



**AGENDA
CITY OF EL CENTRO
CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026**

City Hall

Special Meeting

8:30 AM

**CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1275 W MAIN STREET
EL CENTRO, CA 92243**

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor of the City of El Centro has called a Special Meeting of the City Council to consider the item(s) on this agenda.

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 April 14, 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.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4180375132?pwd=Rmo5UjZ1cWdyV1VoWUJhSZWp6R0tVZz09&omn=87851540042>

Optional dial-in number: (669) 444-9171
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: 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

8:30 AM - 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 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:

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property:

Properties within El Centro, CA 92243 at the following addresses:

El Centro Regional Medical Center, 1415 Ross Ave.

ECRMC Medical Office Building, 1271 Ross Ave.

El Centro Outpatient Clinic, 385 W. Main St.

1204 Poplar Dr.

1258 Poplar Dr.

1295 Poplar Dr.

1455 Pepper Dr.

1215 Ross Ave.

1225 Ross Ave.

1243 Ross Ave.

1251 Ross Ave.

1271 Ross Ave.

135 South 4th St.

Agency Negotiators: Sheppard Mullin (Eric Newsom, Megan Rooney, Christina Nguyen)

Negotiating Parties: Imperial Valley Healthcare District (IVHD)

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Designated Representative: Patrick Clark

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

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Agency Designated Representative: Robert Sawyer

Unrepresented Employees:

Human Resources Staff Assistant

Management Assistant

Human Resources Analyst (2)

City Clerk Staff Assistant

City Manager Staff Assistant

Human Resources Analyst II

Public Information Officer

Multimedia Content Creator

Battalion Chief (3)
Police Lieutenant (3)
Police Commander I
Economic Development Manager
Project Manager Civil
Principal Engineer
Information Technology Administrator
City Clerk
Chief of Fire
Director of Public Works
Assistant Director of Community Development
Director of Finance
Director of Human Resources
Director of Community Services
Directory of Community Development
Chief of Police
Director of Library

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

12:00 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

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PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR:

1. Presentation — National Library Week, April 19–25, 2026
2. Proclamation — National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, April 12–18, 2026

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 3-4):

3. Approval of City Council Minutes of March 17, 2026 and March 31, 2026.
4. Approval of payments related to the IID Date Drain "3-D" undergrounding at Countryside Drive, update.

NEW BUSINESS:

5. Community Sponsorship — The Joshua Lavell Holmes Foundation

Presentation: Robert Sawyer, City Manager

Recommendation:

Discussion and any necessary action regarding the community sponsorship request.

6. Award of Bid for CML-5169 (058) Imperial Avenue Synchronization Project.

Presentation: Abraham Campos, Public Works Director/City Engineer

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 THE IMPERIAL AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROJECT FEDERAL PROJECT No. CML-5169 (058).

7. Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Westnet, LLC for Installation of Fire Station Alerting Systems (FY26 Capital Improvement Project).

Presentation: Joseph Bernal , Fire Chief

Recommendation:

Adopt Resolution No. 26- , RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WESTNET, LLC FOR THE FIRST-IN FIRE STATION ALERTING SYSTEM AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.

8. Operational update for the El Centro Police Department's drone program.

Presentation: Rene McNish , Lieutenant

Recommendation:

Receive and File the El Centro Police Department Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS)

Program Operational Update.

9. Discussion and necessary action regarding Communications Site Lease Agreement with Vero Fiber.

Presentation: Adriana Nava, Community Services Director

Recommendation:

Approve a Land Lease Agreement with Vero Broadband, LLC for the lease of a portion of a City-owned property located at 1350 South 8th Street. The agreement allows Vero Broadband to install and operate telecommunications infrastructure to provide broadband internet services to the El Centro community.

10. Discussion and related action regarding an extension to the Agreement with Catholic Charities Diocese of San Diego for the Working Hands Workforce Development Program.

Presentation: Adriana Nava, Community Services Director

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of a one (1) year extension of the agreement with Catholic Charities for the continued implementation of the Working Hands Workforce Development Program under the same terms and conditions.

11. Award of Bid and authorize a contract for the Veteran's Memorial Phase 2 Project.

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 VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PHASE 2 PROJECT.

12. Discussion and related action regarding the review and selection of mural concepts for Downtown El Centro.

Presentation: Adriana Nava, Community Services Director

Recommendation:

That the City Council review the proposed mural designs for the Embellece (Beautify) El Centro Downtown Beautification Project, approve the selected mural concepts, and authorize staff to take all actions necessary to move forward with fabrication and installation.

13. Discussion and related action regarding a Construction Contract with Shade Structures, Inc. in the amount of \$153,280.88 for Shade Structures for the Embellece (Beautify) El Centro Downtown Beautification Project.

Presentation: Adriana Nava, Community Services Director

Recommendation:

Provide City Staff direction regarding the addition of shade structures for the Embellece (Beautify) El Centro Downtown Beautification Project.

14. Discussion and any necessary action regarding the cancellation of the April 21, 2026, City Council meeting.

Presentation: Michael Crankshaw, Mayor

Recommendation:

Direction from City Council regarding the cancellation of the April 21, 2026, City Council meeting.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

15. Update Emergency Declaration - WWTP Bar Screen Failure
16. Certificate of Mailing Notice of Application to the City, County and Municipal Government Agencies.

TASK FORCE /CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE 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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