeting of April 30, 2026.*

### **7.2 Approve the Accounts Payable Register (Ms. Tornincasa)**

*The City Council approved the Accounts Payable Register.*

### **7.3 Approve the Payroll Register (Ms. Tornincasa)**

*The City Council approved the Payroll Register.*

**7.4 Receive and File Public Records Requests (Ms. O’Connell)**

*The City Council received and filed public records requests.*

**7.5 Acknowledge and File the Measure J Fund Financial Report for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2025 (Ms. Tornincasa)**

*The City Council acknowledged and filed the Measure J Fund Financial Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2025.*

**7.6 Consider Receiving and Filing the Annual Report for the Traffic Impact Mitigation Fee for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 (Ms. Tornincasa)**

*The City Council received and filed the annual report for the Traffic Impact Mitigation Fee for fiscal year 2021/2022.*

**7.7 Acknowledge and File the Quarterly Investment Report for the Period Ended December 31, 2025 (Ms. Tornincasa)**

*The City Council acknowledged and filed the Quarterly Investment Report for the period ended December 31, 2025.*

**7.8 Consider Approving an Agreement with the El Dorado County Transportation Commission for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Exchange Funds in the Amount of \$550,000 for the US 50 Trip to Green Congestion Management and Resiliency Strategy Project (CIP #42502), Approving a Budget Appropriation for an Equal Amount, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Same (Ms. Tornincasa)**

**Resolution No. 9527**

*The City Council approved an agreement with the El Dorado County Transportation Commission for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Exchange Funds in the amount of \$550,000 for the US 50 Trip to Green Congestion Management and Resiliency Strategy Project (CIP #42502), approved a budget appropriation for an equal amount, and authorized the City Manager to execute the same.*

**7.9 Consideration of (1) Adoption of Resolution for an Application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for Funding under the Competitive Permanent Local Housing Allocation (CPLHA) and, if Selected, Providing Authorization to the City Manager to Execute a Standard Agreement, Any Amendments Thereto, and Any Related Documents Necessary to Participate in the**

**CPLHA Program; and (2) Approving Corresponding Budget Revenue and Expense Amendments, if Awarded. (Ms. Kendrick)**

**Resolution No. 9528**

*The City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the application for the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Program Non-Entitlement Local Government Competitive Component and approved corresponding budget revenue and expense amendments, if awarded.*

*It was moved by Vice-Mayor Neau that the City Council approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Clerici and passed by the following roll-call vote:*

AYES: Carter, Clerici, Gotberg, Neau  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Yarbrough  
ABSTAIN: None

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**8.1 Oral Communication**

*Oral communication was received from Sue Rodman and Leo Bennett-Cauchon.*

**8.2 Written Communication**

*The City Clerk stated that two items of written communication were received requesting a ban on the use and sale of glyphosate within the City.*

**9. ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

*No items were pulled from the consent calendar.*

**10. ORDINANCES**

Second reading and adoption of ordinances will be placed on the Consent Calendar unless separate discussion or action is requested by a Council Member or member of the public.

*No ordinances were scheduled.*

**11. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**11.1 Consider Approving El Dorado Disposal Rates for the Collection of Solid Waste and Recycling Within the City of Placerville Franchise Area Effective July 1, 2026 (Chief Wren)**

**Resolution No. 9529**

*The City Council received a presentation from Sue Vandelinder of El Dorado Disposal. Public comment was received from Sue Rodman. It was moved by Councilmember Clerici that the City Council adopt a resolution approving rates for the collection of solid waste and recycling within the City of Placerville franchise area effective July 1, 2026.*

*The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Neau and passed by the following roll-call vote:*

AYES: Carter, Clerici, Gotberg, Neau  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Yarbrough  
ABSTAIN: None

**12. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**12.1 Consider Requesting \$35,000 in Financial Support from El Dorado County for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 to Offset Operational Costs Associated with Delivering a Comprehensive Aquatics Center Program to County Residents Living Outside the City of Placerville (Mr. Nishihara)**

**Resolution No. 9530**

*The Director of Community Services presented the item. Public comment was received from Sue Rodman, Kathi Lishman, and Leo Bennett-Cauchon. Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Carter that the City Council request \$35,000 in financial support from El Dorado County for fiscal year 2026/2027 to offset operational costs associated with delivering a comprehensive aquatics center program to county residents living outside the City of Placerville.*

*The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Neau and passed by the following roll-call vote:*

AYES: Carter, Clerici, Gotberg, Neau  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Yarbrough  
ABSTAIN: None

**12.2 Biennial Update on General Plan Implementation Program 1 – Status of Background Report Data Update (Ms. Kendrick)**

*The Director of Development Services summarized the item. No public comment was received. The item was received and filed.*

**12.3 Consider Abolishing the Assistant Finance Director Position and Approving a New Full-Time Accountant Position Effective May 4, 2026 (Ms. Tornincasa)  
Resolution No. 9531**

*The Director of Finance presented the item. No public comment was received. It was moved by Vice-Mayor Neau that the City Council abolish the Assistant Finance Director position and approve a new full-time Accountant position effective May 4, 2026.*

*The motion was seconded by Councilmember Clerici and passed by the following roll-call vote:*

AYES: Carter, Clerici, Gotberg, Neau  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Yarbrough  
ABSTAIN: None

**12.4 Consider Approving New Development Fees for the Planning Division and Engineering Department Effective July 13, 2026 (Ms. Kendrick/Ms. Savage)  
Resolution No. 9532**

*The Director of Development Services presented the report. No public comment was received. It was moved by Vice-Mayor Neau that the City Council approve the new development fees for the Planning Division and Engineering Department effective July 13, 2026, and to request that staff bring back a schedule of fees with an updated recommendation at a future meeting.*

*The motion was seconded by Councilmember Clerici and passed by the following roll-call vote:*

AYES: Clerici, Gotberg, Neau  
NOES: Carter  
ABSENT: Yarbrough  
ABSTAIN: None

**13. COUNCIL REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCY MEETINGS**

*The Council reported on recent and upcoming meetings of various external bodies. Public comment was received from Sue Rodman and Kathi Lishman.*

- **El Dorado County Transit Authority**  
(Neau, Yarbrough)
- **El Dorado County Transportation Commission**  
(Clerici, Neau, Yarbrough)

- **LAFCO (El Dorado Local Agency Formation Commission)**  
(Carter)
- **SACOG (Sacramento Area Council of Governments)**  
(Clerici)
- **Pioneer Community Energy Board of Directors**  
(Carter)
- **Placerville Fire Safe Council**  
(Gotberg)
- **Opportunity Knocks/Continuum of Care**  
(Carter)

**14. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – (Requests for Future Agenda Items Requires a Majority Concurrence of the Council)**

*No requests were made.*

**15. CITY MANAGER AND STAFF REPORTS**

**15.1 Acknowledge and File the HDL Sales Tax and Economic Reports for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2025 (Ms. Tornincasa)**

*The reports were received and filed.*

**16. UPCOMING ITEMS**

*Items tentatively scheduled for the next City Council meeting include: Proclamation for Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics, Proclamation for the Retirement of Fire Chief Cordero, Receive and File the Annual Report for the Traffic Impact Mitigation Fee for Fiscal Year 2022/2023, Orchard Hill Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance Districts and Directing NBS to Prepare and Submit the Levy of Assessments to El Dorado County for Placement of Property Tax Roll, Western Placerville Interchange Phase 2.3 - Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans, Approval to Release an RFQ for a Consultant in a Management Support Role, and Approval to Release an RFP for Engineering Services, Mallard Apartments - Accepting Offers of Dedication for Public Street Right of Way, Mallard Apartments Maintenance Assessment District Resolution of Intent, Water Reclamation Facility Photovoltaic Solar Project - Approval of a PG&E Contract and JCI Contract Amendment, Merchants On Main - Oktoberfest 2026 & Evening At The Tower (Downtown Street Closure), Development Services Monthly Stats, Police Monthly Stats, Fire Monthly Stats, and Gold Bug Park and Mine Fees.*

**17. ADJOURNMENT @ 6:22 p.m.**

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on May 26, 2026, at 4:30 P.M. Closed Session, 5:00 P.M. Regular Meeting.

Regina O'Connell, CPMC, City Clerk