



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

**AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING
SHAFTER CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026**

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: 4:00 PM

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

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.

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

- 1. DISCUSSION ON LOCAL SALES TAX REFERENDUM:** Council receive and file.
This item is for discussion purposes only.

ROLL CALL

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 **4:00 PM on January 20, 2026** 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 3:00pm 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.



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**NOTICE OF
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SHAFTER CITY COUNCIL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Shafter will be held on **January 20, 2026**. The meeting will convene at **4:00 PM**, in the Council Chamber, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California and via teleconference and Livestream on YouTube. Said special meeting shall be for the following purpose:

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

1. **DISCUSSION ON LOCAL SALES TAX REFERENDUM:** Council receive and file. This item is for discussion purposes only.

Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk

Affidavit of Posting Special Meeting Notice

This is to certify that this Special Meeting Notice was posted at City Hall and the Police Department by 5:00 p.m., January 16, 2026. Further information regarding this Agenda Notice is available at City Hall, 336 Pacific Ave., Shafter, CA.

Yazmina Pallares, S/S, City Clerk

Dated: January 16, 2026



CITY OF SHAFTER CITY COUNCIL REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 20, 2026

DEPARTMENT: Michael James, Assistant City Manager, Rogelio Sanchez, Finance Director

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ON LOCAL SALES TAX REFERENDUM

RECOMMENDATION

Council receive and file. This item is for discussion purposes only.

BACKGROUND

At the December 16, 2025 City Council meeting, an item proposing professional services agreements related to sales tax initiative outreach was pulled from the agenda at the request of the Mayor prior to Council consideration or discussion. In response, and to support transparent community engagement on the matter, Staff now recommends conducting a public workshop to initiate dialogue on a potential local sales tax measure for the November 2026 ballot.

The workshop is intended as a conceptual discussion and will include a Staff presentation outlining a potential local sales tax and other revenue-generating alternatives aimed at maintaining existing service levels at a time when traditional revenue sources have come under increasing strain. The City continues to face fiscal pressures related to growth, infrastructure demands, and long-term service needs. No Council action is being requested at this time. Feedback gathered during the workshop will help inform future agenda items. These may include requests for Council authority to award professional services agreements to support the development of a proactive and transparent public engagement process as a first step prior to any formal consideration of a revenue measure.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item. The proposed workshop will be conducted using existing staff resources and does not require any new appropriations.

CEQA ANALYSIS

This item does not require discretionary action as it is for discussion purposes only. Therefore, it does not trigger CEQA review.

APPROVED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY

MANAGEMENT REPORT

DISCUSSION ON LOCAL SALES TAX REFERENDUM

Not Applicable

ATTACHMENTS

None