



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

**AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
SHAFTER CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 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](http://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 Alvarado
- INVOCATION:** Council Member Espinoza

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**PRESENTATION:**

1. Community Action Partnership Month 2026

**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: April 17, 2023, April 23, 2026.
2. Approve Payroll: April 17, 2026, May 1, 2026, May 1, 2026.
3. Approve Minutes: February 17, 2026.
4. Approve Proclamation: Municipal Clerks Week
5. Approve Proclamation: April 29 - May 5, 2026 Cinco de Mayo Days
6. Council find the action is not defined as a “project” per Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines; and approve the designation of Carol Chavolla, Human Resources Director, as the City of Shafter’s ADA Coordinator, replacing the prior designation of Mike James (2019).
7. Council find the action was previously exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and approve project plans and specifications for the Lerdo Highway Reconstruction - Schnaidt St. to Valley St. Project (#ST00038.1); and authorize staff to proceed with formal bidding for said project per the City’s bidding and procurement policies.
8. Council find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction); authorize the City Manager to award a Professional Services Agreement to Diversified Project Services International, Inc. in the amount up to \$135,000 for engineering design and construction support services; and authorize the creation of a new Capital Improvement Program (CIP) project with a budget allocation of \$150,000 funded by the Gax Tax Fund.

**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. 7422 (GOSSAMER GROVE SPECIFIC PLAN):**

Council find the action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; conduct a public hearing; and adopt Resolution No. 3076, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Shafter, adopting a Notice of Exemption and approving Tentative Tract No. 7422, as depicted in Exhibit "A" with Conditions of Approval as shown in Exhibit "B"; to allow the residential subdivision of a 351.97-acre site into 1,289 lots on portions of Lerdo Subdivision “A” in the south half of Section 25,

Township 28 South, Range 26 East and the southwest quarter of Section 30,  
Township 28 South, Range 27 East (APNs 482-010-57, 482-040-12, 482-040-13,  
482-040-15, 091-210-02, and 091-210-08).

**ROLL CALL**

**MANAGEMENT REPORT:**

- 1. ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF SHAFTER FIVE-YEAR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN (EDSP):** Council finds that the action is not defined as a “project” per Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines; adopts the City of Shafter’s Five-Year Economic Development Strategic Plan

**ROLL CALL**

- 2. COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS) AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION TO THE U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION FOR REVIEW:** Council finds that the action is not defined as a “project” per Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines; adopt Resolution No. 3077, accepting the City of Shafter Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (“CEDS”) and authorizing submission to the U.U.S. Economic Development Administration (“EDA”) for review.

**ROLL CALL**

- 3. LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCO) APPOINTMENT:** Council find the action is not defined as a “project” per Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines; and appoint one Council Member to serve as the City’s representative on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO); and appoint one alternate representative.

**ROLL CALL**

- 4. REMOTE ACCESS NETWORK BOARD (RAN) APPOINTMENT:** Council find the action is not defined as a “project” per Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines; and appoint one Council Member to the Remote Access Network Board.

**ROLL CALL**

- 5. 3RD OF JULY SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT AND IN-KIND/DIRECT SPONSORSHIP FOR SHAFTER LIONS FIREWORKS SHOW:** Council find the action is not defined as a “project” pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines; approve a Special Event Permit for the Shafter Lions Fireworks Show to be held at Sequoia Elementary School; approve in-kind contributions from City of Shafter in the amount of \$8,847 (Shafter Police Department), and \$5,500 (Shafter Public Works); and approve a sponsorship in the amount of \$35,000 to support the event.

**ROLL CALL**

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS AND REPORTS:**

**DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR COMMENTS AND REPORTS:**

**RECESS:**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION:** Pursuant to California Government Code, Section 54956.9(d)(2)/(e)(1). One Potential Case.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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Yazmina Pallares, S/S, City Clerk

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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 May 5, 2026** to the City Clerk at [CityClerk@shafter.com](mailto: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.