



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

**AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
SHAFTER CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 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 Olvera

INVOCATION: Mayor Givens

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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.

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: November 27, 2024, December 5, 2024, December 12, 2024.
2. Approve Payroll: November 27, 2024, December 2, 2024.
3. Approve Minutes: September 17, 2024.
4. Council find the action is not defined as a “project” per Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines; read, by title only, and waive second reading of Ordinance No. 761 (the “Ordinance”), an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Shafter, California, acting as the legislative body of Community Facilities District No. 0815 (“CFD No. 0815”), authorizing the levy of special taxes within such community facilities district.
5. Council find that the action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; introduce for second reading, by title only, and waive reading, and adopt Ordinance No. 760, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Shafter approving Zone Code Amendment No. 24-19, an amendment to Title 17 of the Shafter Municipal Code (Zoning Ordinance) to comply with recent changes to state law that impose new limits on local authority to regulate Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units (JADUs) and (2) find that the adoption of the proposed ordinance is statutorily exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality per Public Resources Code Section 21080.17.
6. Council find the action is not defined as a “project” per Section 15378(b)(5) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines; authorize submittal of a letter on behalf of the City of Shafter supporting the State of California approval of the Final 2024 Kern County Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), updated December 2024.
7. Council find the requested action is not defined as a “project” per Section 15378(b)(5) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines; ratify a letter of support for a Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Rail (FSP) Program Funding grant to fund a Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Way grade separation project at Cherry Avenue; and authorize a funding commitment of \$6,800,000 as a local match for said grant project application through the use of traffic impact fee proceeds and funding partnerships with private developers.
8. Council find the action is not defined as a “project” per Section 15378(b)(5) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines; approve a license agreement with Richland School District for temporary use of the former City Corporation Yard located at 550 North Shafter Avenue (Kern County Assessor Parcel No. 028-010-12) subject to review and approval by the City Attorney; and authorize the City Manager to execute said license agreement on behalf of the City.

9. Council find action is not defined as a “project” per Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines; and adopt the City of Shafter Employee Bi-Weekly Pay Schedule effective November 23, 2024.
10. Council find action is not defined as a “project” per Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines; and approve and adopt the revised Federal Transit Administration Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy.
11. Council, serving as the Successor Agency to the Former Shafter Community Development Agency, find the proposed action is not defined as a “project” per Section 15378(b) (4) of the CEQA Guidelines; and adopt Resolution 3003, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Shafter serving as the Board of Directors of the Successor Agency to the Dissolved Shafter Community Development Agency, Approving and Adopting a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule Covering the Period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34177(l) And (m).
12. Council, serving as the Successor Agency to the Former Shafter Community Development Agency, find the action is not defined as a “project” per Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines; and adopt Resolution 3004, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Shafter serving as the Successor Agency to the Dissolved Shafter Community Development Agency, Approving and Adopting a Proposed Administrative Budget for the Period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34177(j).

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

1. **CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION NOVEMBER 5, 2024:** Council adopt Resolution 3002, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Shafter, California, Reciting the Fact of the General Municipal Election held on November 5, 2024, Declaring the Result and Such Other Matters as Provided by Law.

ROLL CALL

2. **COUNCIL MEMBER OATH OF OFFICE:** Clerk Administer the Oath of Office to Council Members Gilbert T. Alvarado, Pete Espinoza, and Chad Givens.

ROLL CALL

3. **REORGANIZATION AND APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS:** Each Board make nominations and appointments.

ROLL CALL

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

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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 December 17, 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.
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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.