



**AGENDA
CITY OF EL CENTRO
CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026**

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 March 3, 2026.

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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Meeting ID: 418 037 5132 Passcode: 5iHJYM

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

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

City Manager: Robert Sawyer
City Attorney: Joanna Hoff
City Clerk: Norma Wyles

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

ROLL CALL:

CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC MEETING:

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 at the end of the meeting.

CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNS INTO CLOSED SESSION:

CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION:

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Designated representative: Patrick Clark

Employee Organization: Firefighters Association, General Employees Unit, and Supervisor, Professional, and Technical Employees Unit

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4): One potential case

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

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

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK:

INVOCATION:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION:

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.

PRESENTATION:

1. Presentation to Outgoing Mayor Sonia Carter from Imperial Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, Victor Nava, President.

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEM 2):

2. Approval of City Council Minutes of February 17, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Discussion and any necessary action regarding consideration of the Downtown Fee Waiver Program.

Presentation: Angel Hernandez, Community Development Director

Recommendation:

Adopt Resolution No. 26- , A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO ESTABLISHING A FEE WAIVER PROGRAM TO INCENTIVIZE NEW DEVELOPMENT IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA.

4. Award of Bid and authorize a contract for the Embellece (Beautify) El Centro Downtown Beautification Project, funded by California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

Presentation: Adriana Nava, Community Services Director

Recommendation:

Adopt Resolution No. 26- , RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO AWARDING THE BID AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR EMBELLECE (BEAUTIFY) EL CENTRO DOWNTOWN BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT.

5. Discussion and direction regarding Proposed Half-Court Basketball Court at Legacy Ranch Subdivision.

Presentation: Adriana Nava, Community Services Director

Recommendation:

Discussion and direction regarding the proposed half-court basketball court to be constructed at Legacy Park.

6. Eddie White Complex Frazier Field Parking Lot - Change Order Approval

Presentation: Adriana Nava, Community Services Director

Recommendation:

1. Approve Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$38,106.00 for additional pavement improvements consisting of crack seal and slurry seal application.
2. Authorize the transfer of \$16,524.47 from the Frazier Field Improvements Project to the Eddie White Complex – Frazier Field Parking Lot Project to cover the amount exceeding the remaining contingency balance.

7. Discussion and any necessary action regarding the award of Valley Center Point Plaza Demolition Project.

Presentation: Abraham Campos, Public Works Director/City Engineer

Recommendation:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 26- , RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO AWARDING THE BID AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR THE VALLEY CENTER POINT PLAZA DEMOLITION PROJECT.

2. Authorize City Manager to execute the contract under similar terms and conditions as the contract template issued at bid time and as may be modified and approved by the City Attorney.

8. Presentation regarding City of El Centro Rate Study

Presentation: Abraham Campos, Public Works Director/City Engineer

Recommendation:

Receive the presentation and provide direction to staff regarding the proposed water and sewer rate structure.

9. Funding request for bus shelters.

Presentation: Abraham Campos, Public Works Director/City Engineer

Recommendation:

Designate a funding amount and funding source to advance the purchase and installation of new bus shelters.

10. Establishing Water Rate Setting Procedures Under Proposition 218.

Presentation: Abraham Campos, Public Works Director/City Engineer

Recommendation:

Adopt Resolution 26- , ESTABLISHING WATER RATE SETTING PROCEDURES UNDER PROPOSITION 218, AND GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 53750 THROUGH 53759.2 AND 54354.5.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

11. Update Emergency Declaration - WWTP Bar Screen Failure
12. Received and referred to Community Development Department, Application for Alcoholic Beverage License- Arrellanos Five, LLC La Birrieria Red Tacos #2 710 S. 4TH St El Centro, CA 92243

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

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

ADJOURNMENT:

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