

**CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Wednesday, February 12, 2025
City Hall Council Chambers
6360 Fountain Square Dr., Citrus Heights, CA**

CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Karpinski-Costa.

1. The Flag Salute was held.
2. Roll Call: Council Members present: Middleton, Nelson, Schaefer, Lopez-Taff, Karpinski-Costa
Council Members absent: None
Staff Members present: Feeney, Frey, Hildebrand, Huber, Jones, Piva and department directors.
3. The video statement was read by Acting City Clerk Hildebrand.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: On a motion by Council Member Middleton, seconded by Vice Mayor Lopez-Taff, the City Council approved the agenda.

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| AYES: | Middleton, Nelson, Schaefer, Lopez-Taff, Karpinski-Costa |
| NOES: | None |
| ABSENT: | None |

PRESENTATIONS

4. Proclamation of the City of Citrus Heights Recognizing February as Black History Month

Mayor Karpinski-Costa read and presented the proclamation recognizing Black History Month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Shelton addressed several points including the importance of voting, support of problem orientated policing and encouraged residents to voice their concerns to city leadership.

Diane Boerman addressed concerns regarding the lack of development at Sunrise Mall and the deterioration of city streets. She stated the decisions this Council makes on these issues will affect the future financial health of the city as well as the quality of life for residents.

Kathy Morris, Vice President of REACH, introduced Glenda Greene as the new President of Area 3.

Melissa Hayden expressed frustration with the Mayor regarding comments made at the January 22, 2025, City Council meeting. She emphasized her dedication to animal rescue efforts. She asked for a more respectful and effective approach to addressing animal related issues.

Annah Rulon, with Republic Services, announced they are co-hosting a community cleanup at the Stock Ranch Nature Preserve on February 21 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. She stated this event is in partnership with the River City Waterway Alliance.

Karen Bearman addressed comments made by the Mayor at the January 22, 2025, City Council meeting.

Alfred Sanchez spoke in support of Black History Month and said Happy Valentine's Day to an individual that is dear to him.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND REGIONAL BOARD UPDATES

Council Member Middleton provided a report from the Sacramento Public Library Board meeting. She attended the California Housing Partnership Board meeting. She attended the annual Sacramento Metro Chamber Dinner. She attended the Fill the Boot for Burns event. She also attended the Cal Cities local meeting.

Council Member Nelson attended a ribbon cutting event for the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce's new location. She attended the Sacramento Metro Chamber Dinner. She attended the CHANT Neighborhood Area meeting.

Council Member Schaefer provided an update from the Sacramento Regional Transit Board meeting. He attended a ribbon cutting event for the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce's new location. He attended the Sacramento Metro Chamber Dinner. He attended the Sacramento Area Council of Government's Police and innovations committee.

Vice Mayor Lopez-Taff attended a Business Pitch Showcase with youth entrepreneurs. She attended the Soroptimist Crab Feed Dinner and the Citrus Heights Rotary Crab Feed. She attended the Sacramento Regional Transit Board meeting. She was invited to be a moderator for the Sacramento County Commission on Women and Girls event. She attended the ribbon cutting event for the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce's new location.

Mayor Karpinski-Costa was a guest judge at the Junior Achievement Business Pitch Showcase. She provided an update from the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District. She attended the Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission meeting. She attended the ribbon cutting event for the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce's new location. She attended the Sacramento Metro Chamber Dinner.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. **SUBJECT:** Approval of Minutes
RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Minutes of the Meeting of January 22, 2025
6. **SUBJECT:** Quarterly Treasurer's Report
STAFF REPORT: S. Talwar / A. Preciado
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file the Quarterly Treasurer's Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2024
7. **SUBJECT** Approval of Investment Policy Updates

STAFF REPORT: S. Talwar / A. Preciado

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2025- 009, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Approving the Investment Policy and Delegating Authority to the Administrative Services Director to Invest Funds in Accordance with the Investment Policy

ACTION: On a motion by Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Vice Mayor Lopez-Taff, the City Council adopted Consent Calendar Items 5, 6 and 7.

AYES: Middleton, Nelson, Schaefer, Lopez-Taff, Karpinski-Costa
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

REGULAR CALENDAR

10. **SUBJECT:** Adoption of the 2025-2027 Economic Development Work Plan as Policy and Approval of the Business Attraction Incentive Program Guidelines and Small Business Design Support Program Guidelines

STAFF REPORT: M. Huber

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2025- 008, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Adopting the 2025-2027 Economic Development Work Plan as Policy and Approving the Business Attraction Incentive Program Guidelines and the Small Business Design Support Program Guidelines

Economic Development and Community Engagement Director Huber presented the 2025-2027 Economic Development Work Plan for Citrus Heights, outlining a strategic approach to business attraction, retention, and small business support. The plan, rooted in data analysis, stakeholder outreach, and real estate assessment, aims to diversify the local economy by targeting key growth industries, revitalizing commercial corridors, and enhancing business-friendly policies. Key initiatives include reintroducing business attraction incentives, streamlining permitting processes, expanding small business support, and proactively recruiting desired businesses.

ACTION: On a motion by Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Nelson, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2025- 008, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Adopting the 2025-2027 Economic Development Work Plan as Policy and Approving the Business Attraction Incentive Program Guidelines and the Small Business Design Support Program Guidelines.

AYES: Middleton, Nelson, Schaefer, Lopez-Taff, Karpinski-Costa
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

11. **SUBJECT:** Mediation Services to Resolve Neighbor-to-Neighbor Disputes

STAFF REPORT: K. Kempenaar / N. Piva / A. Turcotte / K. Frey

RECOMMENDATION: Receive a staff presentation on mediation options and provide feedback and direction on using mediation services

Police Commander Frey and Housing and Human Services Program Coordinator Piva reported that neighborly disputes typically arise from a lack of effective communication resulting in increased tension

between the involved parties and such situations often necessitate intervention from the City. In response to these challenges staff have collaborated to explore ways to enhance the support for our community. They presented two recommendations for City Council consideration which include: 1) send a Problem Orientated Police Officer to mediation training to enable them to assist neighbors in facilitating a mutually agreeable resolution, and 2) partner with the Sacramento Mediation Center that is a nonprofit organization that's been providing services since 2008. The second option would serve for situations where a POP Officer is not able to fully mediate a dispute, in these cases the involvement of an impartial third party can help facilitate a solution. The Sacramento Mediation Center would offer mediation services with the City covering the initial cost of the \$25 to open a mediation case.

By consensus, the City Council expressed support for utilizing both options as presented. If the parties choose an option that involves expenses beyond the POP Officer, requiring them to go to the Sacramento Mediation Center and incur costs, there should be a provision and agreement for a claw back if they fail to adhere to the mediated settlement agreement or if mediation is unsuccessful.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None.

CITY MANAGER ITEMS

City Manager Feeney announced the Arcade Cripple Creek Trail Project received the 2024 Project of the Year Award from the Women's Transportation Seminar Sacramento Chapter. He announced City Hall will be closed on February 17th in observation of President's Day.

ITEMS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Karpinski-Costa adjourned the regular meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Van, City Clerk