CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
Special and Regular Meetings of Wednesday, July 8, 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, Jones, 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

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

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

There was no reportable action from closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lopez-Taff adjourned the special meeting at 5:55 p.m.

CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 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: Aguirre, Bermudez, Blomquist, Cave, Feeney, Jones, Kempenaar, Lewis, Lui, Ma, Poole, Rojas, Talwar, Van and department directors.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: On a motion by Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Karpinski-Costa, the City Council approved the agenda.

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

PRESENTATIONS

4. Proclamation of the City of Citrus Heights Honoring Alison Bermudez on the Occasion of Her Retirement from the City of Citrus Heights

Mayor Lopez-Taff read and presented the proclamation to Senior Planner Bermudez. Director Kempenaar and the City Council thanked Alison for her years of service.

5. Presentation of the 2026 Planning Agency Award of Merit from the Sacramento Valley Chapter of the American Planning Association

Awards Director Nikki Zanchetta presented the award to Director Kempenaar, who accepted on behalf of the City and Community Development Department.

6. Winners of the "Postcards from Citrus Heights" Tree Photo Contest

Senior Planner Bermudez provided a presentation announcing the winners. Mayor Lopez-Taff and Associate Planner Lui distributed awards.

- Youth Category: Ryland Wilburn
- Community Member Category: Karsen Kehlet
- Community Member Category: William Evans
- Professional Category: Diana Miller (2 submissions)

7. Proclamation of the City of Citrus Heights Proclaiming July 2026 as "Park and Recreation Month"

Vice Mayor Middleton read and presented the proclamation to representatives from the Sunrise Recreation and Park District.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Dmytryow, Citrus Heights resident and asphalt engineering expert, praised City staff and contractors for significantly improving local road conditions.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND REGIONAL BOARD UPDATES

Council Member Nelson attended the Citrus Heights Police Department's 20th Anniversary and Stars & Stripes.

Council Member Karpinski-Costa provided an update on West Nile Virus cases and reminders on how to manage mosquitos. She attended the CHPD 20th Anniversary; Stars & Stripes; and a Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA) Community Action Board meeting.

Council Member Schaefer attended the following: Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Board; CHPD 20th Anniversary; Stars & Stripes; and the Sacramento Regional Transit District's (SacRT) Real Estate Ad Hoc Committee.

Vice Mayor Middleton attended the following: CHPD 20th Anniversary; Stars & Stripes; and the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District 2x2.

Mayor Lopez-Taff attended the following: CHPD 20th Anniversary; Grand Opening of Sac Metro Fire's Zinfandel First Responder Training Facility; Stars & Stripes; the Sac Metro Fire District 2x2; and the retirement ceremony for CHPD Master Sergeant Schaefer.

CONSENT CALENDAR

8. **SUBJECT:** Approval of Minutes
RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 18, 2026

9. **SUBJECT:** Arcade-Cripple Creek Trail – Sylvan to Stock Ranch Extension Project – Adoption of Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration
STAFF REPORT: R. Cave / L. Blomquist / D. Kehrer
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-056, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Adopting Arcade-Cripple Creek Trail Sylvan to Stock Ranch Extension Project Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declarations and Mitigation Monitoring Plan

10. **SUBJECT:** Creek Erosion and Bridge Scour Protection Project – Adoption of Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration
STAFF REPORT: R. Cave / L. Blomquist / D. Kehrer
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-057, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Adopting Creek Erosion and Bridge Scour Protection Project Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declarations and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

11. Pulled for a separate vote.

12. **SUBJECT:** Sale of Real Property Located at 7859 Casa Bella Way
STAFF REPORT: R. Cave
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-059, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing the Sale of Real Property at 7859 Casa Bella Way, Designating the City Manager as the Authorized Signatory for Any and All Documents Related to this Sale

Prior to approval, Council Member Karpinski-Costa pulled Item 11 for comment.

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

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

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS PULLED FOR SEPARATE VOTE

11. **SUBJECT:** Adoption of the 2026 Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) Update
STAFF REPORT: R. Cave / L. Blomquist / D. Kehrer / M. Poole
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-058, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Adopting the 2026 Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) Update

Council Member Karpinski-Costa commended staff on the report and provided a synopsis for the public's benefit. She would like to see this item come back with a presentation on a future agenda.

ACTION: On a motion by Council Member Karpinski-Costa, seconded by Vice Mayor Middleton, the City Council adopted Consent Calendar Item 11.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

13. **SUBJECT:** 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funding
STAFF REPORT: A. Turcotte / K. Frey / C. Kinnan
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-060, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Accepting 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in Accordance with State Requirements

Police Lieutenant Lewis presented the staff report.

Mayor Lopez-Taff opened the public hearing at 6:56 p.m. Seeing no speaker requests, she closed the public hearing.

ACTION: On a motion by Council Member Karpinski-Costa, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2026-060, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Accepting 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in Accordance with State Requirements.

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

14. **SUBJECT:** Landscape Maintenance Assessment District 97-01 (Zones 1, 2, 3 & 4) – Levy of Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Assessments
STAFF REPORT: R. Cave / L. Blomquist
RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the following:

a. Convene the public hearing for the district regarding the proposed annual assessment for Fiscal Year 2026/2027; and

b. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-061, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, to Confirm the Diagram and Assessment and to Levy Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Assessments for Landscape Maintenance Assessment District No. 97-01 (Zones 1, 2, 3 & 4)

The City Council received a presentation from Director Cave.

Mayor Lopez-Taff opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m. Seeing no speaker requests, she closed the public hearing.

ACTION: On a motion by Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Vice Mayor Middleton, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2026-061, to Confirm the Diagram and Assessment and to Levy Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Assessments for Landscape Maintenance Assessment District No. 97-01 (Zones 1, 2, 3 & 4)

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

15. **SUBJECT:** Landscape Maintenance Assessment Districts 98-01, 98-02 and 03-01 – Levy of Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Assessments
STAFF REPORT: R. Cave / L. Blomquist
RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the following:

a. Convene the public hearing for the district regarding the proposed annual assessment for Fiscal Year 2026/2027; and

b. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-062, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, to Confirm the Diagram and Assessment and to Levy Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Assessments for Landscape Maintenance Assessment District No. 98-01 (Stock Village Units Nos. 1 and 2); and

c. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-063, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, to Confirm the Diagram and Assessment and to Levy Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Assessments for Landscape Maintenance Assessment District No. 98-02 (Zone 1: Sorenson Ranch, Zone 2: Autumnwood, Zone 3: Mariposa Creek and Zone 4: Wyatt Ranch); and

d. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-064, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, to Confirm the Diagram and Assessment and to Levy Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Assessments for Landscape Maintenance Assessment District No. 03-01 (Stock Ranch Zones 1: Stock Ranch North, Zone 2: Stock Ranch South and Zone 3: Mitchell Farms)

The City Council received a presentation from Director Cave.

Mayor Lopez-Taff opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. Seeing no speaker requests, she closed the public hearing.

ACTION: On a motion by Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Nelson, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2026-062, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, to Confirm the Diagram and Assessment and to Levy Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Assessments for Landscape Maintenance Assessment District No. 98-01 (Stock Village Units Nos. 1 and 2).

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

ACTION: On a motion by Council Member Karpinski-Costa, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2026-063, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, to Confirm the Diagram and Assessment and to Levy Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Assessments for Landscape Maintenance Assessment District No. 98-02 (Zone 1: Sorenson Ranch, Zone 2: Autumnwood, Zone 3: Mariposa Creek and Zone 4: Wyatt Ranch).

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

ACTION: On a motion by Vice Mayor Middleton, seconded by Council Member Nelson, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2026-064, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, to Confirm the Diagram and Assessment and to Levy Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Assessments for Landscape Maintenance Assessment District No. 03-01 (Stock Ranch Zones 1: Stock Ranch North, Zone 2: Stock Ranch South and Zone 3: Mitchell Farms).

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

16. **SUBJECT:** Citrus Heights Lighting Assessment District – Levy of Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Annual Assessments
STAFF REPORT: R. Cave / L. Blomquist
RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the following:

a. Convene a public hearing for the District regarding the proposed annual assessment for Fiscal Year 2026/2027; and

b. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-065, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, to Confirm the Diagram and Assessment and to Levy Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Assessments for the Citrus Heights Lighting Assessment District.

The City Council received a report from City Engineer Blomquist and Engineering Technician II Ma.

Mayor Lopez-Taff opened the public hearing at 7:17 p.m. Seeing no speaker requests, she closed the public hearing.

ACTION: On a motion by Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Karpinski-Costa, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2026-065, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, to Confirm the Diagram and Assessment and to Levy Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Assessments for the Citrus Heights Lighting Assessment District.

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

17. **SUBJECT:** Resolution Confirming Report of Delinquent Solid Waste Charges and Ordering Collection of Delinquencies on the Property Tax Roll
STAFF REPORT: R. Cave / M. Poole
RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the following:

a. Conduct a Public Hearing on the Report of Delinquent Solid Waste Charges; and

b. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-066, A Resolution of the City Council of Citrus Heights, California, Confirming a Report of Delinquent Solid Waste Charges and Ordering Collection of Delinquencies on the Property Tax Roll

The City Council received a presentation from Operations Manager Poole.

Mayor Lopez-Taff opened the public hearing at 7:23 p.m. Seeing no speaker requests, she closed the public hearing.

ACTION: On a motion by Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Nelson, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2026-066, A Resolution of the City Council of Citrus Heights, California, Confirming a Report of Delinquent Solid Waste Charges and Ordering Collection of Delinquencies on the Property Tax Roll.

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

REGULAR CALENDAR

18. **SUBJECT:** Resolution Supporting the Nomination of Three Citrus Heights Census Tracts for an Opportunity Zone Designation
STAFF REPORT: M. Huber / A. Aguirre
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-067, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Supporting the Nomination of Three Eligible Citrus Heights Census Tracts for Opportunity Zone 2.0 Designation

The City Council received a presentation from Management Analyst II Aguirre.

ACTION: On a motion by Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Nelson, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2026-067, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Supporting the Nomination of Three Eligible Citrus Heights Census Tracts for Opportunity Zone 2.0 Designation.

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

19. **SUBJECT:** Resolutions Adopting the Memorandums of Understanding for the Citrus Heights Police Officers' Association and the Citrus Heights Police Employees Association; Amended Salary Table with Cost-of-Living Adjustments and Select Market Equity Adjustments; and Amendments to the Employer Contribution Level for Employee Health Benefits
STAFF REPORT: S. Talwar / M. Rojas
RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the following:

a. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-068, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Adopting the Memorandum of Understanding for the Citrus Heights Police Officers Association; and

b. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-069, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Adopting the Memorandum of Understanding for the Citrus Heights Police Employees Association; and

c. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-070, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Adopting an Amended Salary Table with Cost-of-Living Adjustments and Select Market Equity Adjustments; and

d. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-071, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Adopting the Amendments to the Employer Contribution Level for Employee Health Benefits

The City Council received a presentation from City Manager Feeney, Director Talwar, and Manager Rojas. City Council questions and comments followed.

Public Comment

Charles Stone addressed the City Council in opposition to any reduction of full-time equivalent positions from the Police Department.

Chris Colletti addressed the City Council in opposition to any reduction in Police Department funding.

ACTION: On a motion by Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Karpinski-Costa, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2026-068, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Adopting the Memorandum of Understanding for the Citrus Heights Police Officers Association.

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

ACTION: On a motion by Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Nelson, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2026-069, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Adopting the Memorandum of Understanding for the Citrus Heights Police Employees Association.

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

ACTION: On a motion by Vice Mayor Middleton, seconded by Council Member Nelson, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2026-070, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Adopting an Amended Salary Table with Cost-of-Living Adjustments and Select Market Equity Adjustments.

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

ACTION: On a motion by Vice Mayor Middleton, seconded by Council Member Nelson, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2026-071, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Adopting the Amendments to the Employer Contribution Level for Employee Health Benefits.

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

ITEMS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Karpinski-Costa requested a presentation on the Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP), seconded by Council Member Schaefer.

Council Member Karpinski-Costa requested an item on the Hen Keeping Ordinance adopted in 2016, seconded by Vice Mayor Middleton.

CITY MANAGER ITEMS

City Manager Feeney provided 2025 statistics from Sac Metro Fire and discussed how they reflect the City's efforts on the City Council's Strategic Objectives. Stars & Stripes attendance figures from 2023-2026 were reviewed. He announced upcoming events and a Council Meeting Recess.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lopez-Taff adjourned the regular meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Van, City Clerk