

Item:	B-1
Minutes for:	06/24/2026s
Adopted:	07/01/2026

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Madera City Council

Wednesday, June 24, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers
City Hall

The Madera City Council meetings are open to the public. The meeting was available for public viewing and participation through Zoom. Members of the public were able to observe the live-streamed meeting on the City's website and were able to comment on agenda items at the meeting, remotely through an electronic meeting via phone, via email and by regular mail.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Cece Gallegos
Mayor Pro Tem Rohi Zacharia, District 1
Councilmember Jose Rodriguez, District 2 (Left at 6:40 p.m.)
Councilmember Steve Montes, District 3
Councilmember Anita Evans, District 4
Councilmember Elsa Mejia, District 5
Councilmember Artemio Villegas, District 6

Others present were City Manager Arnoldo Rodriguez, City Clerk Alicia Gonzales, City Attorney Shannon L. Chaffin, Chief Building Official Rafael Magallan, City Engineer Keith Helmuth, Community Development Director Will Tackett, Director of Financial Services Michael Lima, Division Fire Chief Larry Pendarvis, Fire Battalion Chief Anthony Garcia, Director of Human Resources Wendy Silva, Director of Information Technology Gary Price, Director of Parks and Community Services Joseph Hebert, Planning Manager David Brletic, Chief of Police Giachino Chiaramonte, Police Commander Josiah Arnold, Public Works Director Harpiar Gandhi, Administrative Analyst I (Finance) Richard Gracia, and Communication Specialist Joseph Carrello.

INVOCATION: Mayor Pro Tem Zacharia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Pro Tem Zacharia

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES, THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY A 7/0 VOTE.

PRESENTATIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public shall have an opportunity to address the City Council regarding matters on this Agenda at the time the agenda item is called. Speakers should limit their comments to three (3) minutes.

No Public Comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.

A. PETITIONS, BIDS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND AGREEMENTS:

B-1 Presentation and Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Proposed Budget

- Recommendation:**
1. Conduct a Public Hearing and Adopt the Resolution approving the Operating, Capital, and Debt Budgets for Fiscal Year 2026/27
 2. Adopt a Resolution Establishing an Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2026/27 in the amount of \$65,224,052 (Report by Michael Lima)

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS, ITEM B-1 WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY A 7/0 VOTE.

RES 26-116 RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF MADERA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$242,058,898 AND THE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

RES 26-117 A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA ADOPTING THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR THE 2026/2027 FISCAL YEAR

B-2 Policy Governing Remote Participation and Enhancement of Public Participation in City Council and Subsidiary Body Meetings

- Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution Adopting the Policy Governing Remote Participation and Enhancement of Public Participation in City Council and Subsidiary Body Meetings (Report by Alicia Gonzales)


ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER EVANS, ITEM B-2 WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ

RES 26-118 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A POLICY GOVERNING REMOTE PARTICIPATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN CITY COUNCIL AND SUBSIDIARY BODY MEETINGS

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

- Wednesday, July 1, 2026
- Wednesday, July 15, 2026

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.


ALICIA GONZALES, City Clerk


CECELIA K. GALLEGOS, Mayor


MINUTES PREPARED BY
ZELDA LEÓN, Deputy City Clerk