



**AGENDA
CITY OF EL CENTRO
CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025**

City Hall	Regular Meeting	3:30 PM
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**CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1275 MAIN STREET
EL CENTRO, CA 92243**

The public may attend in person. Any member of the public attending in person and wishing to make a comment is asked to complete a speaker slip and follow the instructions below regarding "Notice to the Public". Any member of the public is invited to submit public comments in advance of the meeting to be answered at the meeting. Please email your questions to CityClerk@cityofelcentro.org or call 760-337-4515 by September 16, 2025.

COUNCIL MEMBERS, STAFF AND THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA ZOOM.

To participate and make a public comment in person, via Zoom or telephone, please raise your hand, speak up and introduce yourself.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4180375132?pwd=Rmo5UjZ1cWdyV1VoWUhSZWp6R0tVZz09&omn=82496243215>

Optional dial-in number:

Meeting ID: 418 037 5132 Passcode: 5iHJYM

Public comments via Zoom are subject to the same time limits as those in person.

The Mayor and Council Members may be reached at (760) 336-8989.

Mayor:	Sonia Carter	
Mayor Pro-Tem:	Marty Ellett	
Council Members:	Sylvia Marroquin	
	Claudia Camarena	
	Michael Crankshaw	

Acting City Manager: Robert Sawyer
City Attorney: Elizabeth Martyn Evans
City Clerk: Norma Wyles

3:30 PM CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE ROOM "A":

ROLL CALL:

CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENT:

Any member of the public wishing to address the City Council on any matter appearing in the closed session may do so at this time. Unless the Mayor extends the time limit, remarks shall be limited to three (3) minutes. Additional opportunities for Public Comment will be given during and at the end of the meeting.

CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNS INTO CLOSED SESSION:

CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION:

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVT. CODE SECTION 54957:

Public Employee Appointment — City Manager

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS PURSUANT TO GOVT. CODE SECTION 54957.6:

City representative: City Council

Negotiating with: City Manager Candidate

Regarding salary and terms

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS PURSUANT TO GOVT. CODE SECTION 54957.6:

City representatives: Patrick Clark, consultant, Andy Heath, Interim Finance Director, Dulce Bedolla, Human Resource Director

Negotiating with all bargaining units except the Police Officer Associations and Water and Wastewater regarding salaries and fringe benefits.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This is a public meeting. If there is an item on the agenda on which you wish to be heard, you are asked to complete a blue speaker slip and submit it to the City Clerk prior to the start of the meeting. **Persons wishing to address the Council are not required to identify themselves (Gov't Code § 54953.3); however, this information assists the Mayor by ensuring that all persons wishing to address the Council are recognized and also assists the City Clerk in preparing the City Council meeting minutes.** When the item is announced and your name is called by the Mayor, please step to the podium and state your name for the record. Unless the Mayor extends the time, there is a three (3) minute time limit for each public presentation. If you wish to address the Council concerning any other matter not appearing on the agenda, you may do so during the public comment portion of the agenda. **However, you may not show a visual presentation without review of that material. If you do so, you will be considered out of order.**

* Any information provided on the "Speaker Slip" is voluntary and will be public record

6:00 OPEN SESSION

ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND MAY VARY:

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

INVOCATION:

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION:

(TIME MAY VARY) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The City Council welcomes your input. At this time, members of the public may address the City Council on any matter not listed on the posted agenda. Pursuant to the Brown Act, no action will be taken on any issue brought forth under Public Comments. We ask that you please complete a "Speaker Slip" and submit it to the City Clerk prior to the start of the meeting. Although you are not required to identify yourself (Gov't Code §54953.3); this information on the "Speaker Slip" assists the Mayor that all persons wishing to address the Council are recognized and also assists the City Clerk in preparing the City Council meeting minutes. Unless the Mayor extends the time, there is a three (3) minute time limit for each public presentation.

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PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR:

1. Proclamation — Domestic Violence Awareness Month, October 2025.
2. Proclamation - National Fire Prevention Week, October 5-11, 2025.
3. Presentation by Kurt Leptick and Chuck Fisher, regarding a Flag Project by the Kiwanis Club.
4. Presentation - Reps 4 Vets, Brendon Brown.

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 5-16):

5. Approve Warrant Registers for the month of August 2025.
6. Approve Payroll Registers for the month of August 2025.
7. Approve Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2025.
8. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meetings held on August 28, 2025, and September 2, 2025.
9. Approval of the Valley Center Point Plaza Demolition Project Plans & Specifications.
10. Adopt Resolution No. 25- , RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS STREET MAINTENANCE DIVISION.
11. Adopt Resolution. 25- , RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL FOR THE FY2025 ALCOHOL POLICING PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM.
12. Adopt Resolution No. 25- , RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO ESTABLISHING THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XIII B OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.
13. Adopt Resolution No. 25- , RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A SERVICE TRUCK FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS STREET MAINTENANCE DIVISION BASED UPON INFORMAL BIDS.
14. Adopt Resolution 25- , RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO ADOPTING A REVISED TRAVEL EXPENSE AND REIMBURSEMENT POLICY FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS.
15. Adopt Resolution No. 25- , RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO ADOPTING A REVISED CALCARD POLICY.
16. Adopt Resolution No. 25- , RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A FORKLIFT FOR

THE PUBLIC WORKS WATER TREATMENT PLANT.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

17. Public hearing for the purpose of considering a recommendation from the Planning Commission on amending the Mobile Vending Regulations.

Presentation: Angel Hernandez, Community Development Director

Recommendation:

Introduction and approval of Ordinance No. 25- , AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO REPEALING CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE V; AMENDING CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE VIII; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 29 OF THE EL CENTRO CITY CODE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS ON MOBILE VENDING, waive reading and approve as a 1st Reading and authorize City Clerk to place on the next agenda for second reading and adoption.

18. Public hearing to consider a recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding Negative Declaration 22-04 for the Vasquez Apartment Project at 1274 Pico Avenue.

Presentation: Angel Hernandez, Community Development Director

Recommendation:

Adopt Resolution No. 25- , A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO ADOPTING NEGATIVE DECLARATION 22-04 (SCH# 2023-060637) FOR CHANGE OF ZONE 22-05, AND GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 22-05, A PROPOSED ZONE CHANGE FROM R1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R3 (MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL), AND GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT FOR CONSISTENCY WITH THE ZONING MAP, LOCATED AT 1274 WEST PICO AVENUE, FURTHER IDENTIFIED BY APN 044-261-010.

19. Public hearing to consider a recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding General Plan Amendment 22-05 for the Vasquez Apartment Project at 1274 Pico Avenue.

Presentation: Angel Hernandez, Community Development Director

Recommendation:

Adopt Resolution No. 25- , A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 22-05 CHANGING THE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO HIGH-MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FOR PROPERTY WITH APN 044-161-010 AND LOCATED AT 1274 WEST PICO AVENUE, AND DECLARING SAME TO BE THE FIRST GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.

20. Public hearing to consider a recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding Change of Zone 22-05 for the Vasquez Apartment Project at 1274 Pico Avenue

Presentation: Angel Hernandez, Community Development Director

Recommendation:

Introduction and approval of Ordinance No. 25- , AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY

OF EL CENTRO PERTAINING TO CHANGE OF ZONE 22-05, waive reading and approve as a 1st Reading and authorize City Clerk to place on the next agenda for second reading and adoption.

NEW BUSINESS:

21. Community Sponsorship — MANA de Imperial Valley

Presentation: Robert Sawyer, Acting City Manager

Recommendation:

Discussion and any necessary action regarding the community sponsorship request from MANA de Imperial Valley.

22. Award of Bid and authorizing a contract for the Frazier Field Improvements Project.

Presentation: Adriana Nava, Community Services Director

Recommendation:

Adopt Resolution No. 25- , RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO AWARDING THE BID AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR THE FRAZIER FIELD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

23. Discussion and Any Necessary Action Regarding the Approval of Change Order #2 to Pacific Hydrotech Corp. for the Wastewater Treatment Plant UV Disinfection Improvement Project and project budget authorization.

Presentation: Abraham Campos, Public Works Director/City Engineer

Recommendation:

Authorize budget as requested and authorize Change Order No. 2 to Pacific Hydrotech Corporation.

24. Discussion and any necessary action regarding the cancellation of the October 7, 2025, City Council Meeting.

Presentation: Sonia Carter , Mayor

Recommendation:

Council may choose to cancel this meeting. Should any matter require immediate Council direction or action, a special meeting may be called.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

TASK FORCE REPORTS AND MAYOR - COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

ADJOURNMENT:

Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the City Council after distribution of the agenda packet will be available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, 1275 Main Street, El Centro, California 92243, Monday-Friday during normal business hours.

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