CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
Special and Regular Meetings of Wednesday, May 13, 2026
City Hall Council Chambers, 6360 Fountain Square Dr., Citrus Heights, CA 95621

CALL SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER

The special meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Lopez-Taff.

1. Roll Call:
   Council Members present: Karpinski-Costa, Nelson, Schaefer, Middleton, Lopez-Taff
   Council Members absent: None
   Staff Members present: Feeney, Drexel, Van

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLOSED SESSION

2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
   Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6
   Agency designated representatives: Ashley Feeney, City Manager, Ryan Jones, City Attorney, and Patrick Clark, Negotiator
   Employee Organization: Citrus Heights Police Officers Association, Citrus Heights Police Employees Association, and unrepresented employees

3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
   Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)
   Number of potential cases: 2

The City Council, City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk and Labor Negotiator participated in the closed session.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

There was no reportable action from closed session. Closed Session was continued to the end of the meeting.

CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Mayor Lopez-Taff.

1. The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Schaefer.

2. Roll Call:
   Council Members present: Karpinski-Costa, Nelson, Schaefer, Middleton, Lopez-Taff
   Council Members absent: None
   Staff Members present: Bermudez, Blomquist, Cave, Drexel, Feeney, Frey, Kempenaar, Turcotte, Van and department directors.

3. The video statement was read by City Clerk Van.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Prior to approval, City Clerk Van announced that Consent Calendar Item 11, Auburn Boulevard Complete Streets, Phase 2 Project – Authorize Additional Work, was pulled off the agenda and will be continued to a future meeting.

ACTION: On a motion by Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Vice Mayor Middleton, the City Council approved the agenda, as amended.

AYES:	Karpinski-Costa, Nelson, Schaefer, Middleton, Lopez-Taff
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

PRESENTATIONS

4. Mesa Verde High School Student Council Report

Jonathan King reported on the year's events, theater productions, concert band performances, sports, and student and teacher achievements, as well as participation in the City of Citrus Heights' inaugural Youth in Government Day.

5. Proclamation of the City of Citrus Heights Proclaiming May 2026 as Building Safety Month

Council Member Schaefer read and presented the proclamation to Chief Building Official Joe Cuffe, Development Services Technician Shara Hudock, and Jr. Building Inspector Siena Hudock.

6. Proclamation of the City of Citrus Heights Proclaiming May 17-23, 2026 as National Public Works Week

Vice Mayor Middleton read and presented the proclamation to General Services Director Cave, City Engineer Blomquist and Operations Manager Poole.

7. Proclamation of the City of Citrus Heights Proclaiming May 11-16, 2026 as National Police Week

Council Member Nelson read and presented the proclamation to Citrus Heights Police Commander Frey.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Thomas Spencer stated that a culvert at Brooktree Park needs repair, and the General Services Department has been notified and is working on it.

Gigi Rayford provided an update on Citrus Heights Arts, mural projects and announced upcoming events.

Hilary Cary spoke on behalf of Roll United – a grassroots social club – regarding hosting all-inclusive outdoor recreation events throughout the region through partnerships with cities and park districts.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND REGIONAL BOARD UPDATES

Council Member Nelson attended a Capitol tour with the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce. She attended the Chamber Luncheon where Assemblyman Hoover spoke. She went to the State of the County Address. She attended a 2x2 meeting with the Citrus Heights Police Department. She attended the Greater Sacramento Economic Council (GSEC) Awards.

Council Member Schaefer attended a 2x2 meeting with the Police Department. He attended a SACOG Policy & Innovation Committee meeting and a Sacramento Regional Transit Board meeting.

Council Member Karpinski-Costa attended the State of the County Address. She attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for San Juan High School's new stadium. She attended an Area 10 Neighborhood Association meeting. She went to Yoga Fest and a presentation by the Citrus Heights Historical Society. She attended the Greater Sacramento Economic Council (GSEC) Awards. She went to Low Vision Support Group meeting. She went to a Sacramento Area Sewer District meeting but noted that there was not a quorum.

Vice Mayor Middleton attended an Education 2x2 meeting. She attended the Sacramento Better Business Bureau's women's conference. As she will be out of the country for the Community Blood Drive, she donated blood separately. She attended a Mesa Verde Key Club meeting.

Mayor Lopez-Taff attended a SacRT Board meeting and spoke at the Area 11 Neighborhood Association meeting. She attended the State of the County Address and a SACOG meeting. She attended Cap to Cap and participated with the City Council in regional lobbying. She went to the San Juan High School stadium opening and the Purple Pageant. She attended a meeting of the Capitol Region elected women's group and a Citrus Heights Water District briefing. She attended a meet and greet with Senator Alex Padilla's office and a meeting with Senator Ashby on Senate Bill 802. She attended the Community Bike Ride event and Hearts 4 Heroes Awards. She delivered a presentation to the San Juan Unified School District Board. She participated in the unveiling of the Leadership Citrus Heights class projects.

CONSENT CALENDAR

8. **SUBJECT:** Approval of Minutes
RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Minutes of the Special and Regular Meetings of February 25, 2026

9. **SUBJECT:** Quarterly Treasurer's Report
STAFF REPORT: S. Talwar, D. Jenkins
RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the City Council receive and file the Quarterly Treasurer's Report for the quarter ending March 31, 2026

10. **SUBJECT:** 2025 Road Resurfacing Project – Authorize Additional Work
STAFF REPORT: R. Cave / L. Blomquist
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-024, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Change Orders up to 25% of the Contract Amount with Valley Slurry Seal International, Inc. for the 2025 Road Resurfacing Project and Increasing the Total Authorized Construction Budget to $10,039,156.25

11. Item pulled from the agenda.

12. **SUBJECT:** Dewey Drive / Van Maren Lane Enhancement Project – Final Acceptance and Notice of Completion
STAFF REPORT: R. Cave / L. Blomquist
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-025, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Accepting the Dewey Drive / Van Maren Lane Enhancement Project as Complete and Authorizing the City Engineer to Record a Notice of Completion and Release the Contract Retention

13. **SUBJECT:** Resolution Authorizing Additional Applications for Grant Funding from the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) 2026 Federal Funding Programs
STAFF REPORT: R. Cave / L. Blomquist / M. Poole
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-026, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing the Submittal of Additional Applications for Grant Funding from the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) 2026 Federal Funding Programs and Identifying Additional Priority Projects for the Various Funding Programs

14. **SUBJECT:** Approval to Execute an Agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. to Purchase an Integrated Public Safety Technology Platform
STAFF REPORT: A. Turcotte / M. Wells / W. Herman / C. Kinnan
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-027, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a 5-Year Agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the Purchase and Implementation of an Integrated Public Safety Technology Platform

15. **SUBJECT:** Approval of Administrative Amendments to City Council Handbook
STAFF REPORT: A. Van
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-028, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Approving Administrative Amendments to the City of Citrus Heights City Council Handbook

ACTION: On a motion by Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Nelson, the City Council adopted Consent Calendar Items 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 and 15.

AYES:	Karpinski-Costa, Nelson, Schaefer, Middleton, Lopez-Taff
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

16. **SUBJECT:** Gateway Activation Project Amendments to the Bikeway Master Plan, Pedestrian Master Plan, General Plan Bikeways Map and adoption of Mitigated Negative Declaration
STAFF REPORT: C. Kempenaar / R. Cave / L. Blomquist / A. Bermudez / M. Brown
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-029, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration, Adopting the Mitigation Monitoring Plan, and Adopting the Updated Bikeway Master Plan, Pedestrian Master Plan and the General Plan Bikeway Map Incorporating the Gateway Activation Project

Director Kempenaar presented the Gateway Activation Project objectives, to connect the existing Arcade-Cripple Creek Trail to the Old Auburn Trail and then connect to the Dry Creek Greenway Trail in Roseville, and to accomplish local roadway enhancements while implementing trail connectivity. City Engineer Blomquist presented the significant traffic safety and operational challenges along the Old Auburn Road corridor and solutions including new roundabouts and a trail crossing. Senior Planner Bermudez presented a summary of the City's community engagement efforts and the environmental compliance aspects. A tentative project timeline was reviewed.

City Council questions and comments followed. Mayor Lopez-Taff opened the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

Public Comment
Gerald Kumpf expressed concern about the proposed roundabouts.

Hearing no further public comment requests, Mayor Lopez-Taff closed the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.

ACTION: On a motion by Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Karpinski-Costa, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2026-029, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration, Adopting the Mitigation Monitoring Plan, and Adopting the Updated Bikeway Master Plan, Pedestrian Master Plan and the General Plan Bikeway Map Incorporating the Gateway Activation Project.

AYES:	Karpinski-Costa, Nelson, Schaefer, Middleton, Lopez-Taff
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

REGULAR CALENDAR

17. **SUBJECT:** Approval to Execute an Agreement with Verra Mobility for Red-Light Photo Enforcement
STAFF REPORT: A. Turcotte / K. Frey / W. Dunning
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-030, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a three-year Agreement with Verra Mobility for the Continued Operation, Maintenance, and Administration of the Red-Light Camera Enforcement Program, with the Option for two Additional One-Year Renewals

Police Chief Turcotte presented an overview of the current red light photo enforcement program, violation data, revenue and expenses. He provided statistics from neighboring jurisdictions that have deactivated their cameras. He reviewed the fiscal impacts of the proposed contract.

City Council questions and comments followed. Chief Turcotte briefly discussed Senate Bill 720 pertaining to automated traffic enforcement systems.

ACTION: On a motion by Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Nelson, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2026-030, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a three-year Agreement with Verra Mobility for the Continued Operation, Maintenance, and Administration of the Red-Light Camera Enforcement Program, with the Option for two Additional One-Year Renewals.

AYES:	Karpinski-Costa, Nelson, Schaefer, Middleton, Lopez-Taff
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

ITEMS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- On a motion by Council Member Karpinski-Costa, seconded by Mayor Lopez-Taff, staff was directed to bring the Verra Mobility contract renewals back to the Council, rather than automatically implementing them.

18. **SUBJECT:** America's 250 Year Anniversary Mural Installation at City Hall
STAFF REPORT: R. Cave
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-031, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing Citrus Heights Arts to Proceed with Planning and Installation of a 250 Year Anniversary Mural at City Hall and Further Authorizes an Allocation of Community Support Funding to Assist with Costs Associated with Installation of the Mural

Director Cave presented comparative mural options and a proposed mural location at City Hall. Next steps include Citrus Heights Arts releasing concepts to the community. The goal is to have the mural completed before the Stars & Stripes Celebration. The recommendation also includes a $6,000 Community Support Fund allocation.

Director Cave and Gigi Rayford of Citrus Heights Arts responded to City Council questions.

ACTION: On a motion by Council Member Karpinski-Costa, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2026-031, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing Citrus Heights Arts to Proceed with Planning and Installation of a 250 Year Anniversary Mural at City Hall and Further Authorizes an Allocation of Community Support Funding to Assist with Costs Associated with Installation of the Mural.

AYES:	Karpinski-Costa, Nelson, Schaefer, Middleton, Lopez-Taff
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

CITY MANAGER ITEMS

City Manager Feeney provided updates on the Auburn Boulevard repaving. He discussed a grant appropriation from Congressman Bera for the San Juan Avene Phase 2 project. He announced that Director Cave has been selected as one of the 2026 Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year from the American Public Works Association. He announced that the Citrus Heights Police Department was recognized as the Department of the Year by Hearts 4 Heroes. The California Association for Local Economic Development provided an Economic Development Programs & Promotions Award of Merit for the Economic Development Work Plan, as well as a Clean California Community Designation. The Sacramento Valley American Planning Association provided the Planning Agency Award of Merit. He reviewed upcoming events Tools of the Trade, Big Day of Service and a Community Blood Drive. He commended City Clerk Van on the first Youth in Government Day. He discussed Public Service

Recognition Week and expressed appreciation for the work of all City employees. He announced that City Hall will be closed on May 25 for Memorial Day.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lopez-Taff adjourned the regular meeting at 7:55 p.m. and reconvened Closed Session.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

There was no reportable action from closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lopez-Taff adjourned the special meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Van, City Clerk