

**ACTION MINUTES**

**TEMECULA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
41000 MAIN STREET  
TEMECULA, CALIFORNIA  
JANUARY 27, 2026 - 3:00 PM**

**CLOSED SESSION - 1:00 PM**

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. The City Council convened in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 regarding the acquisition of an approximate 40,929 square foot permanent easement for public use, namely public street, bridge, public utility, drainage and all uses necessary or convenient thereto (Subject Easement) in connection with the proposed Murrieta Creek Bridge at Overland Drive Project (PW 16-05) (Project). The Subject Easement is located on that certain approximate 539,273 square foot (12.38 acres) real property improved with a flood control channel located on the section of the Murrieta Creek Flood Channel east of Diaz Road at the north end of Avenida Alvarado, just south of Winchester Road, and identified as Riverside County Tax Assessor's Parcel Number 909-120-016 (Property) owned by the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. The negotiators for the City are Ron Moreno, William Becerra, Anissa Sharp and the City's acquisition consultant Kim Bibolet of Monument (City Acquisition Consultant). Under negotiations are the price and terms of the acquisition of the Subject Easement.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - PENDING LITIGATION. The City Council convened in closed session with the City Attorney's Office pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) with respect to one matter of pending litigation: City of Temecula v Sohan Singh, et al. (Riverside Superior Court Case No. CVSW2303952).

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATION OF LITIGATION. The City Council convened in closed session with the City Attorney pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) with respect to four matters of potential litigation. A point has been reached where, in the opinion of the City Attorney, based on existing facts and circumstances, there is a significant exposure to litigation involving the City and the City Council will decide whether to initiate litigation.

**CALL TO ORDER at 3:02 PM: Mayor Jessica Alexander**

**INVOCATION: Pastor Drew Davis of Temecula United Methodist Church**

**FLAG SALUTE: Kai Komrosky**

**ROLL CALL: Alexander, Kalfus, Rahn, Schwank, Stewart**

**PRESENTATIONS**

Presentation by Mayor Alexander Regarding the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America  
Presentation by Casey Elliott, Vice President of Townsend Public Affairs, Regarding Annual Legislative Update

**BOARD / COMMISSION REPORTS**

Planning Commission

**PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**

County of Riverside, Fire Department (CAL FIRE)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

The following individual(s) addressed the City Council:

- Laurel LaMont
- Jenna McGraw
- Drew Davis
- Maria Dwyer

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS**

The following individual(s) addressed the City Council:

- Art Richard (Item #5)
- Cassandra Peters (Item #5)
- Jordan Richard (Item #5)
- Ken Heagle (Item #5)
- Laurel LaMont (Item #8)
- Nicholas DiPaolo (Item #8)

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Unless otherwise indicated below, the following pertains to all items on the Consent Calendar.

Approved the Staff Recommendation (5-0): Motion by Stewart, Second by Kalfus. The vote reflected unanimous approval.

**1. Waive Reading of Title and Text of All Ordinances and Resolutions Included in the Agenda**

Recommendation: That the City Council waive the reading of the title and text of all ordinances and resolutions included in the agenda.

**2. Approve Action Minutes of January 13, 2026**

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the action minutes of January 13, 2026.

**3. Approve List of Demands**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt a resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT A

**4. Approve City Treasurer’s Report for the Period of November 1, 2025 through November 30, 2025**

Recommendation: That the City Council approve and file the City Treasurer's Report for the period of November 1, 2025 through November 30, 2025.

5. Adopt Ordinance No. 2026-01 Amending Title 8 of the Temecula Municipal Code to Regulate Kratom Products (Long Range Project No. LR25-0438) (Second Reading)

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA AMENDING TITLE 8 OF THE TEMECULA MUNICIPAL CODE TO REGULATE THE SALE, DISTRIBUTION, AND POSSESSION OF KRATOM PRODUCTS, AND MAKE A FINDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15061 (b)(3)

6. Approve Purchase of One Altec AT37G Boom Truck from Altec Industries, Inc. for Public Works Traffic Maintenance

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the purchase of one Altec AT37G Boom Truck from Altec Industries, Inc. utilizing Sourcewell contract #110421-ALT for a total amount of \$189,915.78.

7. Adopt Resolution Approving Agreement with Rain Drop Products, LLC for the Purchase and Installation of the Reservoir and Related Equipment at Eagle Soar Playground

Recommendation: That the City Council approve:

1. A resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA APPROVING THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT ENTITLED PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF TEMECULA AND RAIN DROP PRODUCTS, LLC, FOR THE RESERVOIR AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AT THE EAGLE SOAR PLAYGROUND SPLASH PAD AT MIKE NAGGAR COMMUNITY PARK

2. An additional budget appropriation of \$15,000 from Measure S to cover the agreement.

8. Approve Initial Study and Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and Approve Plans and Specifications for Ynez Road Improvements - Phase I Project, PW23-02

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Adopt a resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA APPROVING THE INITIAL STUDY AND ADOPTING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION; ADOPTING A MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM; AND APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS IN SUBSTANTIAL FORM, ALL FOR THE YNEZ ROAD IMPROVEMENTS - PHASE I PROJECT, PW23-02

2. Authorize the Director of Public Works/City Engineer to make minor refinements and revisions as necessary to the Plans and Specifications; and

3. Direct the Director of Public Works/City Engineer to file a Notice of Determination for the Project.

9. Approve Third Amendment to Agreement with CHA Consulting, Inc. for Consultant Services for the I-15/French Valley Parkway Improvements - Phase II, PW16-01

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Third Amendment to the agreement with CHA Consulting, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, to provide continued professional construction management services for the I-15/French Valley Parkway Improvements - Phase II project, PW16-01.

**RECESS:**

At 4:32 PM, the City Council recessed and convened as the Temecula Community Services District and Successor Agency to the Temecula Redevelopment Agency Meetings. At 4:35 PM the City Council resumed with the remainder of the City Council Agenda.

**RECONVENE TEMECULA CITY COUNCIL**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

12. Introduce Animal Ordinance to Amend Title 6 of the Temecula Municipal Code (LR25-0382)

Recommendation: That the City Council introduce an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA AMENDING TITLE 6 OF THE TEMECULA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ANIMAL KEEPING SETBACK REQUIREMENTS AND MAKING A FINDING THAT THIS

ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15061 (b)(3)

Approved the Staff Recommendation (5-0): Motion by Stewart, Second by Schwank. The vote reflected unanimous approval.

**BUSINESS**

- 13. Introduce Ordinance Amending Section 10.28.010(D) of the Temecula Municipal Code Regarding Prima Facie Speed Limits on Certain Streets

Recommendation: That the City Council introduce an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA, AMENDING SECTION 10.28.010(D) OF THE TEMECULA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN STREETS

Item continued to future City Council meeting.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (RECEIVE AND FILE)**

- 14. Community Development Department Monthly Report
- 15. Fire Department Monthly Report
- 16. Police Department Monthly Report
- 17. Public Works Department Monthly Report

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE CITY COUNCIL AGENDAS**

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

The City Attorney reported that at the closed session the City Council acted on the following matters:

1. The Council set fair market value for the property interests to be acquired for the Murrieta Creek Bridge at Overland Drive Project, authorized the Staff to make an offer to the property owner, and set parameters for settlement of the acquisition price;
2. The City Council authorized the City Attorney’s office to initiate litigation against the owners of three properties, Temecula Town Center, Jefferson Winchester Shopping Center, and Solana Ridge Assisting Living, to abate public nuisances on those properties.”

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:43 PM, the City Council meeting was formally adjourned to Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 2:00 PM for Closed Session, with regular session commencing at 3:00 PM, City Council Chambers, 41000 Main Street, Temecula, California.

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Jessica Alexander, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Randi Johl, City Clerk

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