



AGENDA
CITY OF EL CENTRO
CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025

City Hall

Regular Meeting

3:30 PM

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 October 21, 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.

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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 on this agenda is asked to complete a "Speaker Slip" and submit it to the City Clerk prior to the start of the meeting. No comments on non-agenda items will be heard at this special meeting.

CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNS INTO CLOSED SESSION:

CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION:

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVT. CODE SECTION 54956.9(a) -
Sonia Carter v. City of El Centro

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVT. CODE SECTION 54957(b) -
Public Employment - City Attorney

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVT. CODE SECTION 54959.9(d)(2) -
Possible litigation against the City

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVT. CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(4) -
Possible litigation by the City

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

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR:

1. Proclamation - Rafael Solis Day, 100th Birthday.
2. Catholic Charities - Working Hands Program Update.
3. Quiet Servant Award - Resident Award, Verna Wow-Wright and Employee Award, Fernando Bañuelos.
4. SoCal Gas Co Rates Update - Deborah McGarry, Public Affairs Manager.

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 5-15):

5. Approve Warrant Registers for the Month of September 2025.
6. Approve Payroll Registers for the Month of September 2025.
7. Approve Treasurer's Report of the Month of September 2025.
8. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meetings held on September 16, 2025, September 30, 2025, and October 14, 2025.
9. 2nd Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 25-05, 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 adopt by title only.
10. 2nd Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 25-06, 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 adopt by title only.
11. Adopt Resolution 25- , A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO FILE A FINANCING APPLICATION TO THE STATE WATER BOARD FOR FINANCING APPLICATIONS FOR A DRINKING WATER SERVICE.
12. Adopt Resolution No. 25- , RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO FILE A FINANCING APPLICATION TO THE STATE WATER BOARD FOR FINANCING APPLICATIONS FOR A CONNECTION TO THE CITY SEWER SYSTEM.
13. Adopt Resolution No. 25- , RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO AUTHORIZING THE EL CENTRO POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM FOR OPERATION STONEGARDEN 2024.
14. Adopt Resolution. 25- , A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CITIZENS' OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 THROUGH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA LOCAL SAFETY AND PROTECTION ACCOUNT.
15. Dispatcher Recruitment Incentive Program.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

16. Amendment to Municipal Code Chapter 17, Section 60 regarding the prohibition of vehicles with more than two axles on portions of Wake Avenue and 8th Street.

Presentation: Abraham Campos, Public Works Director/City Engineer

Recommendation:

Introduce and approve Ordinance No. 25- , AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 17, SECTION 60, REGARDING COMMERCIAL VEHICLES WITH MORE THAN TWO AXLES, waive reading and approve as a 1st reading and authorize City Clerk to place on the next agenda for second reading and adoption.

17. Continuance of Public Hearing to Consider Setting Mobile Vendor Permit Fees.

Presentation: Angel Hernandez, Community Development Director

Recommendation:

Staff requests that the City Council defer action and discussion on mobile vending permit fees to allow additional time for staff to complete the required public noticing related to the proposed fee updates. Staff further recommends continuing the public hearing to the City Council meeting of November 4, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS:

18. Appointment of City Manager.

Presentation: Dulce Bedolla, Human Resource Director

Recommendation:

Adopt Resolution No. 25- , RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYMENT TERMS FOR THE POSITION OF CITY MANAGER.

19. Ratify Letter of Support - Controlled Thermal Resources — Hell's Kitchen Project.

Presentation: Robert Sawyer, Acting City Manager

Recommendation:

Ratify letter of support request received by Controlled Thermal Resources for the Hell's Kitchen Project for Imperial County.

20. Discussion and any necessary action regarding the appointments to the Library and Community Services Board to fill three (3) scheduled vacancies.

Presentation: Sonia Carter , Mayor

Recommendation:

Mayor's Recommendation: Approve three (3) appointments to the Library and Community Services Board with new terms ending June 30, 2028.

21. Discussion and any necessary action regarding the appointment to the Imperial Valley Housing Authority Board to fill one (1) scheduled vacancy.

Presentation: Sonia Carter , Mayor

Recommendation:

Mayor's Recommendation: Approve one (1) appointment to the Imperial Valley Housing Authority Board with term ending July 1, 2029.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

22. Received and referred to Community Development Department, Application for Alcoholic Beverage License — Walmart Inc. El Centro Fuel Station #1555 NCW of Waterman Ave and Bradshaw Re El Centro, CA 92243.
23. Received and referred to Community Development Department, Application for Alcoholic Beverage License- Peraza Plaza Ilc 669 W Main St. El Centro, CA 92243-4455.
24. Received and referred to City Council, Certificate of Mailing Notice of Application to the City, County and Municipal Governmental Agencies for Southern California Gas Company filled its Cost Allocation Proceeding Application A-25-09-014.

TASK FORCE AND MAYOR/ CONFERENCE REPORTS - COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

ADJOURNMENT:

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