



336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263
Meeting Held In-Person and Via Zoom and Livestream on YouTube.

**AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
SHAFTER CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

Any documents produced by the City and distributed to a majority of the City Council regarding any item on this agenda will be made available in the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours at City Hall located at 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter CA. In addition, such documents will be posted on the City's website at www.shafter.com.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL: Mayor Givens
Mayor Pro Tem Prout
Council Member Alvarado
Council Member Espinoza
Council Member Olvera

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Alvarado

INVOCATION: Council Member Espinoza

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

PRESENTATION:

1. Reflection 2023 End of Year Highlights
2. Introduction of City Employee: Economic Development Director Ferdinando Guerra
3. Young Athlete Recognition: David Espinoza
4. Kern Mosquito & Vector Control District Presentation
5. Resolution of Service: Ecco K-9

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Those persons wishing to speak on any item included on the agenda, or on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council, are invited to speak from the podium and address the City Council. Speakers are limited to five minutes unless additional time is needed for translation. Please state your name and address for the record before making your presentation.

RECESS:

CLOSED SESSION:

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION:** Pursuant to California Government Code, Section 54956.9(a). Name of Case: California Department of Tax and Fee Administration Petitions of the Cities of Alameda, et al (Williams-Sonoma DTC, Inc. Case IDs: 757063, 284-450, 20127075.
2. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION:** Pursuant to California Government Code, Section 54956.9(d)(2) & (e)(1)
3. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT:** Pursuant to California Government Code, Section 54957 Title: City Manager.
4. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS:** Pursuant to California Government Code, Section 54956.8
Property: Assessor's Parcel Number 482-200-76. Agency Negotiator: Gabriel A. Gonzalez, City Manager. Negotiating Parties: Fire Chief Aaron Duncan, Kern County Fire Department. Under Negotiation: Price and terms.
5. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS:** Pursuant to California Government Code, Section 54956.8 Property: 100 Carver Street Assessor's Parcel Number 091-180-16. Agency Negotiator: Gabriel A. Gonzalez, City Manager. Negotiating Parties: Brandt Robinson, Alliance Ready Mix. Under Negotiation: Price and Terms.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS:

On their own initiative, Council Members may make a brief announcement or a brief report on their own activities. Council Members may ask a question for clarification, make a referral to staff, or take action to have staff place a matter of business on a future agenda. No formal action by the Council will be taken unless an item is identified on the Agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

All items on the consent calendar are considered routine and non-controversial by staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Council or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the consent calendar and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Council concerning the item before action is taken.

1. Approve General Checks: January 11, 2024, January 18, 2024, January 25, 2024, February 1, 2024.
2. Approve Payroll: January 12, 2024, January 26, 2024, February 1, 2024.
3. Approve Overtime Report: January 2024.
4. Approval of Minutes: December 19, 2023, January 16, 2024, January 16, 2024.
5. Approve Proclamation: Kern County Grand Jury Awareness February 2024.

6. Approve Special Event Permit: Circus, Ventura Circus, Mannel Park, March 20-26, 2024.
7. Council find the action is not defined as a "project" per Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines; ratify and authorize the declaration of surplus transit vehicles.
8. Council find the action is not defined as a "project" per Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines; and approve the medical retirement of Police K9 Ecko; declare the K9 as surplus unit and transfer ownership to his handler Officer Lucas Graves.
9. Council find the requested action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; approve one (1) proposal submitted by Ken W. Smith Construction, Inc. for constructing sidewalk improvements at City Hall (Proposal #4870) valued at \$11,250; approve one (1) proposal submitted by Ken W. Smith Construction, Inc. for reconstructing one (1) commercial drive approach at City Hall (Proposal #4869) valued at \$10,900; authorize the Public Works Director to award said proposals; and authorize expenditures for said improvements not to exceed \$30,000 for said sidewalk improvements.
10. Council find the requested action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; and approve and authorize the release of the North Shafter Street Improvements Engineering Services Request for Proposals subject to approval by the Public Works Director.
11. Council find the action is not defined as a "project" per Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines; accept a dedication of a public waterline easement from California Paper Products, LLC; and authorize the City Engineer to record said easement as a public document.
12. Council find the requested action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; accept one (1) proposal received for grading work at the Shafter Skatepark located at 460 East Euclid Avenue submitted by American West Construction Co.; and authorize the Deputy Public Works Director to issue a Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed to American West Construction Co. for said project for a contract amount of \$15,000.
13. Council find the requested action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; and authorize a revised total budget of \$25,000 for the Shafter Skatepark Electrical Service to cover the additional electrical installation cost.
14. Council find the action is not defined as a "project" per Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines; approve a professional service agreement with Paul O. Skarphol for an amount not to exceed \$15,000 to provide Architectural and Engineering Design Services for the Shafter Library and Learning Center Office Renovation Project; and authorize the City Manager to execute said agreement.

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

1. **SHAFTER LEARNING CENTER UPDATE & VAN PRESENTATION** : Item for information, discussion, and guidance to staff only. (City Manager Gabriel A. Gonzalez)

ROLL CALL

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

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1. You are strongly encouraged to observe the City Council meetings live via YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofShafter/>
2. If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item or public comment, please submit your comment via email by **6:00 PM on February 6, 2024** to the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter.com
3. If you wish to make a written comment to the City Clerk, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263.
4. If you wish to make a comment during the live meeting, callers must first register with the City Clerk at 661-746-5012 before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call- in number and code. Please call by 5:00pm on the Monday prior to the City Council meeting to allow ample time for sign up. You will need to provide your name, phone number and the item number you wish to address.
5. All public comments are provided to the City Council and applicable Staff, for review and consideration by the Board prior to taking action on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the City Council meeting.