



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

777 B Street, Hayward, CA 94541

Council Chambers

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Tuesday, February 17, 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 Roche

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: COUNCIL MEMBER Syrop

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

The City Council convened in closed session on February 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., with Council Member Syrop absent and six members present, and no public speakers, regarding conference with legal counsel, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d), pending litigation, Caleb Smith, et al. v. City of Hayward, et al. United States District Court case no. 4:21-cv-08467 YGR. The City Council unanimously, with Council Member Roche moving and Council Member Andrew seconding, added pending litigation - Garden of Eden, et al. vs. City of Hayward, to the closed session, as the matter came to the City's attention after the agenda was posted. City Attorney Lawson reported that the City Council conferred with legal counsel regarding the two pending litigation items and took no reportable action. The closed session was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

PRESENTATION

Mayor Salinas acknowledged National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Hayward South Alameda County representative Alanda Johnson, Black Women Organized for Political Action (BWOPA) Hayward/ South County Chapter President Rocquel Johnson, Alameda County Board of Education Trustee Alisha Knowles, Hayward Unified School District (HUSD) Board President Peter Bufete, and HUSD Superintendent Chien Wu-Fernandez.

Mayor Salinas read a Proclamation declaring February 2026 as Black History Month in the City of Hayward. Representatives from HUSD Board, NAACP Hayward South County, and BWOPA Hayward/ South County Chapter offered remarks and accepted the proclamation on behalf of their respective organizations.

Council Member Andrews thanked attendees and honored Reverend Jesse Jackson as a larger-than-life civil rights leader and longtime head of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, noting that he witnessed the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and chose to continue his activism rather than live in fear; highlighted Reverend Jackson's legacy as a presidential candidate and

advocate for the Black community; and commended the City of Hayward and local organizations for continuing that legacy by supporting and celebrating the Black community through initiatives such as raising the Pan-African flag, celebrating Juneteenth and Black History Month, and ensuring libraries remain safe spaces for all.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

City Manager Ott made three announcements: 1) Keep Hayward Clean and Green Neighborhood Cleanup event led by the Clean and Green Commission on February 28, 2026, at Longwood Elementary School; 2) City of Hayward's 150th Birthday Celebration kickoff on March 11, 2026, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at City Hall Plaza, featuring community partners, commemorative refreshments, and live performances; and 3) Annual State of the City Address on March 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hayward Unified School District Performing Arts Center, where Mayor Salinas will provide updates on City initiatives, budget actions, and Council priorities.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve the City Council Minutes of the Meeting on January 27, 2025 **MIN 26-017**
It was moved by Council Member Andrews, seconded by Council Member Goldstein, and carried unanimously with Council Member Syrop absent, to adopt the City Council meeting minutes of January 27, 2026.
2. Approve the City Council Minutes of the Meeting on February 3, 2025 **MIN 26-020**
It was moved by Council Member Andrews, seconded by Council Member Goldstein, and carried unanimously with Council Member Syrop absent, to adopt the City Council meeting minutes of February 3, 2026.
3. Adopt a Resolution Reserving a Blanket Public Utility Easement and Storm Drain Easement Across the Entirety of the Vacated Right-of-Way of Valley Street East of 4th Street to C Street, as a Corrective Action to Resolution No. 23-085 **CONS 26-036**

Staff report submitted by Public Works Director Ameri, dated February 16, 2026, was filed.

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

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



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Resolution 26-010, "Resolution Reserving a Blanket Public Utility Easement and Storm Drain Easement Across the Entirety of the Vacated Right-of-Way of Valley Street East of 4th Street to C Street; A Corrective Action to Resolution No. 23-085"

4. Adopt a Resolution Approving the Plans and Specifications and Calling for Bids for A Street Sewer Line Replacement Project, Project No. 07831 **CONS 26-038**

Staff report submitted by Public Works Director Ameri, dated February 16, 2026, was filed.

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

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

Resolution 26-011, "Resolution Approving the Plans and Specifications and Calling for Bids for a Street Sewer Line Replacement Project, Project No. 07831"

5. Adopt 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 **CONS 26-039**

Staff report submitted by City Clerk Lens, dated February 16, 2026, was filed.

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

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

Ordinance 26-03, “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”

6. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Appropriate \$1,094,417 from Measure BB Fund Balance and Amend the Agreement with Onward Health, Inc. for Paratransit Services to Increase the Total Not-to-Exceed Amount to \$1,975,030 **CONS 26-044**

Staff report submitted by Assistant City Manager Thomas, dated February 16, 2026, was filed.

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

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

Resolution 26-012, “Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Appropriate \$1,094,417 From Measure BB Paratransit Fund Balance and Amend the Agreement with Onward Health, Inc. for Paratransit Services for a Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$1,975,030”

7. Adopt a Resolution Approving Agreement with Philanthropic Ventures Foundation as Fiscal Sponsor for the Russell City Redress Fund and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Agreement **CONS 26-047**

Staff report submitted by City Attorney Lawson, dated February 16, 2026, was filed.

It was moved by Council Member Andrews, seconded by Council Member Goldstein, and carried unanimously, to adopt the resolution with corrections to the staff report, as noted in the memo distributed to the City Council and uploaded to the City’s website.

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



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Resolution 26-013, “Resolution Certifying Approval for Execution of Agreements Between and Among the City of Hayward, the County of Alameda, and the Alameda County Office of Education with Philanthropic Ventures Foundation, and Adopting the Agreement for Philanthropic Ventures Foundation to Serve as Fiscal Sponsor for the Russell City Redress Fund”

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

8. Hayward Municipal Code Update: Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Sections 8-18.20 to 8-18.40, 8-18.120 to 8-18.170, and 8-18.190 to 8-18.200, of Article 18, Chapter 8 of the Hayward Municipal Code Related to the Utility User Tax (Report from Finance Director Hilbrants) **LB 26-004**

Staff report submitted by City Attorney Lawson and Finance Director Hilbrants, dated February 3, 2026, was filed.

Finance Director Hilbrants provided an overview of the staff report.

In response to Council Member Roche’s inquiry to clarify that the proposed ordinance amendment does not change the utility tax rate, Finance Director Hilbrants confirmed that the tax amount remains the same, with updates only to clarify provisions related to collection and appeals.

There being no public speakers, Mayor Salinas opened and closed the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

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

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

Introduction of Ordinance 26-_, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Hayward Amending Sections 8-18.20 to 8-18.40, 8-18.120 to 8-18.170, and 8-18.190 to 8-18.200 of Article 18, Chapter 8 of the Hayward Municipal Code Relating to the Utility Users Tax”

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

9. Informational Report: Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) Improvements Phase II Project Update RPT 26-010

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

The item was presented as general information for the City Council and the public at large.

In response to Council Member Andrews' inquiry, City Manager Ott confirmed that the item is not part of the General Fund.

10. Informational Report: Updates to the Ralph M. Brown Act Resulting from the Passage of Senate Bill 707 (SB 707) RPT 26-014

Staff report submitted by City Clerk Lens, City Attorney Lawson, and Senior Assistant City Attorney, dated February 3, 2026, was filed.

The item was presented as general information for the City Council and the public at large.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

COUNCIL REFERRALS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Salinas adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:31 p.m.

APPROVED

Mark Salinas
Mayor, City of Hayward

ATTEST:

Miriam Lens
City Clerk, City of Hayward