



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

**AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
SHAFTER CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 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: 6:00 PM

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Prout

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: February 11, 2026, February 19, 2026, February 23, 2026, February 26, 2026.
2. Approval of Minutes: December 16, 2025.
3. Council find the action is not defined as a “project” per Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines; approve the Special Event Permit application submitted by The Hens Roost Inc. for “First Friday Market in Shafter,” including the requested temporary alterations/closures within the public right-of-way and related areas (Green Hotel parking lot; James Street in front of the Green Hotel; and Central Avenue in front of the park to James Street); and approve total costs for a year's worth of events at approximately \$15,936.
4. Council find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; Adopt Resolution No. 3068, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Shafter Terminating Williamson Act Preserve No. 8, Approving an Administrative Lot Split, and Authorizing Recordation of Associated Parcels and Easements for the North Shafter Community Park Project; authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents, including an administrative Grant Deed to reconfigure parcel boundaries without transferring ownership, associated Public Utility and Road Easements, and all documents required to effectuate the Williamson Act termination; and authorize the recordation and filing of said documents as required by law.
5. Council find the action is not defined as a “project” per Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines; approve the Lease Amendment No. 1 Agreement (“Lease Amendment No 1”) for the continued parking lot lease located at 217 and 219 Central Avenue; approve a fiscal year 2025-26 budget adjustment from the General Fund for \$1,000, and authorize City Manager or City Manager’s designee to execute all documents necessary to complete the transaction.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Should anyone challenge any proposed action which is the subject of a public hearing listed on this agenda, that person challenging any action taken after the public hearing may be limited to raising only those issues addressed at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at or prior to this public hearing.

1. **TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 7523 APPROVAL:** Council find the action has already been analyzed per the California Environmental Quality Act; adopt Resolution No. 3063, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Shafter approving Tentative Tract Map No. 7523, as depicted in Exhibit "A" with conditions of approval as shown in Exhibit "B".

ROLL CALL

- 2. AMEND SHAFTER MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 5 (BUSINESS TAXES, LICENSES AND REGULATIONS) TO COMPLY WITH SENATE BILL 635:** Council find that the action is not defined as a “project” per Section 15378(b)(2) of the CEQA Guidelines; conduct hearing and introduce for first reading by title only and waive reading of Ordinance No. 778, an amendment Shafter Municipal Code Title 5 (Business Taxes, Licenses and Regulations) to comply with Senate Bill 635.

ROLL CALL

- 3. AMEND SHAFTER MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 15 (BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION) TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAW REGARDING ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS:** Council find that the action is not defined as a “project” per Section 15378(b)(2) of the CEQA Guidelines; conduct hearing and introduce for first reading by title only and waive reading of Ordinance No. 779, an amendment Shafter Municipal Code Title 15 (Building and Construction) to comply with State law regarding electric vehicle charging stations.

ROLL CALL

- 4. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FAIR SHARE FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEARS 2025-2026 AND 2026-2027 FILING OF A PROJECT APPLICATION PUBLIC HEARING:** Council finds that the action is not defined as a “project” per Section 15378(b)(4) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines; conduct a public hearing to receive community input regarding potential uses of CDBG funds for Fiscal Years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027; adopt Resolution No. 3064, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Shafter, authorizing the submission of an application to the County of Kern for up to the full estimated allocation amount for scalable improvements at Mannel Park, or an alternative eligible project approved by the City Council; and authorize staff to amend the application as necessary to reflect the final confirmed funding amount.

ROLL CALL

- 5. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (CD) FUNDING ACTIVITY NUMBERS 18.22.1 AND 18.23.1 FOR POTENTIAL PROJECTS REALLOCATION PUBLIC HEARING:** Council find that the action is not defined as a "project" per Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines; conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed cancellation of CD Activities 18.22.1 and 18.23.1 and the reallocation of associated CDBG funds; adopt Resolution No. 3065, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Shafter, authorizing the cancellation of CD Activities 18.22.1 and 18.23.1 and the reallocation and consolidation of associated CDBG funds for improvements at Rodriguez Park, or an alternative eligible CDBG project approved by the City Council; and authorize staff to take all actions necessary to effectuate the funding reallocation consistent with Council direction.

ROLL CALL

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

- 1. RESOLUTION APPROVING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH WONDERFUL REAL ESTATE LLC FOR USE OF EXISTING CITY RAIL FACILITY LOCATED AT APNS 091-252-72, 091-253-09, 091-261-13, portion of 091-261-16, and 090-180-29:** Council find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 and 15302; and adopt Resolution No. 3067, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement

with the Wonderful Industrial Park Logistics LLC (“Tenant”) for the use of the City’s existing rail facility located at APNs 091-252-72, 091-253-09, 091-261-13, portion of 091-261-16, and 090-180-29 (the “Lease”).

ROLL CALL

- 2. PURCHASE OF 1351 E ASH AVENUE SHAFTER, CA 93263 (APN 089-140-13):** Council find the action is not defined as a “project” per Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines; approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement (“Purchase Agreement”) for the purchase of the property located at 1351 E Ash Avenue; approve a fiscal year 2025-26 budget adjustment from the General Fund for \$860,000; approve the use of Transit grant funding in the amount of \$1,100,000 for this acquisition; and adopt Resolution 3066, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Shafter, authorizing City Manager or his designee, Kamal Siada, Economic Development Director, to execute all documents necessary to complete the transaction.

ROLL CALL

- 3. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING CONTRACTING WITH LEGAL COUNSEL TO REVIEW THE SHAFTER MUNICIPAL CODE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW:** Council receive and file. This item is for informational purposes only.

ROLL CALL

- 4. APPROVAL FOR THE ADDITION OF A GIS COORDINATOR POSITION:** Council find that the action is not defined as a “project” per Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines; approve the addition of one (1) GIS Coordinator position to the City’s staffing allocation to ensure continuity of GIS operations, provide technical oversight of GIS infrastructure, and support the City’s expanding infrastructure and fiber initiatives.

ROLL CALL

- 5. LERDO HIGHWAY VEGETATIVE BARRIER TREE PLANTING PROJECT:** Council find that the action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; approve the establishment of a new Capital Improvement Program project for the AB 617 Shafter Vegetative Barriers Project with a budget of \$253,000; authorize Staff to utilize the City’s existing bidding and procurement procedures for implementation of the project; and direct staff to return to the City Council for approval of any purchase or contract awards, as applicable, and to provide future project updates.

ROLL CALL

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

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City staff in making reasonable arrangements to provide you with access to the meeting. Any public record, relating to an open session agenda item, that is distributed within 72 hours prior to the meeting is available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office at Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Ave., Shafter, CA 93263. This is to certify that this Agenda notice was posted at City Hall and Police Dept. by 5:00 p.m., February 26, 2026. Yazmina Pallares, S/S, City Clerk

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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 March 3, 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 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.