



**CITY COUNCIL AND HAYWARD GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT
(GHAD) BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

777 B Street, Hayward, CA 94541

Council Chambers

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Tuesday, May 19, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

The concurrent City Council and Hayward Geologic Hazard Abatement District (GHAD) Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Mayor/GHAD Chair Salinas at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Pledge of Allegiance: Council/GHAD Member Roche

ROLL CALL

Present: COUNCIL/GHAD MEMBERS Bonilla Jr., Goldstein, Roche, Syrop, Zermeño
MAYOR/GHAD CHAIR Salinas

Absent: COUNCIL/GHAD MEMBER Andrews

HAYWARD GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT (GHAD) BOARD MEETING

The Hayward Geologic Hazard Abatement District (GHAD) Board of Directors convened and adjourned its meeting at approximately 7:16 p.m. Mayor Salinas immediately reconvened the session in his capacity as Mayor, calling the City Council meeting to order at approximately 7:17 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bruce Anthony, Hayward resident, thanked Mayor Salinas and City staff for delaying the natural gas appliance ban; and urged the City to focus on informing residents about the benefits of electric appliances instead of imposing mandates.

Lucy Lopez, Hayward Chamber of Commerce CEO, expressed support for modernizing the City's business license tax structure but urged the City Council to adopt a phased incremental approach, not to exceed a 3x the current rate, to avoid harming local businesses and having major employers leave Hayward and choose other cities with more predictable cost structures, undermining existing business-friendly city initiatives; and emphasized the Chamber's wiliness to partner with the City on finding creative solutions.

TJ with Hayward Concerned Citizens shared a positive experience with Hayward Animal Services after reporting an injured deer through Access Hayward, praising staff for their professionalism, dedication and responsiveness.

David Padilla, representing SEIU 1021 City workers, expressed support for the City's budget modernization proposals; noted that a true match-your-neighborhood model could bring in an additional \$7 million in revenue; argued that robust City revenues and services ultimately help attract and retain businesses; and encouraged the City Council to pursue bold revenue measures to stabilize Hayward long-term.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

City Manager Ott made three announcements: 1) the City of Hayward celebrated Bike to Wherever Day on May 14, 2026, with a record four energizer stations and over 200 participants, organized by Public Works; 2) the Point-in-Time (PIT) homeless count results showed that Hayward's overall homeless population declined 21% from 512 individuals in January 2024 to 404 in January 2026, and the percentage of people experiencing homelessness who are sheltered held steady at 46%; and 3) the launch of the City's latest Heart of the Bay/FIFA World Cup Campaign promoting Hayward as a destination during the FIFA World Cup season, including upcoming World Cup watch parties in Hayward on June 12 and June 24, 2026, hosted by Hayward Area Recreation and Park District.

Mayor Salinas emphasized that Hayward's 21% PIT reduction in homelessness, compared to the countywide average of 13%, is evidence that the City's collaborative approach is working; and credited the progress to multi-agency strategies.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Salinas read a Proclamation declaring the month of May 2026 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month in the City of Hayward.

The following individuals received the proclamation on behalf of their community groups: Hayward Unified School District (HUSD) School Board President Peter Bufete; Asian Pacific Islander Community Initiative (APICI) Parent Lead Lani Llamido; Strong, Smart & Kind (SSK) CEO/Founder Teresa Hoang; Winton Middle School Principal Lisa Tess; Winton Middle School Asian and Pacific Islander Club (APIC) Advisor Nieleen Tamondong; High School Asian Culture Club President Darren Trieu; and Library Director Jayanti Addleman.

Council Member Syrop expressed appreciation for the efforts to increase visibility and representation for the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander community in Hayward; reflected on his personal experience growing up as a Chinese American; emphasized the importance of celebrating the diversity within AANHPI cultures; and encouraged greater representation of AANHPI residents in local leadership.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Compliance with Stormwater Trash Reduction Requirements (Report from Public Works Director Ameri) **RPT 26-040**

Staff report submitted by Public Works Director Ameri, dated May 19, 2026, was filed.

Environmental Services Manager Pearson announced the item and introduced Water Pollution Control Administrator Wilfong, who summarized the presentation indicating that since 2009, Bay Area municipalities have been required under the Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit (MRP) to achieve 100% reduction of trash entering waterways from stormwater sewers, with



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a compliance deadline of July 1, 2025. Water Pollution Control Administrator Wilfong explained the City's 16-year effort to achieve compliance involving installing 629 small devices, six large devices, and four screens to filter trash from stormwater; noted the project was funded through EPA grants, state grants, and a partnership with Caltrans, with the Tennyson Road installation being the largest to date treating over 400 acres; and added the next steps include maintaining existing devices and continuing inspections of private land drainage areas, with one additional project planned for Cabot Boulevard in spring 2027.

Council Member Roche congratulated City staff and noted the significance of achieving the 100% milestone; and praised the City's commitment to environmental sustainability, and Hayward's efforts to help keep the bay clean.

In response to Mayor Salinas' inquiry on how the pipe connections to the underground devices are sealed and how long the seal lasts, Water Pollution Control Administrator Wilfong explained they use a tar-like material that fuses and creates a watertight seal and designed to last permanently once installed.

Council Member Zermeño thanked staff for the accomplishments; asked whether grant opportunities might be available to replace missing "No Dumping, Drains to Bay" gutter markers throughout the city; and suggested to have a formal declaration or document commemorating the 100% compliance achievement. Environmental Services Manager Pearson responded that they were not currently aware of any grant opportunities but would continue to monitor potential funding opportunities.

Council Member Syrop reiterated the importance of a press release regarding the compliance achievement and promoting it across social media channels and newsletters; expressed appreciation for the extensive coordination and environmental leadership demonstrated by the project; and supported refreshing the City's "No Dumping, Drains to Bay" signage to continue educating future generations about environmental stewardship.

2. Ava Community Energy: Presentation of Impact Report by CEO Howard Chang (Report from Public Works Director Ameri) **RPT 26-045**

Staff report submitted by Public Works Director Ameri, dated May 19, 2026, was filed.

Council Member Roche announced the item and introduced Ava Community Energy (Ava) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Howard Chang, who presented Ava's inaugural impact report, highlighting the organization's role as a community choice aggregator servicing 18 member cities across Alameda County and portions of San Joaquin County; and provided an overview of Ava's service territory, energy products, customer savings achievements, and local investment programs including EV charging infrastructure, e-bike incentives, and solar installations in Hayward.

Council Member Syrop thanked Ava CEO Chang and Council Member Roche for their work on sustainability initiatives; praised the design quality of the impact report; and expressed concerns about the potential environmental impacts of gas-powered energy generation tied to those facilities. In response to how Ava is thinking about the growing energy demands associated with AI data centers, Ava CEO Chang explained that Ava is carefully evaluating how to manage the financial and infrastructure risks associated with data centers, including long-term planning, customer protections, and equitable rate structures to avoid shifting costs onto existing residents.

Council Member Goldstein praised Ava for expanding beyond traditional electricity services to offer broader community-focused sustainability programs, including e-bike rebates, battery programs, and electrification incentives. In response to his question about future initiatives, CEO Chang discussed Ava’s ongoing efforts to develop innovative customer programs, including virtual power plant technologies and long-term strategic planning to expand and refine clean energy and electrification programs over the next several years.

Mayor Salinas thanked Ava CEO Chang for the presentation; complimented the agency’s impact report and sustainability efforts; noted the City’s partnership with the agency in supporting renewable energy initiatives; and acknowledged Council Member Roche for her leadership and service on the Ava Community Energy Board.

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Approve the City Council Minutes of the City Council Meeting on May 5, 2026 **MIN 26-052**
It was moved by Council Member Syrop, seconded by Council Member Goldstein, and carried unanimously, to adopt the City Council meeting minutes of May 5, 2026.

4. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Project Sentinel for Fiscal Year 2027 in a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$210,000 to Provide Mediation, Arbitration, and Education Services Related to the Residential Rent Stabilization and Tenant Protection Ordinance and Mobilehome Space Rent Stabilization Ordinance **CONS 26-187**

Staff report submitted by Development Services Director Buizer, Development Services Deputy Director Morales, and Principal Planner Schmidt, dated May 19, 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 Bonilla Jr., Goldstein, Roche, Syrop, Zermeño
MAYOR Salinas
NOES: None
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER Andrews
ABSTAIN: None



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Resolution 26-071, "Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Project Sentinel in an amount Not to Exceed \$210,000 to Provide Mediation, arbitration, and Education Services Related to the Residential Rent Stabilization and Tenant Protection Ordinance and Mobilehome Space Rent Stabilization Ordinance"

5. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Bennett Engineering Services, Inc., in a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$171,883 for Final Design Services for the D Street Traffic Calming Project, Project No. 05225 **CONS 26-191**

Staff report submitted by Public Works Director Ameri, dated May 19, 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 Bonilla Jr., Goldstein, Roche, Syrop, Zermeño
MAYOR Salinas
NOES: None
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER Andrews
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 26-072, "Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Bennett Engineering Services inc. to Provide Consulting Services for the Preliminary Engineering Phase of the D Street Traffic Calming Project, Project No. 05225 in an amount Not to Exceed \$171,883"

6. Adopt a Resolution Approving the Plans and Specifications and Calling for Bids for the FY24 Sewer Line Replacement Project, Project No. 07789 **CONS 26-192**

Staff report submitted by Public Works Director Ameri, dated May 19, 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 Bonilla Jr., Goldstein, Roche, Syrop, Zermeño
MAYOR Salinas
NOES: None
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER Andrews
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 26-073, "Resolution approving Plans and Specifications and Call for Bids for the FY24 Sewer Line Replacement Project, Project No. 07789"

7. Adopt an Ordinance Authorizing the Amendment of the Contract Between the City of Hayward and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System **CONS 26-193**

Staff report submitted by City Clerk Lens, dated May 19, 2026, was filed.

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

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

Ordinance 26-07, "An Ordinance Authorizing the Amendment of the Contract Between the City of Hayward and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System"

8. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to 1) Negotiate and Execute an Agreement with Alameda County Health for the City of Hayward to Provide School-Based Mental Health Services for Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027; and 2) Accept \$246,855 from Alameda County Health for this Purpose and Incorporate into the FY 2026-27 Adopted Budget **CONS 26-194**

Staff report submitted by Police Chief Matthews, dated May 19, 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 Bonilla Jr., Goldstein, Roche, Syrop, Zermeño
MAYOR Salinas
NOES: None
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER Andrews
ABSTAIN: None



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Resolution 26-074, "Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to 1) Negotiate and Execute an Agreement with Alameda County for the City to Provide School-Based Mental Health Services for Fiscal Year 2026 Through 2027 and 2) Accept \$246,855 From Alameda County Health for Such Services and Incorporate into the Adopted Budget for FY 2026-27"

9. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Award a Contract to Fehr & Peers in a Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$610,880 for the Nighttime Safety Enhancement Plan, Project No. 05359 **CONS 26-196**

Staff report submitted by Public Works Director Ameri, dated May 19, 2026, was filed.

Council Member Syrop expressed appreciation for Council Member Bonilla's advocacy for improved lighting districts and a more strategic citywide approach to street lighting; and emphasized that the proposed nighttime safety enhancement plan represents an important investment in public safety, accessibility, crime reduction, and support for local businesses.

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

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

Resolution 26-075, "Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Award a Contract to Fehr & Peers in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$610,880 for the Nighttime Safety Enhancement Plan, Project No. 05359"

10. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to 1) Negotiate and Execute an Agreement with Alameda County Health for the Provision of Medi-Cal Administrative Activities by the City of Hayward Youth and Family Services Bureau for Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027, 2) Accept Up to \$400,000 in Reimbursements for the Provision of Such Services, and 3) Incorporate \$300,000 in Reimbursement Revenue into the Adopted Budget For FY 2026-27 and Authorize the City Manager to Appropriate Up to an Additional \$100,000 **CONS 26-197**

Staff report submitted by Police Chief Matthews, dated May 19, 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 Bonilla Jr., Goldstein, Roche, Syrop, Zermeño
MAYOR Salinas
NOES: None
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER Andrews
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 26-076, "Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to 1) Negotiate and Execute an Agreement with Alameda County for the Provision of Medi-Cal Administrative Activities By the City of Hayward Youth and Family Services Bureau for Fiscal Year 2026 -27 2) Incorporate \$300,000 into the FY 2026-27 Adopted Budget and Authorize the City Manager to Appropriate Up to an Additional \$100,000 If Additional Services are Provided and 3) Accept Up to \$400,000 in Reimbursements from Alameda County Health for the Provision of these Services"

11. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to 1) Negotiate and Execute an Amendment Extending an Agreement with the Alameda County Probation Department For Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027 for the Provision of Services at the Resource Connection Network Youth Service Center, and 2) Accept \$639,888 from Alameda County to Fund the Extension and Incorporate the Funds into the FY 2026-27 Adopted Budget **CONS 26-199**

Staff report submitted by Police Chief Matthews, dated May 19, 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 Bonilla Jr., Goldstein, Roche, Syrop, Zermeño
MAYOR Salinas
NOES: None
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER Andrews
ABSTAIN: None



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Resolution 26-077, "Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to 1) Negotiate and Execute an Amendment Extending an Agreement with the Alameda County Probation Department for Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027 for the Provision of Services at the Resource Connection Network Youth Service Center, and 2) Accept \$639,888 From Alameda County to Fund the Extension and Incorporate the Funds into the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget"

12. Adopt a Resolution Awarding a Contract to Andes Construction, Inc., for the Hesperian Sewer Rehabilitation Project, Project No. 07832, in the Amount of \$720,000 and Authorizing an Administrative Change Order Budget of \$72,000 **CONS 26-200**

Staff report submitted by Public Works Director Ameri, dated May 19, 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 Bonilla Jr., Goldstein, Roche, Syrop, Zermeño
MAYOR Salinas
NOES: None
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER Andrews
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 26-078, "Resolution Awarding the Construction Contract to Andes Construction, Inc., for the Hesperian Sewer Rehabilitation Project, Project No. 07832, in an Amount of \$720,000 and Authorizing an Administrative Change Order Budget of \$72,000"

13. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to 1) Negotiate and Execute an Amendment to the Agreement with Onward Health, Inc. for the Hayward Operated Paratransit Program to Extend the Agreement Term Through June 30, 2029, and Increase the Not-To-Exceed Amount to \$9 Million, and to 2) Appropriate Funds from Measure BB for this Extension **CONS 26-204**

Staff report submitted by Assistant City Manager Thomas, dated May 19, 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 Bonilla Jr., Goldstein, Roche, Syrop, Zermeño
MAYOR Salinas
NOES: None
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER Andrews
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 26-079, “Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute an Amendment to the Agreement with Onward Health, inc. for Paratransit Services to Extend the Agreement Term Through June 30, 2029, and Increase the Not-to-Exceed Amount to \$9 Million, and Appropriating \$7,024,970 in Measure BB Funding for this Purpose”

PUBLIC HEARING

14. Disruption of Telephonic or Internet Service Policy: Adopt a Resolution Approving a Policy Addressing Disruption of Telephonic or Internet Service During Public Meetings Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.4; and Determining that the Action Is Not Subject to Environmental Review **(Report from City Clerk Lens and City Attorney Lawson) PH 26-022**

Staff report submitted by City Clerk Lens, City Attorney Lawson, and Sr. Assistant City Attorney Vigilia, dated May 19, 2026, was filed.

Mayor Salinas forewent staff’s oral presentation.

There being no speakers, Mayor Salinas opened and closed the public hearing at 8:45 p.m.

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

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

Resolution 26-080, “Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hayward Adopting a Policy Addressing Disruption of Telephonic or Internet Service During Public Meetings and Determining that the Action is not Subject to Environmental Review”



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COUNCIL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Salinas congratulated students from Cal State East Bay, Chabot College, and Hayward Unified School District schools; thanked the City's streets and maintenance crews for installing congratulatory banners for graduates; and reported on a regional meeting with Alameda County supervisors and mayors regarding the latest homelessness PIT count, highlighting Hayward's progress in reducing homelessness through collaborative efforts focused on preventing homelessness, preserving housing, and producing new housing.

COUNCIL REFERRALS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Salinas adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:50 p.m.

APPROVED

Mark Salinas
Mayor, City of Hayward

ATTEST:

Miriam Lens
City Clerk, City of Hayward