



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

777 B Street, Hayward, CA 94541

Council Chambers

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Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Salinas at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Goldstein

ROLL CALL

Present: COUNCIL MEMBERS Andrews, Bonilla Jr., Goldstein, Roche, Syrop, Zermeño
MAYOR Salinas

Absent: NONE

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

The City Council convened in closed session on February 3, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., with all members present and no public speakers regarding conference with property negotiators pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8, about City Center (APNs 415-0250-111-02, 415-0250-112-00, 415-0250-113-00), Cinema Place (APNs 428-0066-085-00, 428-0066-086-00), C St and Main St (APNs 428-0066-037-00, 428-0066-038-02, 428-0066-038-01), Parcel Group 5 (APNs 445-0270-054-02, 445-0260-084-03, 445-0250-060-01, 445-0260-109-04, 445-0250-059-01, 445-0250-041-01, 445-0260-018-03, 445-0260-018-04, 445-0260-109-03, and 445-0260-002-00), and Parcel Group 8 (APNs 415-0190-064-00, 415-0180-069-01, 415-0180-068-01, 415-0180-073-00, 415-0180-074-00, 415-0180-075-00). City Attorney Lawson reported that the City Council met with its property negotiations team to discuss the item, gave direction to staff, but took no reportable action. The closed session adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Veronica Barteveian shared she was laid off from the Hayward Library while on bereavement leave; warned that cuts to library programs harm vulnerable residents who rely on ESL, literacy, and citizenship services; and urged the City to align its budget decisions with stated values of community and opportunity.

Reina Escovedo described her 15 years of service at the Hayward Library; expressed disappointment at management decisions that led to staffing cuts, reduced hours, and the suspension of mobile services such as Curbie Mobile Library; emphasized the personal financial hardship on workers; and mentioned that management-level cuts across the City could have prevented frontline layoffs.

Ron Collins stated that SEIU Local 1021 presented the City a proposal on January 8, 2026, to address the budget deficit without layoffs and cutting core services, but the City failed to respond meanwhile workers were laid off and services were cut; and urged the City to restore

positions, services, bring solutions that do not rely on layoffs or concessions for the benefit of the workers and community.

Jorge Flores explained that street vending has severely reduced sales for brick-and-mortar businesses, forcing layoffs and hour reductions; and asked the City to fairly enforce regulations, arguing that unregulated vendors create health, safety, and economic inequities.

Luis Santos, Los Carnalitos Restaurant business owner, echoed concerns from fellow business owners, stating that rising costs and unregulated street vending are threatening the survival of small businesses that comply with taxes and labor laws; and asked the City to take action to protect compliant businesses.

Luis Barba, La Casita Restaurant business owner and via Interpreter Quezada, raised health, safety, and accessibility concerns related to sidewalk vending, including unsafe food handling, blocked sidewalks, alcohol sale, potential gas hazards, and advertising dental services operating from a residential garage; and urged the City to enforce regulations and take responsibility before serious harm occurs.

Jose Huitron, Hayward business owner and via Interpreter Quezada, shared that his business has steadily declined while unregulated vendors operate without taxes or inspection fees; stressed that small businesses follow the rules willingly but are unfairly disadvantaged by lack of enforcement; and urged the City Council to help small business owners.

Pepe, business owner, described inconsistent enforcement by health and law enforcement agencies, noting that unlicensed food trailers without plates or identification continue operating openly; and asked the City to address safety and accountability concerns more seriously.

Mayor Salinas indicated that the City Manager and his office are coordinating a meeting with business owners to listen to concerns and share efforts led by the City.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

City Manager Ott made two announcements: 1) a Black History Month celebration at the Hayward Public Library on February 7, 2026, featuring a free 45-minute performance by Dimensions Dance Theater; and 2) a pre-Valentine's Day book sale hosted by the Friends of the Hayward Library on February 7, 2026, at the Downtown Library bookstore, with additional books available at the Weekes Branch.

PRESENTATION

1. Update on Federal and State Advocacy and Legislative Developments for the 2025-26 Session **(Report from City Manager Ott)**

Assistant City Manager Thomas announced the item and introduced Dana DeBeaumont and Vanessa Vergara with Capitol Advocacy Partners (CAP), who provided an update on federal



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advocacy and legislative developments for the 2025-26 session, including key federal developments impacting Hayward, and CAP's ongoing federal priorities for Hayward. An updated presentation slide was filed for the record.

Council Member Andrews mentioned that Senate Bill 972 addresses street food vending; and asked CAP representatives to research any federal legislation addressing how street vending affects local jurisdictions and consider the issue as part of their broader advocacy efforts.

In response to Council Member Bonilla Jr.'s inquiry about project alignment with executive orders, CAP representatives explained that aligning with executive priorities is a growing trend across grant reviews and noted increased scrutiny over sanctuary cities and pending federal funding.

Council Member Roche asked CAP to monitor any federal legislation around energy affordability, environmental impact of data centers, and cyber fraud targeting seniors, and provide a report to the City Council.

In response to Council Member Zermeño's inquiry as the reason why Hayward was not listed among the cities targeted by the federal government for sanctuary city policies, CAP representatives explained that the City's leadership had effectively maintained a balanced approach.

Mayor Salinas complimented CAP representatives DeBeaumont and Vergara on their work and expressed confidence in their continued advocacy for the City's priorities.

Carlin Shelby, Deputy Director with Townsend Public Affairs (TPA), provided an overview of key state legislative items for 2026, State budget update, grant funding updates, and overview of funding efforts.

Council Member Roche requested TPA to track legislation for advocacy efforts on energy affordability, changes to sidewalk food vending regulation specific to where vendors operate, impacts of data centers, and cyber fraud targeting seniors.

In response to Council Member Andrews' inquiry for updates on the State's work around restorative justice and reparations, human trafficking, and mental health support, TPA's Deputy Director Shelby provided an update and noted that while many bills stalled due to budget constraints, new proposals are expected soon, and TPA will follow up with an overview and advocacy approach.

In response to Council Member Syrop's inquiry about the status of renter protections and potential reforms to Costa-Hawkins, TPA's Deputy Director Shelby provided an update and

acknowledged the matter remains a priority for tenant advocates and promised to track related legislation.

In response to Council Member Syrop’s inquiry about TPA’s involvement with CSU and local school districts, emphasizing their impact on the City, TPA’s Deputy Director Shelby noted her firm collaborates on advocacy where appropriate such as providing letters of support. Council Member Syrop closed by voicing personal support for the proposed “billionaires’ tax” to reduce government deficits.

Mayor Salinas thanked TPA representative Shelby for the presentation and urged her to continue advocating for Hayward’s priorities.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Approve the City Council Minutes of the Meeting on January 20, 2025 **MIN 26-015**
It was moved by Council Member Syrop, seconded by Council Member Goldstein, and carried unanimously to adopt the City Council meeting minutes of January 20, 2026.

3. Adopt a Resolution Approving Garbage and Recycling Rate Adjustment for 2026-2027
CONS 26-030

Staff report submitted by Public Works Director Ameri, dated February 3, 2026, was filed.

It was moved by Council Member Syrop, seconded by Council Member Goldstein, and carried unanimously, to adopt the resolution.

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS Andrews, Bonilla Jr., Goldstein, Roche,
Syrop, Zermeño
MAYOR Salinas
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 26-008, “Resolution Approving the Garbage & Recycling Rate Adjustment for 2026-2027”

4. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Agreements with Alameda County Transportation Commission and Union Pacific Railroad to Facilitate Project Advancement into the Construction Phase **CONS 26-031**

Staff report submitted by Public Works Director Ameri, dated February 3, 2026, was filed.

It was moved by Council Member Syrop, seconded by Council Member Goldstein, and carried unanimously, to adopt the resolution.



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ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 26-009, "Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Alameda County Transportation Commission and Construction and Maintenance Agreements with Union Pacific Railroad and Alameda County Transportation Commission for the Construction of the Tennyson High School Pedestrian (Dot #749773p) and Industrial Parkway (Dot #749775d)/Industrial Parkway Trail (Dot #768394r) Railroad Crossings as Part of the Rail Safety Enhancement Program – Phase A Project"

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

5. Residential Rent Stabilization and Tenant Protection Ordinance: Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 12, Article 1 of the Hayward Municipal Code to Extend the Arbitration Decision Deadlines and Include a Cost Recovery Process Consistent with Other Housing Program Fees (Report from Development Services Director Buizer) **LB 26-003**

Staff report submitted by Development Services Director Buizer, Development Services Deputy Director Morales, and Principal Planner Schmidt, dated February 3, 2026, was filed.

Development Services Director Buizer announced the item and introduced Management Analyst Patel who provided an overview of the staff report.

In response to Council Member Syrop's inquiry as to what happens if associated costs are not recovered and whether the program's fee adjusts automatically according to Consumer Price Index (CPI) to keep up with rising administrative costs, Management Analyst Patel explained the City Council would need to authorize a loan from another fund and the fee is determined by the City's Master Fee Schedule which is undergoing review for ways to incrementally increase fees.

There being no public comment, Mayor Salinas opened and closed the public hearing at 8:41 p.m.

It was moved by Council Member Syrop, seconded by Council Member Roche, and carried unanimously, to introduce the ordinance.

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS Andrews, Bonilla Jr., Goldstein, Roche,
Syrop, Zermeño
MAYOR Salinas
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Introduction of Ordinance 26-, “An Ordinance of the City Of Hayward, California Amending Chapter 12, Article 1 of the Hayward Municipal Code Relating to Residential Rent Stabilization and Tenant Protection Council Reports and Announcements”

COUNCIL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

COUNCIL REFERRALS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Salinas adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:45 p.m.

APPROVED

Mark Salinas
Mayor, City of Hayward

ATTEST:

Miriam Lens
City Clerk, City of Hayward