



CITY OF BISHOP

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

City Council Chambers - 301 West Line Street - Bishop, California

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026 - 5:30 PM

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The public is encouraged to participate or observe this meeting by:

1. Attending this meeting in person at the City of Bishop City Council Chambers located at 301 West Line Street in Bishop, California.
2. Observing this meeting live from the City of Bishop website at: https://www.cityofbishop.com/government/city_council/index.php
3. Observe this meeting live from the local government cable channel 12.

Public comments may be made:

1. In person: Members of the public desiring to speak on a matter appearing on the agenda should ask the Mayor for the opportunity to be heard when the item comes up for Council consideration (or complete a speaker card prior to the meeting). Comments for all agenda items are limited to a speaking time of three minutes unless modified by the Mayor.
2. In writing: Go to http://bishop-ca.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=8 to submit an "eComment" for the corresponding meeting. Please note that eComment submissions close at 2:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting. You may also hand deliver public comments to the City drop/payment box located at the Church Street entrance to City Hall on or before the deadline noted above. All written public comments received prior to the above noted time will be distributed to the Council for their review and consideration prior to the meeting. All written public comments received after that time will be provided to the Council at the earliest possibility. Please note written public comments received will not be read aloud at the meeting.

Any writing that is a public record that relates to an agenda item for open session distributed less than 72 hours prior to the meeting will be available for public inspection at City Hall, 377 West Line Street, Bishop, California during normal business hours. Government Code 54957.5(b)(1). Copies will also be provided at the appropriate meeting.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - 5:30 p.m. Monday, August 24, 2026
2. **ROLL CALL**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PRIOR TO CLOSED SESSION

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: This time is set aside to receive public comment on matters agendized for closed session only. When recognized by the Mayor, please state your name, and address for the record and please limit your comments to three minutes. Under California law the City Council is prohibited from generally discussing or taking action on items not included in the agenda; however, the City Council may briefly respond to comments or questions from members of the public. Therefore, the City Council will listen to all public comment but will not generally discuss the matter or take action on it.

4. CLOSED SESSION

A. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6 - Agency Designated Representative:** City Administrator Pam Foster.
Employee Organization: Bishop Police Officers Association.

5. OPEN SESSION - 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 24, 2026

6. MOMENT OF SILENCE

7. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Councilmember Schwartz will lead the pledge of allegiance.

8. ROLL CALL

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

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10. REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION AS REQUIRED BY LAW

11. PRESENTATIONS

A. **PRESENTATION - Michael Masuda - Candidate for California's 5th Congressional District**

Michael Masuda, a candidate for California's 5th Congressional District, will introduce himself to the City Council and provide brief remarks.

12. PROCLAMATIONS

A. **PROCLAMATION - Honoring the Life and Service of Judd Alan Symons**

Recommended Action: Council will read and present the proclamation honoring the life and service of Judd Alan Symons.

[Judd Symons Proclamation 2026 08 24](#)

B. **PROCLAMATION - Recognizing September 2026 as National Recovery Month in the City of Bishop** - Requested by Crossroads Recovery Center.

Recommended Action: Council will read and present the proclamation recognizing September 2026 as National Recovery Month in the City of Bishop to Crossroads

Recovery Center.

[National Recovery Month Proclamation 2026 08 24](#)

- C. **PROCLAMATION - Recognizing August 31, 2026 as International Overdose Awareness Day in the City of Bishop** - Requested by Crossroads Recovery Center.

Recommended Action: Council will read and present the proclamation recognizing August 31, 2026 as International Overdose Awareness Day in the City of Bishop to Crossroads Recovery Center.

[International Overdose Day Proclamation 2026 08 24](#)

13. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Updates on department activities will be given by the Department Heads and/or their staff.

- A. Fire Department - Fire Chief Bret Russell
- B. Police Department - Police Chief Nate Derr
- C. Administration - City Administrator Pam Foster

14. CONSENT CALENDAR

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: All matters under the Consent Calendar are considered routine by the City and will be acted on by one motion.

- A. **[Acknowledgment of Fiscal Year 2025-26 Police Department Budget Variance and Ratification of Corrective Actions](#)**

Recommended Action: Acknowledge the anticipated Fiscal Year 2025-26 Police Department expenditure budget variance identified during year-end closing; ratify management-level budget adjustments made within existing authority; authorize the Finance Director to record all accounting entries necessary to properly close Fiscal Year 2025-26; and direct staff to implement additional year-end budget monitoring procedures and provide the resulting documentation to the City's independent auditor.

- B. **[Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Repealing Section 17.80.110 of Chapter 17.80 and Adding a New Chapter 17.81 - Appeals to Title 17](#)**

Recommended Action: Council to approve the ordinance repealing Section 17.80.110 of Chapter 17.80 and Adding a New Chapter 17.81 - Appeals to Title 17 (by title only).

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, REPEALING SECTION 17.80.110 OF CHAPTER 17.80 AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 17.81 TO TITLE 17, ZONING, OF THE CITY OF BISHOP CODE OF ORDINANCES AND FINDING THIS ORDINANCE IS NOT A PROJECT UNDER CEQA PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, SECTION 15378 (b)(5) OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS.

[Ordinance_New Chapter 17.81. Appeals](#)

- C. **Planning Commission - Cancellation Notice**

[2026 08 25 Cancellation](#)

- D. **City Council Meeting Minutes**

Recommended Action: Council consideration to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes for:

February 9, 2026 Regular Meeting, February 23, 2026 Regular Meeting, March 9, 2026 Regular Meeting, March 23, 2026 Regular Meeting, March 30, 2026 Special Meeting, April 13, 2026 Regular Meeting, April 27, 2026 Regular Meeting, April 28, 2026 Special Meeting, May 11, 2026 Regular Meeting, May 12, 2026 Special Meeting, May 26, 2026 Meeting Cancellation Notice, June 8, 2026 Regular Meeting, July 27, 2026 Regular Meeting

[Minutes 2026 02 09](#)

[Minutes 2026 02 23](#)

[Minutes 2026 03 09](#)

[Minutes 2026 03 23](#)

[Minutes 2026 03 30 - Special Meeting](#)

[Minutes 2026 04 13](#)

[Minutes 2026 04 27](#)

[Minutes 2026 04 28 - Special Meeting](#)

[Minutes 2026 05 11](#)

[Minutes 2026 05 12 - Special Meeting](#)

[City Council Meeting Cancellation Notice - 2026 05 26](#)

[Minutes 2026 06 08](#)

[Minutes 2026 07 27](#)

15. NEW BUSINESS

A. League of California Cities Resolution

Recommended Action: Council to provide the City's voting delegate and alternate voting delegates direction regarding the Council's position on the California Cities Resolution No. 1 to be voted on at the California Cities General Assembly Meeting on Friday, September 25, 2026.

[2026 Cal Cities Resolution Packet](#)

B. Consideration of City Participation in Supporting Year-Round Commercial Air Service at the Eastern Sierra Regional Airport

Recommended Action: Authorize the City of Bishop to participate in the regional effort to secure year-round United Airlines service between the Eastern Sierra Regional Airport and San Francisco through a \$35,000 annual contribution toward the air service subsidy, funded through a reallocation of the City's existing \$85,000 annual services agreement.

C. RESOLUTION: Establishing Timed Parking Zones and Permit Parking Zones Pursuant to Section 10.28.140 of The Bishop Municipal Code.

Recommended Action: Adopt a Resolution establishing timed parking zones and permit parking zones pursuant to Section 10.28.140 of the Bishop Municipal Code, and direct staff to implement the Parking Study recommendations identified in Exhibit A.

[2026 Draft Resolution Establishing Timed Parking Zones](#)

[City of Bishop Parking Study Implementation Plan](#)

[Parking Comments as of 2026 08 16](#)

D. RESOLUTION: Amending Resolution No. 2026-05 to Revise Certain Commercial Water and Sewer Classifications and Rates.

Recommended Action: City Council consideration and approval of a resolution to revise certain water and sewer classifications and charges.

[Bishop Rate Table Amendments Resolution Draft](#)

[Revised Exhibit A - Water and Sewer Rates](#)

E. **Discussion and Direction Regarding changing to City Manager Form of Government**

Recommended Action: Consider and provide direction to the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance and initiate the transition to a Council-Manager form of government for Bishop.

16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

17. COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

18. ADJOURNMENT

Monday, September 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting in the City Council Chambers

CITY OF

Bishop

Proclamation

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF JUDD ALAN SYMONS

WHEREAS, Judd Alan Symons was raised in Bishop and the Owens Valley, began serving his community as a teenage sheriff cadet, earned his Emergency Medical Technician certification before age 18, and later completed Stanford's Paramedic Training Program; and

WHEREAS, Judd returned home to Bishop in 1989 and, together with his father, established Symons Emergency Specialties, later Symons Ambulance, providing dedicated emergency medical services throughout the Owens Valley for approximately 35 years; and

WHEREAS, under Judd's leadership, Symons Ambulance strengthened local emergency response and donated thousands of hours of medical standby service at football games, rodeos, parades, and other local events; and

WHEREAS, Judd taught local Emergency Medical Technician classes, mentored generations of first responders, and continued his calling as a flight medic, ground medic, and mentor with Sierra Life Flight until his passing on June 28, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Judd was a devoted husband and father whose skill, compassion, steadiness under pressure, and selfless service touched countless lives and left an enduring legacy throughout Bishop and the Owens Valley.

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of his extraordinary dedication and service, the Bishop City Council honors the life and legacy of Judd Alan Symons and extends its deepest condolences to his family, friends, colleagues, and all those whose lives he touched.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Stephen Muchovej, Mayor of the City of Bishop, California, have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Bishop to be affixed this 24th day of August, 2026.


STEPHEN MUCHOVEJ, MAYOR



CITY OF

Bishop

Proclamation

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH - SEPTEMBER 2026

WHEREAS, National Recovery Month promotes awareness of substance use and mental health recovery and celebrates the millions of Americans who demonstrate that recovery is possible; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bishop believes every individual deserves the opportunity to live a healthy, meaningful, and hopeful life; and

WHEREAS, we honor the courage and resilience of individuals in recovery and recognize the families, peers, healthcare professionals, Tribal communities, faith communities, employers, educators, first responders, and organizations that support them; and

WHEREAS, access to compassionate, person-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive prevention, treatment, and recovery services helps individuals and families heal and thrive; and

WHEREAS, promoting understanding, reducing stigma, and strengthening community support creates pathways to long-term recovery and reminds those facing substance use or mental health challenges that they are not alone.

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the courage of individuals in recovery and the contributions of those who support them, the Bishop City Council recognizes September 2026 as National Recovery Month and encourages residents, businesses, schools, and community organizations to support recovery, extend compassion, and celebrate the hope and healing that recovery brings.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Stephen Muchovej, Mayor of the City of Bishop, California, have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Bishop to be affixed this 24th day of August 2026.



STEPHEN MUCHOVEJ, MAYOR



CITY OF

Bishop

Proclamation

INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY – AUGUST 31, 2026

WHEREAS, International Overdose Awareness Day is observed annually on August 31 to remember those whose lives have been lost to overdose, support those who grieve, and inspire action to prevent future deaths; and

WHEREAS, every life lost to overdose is a profound tragedy affecting families, friends, and communities, and every person lost deserves to be remembered with dignity; and

WHEREAS, overdose deaths are preventable, and education, early intervention, harm reduction, treatment, recovery support, and access to lifesaving medications such as naloxone can save lives; and

WHEREAS, addressing substance use requires cooperation among healthcare providers, schools, public safety agencies, Tribal communities, community organizations, families, and individuals with lived experience, guided by compassion rather than stigma; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bishop supports prevention and education for youth, access to lifesaving resources, and services that help individuals and families affected by substance use.

NOW THEREFORE, in remembrance of those whose lives have been lost and in support of those affected by substance use, the Bishop City Council recognizes August 31, 2026, as International Overdose Awareness Day, and calls upon the community to support those who are struggling or in recovery and work together to prevent future overdose deaths.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Stephen Muchovej, Mayor of the City of Bishop, California, have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Bishop to be affixed this 24th day of August 2026.


STEPHEN MUCHOVEJ, MAYOR





Agenda Item: 14.A
Date of Meeting: August 24, 2026
Department: Finance

STAFF REPORT

To: City Council
From: Ethan Aukee
Subject: **Acknowledgment of Fiscal Year 2025-26 Police Department Budget Variance and Ratification of Corrective Actions**
Prepared On: August 11, 2026

Background/History:

During the Fiscal Year 2025-26 year-end closing process, Finance staff identified accounting adjustments required in connection with the City's implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 96 (GASB 96) that are expected to cause Police Department expenditures to exceed the department's final expenditure budget.

The primary driver of the variance is an approximately \$200,100 Flock Safety subscription arrangement that was paid in advance and reported as a prepaid asset at June 30, 2025. The applicable subscription arrangement commenced during Fiscal Year 2025-26, requiring the prepaid amount to be reclassified and recognized as governmental fund capital outlay during the current fiscal year, with the related subscription asset recognized and amortized over the agreement term for government-wide financial reporting purposes.

Additional GASB 96 year-end entries also require recognition of governmental fund expenditures together with corresponding other financing sources. As a result, the projected departmental variance is attributable to the timing and technical accounting treatment required for subscription arrangements rather than additional Fiscal Year 2025-26 cash spending.

Finance identified the resulting budgetary impact during the normal year-end closing process and is bringing the matter to the City Council prior to completion of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 annual audit.

Analysis/Discussion:

The City's audited financial statements provide that actual expenditures may not exceed budgeted appropriations at the fund level. They further provide that management may modify individual budget line items within established limits, but that the overall departmental budget may not be exceeded without City Council approval.

Finance has reviewed available Police Department appropriations and made, or will make,

management-level adjustments within existing authority where appropriate. Following those adjustments, the Police Department is currently projected to exceed its Fiscal Year 2025-26 departmental expenditure budget by approximately \$25,310.52, subject to completion of all remaining year-end closing activity.

Of this projected departmental expenditure variance, approximately \$22,185 relates to GASB 96 accounting entries that are accompanied by an equal other financing source. This accounting presentation increases reported governmental fund expenditures but provides an offsetting financing source and therefore does not, by itself, reduce General Fund fund balance. This treatment is consistent with GASB 96 requirements for initial recognition of applicable subscription obligations. The City's prior audited financial statements similarly present subscription obligations as other financing sources in governmental funds.

The remaining approximately \$3,125.52 of the projected departmental expenditure variance does not have a corresponding GASB 96 other financing source. This distinction does not eliminate the approximately \$25,310.52 departmental expenditure variance for budgetary-control purposes; however, it provides important context regarding the nature and financial effect of the variance.

Total General Fund expenditures are not anticipated to exceed the General Fund's overall appropriation. The matter is therefore limited to the Police Department's departmental budgetary control level.

Staff is not recommending that the City Council retroactively amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 adopted budget. Instead, this action is intended to formally acknowledge the condition identified during closing, document management's response, and provide a clear record of the corrective steps taken prior to completion of the annual audit.

Finance will record all year-end accounting activity in the appropriate fiscal period regardless of the resulting budgetary variance. This ensures that the City's financial records accurately reflect the underlying transactions rather than altering accounting treatment to achieve a particular budgetary result.

Finance acknowledges that the potential departmental budget impact associated with these year-end accounting requirements should have been identified earlier in the fiscal year. The resulting variance is primarily attributable to the timing and technical accounting treatment of subscription arrangements identified during year-end closing and **is not reflective of the Police Department's management of its operating budget**. Finance has incorporated additional year-end review procedures to improve identification of similar budgetary impacts in future periods.

As a corrective measure, Finance will incorporate a specific review of prepaid expenditures, leases, subscription arrangements, and other significant year-end accounting items into the City's year-end budget monitoring process so that potential departmental budget impacts can be identified, when practicable, prior to fiscal year-end.

Council action will document management's identification of the variance, evaluation against the City's established budgetary-control requirements, use of available management-level adjustment authority, disclosure to the City Council, and implementation of an additional control procedure intended to reduce the likelihood of recurrence.

Impacts to Council Goals and Strategic Planning Priorities:

The proposed action supports the City Services and Functionality strategic priority by promoting responsible budgeting, transparent financial reporting, and improved internal controls. It also supports Public Safety by ensuring Police Department financial activity is accurately reported and appropriately monitored.

Budget Impacts:

The proposed action does not authorize an additional cash expenditure.

The primary driver of the year-end budgetary impact is approximately \$200,100 in previously paid Flock Safety subscription-related costs that were carried as prepaid expenses pending commencement of the subscription arrangement. Under the applicable GASB 96 accounting treatment, the prepaid amount becomes subject to recognition as governmental fund capital outlay when the subscription commences, with the related subscription asset recognized and amortized over the agreement term for government-wide financial reporting purposes.

Because the cash expenditure occurred in the prior fiscal year, this accounting treatment creates a significant Fiscal Year 2025-26 expenditure recognition without a corresponding Fiscal Year 2025-26 cash outlay. This timing and classification issue was identified during the technical year-end closing process.

Following management-level budget adjustments, the Police Department is currently projected to exceed its Fiscal Year 2025-26 departmental expenditure budget by approximately \$25,310. Approximately \$22,185 of that amount relates to separate GASB 96 expenditure recognition accompanied by an equal other financing source. Approximately \$3,125 of the projected departmental variance is not accompanied by a corresponding GASB 96 financing source.

Total General Fund expenditures are not anticipated to exceed the General Fund's overall appropriation.

Legal Review:

The City Attorney has reviewed this item and finds that the recommended action complies with the law.

Recommended Action:

Acknowledge the anticipated Fiscal Year 2025-26 Police Department expenditure budget variance identified during year-end closing; ratify management-level budget adjustments made within existing authority; authorize the Finance Director to record all accounting entries necessary to properly close Fiscal Year 2025-26; and direct staff to implement additional year-end budget monitoring procedures and provide the resulting documentation to the City's independent auditor.

Approved By: Ethan Aukee 8/11/2026

Approved By: Alison Bishop 8/12/2026

Approved By: Dean Pucci 8/12/2026

Approved By: Pam Foster 8/17/2026



Agenda Item: 14.B
Date of Meeting: August 24, 2026
Department: Planning

STAFF REPORT

To: City Council
From: Ana Budnyk
Subject: **Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Repealing Section 17.80.110 of Chapter 17.80 and Adding a New Chapter 17.81 - Appeals to Title 17**
Prepared On: August 5, 2026
Attachments: Ordinance_New Chapter 17.81. Appeals

Background/History:

On **July 27, 2026**, the City Council conducted a public hearing and introduced the ordinance for first reading. The ordinance is now before the City Council for second reading and adoption.

Analysis/Discussion:

Staff proposes repealing Section 17.80.110 (Appeal Procedure) and adopting a new stand-alone Chapter 17.81 - Appeals to clarify and standardize appeal procedures. The new chapter establishes clear procedures for filing, processing, and hearing appeals and defines the roles of the Planning Commission and City Council.

Impacts to Council Goals and Strategic Planning Priorities:

Not Applicable.

Budget Impacts:

None.

Legal Review:

City Attorney Pucci has reviewed this item and finds that the recommended action complies with the law.

Recommended Action:

Council to approve the ordinance repealing Section 17.80.110 of Chapter 17.80 and Adding a New Chapter 17.81 - Appeals to Title 17 (by title only).

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, REPEALING SECTION 17.80.110 OF CHAPTER 17.80 AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 17.81 TO TITLE 17, ZONING, OF THE CITY OF BISHOP CODE OF

ORDINANCES AND FINDING THIS ORDINANCE IS NOT A PROJECT UNDER CEQA
PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, SECTION 15378 (b)(5) OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF
REGULATIONS.

Approved By: Dean Pucci 8/5/2026

Approved By: Pam Foster 8/5/2026

Approved By:

Approved By:

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, REPEALING SECTION 17.80.110 OF CHAPTER 17.80 AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 17.81 TO TITLE 17, ZONING, OF THE CITY OF BISHOP CODE OF ORDINANCES AND FINDING THIS ORDINANCE IS NOT A PROJECT UNDER CEQA PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, SECTION 15378 (b)(5) OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS.

WHEREAS, the City of Bishop desires to amend the language related to appeals of land use decisions in Title 17 Zoning of the City Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bishop, California, pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") (Cal. Pub. Res. Code §§21000 and following) and State CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR §§15000 and following) has determined that this ordinance is not a project under CEQA pursuant to Title 14, Section 15378 (b)(5) of the California Code of Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are true and incorporated into this ordinance.

SECTION 2. Section 17.80.110 of Chapter 17.80 of Title 17, Zoning is hereby repealed and reserved for future use.

SECTION 3. A new Chapter 17.81, Appeals, is added to Title 17, Zoning, of the City of Bishop Code of Ordinances to read as follows:

CHAPTER 17.81. APPEALS

§ 17.81.010 Purpose.

This Chapter provides procedures for:

- A. The Council's review of a decision rendered by the Commission;
- B. The Commission's review of a decision rendered by the Director;
- C. The filing of an appeal, by other than the Council or Commission, of a decision rendered by the Director or Commission.

§ 17.81.020. Eligibility.

- A. An appeal in compliance with this Chapter may be filed by any aggrieved person, except that for any decision made following a public hearing, an appeal may only be filed by a person who, in person or through a

representative, appeared at the public hearing in connection with the decision being appealed, or who otherwise informed the City in writing of the nature of their concerns before the hearing.

- B. A planning permit or other decision by the Commission that followed a Commission public hearing may be appealed by any member of the Council to the Council. Once an appeal is initiated, the matter shall be scheduled for hearing. The decision of the Council on the appeal shall be final and shall become effective upon adoption of the resolution by the Council.

§ 17.81.030. Appeals of Decisions.

An appeal filed by other than the Council or Commission shall be heard by the following review authorities:

- A. *Director Appeals.* A decision rendered by the Director may be appealed to the Commission.
- B. *Commission Appeals.* A decision rendered by the Commission may be appealed to the Council.

§ 17.81.040. Filing and Processing of Appeals.

- A. *Timing and Form of Appeal.* Appeals shall be submitted in writing and filed with the Division or City Clerk, as applicable, within 10 days after the decision date identified in the notice of decision. Appeals addressed to the Commission shall be filed with the department, while appeals addressed to the Council shall be filed with the City Clerk. The appeal shall specifically state the pertinent facts of the case and the basis for the appeal, as required by subsection D. Appeals shall be accompanied by the filing fee established by the most current City Council Fee Resolution.
- B. *The Number of Days Shall be Construed as Calendar Days.* Time limits will extend to the following City Hall working day where the last of the specified number of days falls on a weekend, holiday, or other day when City Hall is officially closed.
- C. *Report and Scheduling of Hearing.* When an appeal has been filed, the Director shall prepare a report on the matter and schedule the matter for consideration by the appropriate review authority.
- D. *Required Statement and Evidence*
 - 1. Applications for appeals shall include a general statement specifying the basis for the appeal and the specific aspect of the decision being appealed.
 - 2. Appeals shall be based upon an error in fact, dispute of findings, or inadequacy of conditions to mitigate potential impacts.

3. Appeals shall be accompanied by supporting evidence substantiating the basis for the appeal.
- E. *Action.* At the hearing, the review authority will consider the decision de novo, and may consider any issue involving the matter that is the subject of the appeal, in addition to the specific grounds for the appeal.
1. By resolution, the review authority may affirm, affirm in part, or reverse the action, determination, or decision that is the subject of the appeal.
 2. When reviewing an appeal, the review authority may amend or adopt additional conditions of approval that may address other issues or concerns than the subject of the appeal.
 3. When reviewing an appeal, the review authority may disapprove the land use entitlement approved by the previous review authority, even though the appellant only requested a modification or elimination of one or more conditions of approval.
 4. If new or different evidence is presented on appeal, the Commission or Council may, but shall not be required to, refer the matter back to the Director or Commission for further consideration.

§ 17.81.050. Notice for Appeal Hearings.

- A. Appeal of Director or Commission Decision. Where an appeal of a decision made following a noticed public hearing is filed, and a hearing on the merits of the appeal is placed on the Commission or Council agenda, a public hearing notice shall be given. An appeal of a Director or Commission action that was not subject to a statutorily required public hearing notice does not require public hearing notice when the matter is placed on the Council agenda.
- B. Appeal of Director's Decision. Notice of the appeal shall be mailed to all persons who previously received notice of the Director's or Commission's decision at least 10 days before the scheduled public hearing or review.

§ 17.81.060. Notice of Final Decision by Commission.

Within 10 working days after the final decision is rendered by the Commission or City Council, a notice of the decision and any applicable conditions of approval shall be mailed to the appellant at the address shown on the application.

§ 17.81.070. Pending Appeal.

While an appeal is pending, the establishment of any affected use or structure shall be held in abeyance and all permits and licenses issued for the use or structure shall be stayed.

SECTION 4: Severability

If any section of this Ordinance is determined to be unenforceable, invalid, or unlawful, such determination shall not affect the enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption, and within fifteen (15) days after its passage, shall be posted in three public places.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council on the ____ day of ____, 2026, by the following roll call vote:

MOTION:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT

ABSTAINED

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of ____, 2026.

Stephen Muchovej, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Robin Picken, City Clerk



City of Bishop Planning Commission

There will be no Planning Commission Meeting
August 25, 2026

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be
September 29, 2026

Bishop City Council Chambers
301 West Line Street
Bishop, CA 93514
760-873-8458

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2026

1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Muchovej called the meeting of the Bishop City Council to order at 5:01 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop, California.

2) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Councilmember Kong
Councilmember Garcia
Councilmember Schwartz
Mayor Pro Tem Freundt
Mayor Muchovej

ABSENT:

None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Pam Foster, City Administrator; Robin Picken, City Clerk; and Dean J. Pucci, City Attorney.

3) PUBLIC COMMENT PRIOR TO CLOSED SESSION

No public comments were made.

4) CLOSED SESSION

4.A) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - INITIATION OF LITIGATION pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(c): 1 Potential Case

4.B) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION pursuant to Government Code § 54957 – Title: City Administrator

Closed Session began at 5:02 p.m. Closed Session ended at 5:59 p.m.

5) OPEN SESSION

Mayor Muchovej called the open session of the Bishop City Council to order at 6:02 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop, California.

6) MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Muchovej announced a moment of silence.

7) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Schwartz.

8) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Freundt
Councilmember Garcia
Councilmember Schwartz
Mayor Muchovej
Councilmember Kong

ABSENT:

None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Pam Foster, City Administrator; Robin Picken, City Clerk; Dean J. Pucci, City Attorney; Ethan Aukee, Finance Director; Bret Russell, Fire Chief; Nate Derr, Police Chief; and Daniel McElroy, Community Services Manager.

9) PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were made by: Cam Lemons, a local resident, recited a prayer.

No further public comments were made.

10) REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION AS REQUIRED BY LAW

Mayor Muchovej announced that there was no reportable action taken in closed session today.

11) PRESENTATIONS

11.A) A Presentation on Air Service - Presented by Mammoth Lakes Tourism Interim Chief Executive Officer Sarah Winters.

Mammoth Lakes Tourism Air Service Presentation - February 9, 2026

Mammoth Lakes Tourism Chairman of the Board Pat Foster introduced Sarah Winters.

Mammoth Lakes Tourism Vice President and Interim Chief Executive Officer Sarah Winters reviewed her presentation with Council. After answering all of Council's questions, Council thanked Sarah Winters for her presentation.

12) DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Written reports from the Fire, Police, Public Works, Community Services, Planning, and Administration Departments were submitted on each department's activities including upcoming and ongoing projects. Verbal reports were also given by the Fire, Police, Community Services, and Administration Departments.

12.A) Fire Department Report - Fire Chief Bret Russell

Fire Department Report - January 2026

12.B) Police Department Report - Police Chief Nate Derr

Police Department Report - January 2026

12.C) Public Works Department Report - Public Works Director Nora Gamino

Public Works Department Report - January 2026

12.D) Community Services Department Report - Community Services Manager Daniel McElroy

Community Services Department Report - January 2026

12.E) Planning Department Report - Principal Planner Ana Budnyk

Planning Department Report - January 2026

12.F) City Administrator Report - City Administrator Pam Foster

City Administrator Report - January 2026

13) COUNTY OF INYO UPDATE

Second District Supervisor Griffiths provided an update on Inyo County business, activities, and introduced their new Chief Administrative Officer Jay David Frazier. Jay David Frazier greeted Council and Council welcomed Jay David Frazier to the County of Inyo.

14) CONSENT CALENDAR

14.A) A Resolution Renewing the City of Bishop's Military Equipment Policy; AB 481-Military Equipment Annual Inventory and Report

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Resolution - Renewing AB 481 Military Equipment Policy 2026 02 09

AB 481 inventory 2026

AB 481 report 2026

14.B) Selection of LED Streetlight Color Temperatures for LS-1 Conversion

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LED Streetlight Color Temperature Selection Visual Aid

14.C) Approval of Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Planning Agreement No. D2501005 for the Bishop Area Wastewater Authority Regional Treatment Plant

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City of Bishop Agreement No. D2501005

BAWA Resolution No. 2024-01

City Resolution No. 2024-05

14.D) Approval of USDA Rural Development Disaster Grant Agreement for Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation

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City of Bishop_USDA RD Agreement

Bishop Letter of Conditions

Bishop CY2022 Disaster Water Grant PER

Resolution No. 2024-16

14.E) West Line Street Water Main Replacement Project – Approval of Bid Documents and Authorization to Advertise

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West Line Street Water Main Key Plans

No public comments were made.

Motion/Councilmember Schwartz Seconded/Councilmember Garcia
Councilmember Schwartz made a motion to approve the consent calendar.
Motion passed 5-0

Ayes: Councilmember Kong, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Schwartz,
Mayor Pro Tem Freundt, Mayor Muchovej

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

15) PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION

15.A) Public Hearing and Adoption of a Resolution Amending and Restating Certain Fees and Charges for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 City Services

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Notice of Public Hearing

Staff Memorandum on Potential Changes

Proposed Resolution Amending and Restating Certain Fees and Charges

Mayor Muchovej opened the public hearing. No public comments were made. Mayor Muchovej closed the public hearing. Council discussed this item and asked that City staff further define "Youth" as "Youth is 4-17 years of age" to their proposed list of fees.

Motion/Councilmember Garcia

Seconded/Councilmember Schwartz

Councilmember Garcia made a motion to approve the adoption of the proposed resolution by title only with the requested changes.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING AND RESTATING CERTAIN FEES AND CHARGES FOR CITY SERVICES

Motion passed 5-0

Ayes: Councilmember Kong, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Schwartz, Mayor Pro Tem Freundt, Mayor Muchovej

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

16) NEW BUSINESS

16.A) Regional Air Service at the Eastern Sierra Regional Airport (Bishop) and Potential City Participation in Air Service Subsidy

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City Administrator Foster reviewed this item with Council. After a full discussion between City Administrator Foster, the Council, and Mammoth Lakes Tourism Chairman of the Board Pat Foster on Air Service, Council directed staff to bring this item back to be addressed at their upcoming strategic planning meeting. Council then thanked Mammoth Lakes Tourism for all of the work they have been doing.

Public comments were made by Joe Pollini, Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce Guest Host Supervisor, spoke to the benefits air service provides for Bishop. No further public comments were made.

16.B) Citywide Mid-Year Budget Adjustment Proposal

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Citywide Mid-Year Budget Adjustment Proposal

Finance Director Aukee reviewed this item with Council. After answering all of Council's questions, Council thanked Finance Director Aukee for all of his work. No public comments were made.

Motion/Councilmember Garcia

Seconded/Councilmember Schwartz

Councilmember Garcia made a motion to approve and adopt the Citywide Mid-Year Budget Adjustment Proposal as presented.

Motion passed 5-0

Ayes: Councilmember Kong, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Schwartz, Mayor Pro Tem Freundt, Mayor Muchovej

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

16.C) Grants in Support Process and Potential Allocation of Unused Funds

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List of Grants in Support Awards for FY 2025-26

City Administrator Pam Foster reviewed this item with Council. After a full discussion by Council, Mayor Muchovej summarized direction to staff to: Not reopen the Grants in Support funding; Adjust the process next time to include a more robust ranking and scoring rubric tool; and determine later on the amount of funds to be allocated to the Grants in Support program.

Public comments were made by: Eastern Sierra Land Trust Director Mark Drew who asked Council for their consideration for additional allocation of funds; and Eastern Sierra Land Trust Community Connections Program Director Gena Wood thanked the Council for their two years of support and advised the Council that if they were to receive further funds it would go to a mural that would benefit and beautify the city. They both thanked the Council for their consideration. No further public comments were made.

17) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Pro Tem Freundt, with consensus from Council, asked to bring back a discussion at a future meeting on creating a standing subcommittee that meets with the Chamber of Commerce to discuss all topics.

Councilmember Garcia, with consensus from Council, asked to bring back a discussion at a future meeting on building sidewalks and to develop a program to start addressing the City's sidewalks.

Mayor Muchovej, with consensus from Council, asked to bring back a discussion at a future meeting on the status of Short-Term Rentals and their impacts on the city's normal housing rates.

No further requests were made for future agendas items.

18) COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Members reported on meetings and community events that they attended.

19) ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m. to the City Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting in the City Council Chambers.

Stephen Muchovej, Mayor

Attest: _____
Alison Bishop, City Clerk

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 23, 2026

1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Muchovej called the meeting of the Bishop City Council to order at 6:01 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop, California.

2) MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Muchovej announced a moment of silence.

3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Freundt.

4) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Councilmember Kong
Councilmember Garcia
Councilmember Schwartz
Mayor Pro Tem Freundt
Mayor Muchovej

ABSENT:

None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Pam Foster, City Administrator; Robin Picken, City Clerk; Keith F. Collins, Deputy City Attorney; Ethan Aukee, Finance Director; Bret Russell, Fire Chief; Nate Derr, Police Chief; and Daniel McElroy, Community Services Manager.

5) PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comments were made by:

Sasha Hashemipour, a local resident, spoke against artificial intelligence (AI) integrated surveillance systems and asked the City to cancel their agreement with Flock Safety.

Lamonica Lacey, U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Public Affairs Specialist, introduced herself and provided information to the Council on the various financial assistance programs they have available to assist small businesses in Inyo County that may have been effected by the Pack Fire in Mono County.

Noel Gabriel-Guacheno, spoke in support of keeping the A-Frame and shared a message board filled with many messages expressing their support to keep the A-Frame.

Jennifer Beaudean, a small business owner in Bishop, asked that Council place the

environmental report on the A-Frame on their future agenda; and asked Council to address the issue of parking for large trucks coming through town and can no longer park along Highway 6 close to town anymore due to the recent fencing along Highway 6 Caltrans right of way. Worried about safety and to allow trucks to continue to deliver goods to Bishop businesses.

John Bowen, a local resident, voiced his opposition to the Council against Flock and asked that the Council terminate their agreement with Flock.

Rick Klug, a local resident, recited a prayer.

Jon Weissman, a local resident, spoke against Flock security and asked Council to cancel the City's agreement with Flock.

Tom Williams, a local resident, spoke about Flock camera footage, and the rights to record all traffic without a warrant if we know they are present. Therefore, he requested that signs be posted where there are cameras as they do with all traffic cameras and recommended a moratorium be placed on the use of Flock cameras until there can be further public discourse on this matter.

No further public comments were made.

6) PRESENTATIONS

6.A) A Presentation on the "Not Another Kid" Project - Presented by Penni Brown.

The Mayor announced that there will be no Presentations on this meeting's agenda. Item 6.A was pulled from the agenda.

7) DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief Russell reported on the number of calls they received during the recent storm, their recent interviews for their Deputy Fire Chief position, provided an update on the purchased pumper tender they hope to receive in the next month, invited Council to their Fire Department Volunteer Awards Dinner on March 7 at 6:00 PM, and thanked all of their volunteers.

Police Chief Derr reported to Council on the Police Department's assistance during the past storm, but wanted to recognize both the Fire Department and the Public Works Department for all the work they did to address all the critical issues that were going on in the city during the past storm, that included addressing the water shut down at the hospital, fixing leaks, and dealing with broken branches. Police Chief Derr spoke to concerns over the Flock contract, educating the public, and invited the public to meet with him. Police Chief Derr also announced several departmental items.

Public Works Director Gamino joined via video conference and reported to Council on the Public Works Department's snow and storm clean up, clean up of down tree branches, fixed the power outage at the sewer plant, addressed lift station operations, fixed 12 inch water main leak on Main Street, and thanked acknowledgements made by Council and other departments. Public Works Director Gamino also announced that the Water Main Replacement Project is currently advertised, a pre-bid meeting is scheduled for interested contractors tomorrow, and the bid opening is scheduled for March 12, 2026.

Community Services Manager McElroy thanked the other departments and especially the Community Services staff for their work on cleaning up the City Park and addressing all city facilities during and after the storm. Community Services Manager McElroy reported to Council on the impacts of snow on the ballfields, the large tree fall next to City Hall, announced the start of several upcoming programs, an update on the bid opening for the Courts Resurfacing Project, and continued work on the Park Master Plan and Field 6 plans.

City Administrator Foster reported on attending the League of California Cities City Managers Conference, and expressed her appreciation for all of our City staff's and volunteers' work during the past storm.

8) BISHOP AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INFORMATION CENTER UPDATE

8.A) Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce and Information Center Update Report - February 23, 2026

BACCIC Report - February 23, 2026

Bishop Chamber of Commerce and Information Center Executive Director Tawni Thomson also thanked City staff and volunteers for all of their work during and after the recent storm.

Tawni Thomson reviewed her report with Council. After addressing all of Council's questions, Council thanked Tawni Thomson for her report.

9) CONSENT CALENDAR

9.A) December 2025 Budget Report

December 2025 Budget Report

9.B) December 2025 Financial Reports

December 2025 Bank Reconciliation Report

December 2025 Combined Cash Report

December 2025 Investment Portfolio Report

December 2025 Warrant Register Report

9.C) Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 25-PW-01 with Lechowicz & Tseng Municipal Consultants for the 2025 Water and Sewer Rate Study, Increasing the Not-to-Exceed Amount

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25-PW-01 L&T Municipal Consultants Agreement

25-PW-01 L&T Municipal Consultants Amendment No. 1

- 9.D) Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program Documents for the Silver Peaks Project.

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Silver Peaks City Award Resolution

No public comments were made.

Motion/Councilmember Garcia Seconded/Councilmember Schwartz
Councilmember Garcia made a motion to approve the consent calendar.
Motion passed 5-0

Ayes: Councilmember Kong, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Schwartz,
Mayor Pro Tem Freundt, Mayor Muchovej

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

10) PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION

10.A) Public Hearing and Adoption of Water and Sewer Rates (Proposition 218)

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Prop 218 Hearing Presentation

Reso No. 2026-XX Adoption of Rates

Bishop Rate Study Report AMENDED FINAL 1.29.26

Mayor Muchovej opened the public hearing.

Public Works Director Gamino introduced the City's utility rate consultant, LT Municipal Consultants Financial Analyst Sophia Mills, to review this item with Council.

Sophia Mills reviewed her presentation with Council on the proposed water and sewer rates and the Proposition 218 Public Hearing.

Mayor Muchovej asked for public testimony.

Public testimony was made by:

Todd Bradlee asked for clarification on the proposed residential water rates. He stated that he was not well informed on how hard it is to meter water. However, he had two questions with regards to residential water rates: 1) How hard is it to meter it? and 2) Was the number of people living in each house taken into consideration with the rate increases?

Sophia Mills addressed Todd Bradlee's questions regarding meters. Yes, the City is considering and planning to have meters installed in the future, and to consider metered rates in the future.

Sophia Mills addressed Todd Bradlee's question regarding occupancy. Yes, the number of people living in each house was considered in the proposed water rates. Because the City does not have meters, rates are designed based on an average across the whole city. Occupancy is based on the census and estimated water use. The average water use for a single-family is assumed to be higher than a multi-family dwelling such as apartments. So the rate is based on an average.

There were no further public comments or public testimonies made.

There were no additional written protests received.

Mayor Muchovej closed the public hearing.

Mayor Muchovej asked City Clerk Picken to provide a count of all protests received.

City Clerk Picken reported that the City has received a total of 5 written protests.

Mayor Muchovej announced that since the City has received 5 written protests, which is under the majority threshold of 831 protests, the Council may now consider and discuss the proposed water and sewer rate adjustments that would take effect on July 1, 2026, with annual adjustments through July 1, 2030.

After a full discussion on the proposed water and sewer rates, a motion was made.

Motion/Councilmember Schwartz Seconded/Councilmember Kong
Councilmember Schwartz made a motion to adopt the resolution establishing the new water and sewer rates effective July 1, 2026.
Motion passed 4-1

Ayes: Councilmember Kong, Councilmember Schwartz, Mayor Pro Tem Freundt, Mayor Muchovej

Noes: Councilmember Garcia

Abstain: None

Absent: None

11) NEW BUSINESS

11.A) Direction on Updates to the City's Water and Sewer Utility Rate Assistance Program

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Finance Director Aukee, Public Works Director Gamino, and City Administrator Foster reviewed this item with Council.

After a full discussion on how to update the City's Water and Sewer Utility Rate Assistance Program, Council provided direction to staff on the following items:

1. Revising Title 13 of the Bishop Municipal Code to remove the "senior citizen" requirement and transition the program to a low-income, income-qualified assistance program;
2. Identifying which existing income qualified assistance programs shall be used to verify eligibility, to be established by resolution; and

3. Determining the structure and amount of the utility rate assistance benefit (currently 25% for qualifying low-income seniors).

Public comments were made by:

Lynette McIntosh, a local resident, spoke to the ease of applying for low-income discounts herself in the past and people should not have a problem applying; and also asked if the adopted water and sewer rates will be published in the local paper.

No further public comments were made.

Councilmember Garcia left the Council Chambers at 7:57 p.m. Councilmember Garcia returned to the Council Chambers at 8:00 p.m.

11.B) Consideration of an Ad Hoc Committee to Meet with the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Center

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City Administrator Foster reviewed this item with Council.

Public comments were made by:

Jennifer Beaudean offered her participation to meet with Council to be a part of the discussions regarding the A-Frame and Park Master Plan.

Noel Gabriel-Guacheno spoke to her appreciation of Mayor Pro Tem Freundt's request to establish a joint committee to meet with the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce and that everyone acknowledges that communication has been lacking between the Council and the Chamber. A committee is a great step forward to function as a team working for the good of our community.

Lynette McIntosh, a local resident, agreed with Noel Gabriel-Guacheno's comments and encouraged everyone to check out Tyler Beadle's videos on Facebook for historic information about Bishop.

Gayla Wolf, a local resident, spoke in support for the formation of this committee and expressed that the Chamber of Commerce is what is best for Bishop, wants the building back, and restored.

No further public comments were made.

After a discussion by Council on the formation of an ad hoc committee to meet with the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Center, Mayor Muchovej asked if Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Center Executive Director Tawni Thomson is agreeable to forming such a committee being discussed. Tawni Thomson confirmed, yes, she and the Chamber Board are agreeable to meeting with the Council via the proposed ad hoc committee.

Motion/Councilmember Schwartz

Seconded/Mayor Pro Tem Freundt

Councilmember Schwartz made a motion to approve the creation of a two-member ad hoc committee, as requested by Mayor Pro Tem Freundt, to meet with the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Center.

Motion passed 4-0

Powers Agreement as presented, but would like further consideration of the feedback comments made by Mayor Muchovej and the other members of Council relating to property purchased by BAWA versus the City and the related property tax for return to the ad hoc committee to discuss.

12) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Kong and Councilmember Garcia, with consensus from Council, asked to bring back a discussion on Flock pending future discussions with Police Chief Derr.

Mayor Muchovej, with consensus from Council, asked for another update from Caltrans on big trucks, parking of big trucks, and any other items.

No further requests were made for future agenda items.

13) COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Members reported on meetings and community events that they attended.

14) ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m. to the City Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, March 9, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting in the City Council Chambers.

Stephen Muchovej, Mayor

Attest: _____
Alison Bishop, City Clerk

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 9, 2026

1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Muchovej called the meeting of the Bishop City Council to order at 6:01 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop, California.

2) MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Muchovej announced a moment of silence.

3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by City Administrator Pam Foster.

4) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Councilmember Garcia
Councilmember Schwartz
Mayor Pro Tem Freundt
Mayor Muchovej

ABSENT:

Councilmember Kong

OTHERS PRESENT: Pam Foster, City Administrator; Robin Picken, City Clerk; Russell A. Hildebrand, Deputy City Attorney; Bret Russell, Fire Chief; Nate Derr, Police Chief; and Daniel McElroy.

5) PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

6) PROCLAMATIONS

- 6.A) Proclamation - Declaring March 2026 as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month in the City of Bishop - Requested by National Multiple Sclerosis Society Ambassador Melinda Livermont.

Proclamation - Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month - March 2026

National Multiple Sclerosis Society Ambassador Melinda "Mel" Livermont, from Bishop, thanked Council for the proclamation and show of support to all those affected by this disease and especially to show support for our local Multiple Sclerosis (MS) patients.

Council thanked Mel Livermont for her request and support to our MS patients.

Council read and presented the proclamation to Mel Livermont.

7) PRESENTATIONS

7.A) Housing Law Update - Presented by Jones and Mayer Deputy City Attorney Russell Hildebrand.

Presentation - Housing Legislation Update - March 9, 2026

Deputy City Attorney Russell Hildebrand presented Council with a housing law update. After Deputy Attorney Hildebrand answered all of Council's questions, Council thanked Deputy City Attorney Hildebrand for his presentation.

8) DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Reports from the Fire, Police, Community Services, Planning, and Administration Departments were given on each department's activities including upcoming and ongoing projects.

8.A) Fire Department Report - Fire Chief Bret Russell

Fire Department Report - February 2026

8.B) Police Department Report - Police Chief Nate Derr

Crime Trends 2013-2025

Police Department Report - February 2026

8.C) Community Services Department Report - Community Services Manager Daniel McElroy

Community Services Department Report - February 2026

8.D) Planning Department Report - Principal Planner Ana Budnyk

Planning Department - February 2026

8.E) City Administrator Report - City Administrator Pam Foster

City Administrator Report - February 2026

9) COUNTY OF INYO UPDATE

Second District Supervisor Griffiths provided an update on Inyo County business and activities.

10) CONSENT CALENDAR

10.A) January 2026 Budget Report

January 2026 Budget Report

10.B) January 2026 Financial Reports

January 2026 Bank Reconciliation Report

January 2026 Combined Cash Report

January 2026 Investment Portfolio Report

January 2026 Warrant Register Report

10.C) General Plan 2025 Annual Progress Report

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City of Bishop General Plan 2025 Annual Progress Report

10.D) Resolution Authorizing Application for and Receipt of Prohousing Incentive Program (PIP) Funds

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Resolution - PIP Funds 2026 03 09

No public comments were made.

Motion/Councilmember Garcia Seconded/Councilmember Schwartz
Councilmember Garcia made a motion to approve the consent calendar.
Motion passed 4-0

Ayes: Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Schwartz, Mayor Pro Tem Freundt,
Mayor Muchovej

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmember Kong

11) NEW BUSINESS

11.A) Reject All Bids for the Bishop Park Courts Resurfacing Project

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Courts Resurfacing Bid Analysis

Community Services Manager McElroy reviewed this item with Council.

No public comments were made.

Motion/Councilmember Schwartz Seconded/Councilmember Garcia
Councilmember Schwartz made a motion to reject all bids for the Bishop Park Courts Resurfacing Project and to authorize the Community Services Manager to rebid the Bishop Park Courts Resurfacing Project.
Motion passed 4-0

Ayes: Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Schwartz, Mayor Pro Tem Freundt, Mayor Muchovej
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilmember Kong

12) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No requests for future agenda items were made by Council.

13) COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Members reported on meetings and community events that they attended.

14) ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m. to the City Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting in the City Council Chambers.

Stephen Muchovej, Mayor

Attest: _____
Alison Bishop, City Clerk

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 23, 2026

1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Freundt called the meeting of the Bishop City Council to order at 6:01 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop, California.

2) MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Pro Tem Freundt announced a moment of silence.

3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Freundt.

4) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Councilmember Kong
Councilmember Garcia
Councilmember Schwartz
Mayor Pro Tem Freundt

ABSENT:

Mayor Muchovej

OTHERS PRESENT: Pam Foster, City Administrator; Jessica Ortiz, Administrative Support Assistant; Dean J. Pucci, City Attorney; Ethan Aukee, Finance Director; Bret Russell, Fire Chief; Nate Derr, Police Chief; Gary Milici, Public Works Superintendent; and Daniel McElroy, Community Services Manager.

City Attorney Pucci announced a requested agenda modification.

Staff asked for an urgency/emergency addition of an agenda item to this meeting's agenda. That item is the addition of a closed session matter. The matter came to the attention of the City following the posting of the agenda. There indeed exists a need for the Council's attention to the matter or action on the matter pursuant to the Government Code and the Brown Act. A formal vote of the Council at this meeting, having one missing council member, would require a unanimous vote to add that item on this meeting's agenda. That specific request is to add a closed session item at the end of this meeting's regular session pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) Initiation of Litigation - one case.

City Attorney Pucci asked Council for a motion and a second to add this closed session item finding on representation of staff and urgent need exists for the Council's consideration for action of an item that came to the City's attention following the posting of this meeting's agenda.

Motion/Councilmember Garcia

Seconded/Councilmember Schwartz

Councilmember Garcia made a motion to approve adding this closed session item finding on representation of staff and urgent need exists for the Council's consideration for action of an item that came to the City's attention following the posting of this meeting's agenda.

Motion passed 4-0

Ayes: Councilmember Kong, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Schwartz, Mayor Pro Tem Freundt

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mayor Muchovej

City Attorney Pucci added for the record a procedural note that public comment on the newly added closed session item will occur prior to the Council convening closed session and any required reporting out will occur following back in Council Chambers.

5) PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

6) PRESENTATIONS

6. PRESENTATION – California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) Projects Update – Presented by Caltrans District 9 Acting Chief PIO Monique TeSam

Caltrans Presentation - Bishop Area Infrastructure Projects.pdf

Caltrans Chief PIO Monique Tesam and Design Manager Kyle Greenhall provided Council with local project updates, including the Bishop Pavement project which will work on improving safety, accessibility and mobility, and ultimately comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Tesam discussed the upcoming lane and street projects scheduled to occur throughout town. She discussed the Wye Road roundabout project expected to begin late Summer 2026.

Monique Tesam and Kyle Greenhall responded to the concerns expressed by Council.

7) DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Reports from the Fire, Police, Public Works, Community Services, Planning, and Administration Departments were given on each department's activities including upcoming and ongoing projects.

8) BISHOP AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INFORMATION CENTER UPDATE

- 8.A) Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce and Information Center Update Report - March 23, 2026

BACCIC Report - March 23, 2026.pdf

Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce and Information Center Executive Director Tawni Thomson reported on findings at travel shows, provided updates on spring activities and upcoming events.

After answering all of Council's questions, the Council thanked Tawni Thomson for her report.

9) CONSENT CALENDAR

9.A) February 2026 Budget Report

February 2026 Budget Report

9.B) February 2026 Financial Reports

February 2026 Bank Reconciliation Report

February 2026 Combined Cash Report

February 2026 Investment Portfolio Report

February 2026 Warrant Register Report

9.C) Task Order Amendment 3 for the West Line Water Main Replacement Project

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23-TO-03 Amendment 3

Garcia has a question regarding item 9. C.) Amendment needed to be added to add quality control. Foster added to task order

No public comments were made.

Motion/Councilmember Schwartz Seconded/Councilmember Kong
Councilmember Schwartz made a motion to approve the consent calendar.
Motion passed 4-0

Ayes: Councilmember Kong, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Schwartz,
Mayor Pro Tem Freundt

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mayor Muchovej

10) NEW BUSINESS

10.A) Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 13 of the Bishop Municipal Code Relating to the Utility Assistance Program

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Ordinance Amending Sections 13.04.091 and 13.08.061 of the Bishop Municipal Code Relating to the Utility Assistance Program

Finance Director Aukee reviewed this item with Council.

No public comments were made.

Motion/Councilmember Kong Seconded/Councilmember Garcia
Councilmember Kong made a motion to approve the first reading and introduction of an ordinance amending Chapter 13 of the Bishop Municipal Code relating to the City's Utility Assistance Program by title only.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 13 OF THE CITY OF BISHOP CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATING TO WATER AND SEWER SERVICE
Motion passed 4-0

Ayes: Councilmember Kong, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Schwartz, Mayor Pro Tem Freundt
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mayor Muchovej

10.B) Award of Construction Contract, Approval of Interfund Loan, and Budget Adjustment for the West Line Street Water Main Project (Contract No. 26-PW-01).

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Resolution Approving Interfund Loan from General Fund to Water Fund for the West Line Street Water Main Project

Interfund Loan Amortization Schedule

AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES West Line Water

Public Works Superintendent Milici reviewed this item with Council.

No public comments were made.

Motion/Councilmember Garcia Seconded/Councilmember Schwartz
Councilmember Garcia made a motion to adopt a resolution approving an interfund loan from the General Fund to the Water Fund for the West Line Street Water Main Project, approve a budget adjustment to the Water Fund capital expense account, award a construction contract to DG Construction, Inc. (Contract No. 26-PW-01) in the amount of \$2,313,710.00, authorize the City Administrator to execute the contract documents, and authorize an owner-controlled construction contingency of \$115,685.00 for a total project authorization of \$2,429,395.00.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN INTERFUND LOAN FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE WATER FUND FOR THE WEST LINE STREET WATER MAIN PROJECT
Motion passed 4-0

Ayes: Councilmember Kong, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Schwartz, Mayor Pro Tem Freundt

Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mayor Muchovej

11) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No requests were made for future agendas items.

12) COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Members reported on meetings and community events that they attended.

13) ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Freundt adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m. to the City Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Mayor Pro Tem Freundt then asked for any public comment on the newly added closed session item.

14) PUBLIC COMMENT PRIOR TO CLOSED SESSION

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: This time is set aside to receive public comment on matters agendized for closed session only. When recognized by the Mayor Pro Tem, please state your name, and address for the record and please limit your comments to three minutes. Under California law the City Council is prohibited from generally discussing or taking action on items not included in the agenda; however, the City Council may briefly respond to comments or questions from members of the public. Therefore, the City Council will listen to all public comment but will not generally discuss the matter or take action on it.

No public comments were made.

15) CLOSED SESSION

15.A) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) - Initiation of Litigation - one case.

Closed Session began at 7:09 p.m. Closed Session ended at 7:27 p.m.

16) REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION AS REQUIRED BY LAW

City Attorney Pucci announced that no action was taken in closed session.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m. to the City Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting in the City Council Chambers.

Stephen Muchovej, Mayor

Attest: _____
Alison Bishop, City Clerk

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 30, 2026

1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Muchovej called the special meeting of the Bishop City Council to order at 4:02 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop, California.

2) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Councilmember Kong
Councilmember Garcia
Councilmember Schwartz
Mayor Pro Tem Freundt
Mayor Muchovej

ABSENT:

None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Pam Foster, City Administrator; and Jessica Ortiz, Administrative Support Assistant.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

No public comments were made.

3) NEW BUSINESS

- 3.A) Consideration and Approval of a Resolution Authorizing a Retired Annuitant Appointment and Approval of the Related Employment Agreement

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Dutton Employment Agreement

Dutton Appointment Resolution

Motion/Councilmember Garcia Seconded/Councilmember Schwartz
Councilmember Garcia made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing a retired annuitant appointment and approval of the related interim employment agreement with Mr. Grady Dutton.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, FOR RETIRED ANNUITANT APPOINTMENT UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 7522.56 AND 21221(g)

Motion passed 5-0

Ayes: Councilmember Kong, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Schwartz,
Mayor Pro Tem Freundt, Mayor Muchovej

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4) ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 4:07 p.m. to the City Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting in the City Council Chambers.

Stephen Muchovej, Mayor

Attest: _____
Alison Bishop, City Clerk

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 13, 2026

1) CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 p.m. Monday, April 13, 2026

Mayor Muchovej called the meeting of the Bishop City Council to order at 6:03 p.m. in the Bishop Union High School Carl Lind Board Room, 301 North Fowler Street, Bishop, California.

2) MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Muchovej announced a moment of silence.

3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bishop Union High School Student Senate Chair Teagan Orr.

4) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Councilmember Kong
Councilmember Garcia
Councilmember Schwartz
Mayor Muchovej

ABSENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Freundt

OTHERS PRESENT: Pam Foster, City Administrator; Robin Picken, City Clerk; Dean J. Pucci, City Attorney; Ethan Aukee, Finance Director; Adam Marcellin, Deputy Fire Chief; Nate Derr, Police Chief; Anastasiia Budnyk, Principal Planner; and Daniel McElroy, Community Services Manager.

5) PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Muchovej announced that the Council does not receive public comment on presentations listed on their agenda. Therefore, if someone from the public would like to speak to a presentation on the agenda, please come up during regular public comment.

Public comments were made by:

Lynne Almeida, a Bishop resident and business owner, spoke against the proposed removal of parking along Main Street (Highway 395).

Elaine Kabala, a local resident, spoke in opposition of Caltrans' proposal to remove on-street parking on the southern end of Main Street.

Lynette McIntosh, a local resident and past Bishop business owner, spoke in

opposition of Caltrans' proposal to red curb Main Street.

Robin Bolser, a local resident and Bishop business owner, spoke in opposition of Caltrans' removal of parking on Main Street.

Tawni Thomson, a local resident and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, spoke in opposition of Caltrans' proposal to remove on-street parking on the southern end of Main Street.

Stan Smith, a Bishop business owner, spoke in opposition of Caltrans' proposal to remove on-street parking on the southern end of Main Street and asked Council to create a Task Force to address this issue and to come up with a solution.

Mike Birkhimer, a Bishop business owner, spoke in opposition of Caltrans' proposal to remove parking on Main Street and spoke to the unsafe proposal of additional bike lanes.

Randy Gillespie, a Bishop business owner, spoke in opposition of Caltrans' proposal to remove parking on Main Street.

Aaron Jahn, a Bishop business owner, shared how the proposed Caltrans' project would have a minimal affect to his business, but it is the other local businesses in the area that are already having customer parking issues without taking the parking off of Main Street. Aaron Jahn also mentioned that there are minimal bicyclists to be seen in this proposed project area.

Chris Taylor, spoke against Caltrans' proposal to remove parking on Main Street.

Cam Lemons, a local resident, offered a prayer for the community and recited a prayer.

Joe Pollini, a local resident, suggested that in the future the public should be provided access to view a project's CEQA document in order to review a proposed project in its entirety to avoid unanswered questions.

A new resident of Bishop spoke to her experience of never having a problem finding parking here in Bishop and that she would support the city in developing a good bike system where it works.

A Bishop resident and avid bicyclist spoke in support of developing a good bike infrastructure with bike lanes to help connect people to places in town. He does not like to bike on Main Street since he feels uncomfortable and unsafe next to the large trucks.

Jeff Griffiths, speaking as a local resident, expressed his feelings that if you remove parking on Main Street, vehicles will drive faster. He also stated that he is in support of bicycling and bicycling infrastructure, just not on Main Street.

No further public comments were made.

6) PRESENTATIONS

6.A) PRESENTATION – California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) Bishop Pavement Project Update – Presented by Caltrans

District 9 Project Manager Jeremy Miloš

Caltrans Bishop Pavement Project - "No Parking Zones" Map

Caltrans District 9 Project Manager Jeremy Milos provided Council with an update on the Caltrans Bishop Pavement Project and acknowledged everyone's comments and feedback.

After Jeremy Milos addressed all of Council's questions, the Council requested that Caltrans reach out to them before this project is finalized and thanked him for his presentation.

6.B) PRESENTATION - Bishop Union High School Student Senate Report - Presented by Bishop Union High School Student Representatives.

The Bishop Union High School Student Senate Chair Teagan Orr and Vice Chair Cuinn Green provided Council with a report on their events and activities.

Council thanked Student Senate Chair Teagan Orr and Vice Chair Cuinn Green for their report and are looking forward to hearing from the Student Senate again at a future meeting.

7) DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Reports from the Fire, Police, Community Services, Planning, and Administration Departments were given on each department's activities including upcoming and ongoing projects.

7.A) Fire Department Report - Fire Chief Bret Russell

Fire Department Report - March 2026

7.B) Police Department Report - Police Chief Nate Derr

Police Department Report - March 2026

7.C) Community Services Department Report - Community Services Manager Daniel McElroy

Community Services Department Report - March 2026

7.D) Planning Department Report - Principal Planner Ana Budnyk

Planning Department Report - March 2026

7.E) City Administrator Report - City Administrator Pam Foster

City Administrator Report - March 2026

City Administrator Foster announced that Item 10.D is being pulled from the agenda.

8) COUNTY OF INYO UPDATE

Second District Supervisor Griffiths provided an update on Inyo County business and activities.

9) CONSENT CALENDAR

9.A) Fire Recovery USA Services Agreement

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2026 Inspection and Emergency Incident Services Agreement

9.B) Authorization to Purchase TruNarc Raman Spectrometer for Preliminary Drug Identification

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Silent 6 quote

Safe ware quote

Thermo Fisher Quote

ESPINOZA KELLY FINDINGS

9.C) Purchase of 3D Forensic Crime Scene Scanner

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Faro Quote

Leica Quote

Artec Ray II Quote

9.D) Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Bishop and Friends of the Eastern Sierra Community Gardens

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MOU - Friends of the Eastern Sierra Community Garden 2026

9.E) ORDINANCE - Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 13 of the Bishop Municipal Code Relating to the Utility Assistance Program

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Ordinance Amending Sections 13.04.091 and 13.08.061 of the Bishop Municipal Code Relating to the Utility Assistance Program

No public comments were made.

Motion/Councilmember Kong Seconded/Councilmember Schwartz
Councilmember Kong made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Motion passed 4-0

Ayes: Councilmember Kong, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Schwartz, Mayor Muchovej

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Freundt

10) PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION

10.A) Public Hearing and First Reading and Introduction of an Ordinance Adding a New Chapter 17.39 – Residential Care Facilities to Title 17-Zoning

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Ordinance Adding a New Chapter 17.39 – Residential Care Facilities

PC Resolution No. 2026-01 Title 17 Amendments

Public Hearing Notice

Mayor Muchovej opened the public hearing.

Principal Planner Budnyk reviewed this item with Council.

No public comments were made.

Mayor Muchovej closed the public hearing.

Motion/Councilmember Garcia Seconded/Councilmember Schwartz
Councilmember Garcia made a motion to approve the first reading and introduction of an ordinance related to residential care facilities by title only.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 17.39, RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES, TO TITLE 17, ZONING, OF THE CITY OF BISHOP CODE OF ORDINANCES AND FINDING THIS ORDINANCE IS NOT A PROJECT UNDER CEQA PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, SECTION 15378 (b)(5) OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS.

Motion passed 4-0

Ayes: Councilmember Kong, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Schwartz, Mayor Muchovej

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Freundt

10.B) Public Hearing and First Reading and Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 17.38 ES Emergency Shelter Combining District

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Ordinance Amending Chapter 17.38 ES Emergency Shelter Combining District

PC Resolution No. 2026-01 Title 17 Amendments

Public Hearing Notice

Mayor Muchovej opened the public hearing.

Principal Planner Budnyk reviewed this item with Council.

No public comments were made.

Mayor Muchovej closed the public hearing.

Motion/Councilmember Kong Seconded/Councilmember Garcia
Councilmember Kong made a motion to approve the first reading and introduction of an ordinance amending Chapter 17.28 ES Emergency Shelter Combining District by title only with Alternative A for Capacity. and Alternative B for Vehicle parking.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 17.38. ES EMERGENCY SHELTER COMBINING DISTRICT, OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND FINDING THIS ORDINANCE IS NOT A PROJECT UNDER CEQA PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, SECTION 15378 (b)(5) OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS.
Motion passed 4-0

Ayes: Councilmember Kong, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Schwartz, Mayor Muchovej

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Freundt

10.C) Public Hearing and First Reading and Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 17.08 to Revise Various Definitions and Amending Section 17.80.120, Expiration of Permit or Variance

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Ordinance Amending Chapter 17.08

PC Resolution No. 2026-01 Title 17 Amendments

Public Hearing Notice

Mayor Muchovej opened the public hearing.

Principal Planner Budnyk reviewed this item with Council.

No public comments were made.

Mayor Muchovej closed the public hearing.

Motion/Councilmember Kong Seconded/Councilmember Schwartz
Councilmember Kong made a motion to approve the first reading and introduction of an ordinance amending Chapter 17.08 by title only.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 17.08 TO REVISE VARIOUS DEFINITIONS AND AMENDING CHAPTER 17.80, SECTION 17.80.120 EXPIRATION OF PERMIT OR VARIANCE, OF THE CITY OF BISHOP CODE OF ORDINANCES AND FINDING THIS ORDINANCE IS NOT A PROJECT UNDER CEQA PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, SECTION 15378 (b)(5) OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS.

Motion passed 4-0

Ayes: Councilmember Kong, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Schwartz, Mayor Muchovej

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Freundt

10.D) Public Hearing and First Reading and Introduction of an Ordinance Repealing Section 17.80.110 of Chapter 17.80 and Adding a New Chapter 17.81 - Appeals to Title 17

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Ordinance Adding Chapter 17.81 - Appeals

PC Resolution No. 2026-01 Title 17 Amendments

Public Hearing Notice

City Administrator Foster announced during her department report that Item 10.D is pulled from the agenda.

11) NEW BUSINESS

11.A) Resolution Establishing a Utility Rate Assistance Program

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Resolution Establishing a Utility Rate Assistance Program

Finance Director Aukee reviewed this item with Council.

Public comments were made by: Dustin del Giudice, a local resident, asked if this program is only limited to city limits? City staff and Council clarified that this program is only for those patrons who receive water and sewer services through the City of Bishop. No further public comments were made.

Motion/Councilmember Kong

Seconded/Councilmember Schwartz

Councilmember Kong made a motion to adopt a resolution establishing a Water and Sewer Utility Rate Assistance Program, including program eligibility, benefit structure, and participation limits, with the requested changes, effective July 1, 2026.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A WATER AND SEWER UTILITY RATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND SETTING ELIGIBILITY, BENEFITS, AND PROGRAM LIMITS

Motion passed 4-0

Ayes: Councilmember Kong, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Schwartz,
Mayor Muchovej
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Freundt

12) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Kong, with consensus from Council, asked for a Student Resource Officer (SRO) report prior to the Council's strategic planning meeting.

Councilmember Garcia, with consensus from Council, asked to bring a discussion or update on Flock cameras and a discussion on E-Bike safety at a future meeting.

No further requests were made for future agendas items.

13) COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Members reported on meetings and community events that they attended.

14) ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m. to the City Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting in the City Council Chambers.

Stephen Muchovej, Mayor

Attest: _____
Alison Bishop, City Clerk

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 27, 2026

1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Muchovej called the meeting of the Bishop City Council to order at 6:01 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop, California.

2) MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Muchovej announced a moment of silence.

3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Garcia.

4) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Councilmember Garcia
Councilmember Schwartz
Mayor Pro Tem Freundt
Mayor Muchovej

ABSENT:

Councilmember Kong

OTHERS PRESENT: Pam Foster, City Administrator; Robin Picken, City Clerk; Russell A. Hildebrand, Deputy City Attorney; Bret Russell, Fire Chief; Nate Derr, Police Chief; and Daniel McElroy, Community Services Manager.

5) PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

6) PROCLAMATIONS

- 6.A) Proclamation - Declaring April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Bishop - Requested by Wild Iris Family Counseling and Crisis Center and CASA of the Eastern Sierra Executive Director Dominic Hays, MSW.

Proclamation - Child Abuse Prevention Month - April 2026

Council read the proclamation out loud and presented the proclamation to Wild Iris Family Counseling and Crisis Center and CASA of the Eastern Sierra Executive Director Dominic Hays, MSW.

- 6.B) Proclamation - Declaring April 2026 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the City of Bishop - Requested by Wild Iris Family Counseling and Crisis Center and CASA of the Eastern Sierra Executive Director Dominic Hays, MSW.

Proclamation - Sexual Assault Awareness Month - April 2026

Council read the proclamation out loud and presented the proclamation to Wild Iris Family Counseling and Crisis Center and CASA of the Eastern Sierra Executive Director Dominic Hays, MSW.

7) PRESENTATIONS

- 7.A) Legislative Update Presentation from Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil's Office - Presented by Valerie Spake

Valerie Spake of Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil's Office provided a legislative update to Council.

- 7.B) Eastern Sierra Business Resource Center Presentation - Presented by Eastern Sierra Business Resource Center Director Meryl Picard.

Eastern Sierra Business Resource Center - 2025 Impact Statement

Eastern Sierra Business Resource Center Director Meryl Picard provided Council with an update on the Eastern Sierra Business Resource Center 2025 Impact Statement.

- 7.C) New City Logo Presentation

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City Administrator Foster introduced SharpEnd Designs Keri Davis who was hired by the City to assist in creating a city logo for the City of Bishop. City Administrator Foster, Keri Davis, and Ann Logan presented the Council with the new City Logo which was well received.

8) DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Reports from the Fire, Police, Community Services, and Administration Departments were given on each department's activities including upcoming and ongoing projects. Fire Chief Russell also conducted an official pinning ceremony for newly appointed Deputy Fire Chief Adam Marcellin.

9) BISHOP AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INFORMATION CENTER UPDATE

- 9.A) Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce and Information Center Update Report - April 27, 2026

BACCIC Report - April 27, 2026

Bishop Chamber of Commerce and Information Center Executive Director Tawni Thomson reviewed her report submitted to Council. Council thanked Tawni Thomson for her report.

10) EASTERN SIERRA TRI-COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS QUARTERLY UPDATE REPORT

Interim Fairgrounds Manager Mike Francesconi provided an update on the Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fairgrounds activities.

11) CONSENT CALENDAR

11.A) Approval to Authorize the Purchase of a Toyota Tacoma for Sunrise Mobile Home Park and Related Budget Carryforward if Needed

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Victorville Chevrolet Quotation

Enterprise Fleet Management Quotation

Perry Motors Quotation

City of Bishop Purchasing Policy

11.B) Updated City Clerk Job Description & 2025/2026 Full-time Salary Schedule

FT City Clerk Job Description

2025-2026 Full Time Salary Schedule

11.C) Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Adding a New Chapter 17.39 – Residential Care Facilities to Title 17- Zoning

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NEW CHAPTER 17.39. RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES

PC Resolution No. 2026-01 Title 17 Amendments

Public Hearing Notice

11.D) Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 17.38 ES Emergency Shelter Combining District

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Ordinance Amending Chapter 17.38 ES Emergency Shelter Combining District

PC Resolution No. 2026-01 Title 17 Amendments

Public Hearing Notice

11.E) Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 17.08 to Revise Various Definitions and Amending Section 17.80.120, Expiration of Permit or Variance

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Ordinance Amending Chapter 17.08

PC Resolution No. 2026-01 Title 17 Amendments

Public Hearing Notice

11.F) Planning Commission - Cancellation Notice

Planning Commission Meeting Cancellation Notice 4 28 2026

No public comments were made.

Motion/Councilmember Garcia Seconded/Mayor Pro Tem Freundt
Councilmember Garcia made a motion to approve the consent calendar.
Motion passed 4-0

Ayes: Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Schwartz, Mayor Pro Tem Freundt,
Mayor Muchovej
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilmember Kong

12) PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION

12.A) Public Hearing and Adoption of a Resolution Amending and Restating
Certain Fees and Charges for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 City Services

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Notice of Public Hearing

Fire Department Staff Memorandum - Proposed FY 26-27 Public Safety Fees
and Charges

Resolution - Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Fees and Charges

City Clerk Picken reviewed this item with Council.

Mayor Muchovej opened the public hearing.

No public comments were made.

Mayor Muchovej closed the public hearing.

Council asked Deputy Fire Chief Marcellin to review the proposed fee changes.

Motion/Councilmember Garcia Seconded/Councilmember Schwartz
Councilmember Garcia made a motion to approve the adoption of the proposed
resolution by title only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF

CALIFORNIA, AMENDING AND RESTATING CERTAIN FEES AND CHARGES FOR
CITY SERVICES

Motion passed 4-0

Ayes: Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Schwartz, Mayor Pro Tem Freundt,
Mayor Muchovej

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmember Kong

13) NEW BUSINESS

13.A) Flock Presentation

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Flock Public Meeting - Power Point Presentation

Flock Sharing

Schmidt vs Norfolk

Police Chief Derr reviewed the City's acquisition of Flock and shared his presentation with Council. Police Chief Derr also asked for clarification on whether concerns are related to ALPR (Automated License Plate Recognition) technology, the City's contracted vendor-Flock, or the use of surveillance cameras.

Council asked clarifying questions.

Public comments were made by:

Alison Eddins spoke against Flock cameras, Flock shared information, and asked Council to schedule this item on their next agenda to consider cancelling the City's agreement with Flock and removing the cameras to protect the people they represent.

Sasha Hashemipour, a local resident and teacher at Bishop Elementary School, spoke about her concerns with Flock and asked Council to schedule this item on their next agenda and to please consider cancelling the City's agreement with Flock.

Jon Weissman, a traffic engineer at Caltrans, asked Police Chief Derr several clarifying questions, and spoke against using Flock.

Collina Gardner, a local community member, spoke against using Flock. Collina Gardner stated that she trusts Bishop Police, but not other agencies.

Will Young, a local resident, spoke against using Flock and AI that could lead to a false positive.

A local climbing ranger, spoke against the City's agreement with Flock.

Gene Sprague, a Bishop resident, spoke in favor of Chief Derr, but not in favor of using Flock.

No further public comments were made.

After much deliberation by Council on this issue, Council directed staff to look at alternatives, and to reach out to those who spoke at this meeting to see who would be willing to serve on a committee to review possible alternatives.

13.B) Award Construction Bid for the Bishop Park Courts Resurfacing Project

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Bishop Park Courts Resurfacing Project 2.1 (002) .2.pdf

Court resurfacing bid analysis 2.25

Community Services Manager McElroy reviewed this item with Council.

No public comments were made.

Motion/Councilmember Schwartz Seconded/Councilmember Garcia
Councilmember Schwartz made a motion to approve and award the Bishop Park Courts Resurfacing Project to CH Court Tech Inc. in the amount of \$98,430.00; Authorize the construction contract with CH Court Tech Inc.; Authorize a not-to-exceed amount of \$98,430.00 including 10% contingency; and Increase Parks budget 001-031-52027 by \$8,430.00.
Motion passed 4-0

Ayes: Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Schwartz, Mayor Pro Tem Freundt, Mayor Muchovej

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmember Kong

14) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Muchovej, with consensus from Council, asked to bring back a discussion on writing a letter to Caltrans to initiate a Project Initiation Document (PID) on a mandatory big rig truck route at their next meeting. No further requests were made for future agendas items.

15) COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Members reported on meetings and community events that they attended.

16) ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m. to the City Council Special Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. in the Bishop Paiute Justice Center/Tribal Council Chambers located at 50 Tu Su Lane, Bishop, California.

Stephen Muchovej, Mayor

Attest: _____
Alison Bishop, City Clerk

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 28, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Muchovej called the special meeting of the Bishop City Council to order at 12:05 p.m. in the Bishop Paiute Justice Center/Tribal Council Chambers, 50 Tu Su Lane, Bishop, California.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Councilmember Garcia

Councilmember Schwartz – left the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Freundt

Mayor Muchovej

Tribal Council Chairwoman Williams

Tribal Councilman Romero

Tribal Councilman Delgado

Tribal Secretary/Treasurer Picard

ABSENT:

Councilmember Kong

Tribal Councilman Orihuela

OTHERS PRESENT:

Pam Foster, City Administrator

Robin Picken, City Clerk

Bret Russell, Fire Chief

Nate Derr, Police Chief

Ambrosia Stone, Tribal Interim Chief Executive Officer

Pesapi Spoonhunter, Tribal Chief Operating Officer

Jordan Fimbres, Executive Assistant to the Tribal Council

3. A MEET AND GREET LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE BISHOP CITY COUNCIL

After introductions were made by all in attendance, Bishop Fire Chief Russell started the meeting's discussions by providing everyone with an update on the Fire Department's activities and the expected delivery of the fire ladder truck.

After a discussion on past, current, and future projects in their respective jurisdictions, no action was taken. Mayor Muchovej thanked the Tribal Council and staff for hosting this meeting in their Justice Center and Tribal Chambers.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m. to the City Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting in the City Council Chambers.

Stephen Muchovej, Mayor

Attest: _____
Alison Bishop, City Clerk

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 11, 2026

1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Muchovej called the meeting of the Bishop City Council to order at 5:01 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop, California.

2) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Councilmember Kong
Councilmember Garcia
Councilmember Schwartz
Mayor Pro Tem Freundt
Mayor Muchovej

ABSENT:

None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Pam Foster, City Administrator; Robin Picken, City Clerk; and Dean J. Pucci, City Attorney.

3) PUBLIC COMMENT PRIOR TO CLOSED SESSION

No public comments were made.

4) CLOSED SESSION

4.A) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - INITIATION OF LITIGATION
pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(c): 1 Potential Case

Closed Session began at 5:03 p.m. Closed Session ended at 5:53 p.m.

5) OPEN SESSION

Mayor Muchovej called the open session of the Bishop City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop, California.

6) MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Muchovej announced a moment of silence.

7) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Schwartz.

8) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Councilmember Kong
Councilmember Garcia
Councilmember Schwartz
Mayor Pro Tem Freundt
Mayor Muchovej

ABSENT:

None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Pam Foster, City Administrator; Robin Picken, City Clerk; Dean J. Pucci, City Attorney-left the meeting at 7:22 p.m.; Russell A. Hildebrand, Deputy City Attorney joined the meeting at 7:21 p.m.; Bret Russell, Fire Chief; Nate Derr, Police Chief; and Daniel McElroy, Community Services Manager.

9) PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were made by:

Jennifer Beaudean, spoke against going cashless at the City Park Pool

Tiffany Lau, a local resident, announced an upcoming animated feature titled The Amazing Digital Circus: The Last Act at the Bishop Twin Theatre on June 4, 2026

John Bowen, a local resident, spoke in favor of terminating the City's contract with Flock.

Abby Busekrus, a local resident, spoke against Flock cameras.

Matt Paruolo, of Southern California Edison (SCE), announced an in-person public discussion for Mono and Inyo County customers from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at the Clint Quilter Consolidated Office Building in Bishop.

Hannah Ashby spoke in favor of terminating the City's contract with Flock.

Anna Baglione, a local resident, spoke against Flock cameras and in favor of terminating the City's contract with Flock.

Sasha Hashemipour spoke to terminate the City's Flock camera contract immediately.

Masha Bluestein, a Bishop resident, spoke to terminate the City's Flock camera contract immediately.

Trey French, a local resident, spoke to terminate the City's Flock contract.

Angela Foley, a Bishop resident, spoke against the use of Flock cameras and the use of any Artificial Intelligence (AI) cameras.

Jon Weissman, spoke against Flock cameras.

Robert Hardin, a local resident, spoke against surveillance systems, against Flock cameras and in favor of terminating the City's contract with Flock.

Ana Ally spoke against the use of Flock cameras, to terminate the City's Flock camera

contract immediately, and not look at using other similar cameras.

Veronica spoke against Flock cameras and to to terminate the City's Flock camera contract.

Evan Hurley, a local resident, spoke against the use of Flock cameras.

Lina Martensson spoke against the use of Flock cameras.

Alison Eddins, a local resident, spoke against the use of Flock cameras and to terminate the City's Flock camera contracts.

No further public comments were made.

Written public comments were received by:
No name given - Opposing AI surveillance in our community.

Alison Eddins - Opposing AI surveillance; cancel Flock now.

Tyler Beadle - Opposed recent decision to go cash only at our City Park Pool.

Will Young - Requested that Council terminate their contact with Flock Safety.

Celina Chang - Wrote against surveillance systems and against Flock cameras.

Shelby Adami - Opposed Flock cameras in Bishop.

Mihai Giurgulescu - Requested that Council terminate the City's contract with Flock and remove their cameras effective immediately.

Kyle Altman - Opposes adding more surveillance to the City of Bishop.

No further written public comments were received prior to this meeting's deadline.

10) REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION AS REQUIRED BY LAW

Mayor Muchovej announced that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

11) PROCLAMATIONS

11.A) Proclamation - Recognizing Mule Days' Week - May 19-24, 2026 in the City of Bishop - Requested by Bishop Mule Days Celebration Executive Director Donna Bird

Proclamation - Mule Days' Week May 19-24, 2026

Council read and presented the proclamation to Executive Director Donna Bird and friend Anna Baglione.

12) DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Reports from the Fire, Police, Community Services, and Administration Departments were given on each department's activities including upcoming and ongoing projects.

12.A) Fire Department Report - Fire Chief Bret Russell

Fire Department Report - April 2026

12.B) Police Department Report - Police Chief Nate Derr

Police Department Report - April 2026

12.C) Community Services Department Report - Community Services Manager Daniel McElroy

Community Services Department Report - April 2026

12.D) Planning Department Report - Principal Planner Ana Budnyk

Planning Department Report - April 2026

12.E) City Administrator Report - City Administrator Pam Foster

City Administrator Report - April 2026

13) COUNTY OF INYO UPDATE

Second District Supervisor Griffiths provided an update on Inyo County business and activities.

14) NORTHERN INYO HEALTHCARE DISTRICT QUARTERLY UPDATE REPORT

14.A) Northern Inyo Healthcare District Quarterly Update Report – May 11, 2026

NIHD Report - May 11, 2026

Presentation - NIHD Update May 11, 2026

Northern Inyo Healthcare District Chief Executive Officer Christian Wallis reviewed his report and presentation with Council on the District's programs and activities.

15) CONSENT CALENDAR

15.A) March 2026 Budget Report

March 2026 Budget Report

15.B) March 2026 Financial Reports

March 2026 Bank Reconciliation Report

March 2026 Combined Cash Report

March 2026 Investment Portfolio Report

March 2026 Warrant Register Report

15.C) Budget Adjustment Request - Reallocation of Fire Department Expense Budget

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15.D) Budget Adjustment Request - Reallocation of Water Fund Expense Budget

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15.E) Fuel Services Agreement between the City of Bishop and Pilot Thomas-Letter of Extension

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Fuel Services Signed Agreement

Letter of extension Pilot Thomas 2026

CITY OF BISHOP Fuel Services - Signed

15.F) Agreement for LPG Propane and Services between the City of Bishop and Hunt Propane.

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Hunt Propane Vendor Agreement Final

15.G) Amendment to the Agreement Between the County of Inyo The Bishop Paiute Tribe and City of Bishop For the Provision of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Cost Sharing.

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Amendment Number 3 EMS Cost Sharing Agreement

No public comments were made.

Motion/Councilmember Garcia Seconded/Councilmember Schwartz
Councilmember Garcia made a motion to approve the consent calendar.
Motion passed 5-0

Ayes: Councilmember Kong, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Schwartz,
Mayor Pro Tem Freundt, Mayor Muchovej
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

16) NEW BUSINESS

16.A) City Park Master Plan - Presented by Wood Rodgers

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Bishop Parks Master Plan Report

Appendix A to Bishop Parks Master Plan Report - Public Comments

Appendix B to Bishop Parks Master Plan Report - Existing Facilities Summary

Appendix C to Bishop Parks Master Plan Report - Preliminary Estimate

PRESENTATION - Bishop Parks Master Plan - May 11, 2026

Wood Rodgers Principal Planner Derek Kirkland, AICP and Project Landscape Architect Devin Perry, RLA reviewed their presentation with Council.

Public comments were made by:

Jennifer Beaudean asked, in regards to the Park Master Plan, if this is work that we can do ourselves and to clarify if the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was ready yet.

Lynette McIntosh spoke in regards to the A-Frame, grant writing, Bishop Little League, and Visitor services and wanted clarification on these items for the Park Master Plan.

Noel Gabriel-Guacheno spoke to the Park Master Plan survey that clearly showed that the Bishop community wishes that the Bishop Visitor A-Frame be saved and repaired in its current location and our Visitor Center returned to the A-Frame building. She also stated that with the proposed baseball field turned around, the sun will be in the batter's eyes.

No further public comments were made.

Written public comments were received by:

Tyler Beadle - Wrote to supports thoughtful improvements to our City Park, clarification for the proposed "Visitor Services" building, suggestions for a plaque or monument honoring Bishop's original founders & subdividers, and to preserve historic features such as the A-frame.

No further written public comments were received prior to this meeting's deadline.

After consultants Wood Rodgers and City staff answered all of Council's questions, Council provided feedback to staff on this item.

Mayor Muchovej announced a break in the meeting at 8:39 p.m. and readjoined the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Mayor Muchovej announced that Council will skip to Item 16.C then go back to 16.B on the agenda.

16.C) First Reading and Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Section 9.12.010 of the Bishop Municipal Code Relating to the Juvenile Curfew

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Ordinance - Amending Section 9.12.010 - Juvenile Curfew

Chief Derr reviewed this item with Council and introduced Bishop Union High School Student Senate Chair Teagan Orr who was instrumental in working with the Police

Department and the Student Senate in updating this item for the City of Bishop.

No public comments were made.

Motion/Councilmember Garcia Seconded/Mayor Pro Tem Freundt
Councilmember Garcia made a motion to approve the first reading and introduction of an ordinance amending Section 9.12.010 of the Bishop Municipal Code to modernize the City's juvenile curfew regulations, ensure compliance with current legal standards, and align with California provisional driver's license restrictions by title only.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 9.12.010 OF CHAPTER 9.12 OF TITLE 9 OF THE BISHOP CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE JUVENILE CURFEW
Motion passed 5-0

Ayes: Councilmember Kong, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Schwartz, Mayor Pro Tem Freundt, Mayor Muchovej
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

16.B) School Resource Officer (SRO) Program Update

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Police Chief Derr and SRO Lawson reviewed this item with Council.

Public comments were made by:
Alison Eddins spoke in support of the police department school resource officers and the work that they do but requested that they also collaborate with school specialists in order to focus on preventative care and to know how best to work with children and young adults with cognitive disorders who too often find themselves getting into trouble and on the wrong path in life.

SRO Lawson acknowledged and thanked Alison Eddins for her comments.

No further public comments were made.

Written public comments were received by:
Tyler Beadle who wrote in support of continuing this important program.

No further written public comments were received prior to this meeting's deadline.

16.D) Review of the Utility Rate Assistance Program Application Form

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Utility Rate Assistance Program Application Form

City Administrator Foster reviewed this item with Council.

No public comments were made or received on this item.

Council provided direction to staff to add the choice of "None" to the application with

stated directions, qualifications, and the specific Area Median Income (AMI) criteria to be met. After a brief discussion, Council came to a consensus and agreed to set the AMI criteria at 60% of AMI or below, with the required tax return documents as verification.

Motion/Councilmember Schwartz Seconded/Councilmember Garcia
Councilmember Schwartz made a motion to approve the proposed Utility Rate Assistance Program application form with the requested changes.
Motion passed 5-0

Ayes: Councilmember Kong, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Schwartz, Mayor Pro Tem Freundt, Mayor Muchovej
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

16.E) Request Caltrans to initiate a Project Initiation Document on Truck Route to the east of the City of Bishop

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Caltrans Truck Route Request Draft Letter

Attachment A - Annual Average Daily Truck Traffic Counts

Mayor Muchovej reviewed this item with Council.

Public comments were made by:

Tye Devore, a Bishop resident, expressed his concerns relating to the bypass location, its safety for people and kids, and is there a way to cut down the traffic noise to nearby neighborhoods. And he briefly spoke against Flock cameras in our community.

Tiffany Lau, a local resident, asked for clarification on what systems truckers will use to know about the truck bypass? Council confirmed same systems we all use in driving and appropriate signage.

Sharon, a Bishop resident, spoke to her concerns of the property owners along the proposed truck bypass will not be negatively impacted.

No further public comments were made.

Written public comments were received by:

Wylder Wilson wrote to support getting trucks off Main Street.

Tyler Beadle wrote regarding his concerns for small towns and tourism suffering once bypasses opened and traffic diverted. Tyler Beadle asked for more specifics on proposed alignments, airport impacts, and an analysis on effects on tourism and businesses.

Elaine Kabala wrote in support of the City Council moving forward with a Project Initiation Document (PID) to evaluate the feasibility of a truck route connecting regional truck traffic around the City of Bishop to Highway 6.

Erik Leitch wrote in support of a truck bypass.

Paul Mandell wrote in support of a truck bypass.

Sarah Purcell wrote in support of a truck bypass.

No further written public comments were received prior to this meeting's deadline.

Mayor Muchovej clarified that the PID would be to continue Highway 6 to get to the south of town.

After further discussion by Council, a motion was made.

Motion/Councilmember Schwartz Seconded/Councilmember Garcia
Councilmember Schwartz made a motion to approve the direction given to staff to formally request that Caltrans initiate a Project Initiation Document to evaluate a potential truck route east of the City of Bishop, and approve the draft letter for transmittal with the requested change in language to the first paragraph of the second page that states, "Specifically, the City requests the PID evaluate the feasibility of a designated mandatory truck route to the east of the airport including a realignment concept with State Route 6 that could reconnect to U.S. Highway 395 five to ten miles south of the City."

Motion passed 5-0

Ayes: Councilmember Kong, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Schwartz, Mayor Pro Tem Freundt, Mayor Muchovej

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

17) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Garcia, with consensus from Council, asked to bring back a discussion to reevaluate the use of Flock at a future meeting. No further requests were made for future agendas items.

18) COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Members reported on meetings and community events that they attended.

19) ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 10:06 p.m. to the City Council Special Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Stephen Muchovej, Mayor

Attest: _____
Alison Bishop, City Clerk

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 12, 2026

1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Muchovej called the special meeting of the Bishop City Council to order at 8:08 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop, California.

2) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Councilmember Kong
Councilmember Garcia
Councilmember Schwartz
Mayor Pro Tem Freundt
Mayor Muchovej

ABSENT:

None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Pam Foster, City Administrator; Robin Picken, City Clerk; Ethan Aukee, Finance Director; Bret Russell, Fire Chief; Nate Derr, Police Chief; Anastasiia Budnyk, Principal Planner; and Daniel McElroy, Community Services Manager

- 3) PUBLIC COMMENT FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:
This time is set aside to receive public comment limited to the items listed below on the agenda and that no general public comments on non-agendized items will be permitted. When recognized by the Mayor, please state your name and address for the record and please limit your comments to three minutes.

No public comments were made.

4) STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

4.A) Strategic Planning Workshop Agenda and Related Documents

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Strategic Plan Workshop Agenda

Strategic Plan 2023-2028 Updated May 2025

Strategic Plan Two Pager

City of Bishop Department Accomplishments 2025-2026

City of Bishop Department Goals 2026-2027

Strategic Financial Planning 2026-2027

City of Bishop Items for Discussion, Direction and Priority Setting

Whitney Alley - Preferred Site Phase1

Whitney Alley - Preferred Site Phase 2

Active Transportation Plan

City of Bishop Proposed Parking Mgmt Strategies

DRAFT Eastern Sierra Regional Housing Toolkit

DRAFT Bishop Park Master Plan

City Administrator Foster introduced this item and reviewed the Strategic Plan Workshop Agenda with Council.

Fire Chief Russell, Police Chief Derr, Community Services Manager McElroy, Principal Planner Budnyk, Finance Director Aukee, and City Administrator Foster reviewed each of their respective department accomplishments and goals with Council. City Administrator Foster reviewed the Public Works Department accomplishments and goals that Public Works Director Gamino requested to be shared at this meeting.

Mayor Muchovej announced a short recess to receive their prepared lunch at 11:35 a.m. Mayor Muchovej reconvened the meeting at 11:48 a.m.

The Council reviewed the remaining documents for Council's discussion, direction, and priority setting in order to guide staff work plans, resource allocation, and policy priorities for the coming year(s).

After staff received direction from Council, to continue work on: 1. Infrastructure, Facilities & Capital Planning, 2. Transportation & Mobility, 3. Housing & Regulatory Environment, 4. Community & Economic Development, 5. Community Services & Quality of Life, and 6. Regional & External Partnerships, City Administrator Foster asked for any further items Council would like staff to spend time working on.

The following items were mentioned and would require further discussion and research:

Building Inspection

Tourism Tax and Occupancy Tax

Transportation Services/Eastern Sierra Transit Authority

Partner with Mono and Inyo Counties to maintain areas of recreation

North Tahoe Community Alliance

5) ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the special meeting at 2:03 p.m. to the City Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, June 8, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting in the City Council Chambers. The Tuesday, May 26, 2026, Regular Meeting of the City Council has been cancelled.

Stephen Muchovej, Mayor

Attest: _____
Alison Bishop, City Clerk



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May 21, 2026

MEETING CANCELLATION

The Bishop City Council Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2026 has been cancelled.

The next regular City Council Meeting is scheduled on Monday, June 8, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop, California.

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 8, 2026

1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Muchovej called the meeting of the Bishop City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop, California.

2) MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Muchovej announced a moment of silence.

3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Freundt.

4) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Councilmember Kong
Councilmember Garcia
Mayor Pro Tem Freundt
Mayor Muchovej

ABSENT:

Councilmember Schwartz

OTHERS PRESENT: Pam Foster, City Administrator; Robin Picken, City Clerk; Dean J. Pucci, City Attorney; Ethan Aukee, Finance Director; Bret Russell, Fire Chief; Nate Derr, Police Chief; and Daniel McElroy, Community Services Manager

5) PUBLIC COMMENT

Liane Herrick, a local resident and owner of a local food truck, spoke in support of the Night Markets being held in Bishop and asked Council for their oversight to encouraging participation by all food vendors, not to limit the number of vendors. Liane Herrick expressed her opinion that allowing more vendors to participate will help to make these events a more lively and attractive event for the city, and that this event should not be managed as a private event.

Josh Nicholson, a Bishop resident, directed his comments to Mayor Muchovej about his lack of decorum at the May 14, 2026 Bishop Unified School District meeting and asked Mayor Muchovej to join their future meetings with the same decorum that he is asking for people to show while attending the City Council meetings.

Allen Berrey, owner and operator of La Cueva de Luz Museum of Desert Lights in Bishop, spoke against the public comment three minute rule and feels it is unconstitutional; shared information on his museum and invited Council to visit his establishment; and suggested that the City should make available a map with a QR

code at the Tesla station on Warren Street that identifies the locations of public restrooms in the area.

No further public comments were made or received.

6) DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Reports from the Fire, Police, Community Services, and Administration Departments were given on each department's activities including upcoming and ongoing projects.

6.A) Fire Department Report - Fire Chief Bret Russell

Fire Department Report - May 2026

6.B) Police Department Report - Police Chief Nate Derr

Police Department Report - May 2026

6.C) Community Services Department Report - Community Services Manager Daniel McElroy

Community Services Department Report - May 2026

6.D) Planning Department Report - Principal Planner Ana Budnyk

Planning Department Report - May 2026

6.E) City Administrator Report - City Administrator Pam Foster

City Administrator Report - May 2026

7) COUNTY OF INYO UPDATE

Second District Supervisor Griffiths provided an update on Inyo County business, activities, and the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) contract.

8) CONSENT CALENDAR

8.A) RESOLUTIONS: November 2026 General Municipal Election

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Resolution - Call for Election for City Offices

Resolution - Request Consolidation with County Election

Resolution - Regulations for Candidate's Statements

8.B) RESOLUTION: Establish the FY 2026-27 Appropriations Limit Pursuant to Article XIIIB of the California Constitution (Proposition 4)

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RESOLUTION: Establishing the FY 2026-27 Appropriation Limit Pursuant to Article XIII B of the California Constitution (Proposition 4).

PUBLIC NOTICE: Proposition 4

8.C) Audit Engagement Letter with Larry Bain, CPA

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Audit Engagement Letter with Larry Bain, CPA

8.D) Salary Schedules - July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

2026-2027 Full Time Salary Schedule

City Council & Treasurer - 2026-2027

2026-2027 Part Time Salary Schedule

8.E) Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for Ladder Truck Purchase

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Bishop Ladder Truck MOU

8.F) 2026 Destruction Derby Agreement with the Tri-County Fairgrounds

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Bishop Fire Department Destruction Derby Agreement 2026

8.G) Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Section 9.12.010 of the Bishop Municipal Code Relating to the Juvenile Curfew

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Ordinance - Amending Section 9.12.010 - Juvenile Curfew

8.H) A Resolution to Adopt a List of Projects for Fiscal Year 2026-27 Funded by SB 1: The Road Maintenance and Accountability Act

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Resolution 2026-XX SB1 FY 2026-27 Project List

8.I) Task Order Amendment - Wood Rodgers 25-TO-09 Park Master Plan

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Amendment Proposal Task Order 25-TO-09

25-TO-09 Amendment 1 - signed

8.J) Request to Waive Specific Bishop Park Pool Fees for 2026.

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8.K) Planning Commission - Cancellation Notice

Meeting Cancellation Notice - 05 27 2026

8.L) Approval of Amended and Restated Lease Agreement with the Judicial Council of California

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Lease with Judicial Council of California 2025-2028.

No public comments were made.

Motion/Mayor Pro Tem Freundt Seconded/Councilmember Garcia
Mayor Pro Tem Freundt made a motion to approve the consent calendar.
Motion passed 4-0

Ayes: Councilmember Kong, Councilmember Garcia, Mayor Pro Tem Freundt, Mayor Muchovej

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmember Schwartz

9) PUBLIC HEARING

9.A) Compliance with Assembly Bill 2561/Government Code Section 3502.3 regarding Vacancies, Recruitment and Retention Efforts

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Mayor Muchovej opened the public hearing.

City Administrator Foster reviewed this item with Council.

Public comments were made by:

Jeff Griffiths, a Bishop resident, expressed his objection to this law.

No further public comments were made or received.

Mayor Muchovej closed the public hearing. No action was taken.

10) NEW BUSINESS

10.A) Adoption of the FY 2026-27 Budget

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City of Bishop FY 2026-27 Budget

Resolution No. 2026-XX approving a short-term interfund cash advance to support the purchase of the Fire Department ladder truck

Resolution No. 2026-XX approving a short-term interfund cash advance to support the South Warren Street Improvement Project

Finance Director Aukee reviewed this item with Council.

No public comments were made or received.

After answering all of Council's questions, a motion was made.

Motion/Councilmember Garcia Seconded/Mayor Pro Tem Freundt
Councilmember Garcia made a motion to adopt the proposed City of Bishop FY 2026-27 Budget as presented, and adopt the following resolutions by title only:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING A GENERAL FUND CASH ADVANCE TO THE GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF A LADDER TRUCK PENDING RECEIPT OF FEDERAL EARMARK REIMBURSEMENT AND PARTNER AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY GENERAL FUND CASH ADVANCE TO THE APPLICABLE CAPITAL PROJECT FUND FOR THE SOUTH WARREN STREET CONSTRUCTION PROJECT PENDING RECEIPT OF FEDERAL EARMARK REIMBURSEMENT

Motion passed 4-0

Ayes: Councilmember Kong, Councilmember Garcia, Mayor Pro Tem Freundt, Mayor Muchovej

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmember Schwartz

10.B) Consideration and Review of Draft Joint Powers Agreement with Bishop Fire Protection District

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Agreement for Shared Management of Fire Services - DRAFT

City Administrator Foster reviewed this item with Council.

After addressing all of Council's questions, City Administrator Foster went over the next steps in finalizing this document with the Bishop Fire Protection District (BFPD) Board of Commissioners. Once City Administrator Foster receives the red-lined edits to this document from the BFPD Board of Commissioners, and the red-lined comments from Council, the City will work on negotiating a final document with the BFPD.

No public comments were made or received.

10.C) Planning Commission - City Council Screening Committee Appointments

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Public Notice_Planning Commission Vacancy

City Clerk Picken reviewed this item with Council.

No public comments were made or received.

Motion/Councilmember Garcia Seconded/Mayor Muchovej
Councilmember Garcia made a motion to approve the two council members, Councilmember Garcia and Councilmember Schwartz with alternate Councilmember Kong, appointed by the Mayor to sit on the screening committee to fill the scheduled vacancy on the Planning Commission with a term ending on July 10, 2030.
Motion passed 4-0

Ayes: Councilmember Kong, Councilmember Garcia, Mayor Pro Tem Freundt, Mayor Muchovej
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilmember Schwartz

10.D) Annual League of California Cities/Cal Cities Conference - Attendance and Confirmation of Voting Delegate and Alternate(s)

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2026 Voting Delegate and General Assembly Meeting Information

City Clerk Picken reviewed this item with Council.

No public comments were made or received.

Motion/Mayor Muchovej Seconded/Councilmember Garcia
Mayor Muchovej made a motion to approve the appointment of Councilmember Garcia as the City's voting delegate, and Councilmember Kong and Mayor Pro Tem Freundt as the City's alternate voting delegates to vote on behalf of the City at the League of California Cities/Cal Cities General Assembly Meeting scheduled on Friday, September 25, 2026.
Motion passed 4-0

Ayes: Councilmember Kong, Councilmember Garcia, Mayor Pro Tem Freundt, Mayor Muchovej
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilmember Schwartz

11) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Kong, with consensus from Council, asked to bring back a discussion regarding how we determine who to charge to utilize our park at a future meeting.

Mayor Muchovej, with consensus from Council, asked to bring back a discussion at a future meeting on what options are available to the City in regards to deed restrictions to help address our housing needs.

Councilmember Garcia, with consensus from Council, asked staff to invite Mule Days to an upcoming meeting to provide Council with a report on how Mule Days did this year.

No further requests were made for future agendas items.

12) COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Members reported on meetings and community events that they attended.

13) ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m. to the City Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting in the City Council Chambers.

Stephen Muchovej, Mayor

Attest: _____
Alison Bishop, City Clerk

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 27, 2026

1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Muchovej called the meeting of the Bishop City Council to order at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop, California.

2) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Councilmember Garcia
Councilmember Schwartz
Mayor Pro Tem Freundt
Mayor Muchovej

ABSENT:

Councilmember Kong

OTHERS PRESENT: Pam Foster, City Administrator; Robin Picken, City Clerk; Alison Bishop, newly appointed City Clerk; Nate Derr, Police Chief; and Ana Budnyk, Principal Planner

3) PUBLIC COMMENT PRIOR TO CLOSED SESSION

No public comments were made.

4) CLOSED SESSION

4.A) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION pursuant to Government Code § 54957 – Title: City Administrator

4.B) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6 - Agency Designated Representative: City Administrator Pam Foster. Employee organizations: Bishop Police Officers Association.

Closed Session began at 5:01 p.m. Closed Session ended at 6:08 p.m.

5) OPEN SESSION

Mayor Muchovej called the open session of the Bishop City Council to order at 6:08 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop, California.

6) MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Muchovej announced a moment of silence in recognition of the firefighters and volunteers responding to recent fires.

7) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Garcia.

8) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Councilmember Garcia
Councilmember Schwartz
Mayor Pro Tem Freundt
Mayor Muchovej

ABSENT:

Councilmember Kong

OTHERS PRESENT: Pam Foster, City Administrator; Robin Picken, City Clerk; Alison Bishop, newly appointed City Clerk; Nate Derr, Police Chief; and Ana Budnyk, Principal Planner

9) PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were made by:
Cam Lemons, local resident, offered an invocation.
No further public comments were made.

10) REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION AS REQUIRED BY LAW

Mayor Muchovej announced that there was no reportable action.

11) PRESENTATIONS

11.A) PRESENTATION - Retirement of City Clerk Robin Picken

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City Administrator Foster and the City Council recognized City Clerk Robin Picken for her years of public service and presented her with tokens of appreciation. Picken thanked Council, City staff, residents, and visitors and spoke about her service to the City and her upcoming retirement.

Mayor Muchovej called a recess at 6:38 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 6:53 p.m.

11.B) PRESENTATION - Bishop Mule Days Report - Prepared and presented by Bishop Mule Days Celebration Executive Director Donna Bird.

Bishop Mule Days Celebration Executive Director Donna Bird reviewed the 2026 Bishop Mule Days post-event report with Council. Bird discussed the response to wind damage at the fairgrounds, event finances and participation, schedule improvements, volunteer and school outreach, hotel costs, ticket sales, and plans to improve the guest experience and media outreach in 2027.

After answering Council's questions, Council thanked Donna Bird for her report and for her work in continuing to bring Mule Days to Bishop.

12) INTRODUCTION OF CITY CLERK - Alison Bishop

City Administrator Foster introduced newly appointed City Clerk Alison Bishop and reviewed her background, education, and professional experience. Council welcomed Bishop to the City.

13) DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Verbal reports from the Fire, Police, Planning, and Administration Departments were given on each department's activities including upcoming and ongoing projects.

14) BISHOP AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INFORMATION CENTER UPDATE

14.A) Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce and Information Center Update Report - July 27, 2026

BACCIC Report - 07 27 2026

Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce and Information Center Executive Director Tawni Thomson was unable to attend due to a family emergency. Her written report was included in the agenda packet and received by Council.

15) EASTERN SIERRA TRI-COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS QUARTERLY UPDATE REPORT

Interim Fairgrounds Manager Mike Francesconi reported on the CAL FIRE incident command post and temporary animal shelter operating at the fairgrounds, wind-related facility damage and anticipated insurance repairs, recent fairgrounds events, and plans for the September 2026 Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fair. Council thanked Francesconi for his report.

16) CONSENT CALENDAR

16.A) June 2026 Budget Report

June 2026 Budget Report

16.B) June 2026 Financial Reports

June 2026 Bank Reconciliation Report

June 2026 Combined Cash Report

June 2026 Investment Portfolio Report

June 2026 Warrant Register Report

16.C) Approve FY 2026-27 Reappropriation for Construction Contract No. 26-PW-01 and Wood Rodgers Task Order No. 23-TO-03

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- 16.D) Authorize the purchase of two (2) Chevrolet Tahoe Police Pursuit Vehicles from Michael Hohl Chevrolet of Carson City, Nevada, in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 per vehicle (\$130,000 total).

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2026 Tahoe Quote 1

2026 Tahoe Quote 2

- 16.E) Planning Commission Meeting - Cancellation Notice

Planning Commission Meeting Cancellation Notice 07 28 2026

- 16.F) Approval of the FY 2026-27 Grant in Support Application and Information Packet

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FY 2026-27 Grant in Support Application and Information Packet

No public comments were made.

Motion/Councilmember Garcia Seconded/Councilmember Schwartz
Councilmember Garcia made a motion to approve the consent calendar
Motion passed 4-0

Ayes: Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Schwartz, Mayor Pro Tem Freundt, Mayor Muchovej

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmember Kong

17) PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION

- 17.A) Public Hearing and First Reading and Introduction of an Ordinance Repealing Section 17.80.110 of Chapter 17.80 and Adding a New Chapter 17.81 - Appeals to Title 17

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Ordinance New Chapter 17.81. Appeals

Public Hearing Notice

PC Resolution No. 2026-01 Title 17 amendments

Principal Planner Budnyk reviewed the proposed ordinance with Council and summarized changes concerning eligibility to appeal, the appeal period, and required statements and evidence.

Mayor Muchovej opened the public hearing.

No public comments were made.

Mayor Muchovej closed the public hearing.

A motion was made to approve the first reading and introduction of the proposed ordinance by title only.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, REPEALING SECTION 17.80.110 OF CHAPTER 17.80 AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 17.81 TO TITLE 17, ZONING, OF THE CITY OF BISHOP CODE OF ORDINANCES AND FINDING THIS ORDINANCE IS NOT A PROJECT UNDER CEQA PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, SECTION 15378 (b)(5) OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS.

Motion/Councilmember Garcia Seconded/Councilmember Schwartz
Councilmember Garcia made a motion to approve First Reading and Introduction of an Ordinance Repealing Section 17.80.110 of Chapter 17.80 and Adding a New Chapter 17.81 - Appeals to Title 17 by title only
Motion passed 4-0

Ayes: Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Schwartz, Mayor Pro Tem Freundt, Mayor Muchovej

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmember Kong

18) NEW BUSINESS

18.A) Consideration and Approval of Joint Powers Agreement with Bishop Fire Protection District

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Joint Powers Agreement - City and BFPD

Joint Powers Agreement - City and BFPD REDLINE VERSION

City Administrator Foster reviewed the proposed Agreement for Shared Management of Fire Services with Council. Council discussed the annual cost apportionment process, the District's proposed role in evaluating services provided by the Fire Chief, historical concerns regarding direction from individual District commissioners, and the Fire Chief's authority over day-to-day operations.

No public comments were made.

Council directed staff to revise the agreement to clarify that day-to-day operations are under the authority of the Fire Chief and that individual District commissioners do not provide direction to the Fire Chief, and to return the revised agreement to Council for consideration. No formal action was taken.

18.B) Authorization and Approval for Southern California Edison Field 6 Rehabilitation Project Expenditure

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Invoice Discount TD2511481 - 560 Spruce, Field 6 Lights

Appendix A Discount TD2511481 - 560 Spruce, Field 6 Lights

City Administrator Foster reviewed the proposed Southern California Edison expenditure with Council. Foster explained that the project would extend electrical service to the rear of the park to support future improvements, including potential basketball and pickleball courts.

No public comments were made.

Motion/Councilmember Schwartz

Seconded/Councilmember Garcia

Councilmember Schwartz made a motion to approve City Council to approve the expenditure of \$51,120.19 for Southern California Edison improvement for the Field 6 Rehabilitation Project and authorize the City Administrator to sign the Discount Option Electrical Line Extension Agreement from Southern California Edison.

Motion passed 4-0

Ayes: Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Schwartz, Mayor Pro Tem Freundt, Mayor Muchovej

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmember Kong

19) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Pro Tem Freundt requested a future discussion regarding a possible change from the title of City Administrator to City Manager.

Mayor Muchovej requested information regarding municipal undergrounding of electrical utility lines, including potential effects on fire risk and the viewshed.

No further requests were made for future agenda items.

20) COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Members reported on meetings and community events that they attended. Council also discussed communication regarding water service interruptions and requested clearer identification of affected properties for future outages.

21) ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Muchovej adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m. to the City Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, August 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting in the City Council Chambers.

Stephen Muchovej, Mayor

Attest: _____
Alison Bishop, City Clerk



Agenda Item: 15.A
Date of Meeting: August 24, 2026
Department: City Clerk

STAFF REPORT

To: City Council
From: Alison Bishop
Subject: **League of California Cities Resolution**
Prepared On: August 14, 2026
Attachments: 2026 Cal Cities Resolution Packet

Background/History:

Each year as part of the Cal Cities Annual meeting resolutions that guide the League's legislative efforts or governance are considered. At this year's annual conference only one resolution will be presented to Cal Cities' members for consideration. Councilmember Garcia will be attending the scheduled Cal Cities General Assembly Meeting and is registered as the City of Bishop's voting delegate. Councilmember Freundt and Councilmember Kong will also be attending the scheduled Cal Cities Annual Conference, and are listed as the City of Bishop's alternate voting delegates should Councilmember Garcia be unable to serve as the City's voting delegate.

Council direction to guide the City's voting delegate and alternate voting delegates in voting on Resolution No. 1 - Calling For A Working Group To Consider A State Constitutional Amendment Or Other Form Of Initiative To Ensure Final Local Authority Over Housing And Land Use Decisions submitted by City of Murietta is requested.

Analysis/Discussion:

Resolution No. 1 - Calling For A Working Group To Consider A State Constitutional Amendment Or Other Form Of Initiative To Ensure Final Local Authority Over Housing And Land Use Decisions submitted by City of Murietta calls upon Cal Cities to convene a working group to evaluate the feasibility and potential framework of a state constitutional amendment or other statewide initiative that would ensure final local authority over housing and land use decisions. The proposed resolution does not establish specific constitutional language or endorse a particular initiative; rather, it requests that Cal Cities form a working group to study and develop potential options.

Impacts to Council Goals and Strategic Planning Priorities:

Consideration of Resolution No. 1 relates to Strategic Plan Mission 2, including addressing affordable housing needs and supporting development consistent with local priorities.

Budget Impacts:

~~negative impacts.~~

There are no budgetary impacts associated with the suggested action.

Legal Review:

City Attorney Pucci has reviewed this item and deems it appropriate.

Recommended Action:

Council to provide the City's voting delegate and alternate voting delegates direction regarding the Council's position on the California Cities Resolution No. 1 to be voted on at the California Cities General Assembly Meeting on Friday, September 25, 2026.

Approved By: Ethan Aukee 8/14/2026

Approved By: Alison Bishop 8/17/2026

Approved By: Pam Foster 8/17/2026

Approved By:



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August 10, 2026

TO: Cal Cities Members

RE: Cal Cities 2026 Resolution Packet

Sixty days before the Cal Cities [Annual Conference and Expo](#), Cal Cities members may submit resolutions on issues of importance to cities. This year, Cal Cities received one resolution by the July 25 deadline.

The attached packet contains the proposed resolution, background information, supporting letters from cities and city officials, and an analysis of the resolution by Cal Cities. The packet includes detailed information on the resolution process and the next steps for the resolution.

We encourage each city council to consider the resolution and determine a position so your voting delegate can represent your city's position on the resolution.

Voting Delegates: City councils must appoint a voting delegate to vote during the General Assembly. Each city may also appoint up to two alternate delegates. If your city has not already done so, please appoint your voting delegate by Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2026. [The voting delegate packet](#) contains more information.

The 2026 General Assembly will be held Friday, Sept. 25, at 8:30 a.m. in the Anaheim Convention Center during the [Annual Conference and Expo](#).

For questions about resolutions, voting delegates, or the General Assembly, please contact [Zach Seals](#).



LEAGUE OF
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2026 Resolution Packet

Information on 2026 Resolutions Process

Consideration by Policy Committee (pre-conference)

Per the Cal Cities bylaws, Cal Cities President Gabe Quinto has referred the submitted resolution to the [Housing, Community, and Economic Development Committee](#). The committee will meet on Thursday, Sept. 17, at 10 a.m. via Zoom to review the resolution and make a recommendation that will be sent to the Resolutions Committee. A public comment period will be held during the meeting. Register for the meeting [here](#).

A list of recommendations the policy committee may make during its meeting is on page two of this packet.

Consideration by Resolutions Committee (during conference)

On Thursday, Sept. 24, at 1:00 p.m. the Resolutions Committee will meet to review the resolution and the recommendation of the policy committee.

The Resolutions Committee consist of one representative from each of Cal Cities caucuses, departments, divisions, and policy committees, as well as up to ten additional appointments made by the Cal Cities President. A public comment period will be held during the meeting. Refer to the onsite conference program for the location.

A list of recommendations the Resolutions Committee may make during its meeting is on page two of this packet.

Consideration by the General Assembly (during conference)

The General Assembly will convene on Friday, Sept. 25, at 8:30 a.m. to consider any resolutions the Resolutions Committee has forwarded. To vote during the General Assembly, voting delegates must have checked in at the voting delegate booth.

Conference attendees will receive materials for the General Assembly on the evening of Thursday, Sept. 24. For more information on voting and discussion procedures during the General Assembly, see page three of this packet.

Petitioned Resolutions (during conference)

The petitioned resolution is an alternate method to introduce policy proposals during the annual conference. To initiate a petitioned resolution, voting delegates from 10% of member cities must sign the petition. The resolution and signatures are due at least 24 hours before the beginning of the General Assembly. Voting delegates who have checked in at the voting delegate booth can receive more information on petitioned resolutions at the booth onsite.

Policy Committee and Resolutions Committee Actions

The submitted resolution will be heard by the policy committee to which it was assigned, and the Resolutions Committee. The table below shows what recommendations these bodies may make on the resolution.

Policy Committee Actions	Resolutions Committee Actions
Approve	Approve
Disapprove*	Disapprove*
No Action	No Action
Amend and approve	Amend and approve
Refer to appropriate policy committee for further study*	Approve as amended
Refer as amended to appropriate policy committee for further study*	Refer to appropriate policy committee for further study*
	Refer as amended to appropriate policy committee for further study*
	Approve with additional amendment(s)
	Additional amendments and refer to appropriate policy committee for further study*

**If a resolution is disapproved or referred for further study by all policy committees to which it is assigned and the Resolutions Committee, it will not proceed to the General Assembly.*

General Assembly Voting and Discussion Procedures

Discussion Procedures:

Discussion procedures during the General Assembly are guided by two calendars: the Consent Calendar and the Regular Calendar. As seen below, resolutions are calendared by the recommendations they receive from policy committees and the Resolutions Committee.

For General Resolutions:

Policy Committee Recommendation	Resolutions Committee Recommendation	Calendar
Approve	Approve	Consent Calendar
Approve	Disapprove or refer	Regular Calendar
Disapprove or refer	Approve	Regular Calendar
Disapprove or refer	Disapprove or refer	Does not proceed to General Assembly

For Petitioned Resolutions:

Policy Committee Recommendation	Resolutions Committee Action	Calendar
N/A	Approve	Regular Calendar
	Disapprove or Refer	Regular Calendar
	Disqualified	Does not proceed to General Assembly

Items on the Consent Calendar will be presented as one motion during the General Assembly from the Resolutions Committee chair. Unless an item on the Consent Calendar is set aside by the majority of the General Assembly, a vote will be taken on the whole calendar. If an item is set aside, it will be opened for discussion, followed by a vote.

Items on the Regular Calendar will be presented individually by the Resolutions Committee chair. After a recommendation is presented by the Resolutions Committee chair, the resolution will be opened for discussion by the General Assembly. A vote will take place following discussion.

Voting Procedures:

Per Cal Cities Bylaws Article XII, Sec. 2, all votes will be conducted by voice vote first. If the presiding official cannot determine the outcome, a vote will be taken by an alternative method, typically a raise of voting cards by voting delegates. A roll call vote may be called for by delegates of ten percent or more of the General Assembly.

2026 Resolution

1. Resolution No. 1 submitted by City of Murrieta
 - Letters of concurrence submitted by:
 - i. City of Banning;
 - ii. City of Calimesa;
 - iii. City of Canyon Lake;
 - iv. City of Moreno Valley;
 - v. City of Norco;
 - vi. City of Torrance;
 - vii. Crystal Ruiz, Mayor, City of San Jacinto;
 - viii. Jessica Alexander, Mayor, City of Temecula
 - Referred to Housing, Community, and Economic Development Committee
 - Policy Committee Recommendation:
 - Resolutions Committee Recommendation:

Resolution No. 1 Submitted by City of Murietta

**1. A RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES
CALLING FOR A WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENT OR OTHER FORM OF INITIATIVE TO ENSURE FINAL LOCAL AUTHORITY OVER
HOUSING AND LAND USE DECISIONS**

Source: City of Murrieta

Concurrence of five or more cities/city officials

Cities/city officials: City of Banning; City of Calimesa; City of Canyon Lake; City of Moreno Valley; City of Norco; City of Torrance; Crystal Ruiz, Mayor, City of San Jacinto; Jessica Alexander, Mayor, City of Temecula

Referred to: Housing, Community, and Economic Development Policy Committee

WHEREAS, California cities have historically been responsible for adopting general plans and zoning regulations, reviewing housing development proposals, and providing or coordinating the streets, water, wastewater, public safety, parks, transportation, and other infrastructure and services necessary to support responsible, environmentally sound, and well-planned residential growth; and

WHEREAS, the League of California Cities is dedicated to protecting and expanding local control for municipalities across the state to ensure their orderly growth and development; and

WHEREAS, the League of California Cities recognizes that local zoning is a primary function of cities and an essential component of home rule, and that a city's general plan should guide its land use planning and strategic decision-making free from pre-emption by the state; and

WHEREAS, increasingly prescriptive statewide housing mandates and development approval requirements can override locally adopted plans, zoning standards, and public review procedures without adequately accounting for differences that exist in each unique jurisdiction in infrastructure capacity, water availability, wildfire and evacuation risks, environmental constraints, fiscal impacts, public service needs, and community priorities; and

WHEREAS, California's housing goals can be more effectively advanced through state funding, streamlined environmental requirements, and voluntary partnerships that support housing production while preserving the authority of locally elected officials to determine how and where housing is best planned and approved;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the General Assembly of the League of California Cities, assembled during the Annual Conference in Anaheim, California, on September 25, 2026, that the League of California Cities support the development and advancement of a state constitutional amendment or other legislative, policy, or ballot-based strategies that restore and strengthen local authority over housing and land use matters within municipal boundaries, including general plans, housing elements, zoning, density, design and development standards, project siting, and the approval or denial of housing development applications; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any constitutional amendment or alternative strategy should preserve the State's authority to establish broad statewide housing goals and enforce constitutional and civil rights, fair housing requirements, building and life-safety standards, and generally applicable environmental protections, while protecting cities from state actions that compel, through funding conditions or state law, the approval of housing developments that are inconsistent with locally adopted requirements; override local zoning or density standards; or invalidate locally adopted housing or land use decisions when a city has planned in good faith to accommodate its regional housing needs allocation and maintains adequate capacity for housing at all income levels; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the League of California Cities consider establishing a statewide working group or other appropriate committee(s) to evaluate and develop a proposed constitutional amendment or other legislative, policy, or ballot-based strategies to restore and strengthen local authority over housing and land use matters including but limited to: conducting appropriate legal, fiscal, and policy analyses; engaging cities and other stakeholders; and building a statewide coalition of proponent supporters in preparation for; the November 2030 General Election, or within another reasonable time frame as determined by the working group.

Resolution No. 1: Background Information

Background Information for Resolution

Source: City of Murrieta

Background:

California cities are responsible for planning residential growth, adopting general plans and zoning regulations, reviewing development proposals, and providing or coordinating the infrastructure and public services necessary to support new housing. Since 2010, the State has enacted more than 500 housing-related laws that have increasingly shifted housing and land use authority away from local governments. These laws have expanded by-right development, limited locally adopted standards and review processes, and established enforcement mechanisms, including the builder's remedy, that may override local plans and zoning. Although these measures are frequently presented as solutions to housing affordability, many increase development capacity or restrict local review without delivering the meaningful production of housing needed to address the housing crisis.

At the same time, the State has continued to prioritize increased development capacity without adequately accounting for the infrastructure, public services, economic realities, and safety measures necessary to support housing growth. State mandates often fail to reflect local conditions, including roadway and utility capacity, water availability, wildfire exposure, environmental limitations, fiscal impacts, and the availability of essential services. Cities are consequently required to accommodate additional housing while receiving no funding or assistance to address the resulting infrastructure and service demands.

Local elected officials are directly accountable to the residents who experience the effects of development decisions and are responsible for balancing housing production with infrastructure capacity, public safety, environmental protection, fiscal sustainability, and community needs. Cities of all types in California have been grappling with this dynamic, ranging from urban to rural, coastal to inland, small to large, northern to southern, voicing concerns to legislative representatives with minimal responsiveness. This is an issue of statewide concern that needs the strength and diversity of the League of California Cities to pursue a long-term solution.

The proposed resolution directs the League of California Cities to establish a statewide working group to evaluate a constitutional amendment or other legislative, policy, or ballot-based strategies to restore and strengthen local authority over housing and land use decisions. The working group would be tasked with developing a more balanced framework that preserves the State's role in establishing broad housing goals and enforcing constitutional, civil rights, fair housing, building, life-safety, and environmental requirements, while restoring meaningful local authority to allow cities to determine how statewide housing

objectives should be implemented in a manner that reflects local conditions and community priorities while continuing to support responsible housing production.

As the primary statewide organization representing California cities, the League is uniquely positioned to lead this effort. Its established policy, legal, legislative, communications, and advocacy networks enable it to convene municipalities, evaluate potential strategies, conduct legal and fiscal analyses, build consensus, engage stakeholders, and coordinate with statewide decision-makers. League leadership would help ensure that any recommendation reflects the collective interests of California municipalities and would provide the credibility, organizational capacity, and statewide reach necessary to advance a viable strategy.

Resolution No. 1: Letters of Concurrence



City of Banning Office of the Mayor

July 23, 2026

President Gabe Quinto
League of California Cities
1400 K Street, Suite 400
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Support for a Resolution Establishing a Working Group to Evaluate a State Constitutional Amendment or Other Initiative to Restore Local Housing and Land Use Authority

Dear President Quinto,

The City of Murrieta is sponsoring a resolution for consideration by the General Assembly of the League of California Cities to establish a statewide working group to evaluate a constitutional amendment or other legislative, policy, or ballot-based strategies to restore and strengthen local authority over housing and land use decisions.

The proposed resolution, together with the required background materials, will be submitted to the Cal Cities for consideration at the 2026 Annual Conference in Orange County on September 24 and 25, 2026. The resolution would direct the League to convene a working group to evaluate potential approaches for addressing the increasingly broad and prescriptive state mandates affecting local housing, zoning, development standards and project approval authority.

On behalf of the City of Banning, this letter confirms our support for the City of Murrieta's submission of the proposed resolution and its consideration by the League of California Cities General Assembly at the 2026 Annual Conference.

Respectfully,

Richard Royce, Mayor
District 4, City of Banning

Colleen Wallace, City Council Member
District 5, City of Banning
President, Riverside County Division
League of California Cities

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July 21, 2026

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On behalf of the City of Calimesa, this letter confirms our support for the City of Murrieta's submission of the proposed resolution and its consideration by the League of California Cities General Assembly at the 2026 Annual Conference.

Sincerely,

Jeff Cervantez
Mayor
City of Calimesa



July 23, 2026

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1400 K Street, Suite 400
Sacramento, CA 95814

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On behalf of the City of Canyon Lake, this letter confirms our support for the City of Murrieta's submission of the proposed resolution and its consideration by the League of California Cities General Assembly at the 2026 Annual Conference.

Sincerely,

Arron Brown
City Manager
City of Canyon Lake



July 23, 2026

President Gabe Quinto
League of California Cities
1400 K Street, Suite 400
Sacramento, CA 95814

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On behalf of the City of Moreno Valley, this letter confirms our support for the City of Murrieta's submission of the proposed resolution and its consideration by the League of California Cities General Assembly at the 2026 Annual Conference.

Sincerely,

Brian Mohan
City Manager
City of Moreno Valley



CITY OF NORCO

HORSETOWN USA

July 22, 2026

President Gabe Quinto
League of California Cities
1400 K Street, Suite 400
Sacramento, CA 95814

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On behalf of the City of the Norco, this letter confirms our support for the City of Murrieta's submission of the proposed resolution and its consideration by the League of California Cities General Assembly at the 2026 Annual Conference.

Sincerely,

Kevin Bash
City Council Member
(951) 768-8981



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July 29, 2026

President Gabe Quinto
League of California Cities
1400 K Street, Suite 400
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for a Resolution Establishing a Working Group to Evaluate a State Constitutional Amendment or Other Initiative to Restore Local Housing and Land Use Authority

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On behalf of the City of Torrance, this letter confirms our support for the City of Murrieta's submission of the proposed resolution and its consideration by the League of California Cities General Assembly at the 2026 Annual Conference.

Local authority is essential because cities are best positioned to craft housing strategies tailored to their unique community conditions, infrastructure capacity, and geographic needs.

When given the flexibility to plan locally, cities can achieve meaningful housing results while maintaining the character and balance of their communities.

The City of Torrance has consistently demonstrated that local control and proactive housing production go hand in hand:

- **Housing Corridor Overlay Zone:** Through our approved 6th Cycle Housing Element, Torrance created the Housing Corridor Overlay (HCO). This targeted local framework allows for by-right housing and mixed-use development across seven key commercial and transit-adjacent corridors, streamlining approvals and incentivizing production across a full range of income levels.
- **Housing Element Progress & Accountability:** As documented in our Housing Element Annual Progress Reports (APR), Torrance actively tracks, updates, and implements programs—such as aligning our Land Use and Safety Elements—to clear barriers for residential development while ensuring robust infrastructure and public safety standards.

These initiatives illustrate that local governance can effectively drive housing opportunities without one-size-fits-all mandates from the state. Restoring and protecting local land use authority will allow cities across California to continue developing solutions that work best for their residents.

If you have any questions or require further discussion, please feel free to contact Carlos Huizar, Management Associate at (310) 618-5880 or via email at CHuizar@TorranceCA.gov.

Sincerely,



Sharon Kalani
Mayor, City of Torrance

cc:

Ron Holiday, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Murrieta
Lori Stone, City Councilmember, City of Murrieta
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July 23, 2026

Mr. Gabe Quinto, President

League of California Cities

1400 K Street, Suite 400

Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Support for Murrieta's Proposed Resolution on Housing and Local Governance

Dear League of California Cities Leadership,

I am writing in my individual capacity as Mayor of the City of San Jacinto to express my strong support for the City of Murrieta's proposed resolution, which is scheduled for consideration by the General Assembly at the 2026 Annual Conference.

This resolution represents a timely and important opportunity to thoughtfully examine the balance between California's statewide housing goals and the fundamental constitutional principle of local governance. The proposal to establish a statewide working group to explore a potential constitutional amendment, legislative reforms, or other policy initiatives would create a valuable forum for assessing how local authority over housing and land use decisions can be strengthened while still addressing the State's housing challenges.

Cities are uniquely positioned to understand the distinct needs, opportunities, and constraints of their communities. Local elected officials are directly accountable to the residents they serve and are best equipped to make land use decisions that reflect a community's character, infrastructure capacity, economic development priorities, environmental stewardship, and long-term vision. Moreover, local governments carry the primary responsibility for protecting public safety. Issues such as housing density, transportation, emergency access, wildfire preparedness, evacuation routes, law enforcement and fire service capacity, water availability, and critical infrastructure are inherently local matters that demand the knowledge, judgment, and responsiveness of those who serve their communities daily.

While the State has a critical role to play in addressing California's housing needs, a collaborative approach that respects local expertise and preserves meaningful local discretion will result in stronger, safer, and more sustainable communities. The proposed working group offers a constructive path forward to evaluate policies that achieve our shared housing objectives while restoring an appropriate balance between state direction and local authority.

Although this letter reflects my personal position as Mayor and does not constitute an official action or policy of the City of San Jacinto or the San Jacinto City Council, I respectfully endorse the City of Murrieta's submission of this resolution and encourage its favorable consideration by the League of California Cities General Assembly.

Thank you for your leadership and your thoughtful consideration of this important matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Crystal Ruiz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping line extending from the end of the name.

Crystal Ruiz

Mayor

City of San Jacinto



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July 23, 2026

Mr. Gabe Quinto, President
League of California Cities
1400 K Street, Suite 400
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: **Support for the City of Murrieta's Resolution Establishing a Working Group to Evaluate a State Constitutional Amendment or Other Initiative to Restore Local Housing and Land Use Authority**

Dear President Quinto:

I am writing in my individual capacity as Mayor of the City of Temecula to express my strong support for the City of Murrieta's proposed resolution for consideration by the General Assembly of the League of California Cities at the 2026 Annual Conference.

The proposed resolution presents an important opportunity to thoughtfully evaluate the appropriate balance between California's statewide housing objectives and the constitutional principle of local governance. Establishing a statewide working group to examine a potential constitutional amendment, legislative reforms, or other policy initiatives will provide a meaningful forum to assess how local authority over housing and land use decisions can be strengthened while continuing to address the State's housing challenges.

Cities are uniquely positioned to understand the needs, opportunities, and constraints of their communities. Local elected officials are accountable to the residents they serve and are best equipped to make land use decisions that reflect a community's character, infrastructure capacity, economic development goals, environmental stewardship, and long-term vision. Equally important, local governments bear the primary responsibility for protecting public safety. Decisions regarding housing density, transportation, emergency access, wildfire preparedness, evacuation routes, police and fire service capacity, water availability, and critical infrastructure are inherently local matters that require the knowledge and judgment of those who serve their communities every day.

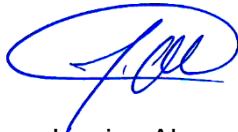
While the State has an important role in addressing California's housing needs, a collaborative approach that respects local expertise and preserves meaningful local discretion will produce stronger, safer, and more sustainable communities. The proposed working group offers an opportunity to evaluate policies that achieve these shared objectives while restoring an appropriate balance between state direction and local authority.

Mr. Gabe Quinto, President
League of California Cities
July 23, 2026
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Although this letter reflects my personal position and is not an official action or policy of the City of Temecula or the Temecula City Council, I respectfully endorse the City of Murrieta's submission of this resolution and encourage its favorable consideration by the League of California Cities General Assembly.

Thank you for your leadership and your thoughtful consideration of this important issue.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Alexander', enclosed within a blue oval.

Jessica Alexander
Mayor, City of Temecula
*Signing in her individual capacity
and not on behalf of the City of Temecula
or the Temecula City Council.*

Resolution No. 1: Staff Analysis

League of California Cities Staff Analysis on Resolution No. 1

Staff: Brady Guertin, Legislative Advocate

Committee: Housing, Community, and Economic Development

Summary:

Resolution No.1 states that the League of California Cities (Cal Cities) will:

1. Support the development and advancement of a state constitutional amendment or legislative, policy, or ballot-based strategy that restores and strengthens local authority over housing and land use matters, including general plans, housing elements, zoning, density, design and development standards, project siting, and the approval or denial of housing development applications.

Pursuant to the resolution, the strategy should preserve the state's authority to set broad, statewide housing goals and enforce civil rights, fair housing, building safety, and environmental standards while protecting local control by preventing the state from compelling the approval of developments that conflict with local requirements, override local zoning or density standards, or overturn local land use decisions where a city has planned for and maintained sufficient capacity to meet its housing obligations.

2. Consider establishing a statewide working group or other appropriate committee(s) to evaluate and develop a proposed constitutional amendment or other legislative, policy, or ballot-based strategies to restore and strengthen local authority over housing and land use matters. The resolution states: "conducting legal, fiscal, and policy analyses; engaging cities and other stakeholders; and building a statewide coalition of proponent supporters in preparation for the November 2030 General Election, or within another reasonable time period."

Background:

As provided in the background information, the city of Murrieta is sponsoring this resolution in response to concerns over state laws that have increasingly reduced city discretion over housing and land use decisions, including legislation that requires ministerial or by-right approvals for housing projects, limits the application of local development standards, and strengthens state enforcement mechanisms against local governments.

Additionally, the city of Murrieta, in its background information, maintains that these legislative efforts have not resulted in sufficient housing production to address California's housing shortage and have not adequately accounted for

local infrastructure, public service needs, public safety, market, and fiscal considerations.

The resolution states that California's housing goals are better advanced through state funding, streamlined environmental requirements, and voluntary partnerships, while preserving local authority over how and where housing is best planned and approved.

Consideration of the resolution may be informed by a brief examination of how the California Constitution allocates authority between the state and cities with respect to land use decisions.

The constitution grants cities the power to adopt local laws to protect the public's health, safety, and welfare. This grant is called the "police power," which is the basis for local land use regulation. The constitution grants charter cities the additional power to adopt local laws affecting "municipal affairs." This power, commonly referred to as "home rule," is based on the principle that a city, rather than the state, is in the best position to identify and satisfy the needs of the local community.

The constitution's broad grant of police power contains a significant limitation. Local law adopted under the police power is not valid if it "conflicts" with state law. A local law "conflicts" with state law when it regulates the same "field" in which the Legislature has stated its intent to occupy. In that case, state law is said to "preempt" the local law and it cannot be enforced.

An ordinance adopted by a charter city under the municipal affairs power cannot be enforced if it affects a "matter of statewide concern." The subjects that have been identified as "matters of statewide concern" have changed over the years due to economic, social, and political circumstances.

Since the 1960s, the state has enacted numerous laws that limit or preempt aspects of local land use and zoning authority. These laws include the Fair Employment and Housing Act, Housing Element Law, Housing Accountability Act, Density Bonus Law, Permit Streamlining Act, accessory dwelling unit laws, California Environmental Quality Act, and others. In recent years, the state has enacted several laws that Cal Cities was the leading opposition force against, as many of the proposals pre-empted local land use authority, limited public review, and constrained local flexibility. In support of its housing and land use legislation, the Legislature has cited a statewide housing crisis and the need for increased housing production at all income levels while asserting that a uniform approach to local land use decision-making is required.

Discussion:

The resolution does not prescribe a specific policy mechanism. The eight letters in support recommend creating a working group or committee to evaluate potential approaches, including legislative proposals, constitutional amendments, or ballot initiatives to strengthen local authority over housing and land use matters.

A discussion of a strategy to restore and strengthen local authority over housing and land use matters will need to consider the California Constitution's framework for both preemption of police power enactments and municipal affairs, discussed above. It will also need to determine whether changes to the California Constitution will be proposed, and whether they constitute an amendment or a revision, which require different processes.

A constitutional revision is a multistep process blending legislative consensus, voter support, and on occasion, a constitutional convention. It requires significant public engagement.

A constitutional amendment would require a ballot initiative, which includes gathering enough valid signatures to qualify for the ballot, building large coalitions to support election efforts, and campaigning to voters to support the initiative. This process can involve significant costs. In the last major election for ballot initiatives in 2024, proponents spent [\\$8-\\$18 million](#) to qualify for the ballot and spent nearly [\\$700 million](#) for the full election cycle, averaging out to about \$100 million per ballot initiative.

Cal Cities has been engaged in ballot advocacy for over 20 years. In the early 2000s, Cal Cities developed a ballot advocacy infrastructure that included forming an issue political action committee, fundraising, establishing a network of regional managers, and building a coalition with other organizations to ultimately advocate on a ballot measure. Ballot advocacy requires the approval of the Board of Directors with a supermajority vote.

In the Legislature, Cal Cities plays an active and influential role to ensure that local flexibility and autonomy in the land use and housing space is maintained by engaging on dozens of bills every legislative session to ensure that cities' voices are heard at the state Capitol. Below, you will find Cal Cities "Existing Policy" on local control, housing, and land use policies.

Fiscal Impact

The resolution itself would not have a significant direct fiscal impact. However, depending on what actions follow, the fiscal costs could be significant.

Existing Cal Cities Policy

Vision

To be recognized and respected as the leading advocate for the common interests of California's cities.

Mission Statement

To expand and protect local control for cities through education and advocacy to enhance the quality of life for all Californians.

We Believe

- Local self-governance is the cornerstone of democracy.
- Our strength lies in the unity of our diverse communities of interest.
- In the involvement of all stakeholders in establishing goals and in solving problems.
- In conducting the business of government with transparency, openness, respect, and civility.
- The spirit of honest public service is what builds communities.
- Open decision-making that is of the highest ethical standards honors the public trust.
- Cities are vital to the strength of the California economy.
- The vitality of cities is dependent upon their fiscal stability and local autonomy.
- The active participation of all city officials increases the League's effectiveness.
- Partnerships and collaborations are essential elements of focused advocacy and lobbying.
- Ethical and well-informed city officials are essential for responsive, visionary leadership and effective and efficient city operations.

Zoning

Cal Cities believes local zoning is a primary function of cities and is an essential component of home rule. The process of adoption, implementation and enforcement of zoning ordinances should be open and fair to the public and enhance the responsiveness of local decision-makers. State policy should leave local siting and use decisions to the city and not interfere with local prerogative beyond providing a constitutionally valid procedure for adopting local regulations. State agency siting of facilities, including campuses and office buildings, should be subject to local notice and hearing requirements in order to meet concerns of the local community. Cal Cities opposes legislation that seeks to limit local authority over parking requirements.

Housing Element

Housing issues should be addressed in the general plan as other planning issues are. The housing element should be prepared for the benefit of local

governments and should have equal status with the other elements of the general plan.

Encourage Full Community Participation

Foster an open and inclusive community dialogue and promote alliances and partnerships to meet community needs.

Well-Planned New Growth

Recognize and preserve open space, watersheds, environmental habitats, and agricultural lands, while accommodating new growth in compact forms, in a manner that:

- De-emphasizes automobile dependency;
- Integrates the new growth into existing communities;
- Creates a diversity of affordable housing near employment centers;
- Provides job opportunities for people of all ages and income levels.

Support:

The following letters of concurrence were received:

City of Banning

City of Calimesa

City of Canyon Lake

City of Moreno Valley

City of Norco

City of Torrance

Crystal Ruiz, Mayor, City of San Jacinto

Jessica Alexander, Mayor, City of Temecula



Agenda Item: 15.B
Date of Meeting: August 24, 2026
Department: Administration

STAFF REPORT

To: City Council
From: Pam Foster
Subject: **Consideration of City Participation in Supporting Year-Round Commercial Air Service at the Eastern Sierra Regional Airport**
Prepared On: August 17, 2026

Background/History:

The Eastern Sierra Regional Airport provides an important transportation connection for the Eastern Sierra and supports residents, businesses, visitors, and the broader regional economy.

Staff recently participated in a regional discussion regarding the future of commercial air service at the airport. During that discussion, it was reported that United Airlines is offering the opportunity to extend its existing seasonal service between the Eastern Sierra Regional Airport and San Francisco to year-round service.

The proposed expansion would require approximately \$200,000 in additional annual subsidy from local and regional partners. The Mammoth Lakes Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) has historically provided significant financial support for air service; however, representatives indicated that the TBID may be approaching the limits of its ability to provide additional funding.

Regional air service partners are therefore actively seeking additional public and private partners to collectively close the approximately \$200,000 funding gap.

Analysis/Discussion:

Following the initial regional discussion, City staff has met with representatives of the regional air service partners to better understand the opportunity, the funding need, and the potential benefits of year-round service. Staff has also met with representatives of the Bishop Visitors Center/Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce regarding the opportunity and its potential economic benefits to the Bishop community.

Based on these discussions, staff and the Bishop Visitors Center/Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce recommend that the City participate in the regional effort to secure year-round air service.

Year-round service to San Francisco would provide additional connectivity for Bishop residents and businesses while improving access to the Eastern Sierra for visitors and business travelers. Reliable commercial air service can also support economic development, workforce recruitment and retention, and the ability of local businesses to connect with markets outside the region.

Staff is recommending that the City contribute \$35,000 annually toward the subsidy required to establish year-round service.

The Bishop Visitors Center/Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce Board has separately approved a \$15,000 contribution from the Bishop Tourism Improvement District (BTID) toward the air service subsidy.

Together, these commitments would provide \$50,000 in local funding toward the additional air service subsidy:

The regional air service partners are continuing to seek contributions from additional agencies, organizations, and potential private partners to collectively address the remaining funding need. The proposed City contribution would therefore be one component of a broader regional funding effort.

Staff believes participation in this effort is consistent with the City's interest in supporting economic development, regional connectivity, and access to transportation infrastructure that benefits the Bishop community.

Impacts to Council Goals and Strategic Planning Priorities:

Year-round air service supports Strategic Planning Objective 2.4 Collaborate with Regional Partners.

Budget Impacts:

The proposed action would result in an annual City contribution of \$35,000 toward the regional air service subsidy.

Funding for the contribution would be provided from a change in the annual contract with the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Center from \$85,000 to \$50,000.

Legal Review:

Attorney Pucci has reviewed this item and finds it complies with the law.

Recommended Action:

Authorize the City of Bishop to participate in the regional effort to secure year-round United Airlines service between the Eastern Sierra Regional Airport and San Francisco through a \$35,000 annual contribution toward the air service subsidy, funded through a reallocation of the City's existing \$85,000 annual services agreement.

Approved By: Ethan Aukee 8/17/2026

Approved By: Alison Bishop 8/17/2026

Approved By:

Approved By:



Agenda Item: 15.C
Date of Meeting: August 24, 2026
Department: Planning

STAFF REPORT

To: City Council
From: Ana Budnyk
Subject: **RESOLUTION: Establishing Timed Parking Zones and Permit Parking Zones Pursuant to Section 10.28.140 of The Bishop Municipal Code.**
Prepared On: August 19, 2026
Attachments: 2026 Draft Resolution Establishing Timed Parking Zones
City of Bishop Parking Study Implementation Plan
Parking Comments as of 2026 08 16

Background/History:

The City initiated the Downtown Parking Demand and Land Use Study to evaluate parking supply, occupancy, demand, and management strategies within the Downtown Specific Plan Area. The study included parking occupancy counts conducted during multiple seasons, business and community surveys, parking demand analysis, and recommendations for future parking management. The study concluded that although Bishop has sufficient public parking overall, improved parking management would better utilize existing parking resources while supporting downtown businesses and future growth.

On April 29, 2026, the City and its consultant, Wood Rodgers, conducted a public workshop to present the proposed parking duration zones and receive community feedback. Overall, attendees generally supported the proposed parking duration zones. Additional comments focused on providing overnight parking for visitors, identifying employee parking locations, improving signage, accommodating oversized vehicles, and implementing parking enforcement with an emphasis on education before citations.

Based on the comments, the City staff prepared a Draft Implementation Plan published on the City Website and sent for another round of comments via email provided by City business license holders.

See website page for more information on the study:

https://cityofbishop.ca.gov/departments/planning/parking_and_land_use_study.php

The proposed implementation plan incorporates this public feedback and refines the recommendations into an implementation program.

Analysis/Discussion:

Section 10.28.140 of the Bishop Municipal Code requires that timed parking zones and permit parking zones be established by City Council Resolution. Once adopted, the Director of Public Works is responsible for installing the required signs and pavement markings.

The proposed implementation plan includes the following parking management strategies:

Proposed Parking Management Goals and Implementation

1. Designate employee parking locations for businesses without on-site parking in the Downtown Core to:

- Preserve convenient customer parking near storefronts.
- Utilize underused City parking lots.
- Reduce all-day parking in high-demand areas.

2. Convert 3- to 2-hour parking every day from 8 am – 6 pm in high-demand commercial areas (areas that reach 90-100% occupancy) to improve parking turnover.

3. Convert selected areas with no parking restriction into No Overnight from midnight – to 6 am where appropriate to increase daytime parking capacity and allow space for events.

4. Establish the Fowler Street parking lot as the City's primary overnight parking location for vehicles, RVs, trailers, and boats through a permit system.

5. Allow Reserved Fleet Parking Agreements on City lots on a case-by-case basis.

The implementation plan proposes adjustments to parking durations in key commercial areas, including portions of Rose Street, East Line Street, Church Street, Warren Street, and the Fowler parking lot. Employee permit parking areas are also proposed at City Lot 10 (Elks), City Lot 13, the Church Street parking lot, and Rose Street. These locations are illustrated in Draft Parking Study Implementation and Next Steps.

Following Council's adoption of the Implementation Plan, city staff will implement changes and work on increasing public awareness of parking options:

- Create a user-friendly map to be displayed on the website and signage, Chamber of Commerce, and Google Maps pinned to public parking lots.
- Install new Parking duration signage (October 2026)
- Design and install wayfinding signage and/or kiosks (end of 2026)
- Establish Parking Permit program and fees for 2027 and beyond:
- Long-term parking on Fowler - \$10 per night
- Reserved Fleet Parking Areas- case-by-case

Staff will continue to monitor parking occupancy after implementation and adjust time limits or permit allocations as needed.

Impacts to Council Goals and Strategic Planning Priorities:

Objective 1.3: Enhance walkability and identify opportunities for multimodal facility expansion while also addressing parking needs. Key Result: Develop a City Parking Management Plan outlining strategies to address parking demands and improve walkability.

Budget Impacts:

The cost of signage is included in the current budget, with final costs to be determined.

Legal Review:

City Attorney Dean Pucci has reviewed and approved this item.

Recommended Action:

Adopt a Resolution establishing timed parking zones and permit parking zones pursuant to Section 10.28.140 of the Bishop Municipal Code, and direct staff to implement the Parking Study recommendations identified in Exhibit A.

Approved By: Alison Bishop 8/19/2026

Approved By: Dean Pucci 8/19/2026

Approved By: Pam Foster 8/19/2026

Approved By:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING TIMED PARKING ZONES AND PERMIT PARKING ZONES PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 22507 AND 22507.5 OF THE CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE AND SECTION 10.28.140 OF THE BISHOP MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, Section 22507(a) of the California Vehicle Code authorizes local authorities, by resolution or ordinance, to prohibit or restrict vehicle parking “on certain streets or highways, or portions thereof, during all or certain hours of the day;” and

WHEREAS, Section 22507(a) further provides that the resolution or ordinance may designate preferential parking privileges via permits for the use of adjacent residents, merchants and their guests; and

WHEREAS, Section 22507(a) further provides that the resolution or ordinance “shall not apply until signs or markings giving adequate notice thereof have been placed;” and

WHEREAS, Section 22507(b) provides that designated groups may receive preferential parking permits for specified streets “if the local authority determines that the use of the permits will not adversely affect parking conditions for residents and merchants in the area;” and

WHEREAS, Section 22507.5 authorizes local authorities, by resolution or ordinance, to prohibit or restrict parking on streets, highways, or portions thereof between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.—with specified exceptions.; and

WHEREAS, Section 22507.5 further authorizes local authorities to provide for exceptions to these restrictions; and

WHEREAS, Section 10.28.140 of the Bishop Municipal Code provides that timed parking zones and permit parking zones shall be established by resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City completed a Downtown Parking Study evaluating parking occupancy, duration, turnover, and parking demand within the downtown commercial area; and

WHEREAS, the Parking Study identified opportunities to improve parking availability, increase customer parking turnover, provide designated employee parking, and establish areas for overnight and long-term visitor parking; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the recommendations presented by City staff and finds that establishing the timed parking zones and permit parking zones identified in **Exhibit A** will improve parking management, support local businesses, and promote the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that the Director of Public Works should install or cause to be installed all necessary signs and pavement markings to implement the parking regulations established by this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP AS FOLLOWS:

1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein.
2. Pursuant to Section 10.28.140 of the Bishop Municipal Code, the timed parking zones identified in **Exhibit A**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, are hereby established.
3. Pursuant to Section 10.28.140 of the Bishop Municipal Code, the permit parking zones identified in **Exhibit A**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, are hereby established.
4. The Director of Public Works is authorized and directed to install, or cause to be installed, all signs, pavement markings, and traffic control devices necessary to implement the timed parking zones and permit parking zones established by this Resolution.
5. The parking regulations established by this Resolution shall become applicable upon installation of the required signs and markings and shall thereafter be enforced in accordance with Chapter 10.28 of the Bishop Municipal Code.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of August, 2026.

Stephen Muchovej, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Alison Bishop, City Clerk

Exhibit A

Parking Zone Changes

Timed Parking Zones

The following timed parking zones are hereby established:

- **Rose Street (west side), from May to Willow St – 2-hour parking**
- **Whitney Alley – 2-hour parking**
- **East Line Street, from Main to 151 East Line St – 2-hour parking, change 3 spots at Main and E Line to 30-minute**
- **Short Street, from S Main to 156 Short St. – 2-hour parking**
- **Church Street – 2-hour parking**
- **South Warren Street, from N Main to North Warren St– 3-hour parking**
- **Warren Street, from Lagoon Street to South Street – 3-hour parking**
- **Fowler Parking Lot – 3-hour customer parking**

Employee Permit Parking Zones

The following employee permit parking zones are hereby established:

- **Zone 1:** City Lot 10 (Elks), East Line Street
- **Zone 2:** East side of Rose Street from May to Willow St.
- **Zone 3:** City Lot 1, Church Street
- **Zone 4:** City Lot 13, Warren Street

Overnight Permit Parking

The following overnight permit parking area is hereby established:

- **Fowler Parking Lot –** Visitor overnight parking, including designated parking for RVs, boats, and trailers, subject to the City's overnight parking permit program.

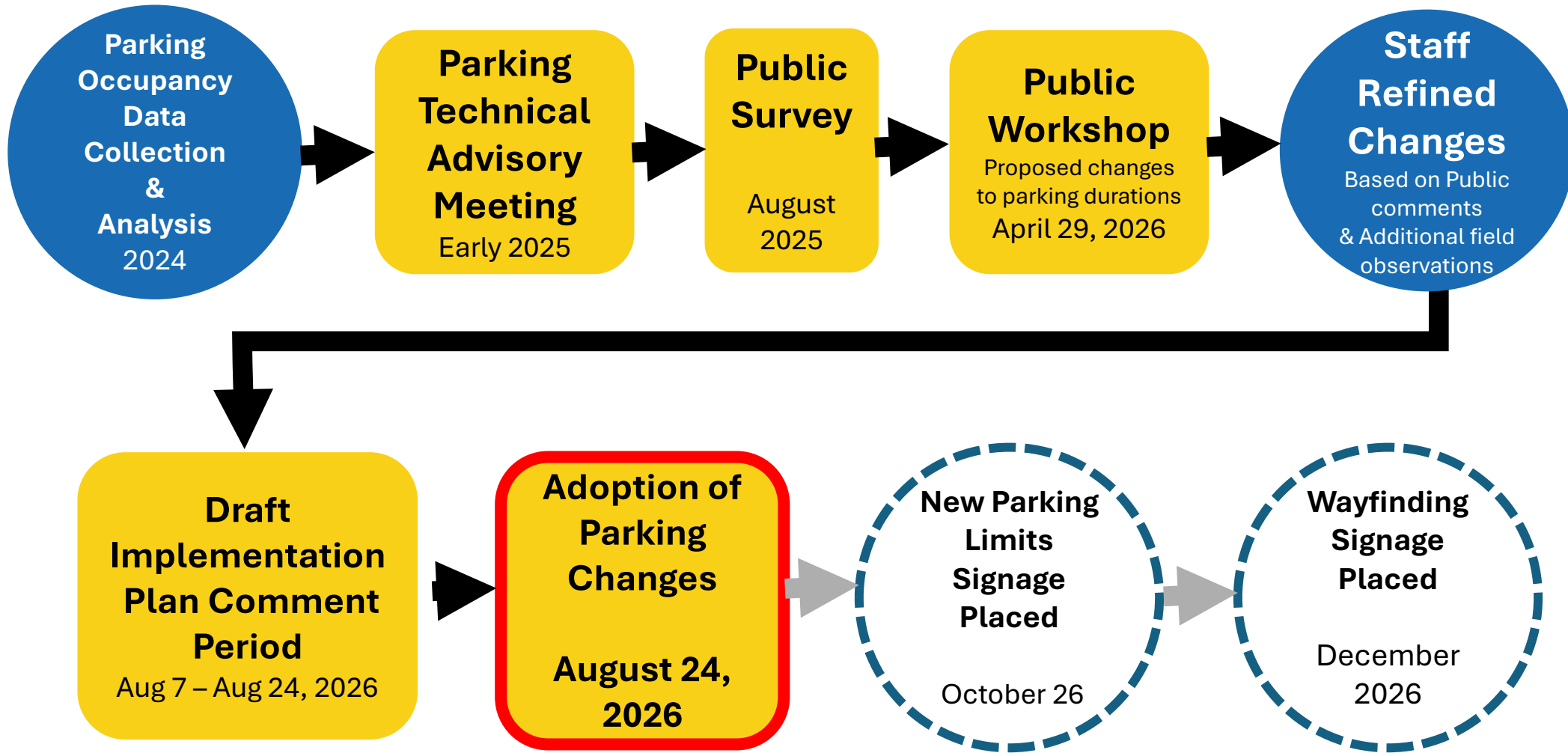


City of Bishop Parking Study Implementation Plan



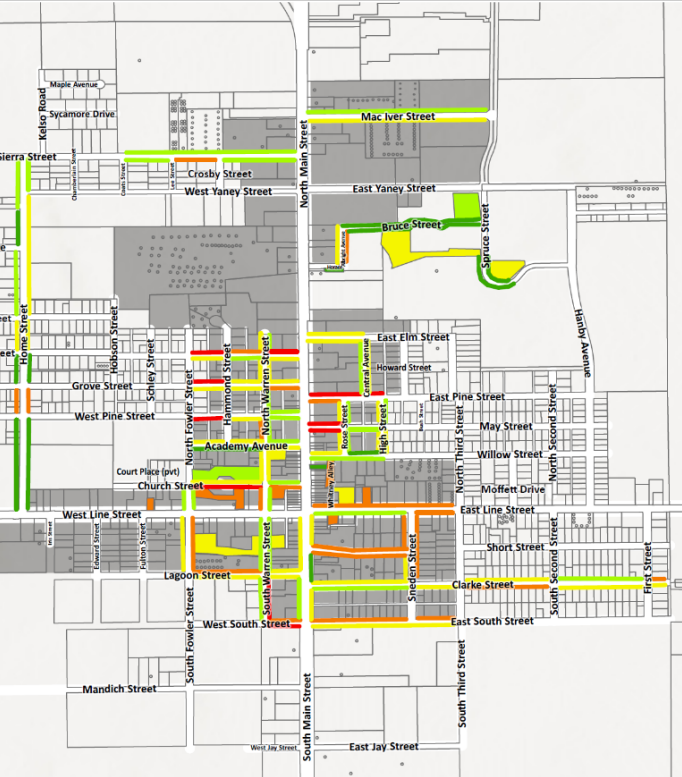
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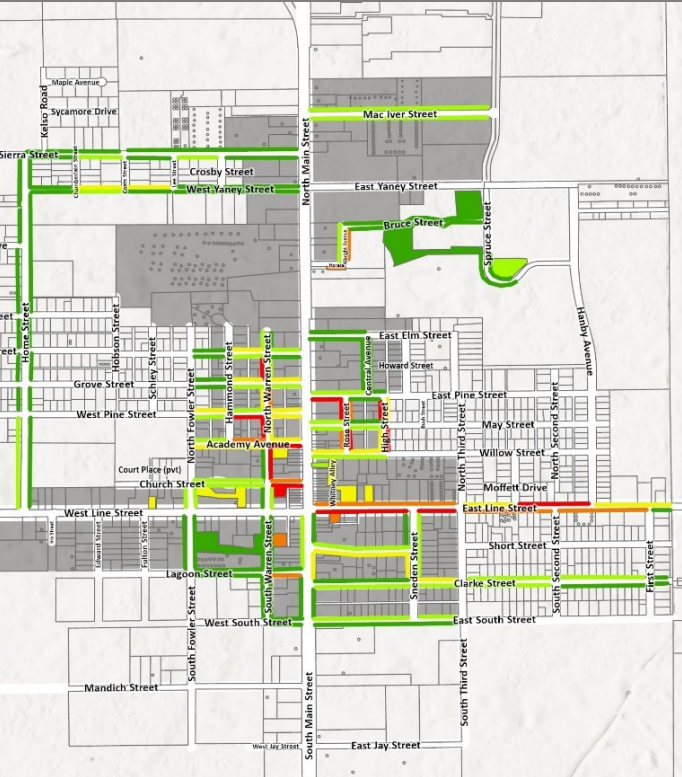


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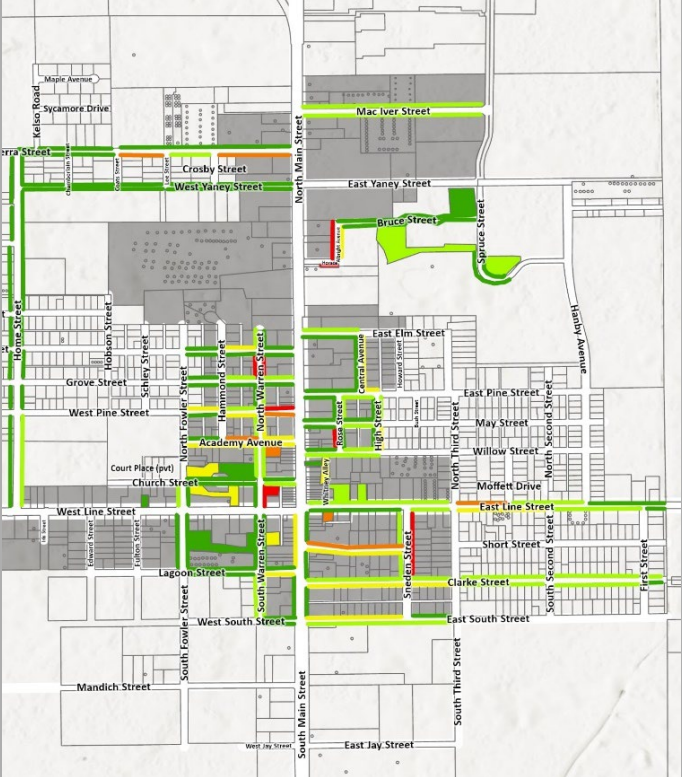
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2nd Highest
April 26th, Friday at 2 PM



3rd Highest
July 19th, Friday at 10 AM



Parking Use

0-25%

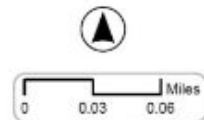
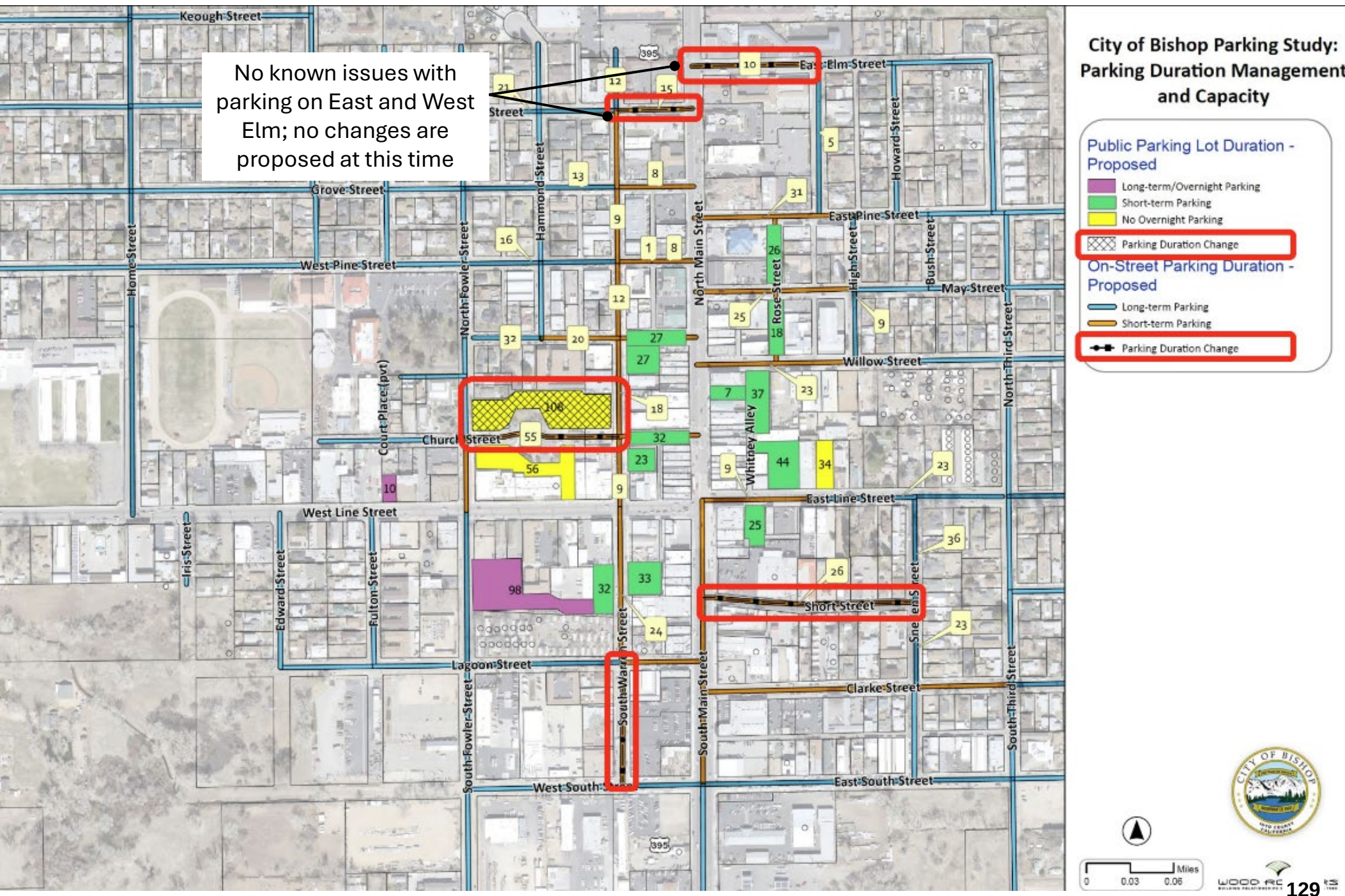
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50-75%

75-90%

90-100%

Workshop Recommendations from April 29, 2026



Parking Management Goals

Designate **employee parking locations** for businesses without on-site parking in the Downtown Core to:

- Preserve convenient customer parking near storefronts.
- Utilize underused City parking lots.
- Reduce all-day parking in high-demand areas.

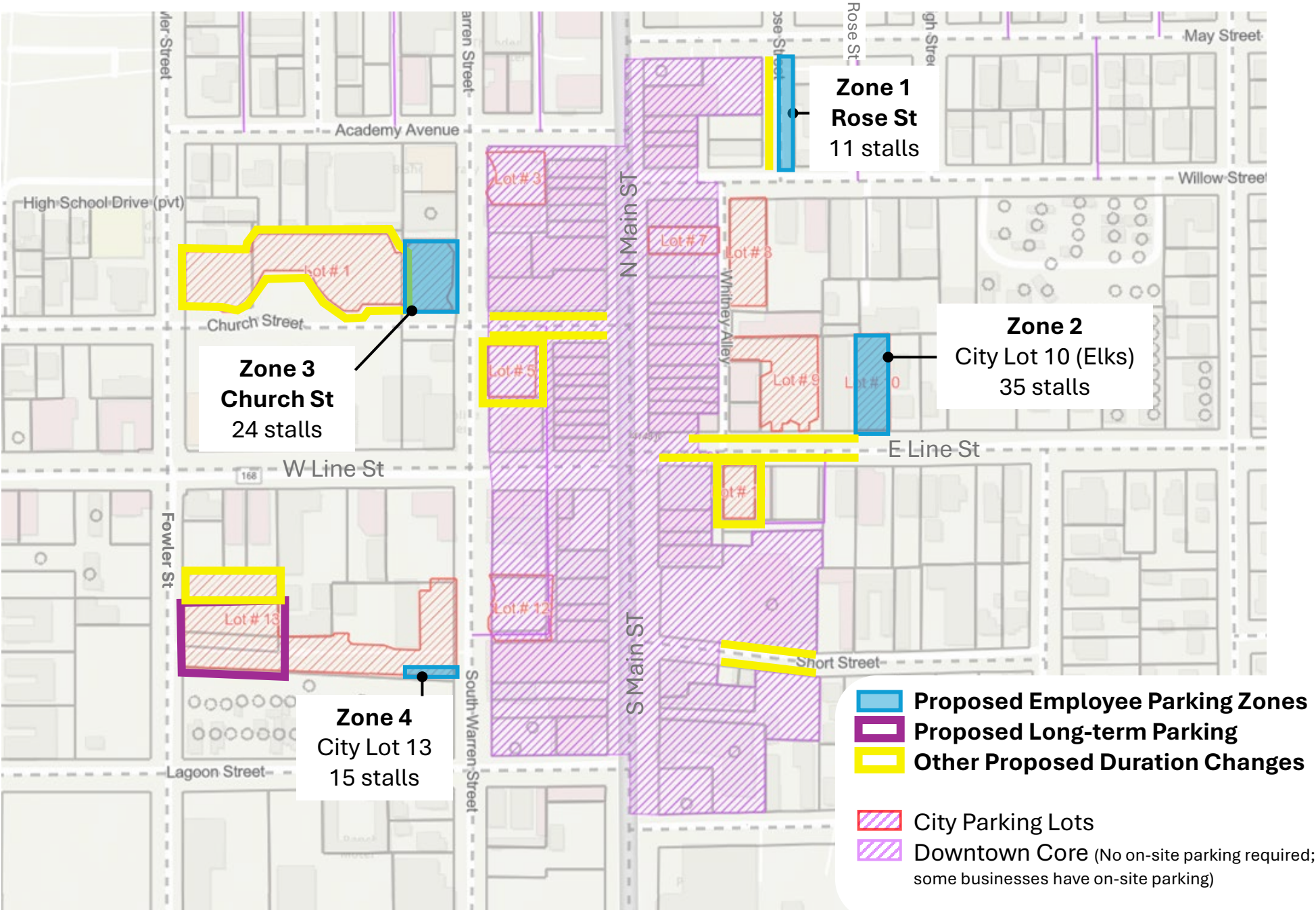
Convert **3- to 2-hour parking every day** from 8 am – 6 pm **in high-demand commercial areas** (areas that reach 90-100% occupancy) to improve parking turnover.

Convert selected areas with no parking restriction into **No Overnight** where appropriate to increase daytime parking capacity and allow space for events.

Possible Signage:



Updated Recommendations



Rose, Willow, Whitney Alley

Highest
January 19th Friday at Noon



2nd Highest
April 26th, Friday at 2 PM



3rd Highest
July 19th, Friday at 10 AM



High-Use Areas
Suggested change
from 3- to 2-hour

Parking Use

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	75-90%
	90-100%

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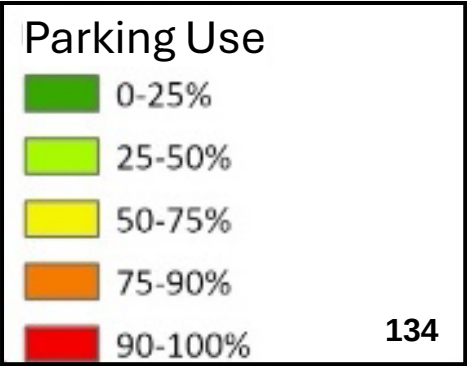
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Proposed Parking Duration Change

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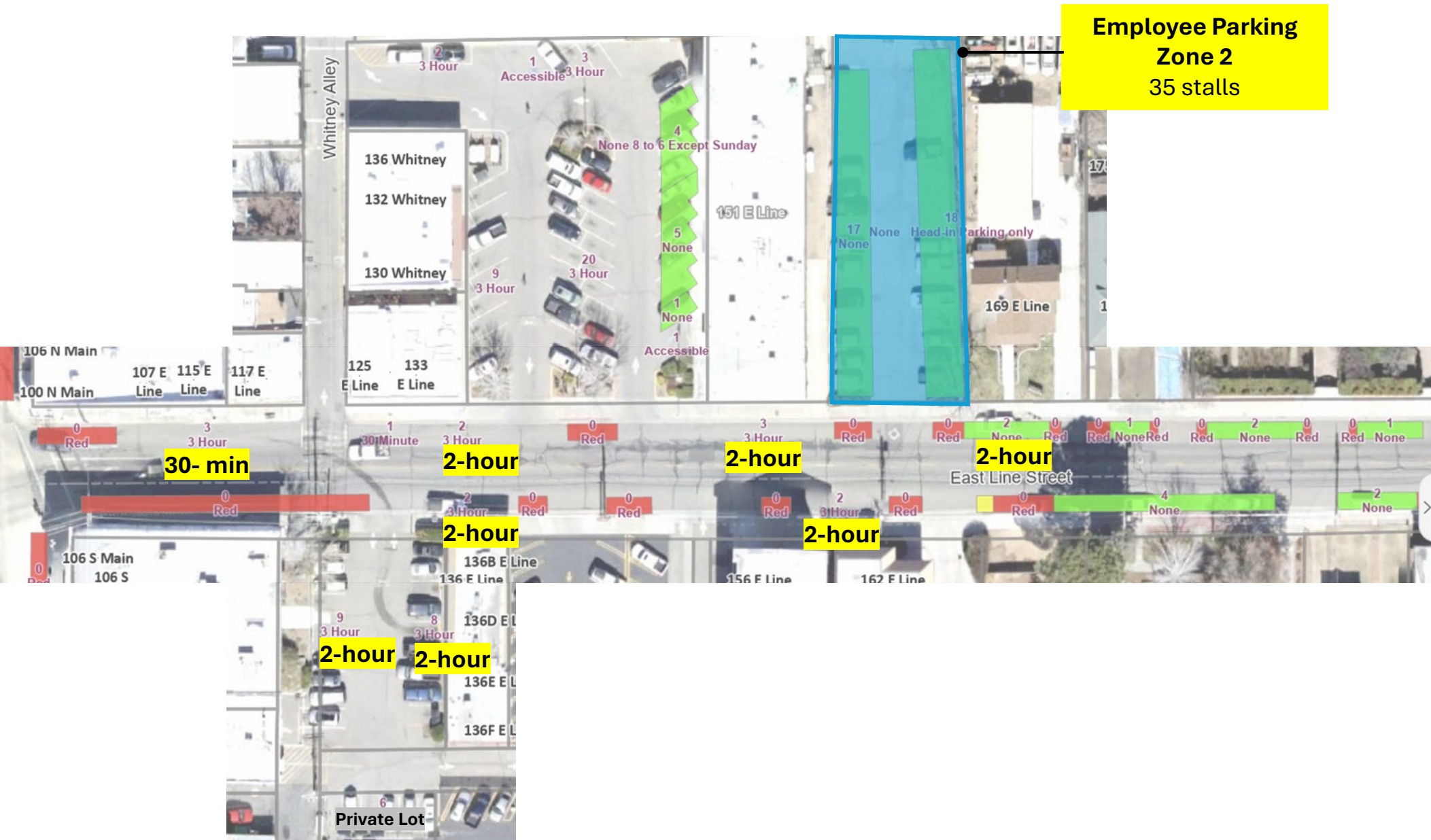


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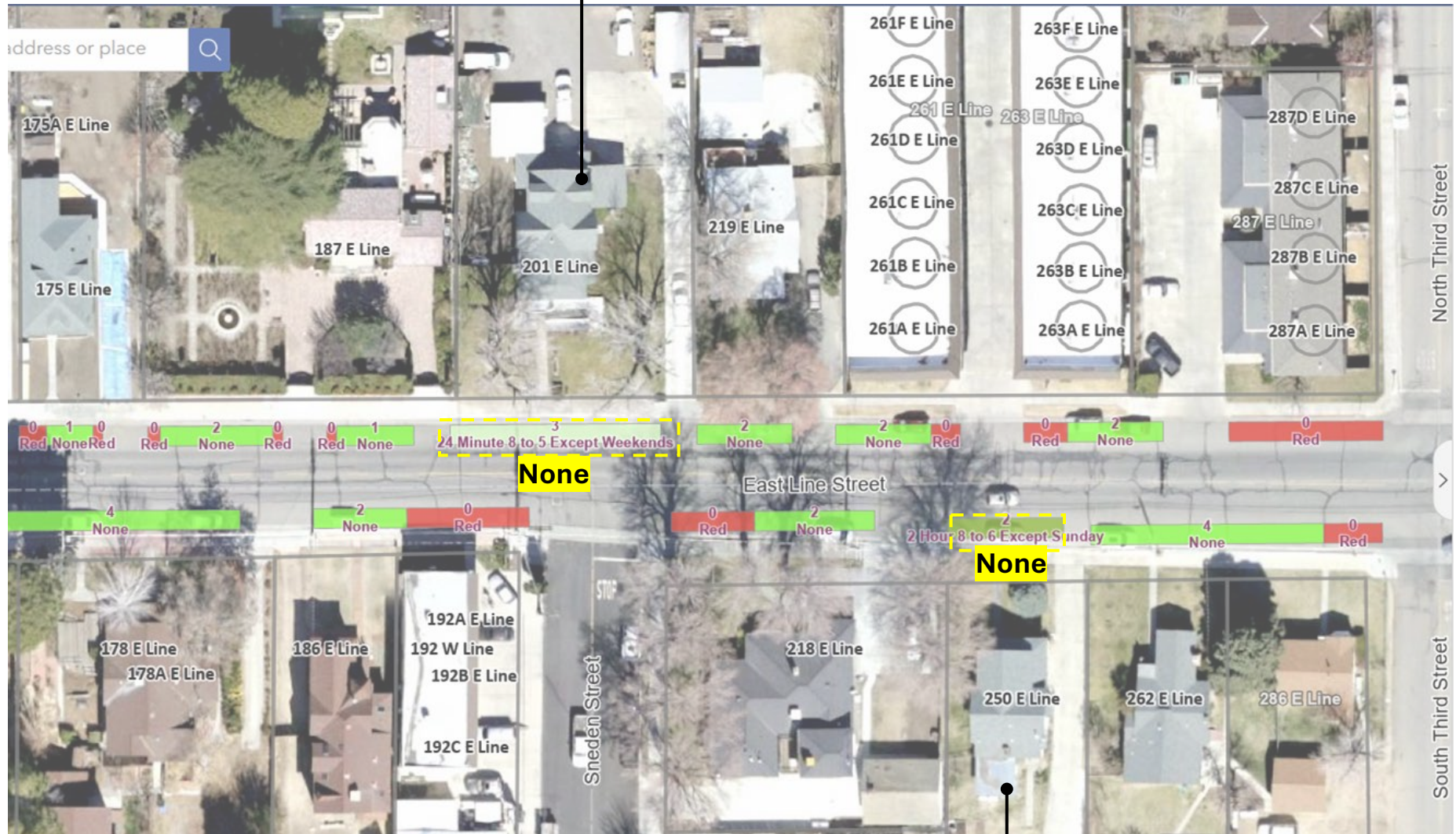
High-Use Area – Proposed conversion from 3-hour to 2-hour parking



Proposed Parking Duration Change

E Line St

Business doesn't have
public access anymore



Changed to residential

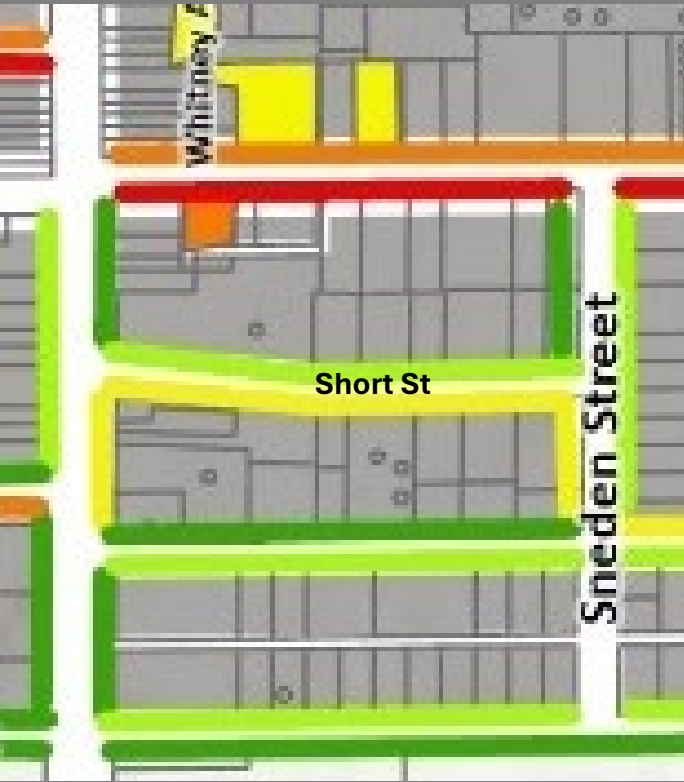
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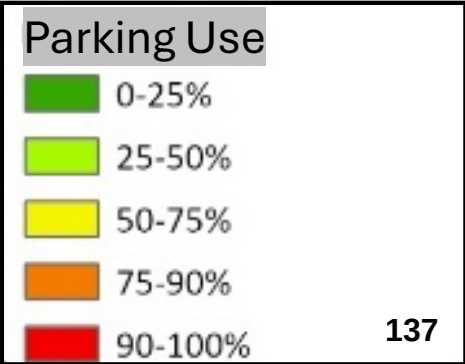
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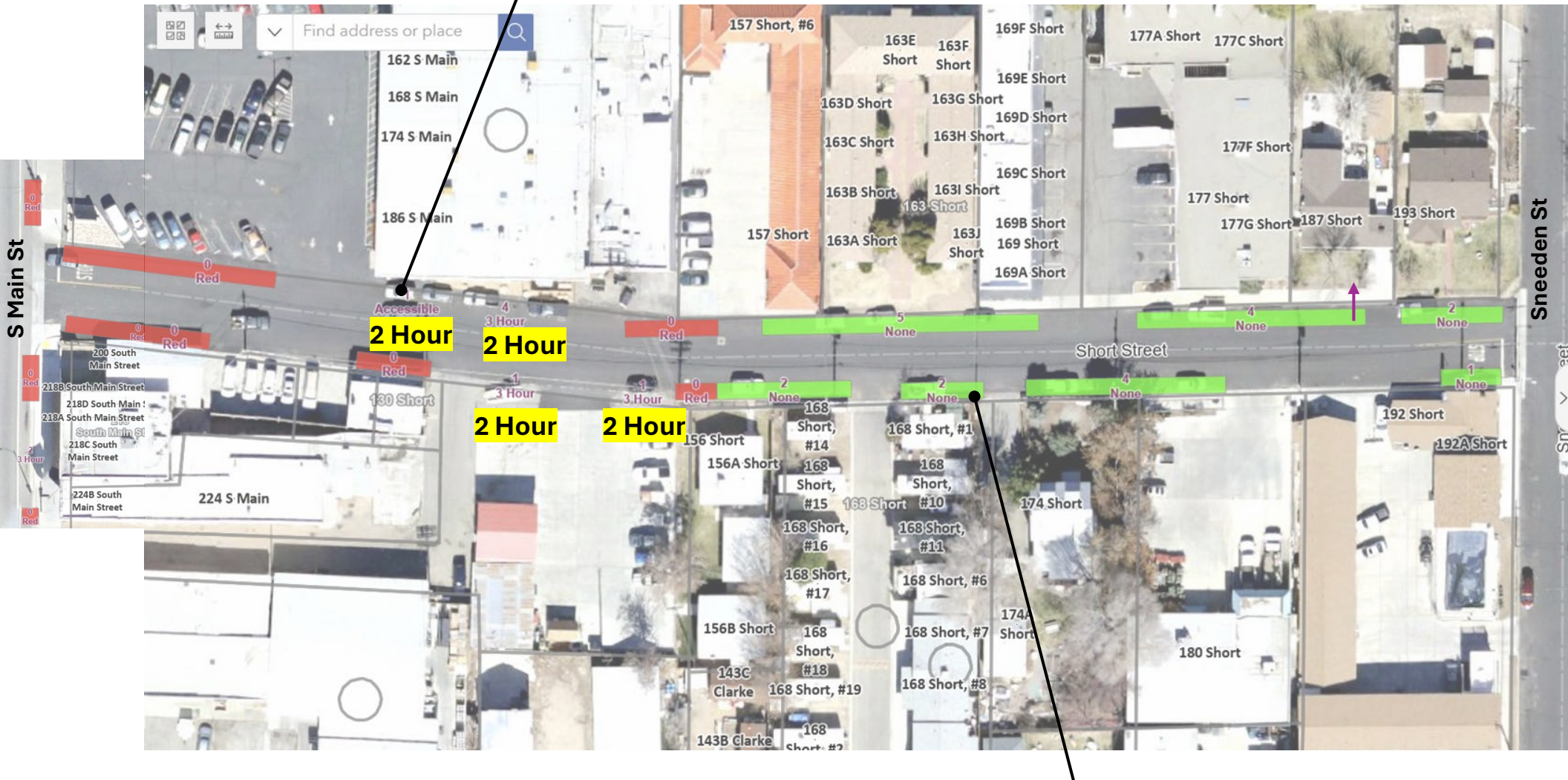


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Short St

Does not qualify as ADA



*Parking changes are not proposed adjacent to residential uses

Proposed Parking Duration Change

S Warren St

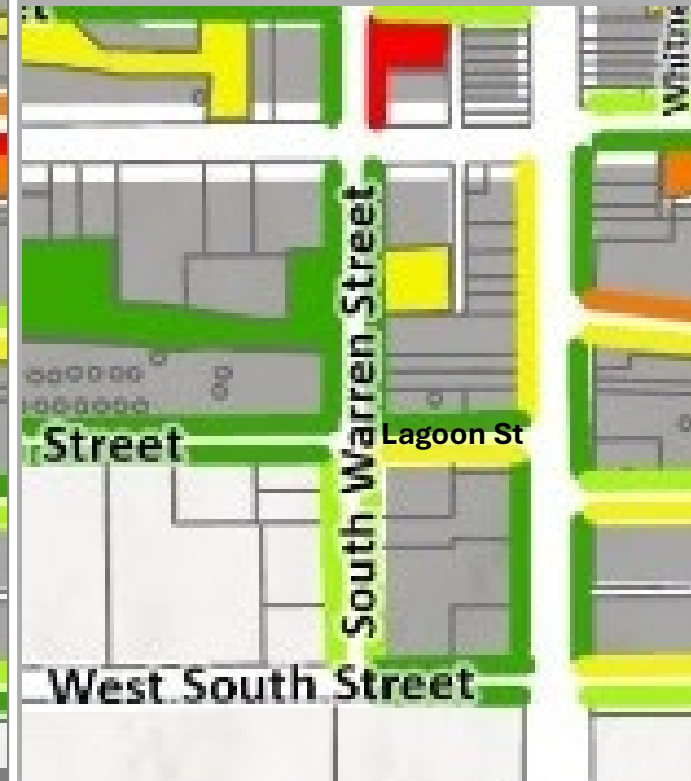
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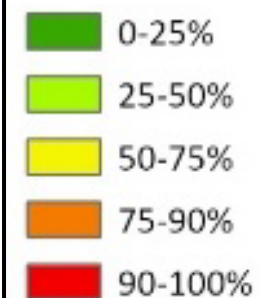
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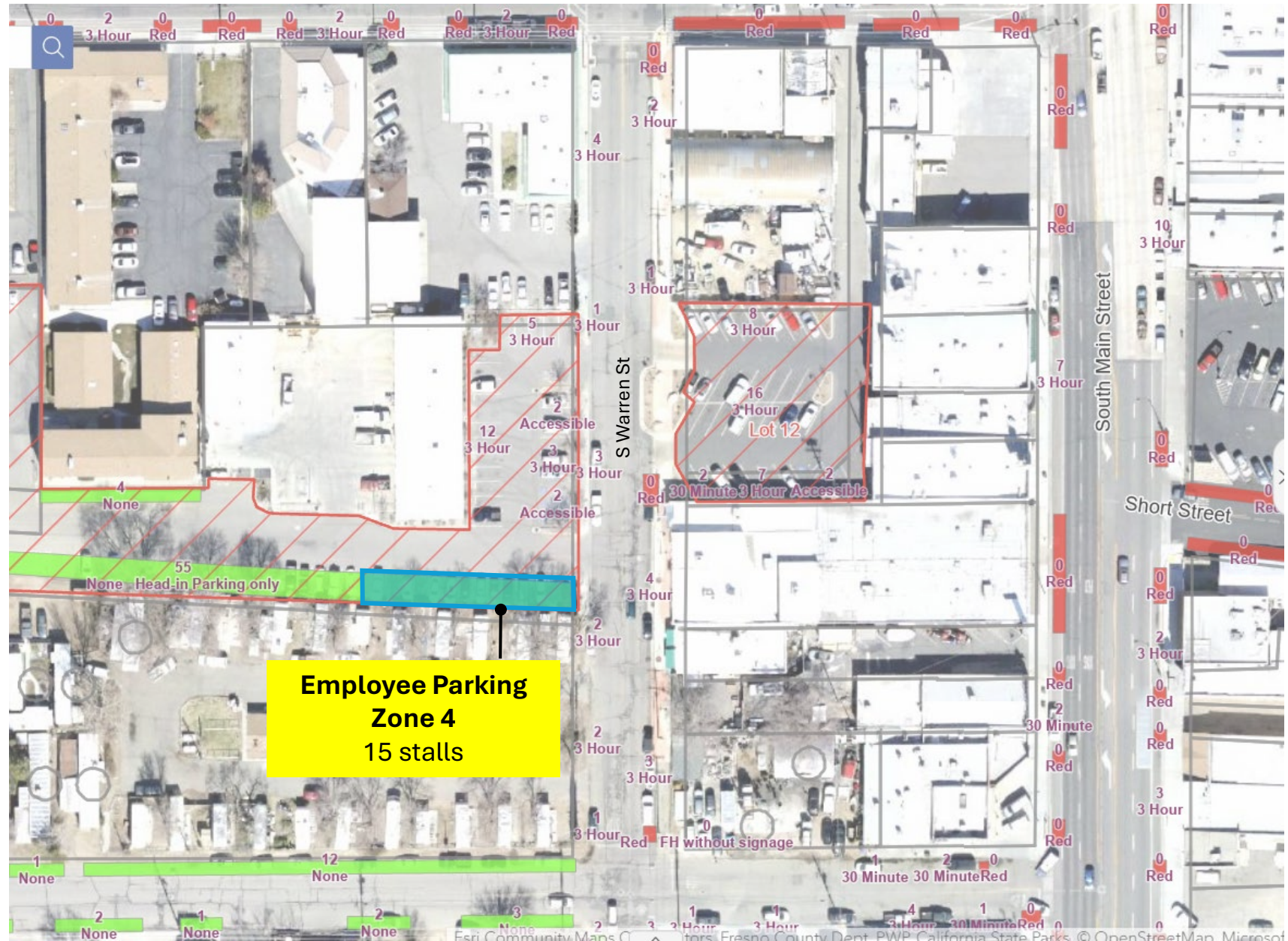
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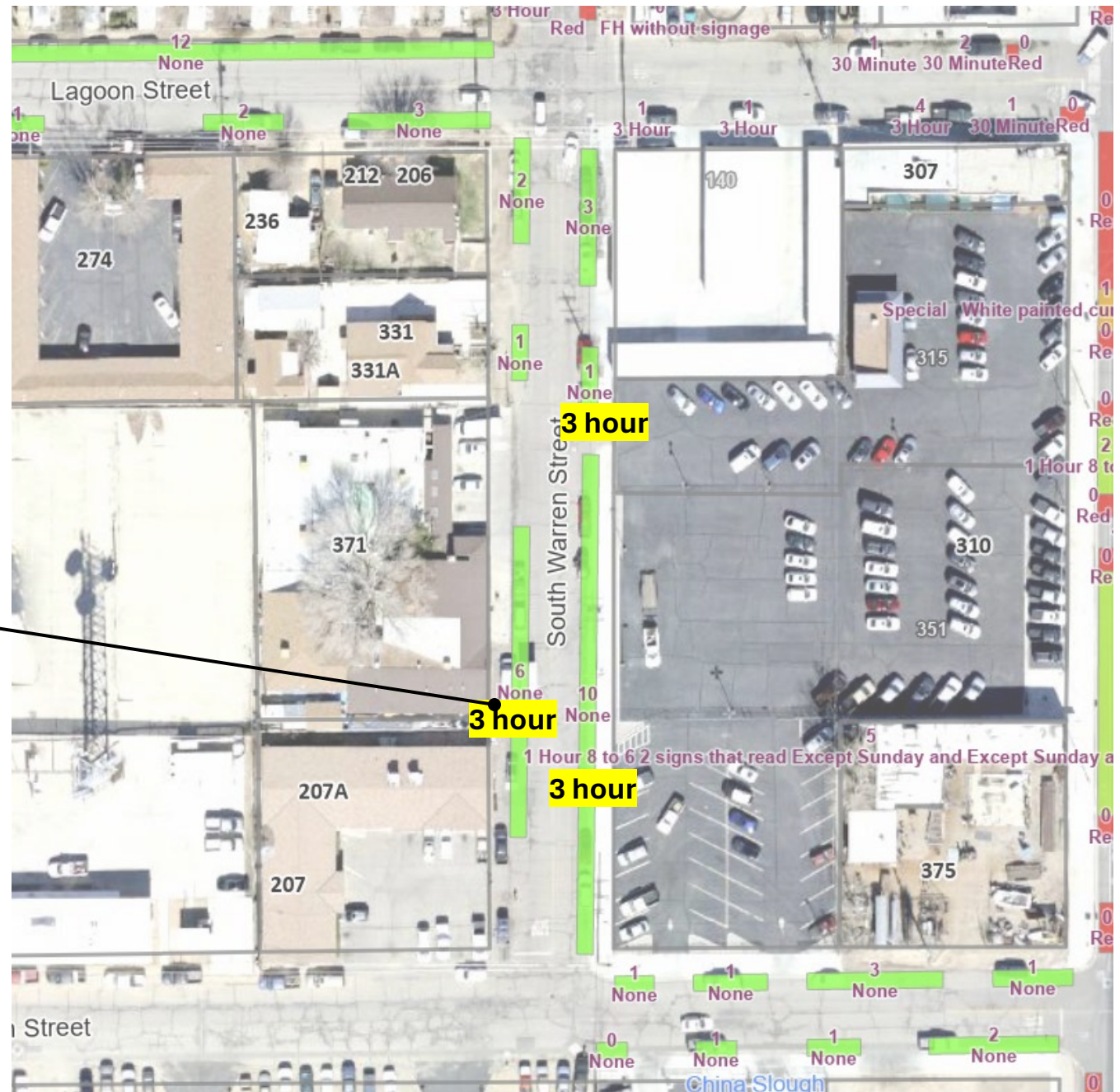
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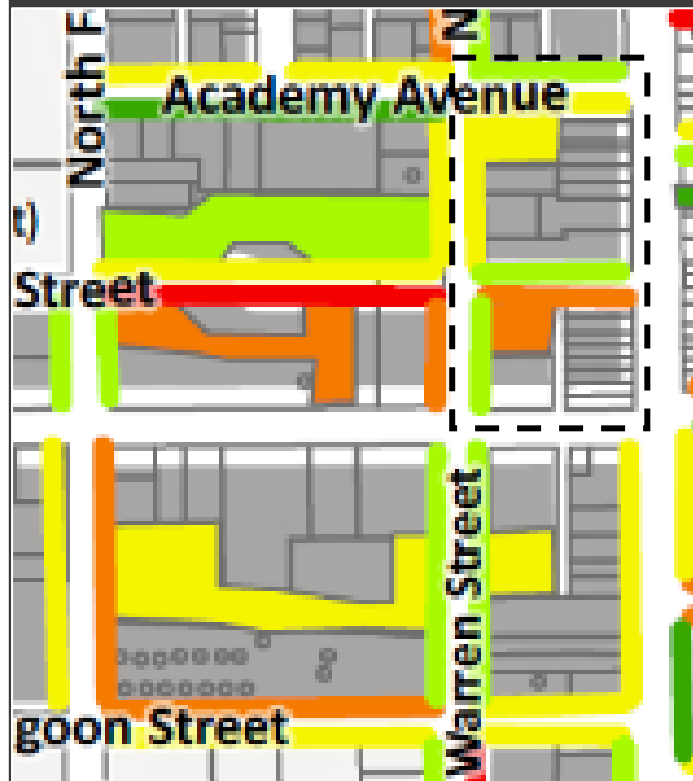
Proposed **3-hour** zones consistent with other commercial zones and the rest of Warrant St.



3 hour Proposed Parking Duration Change

Church St Lot

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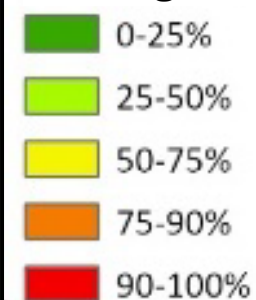


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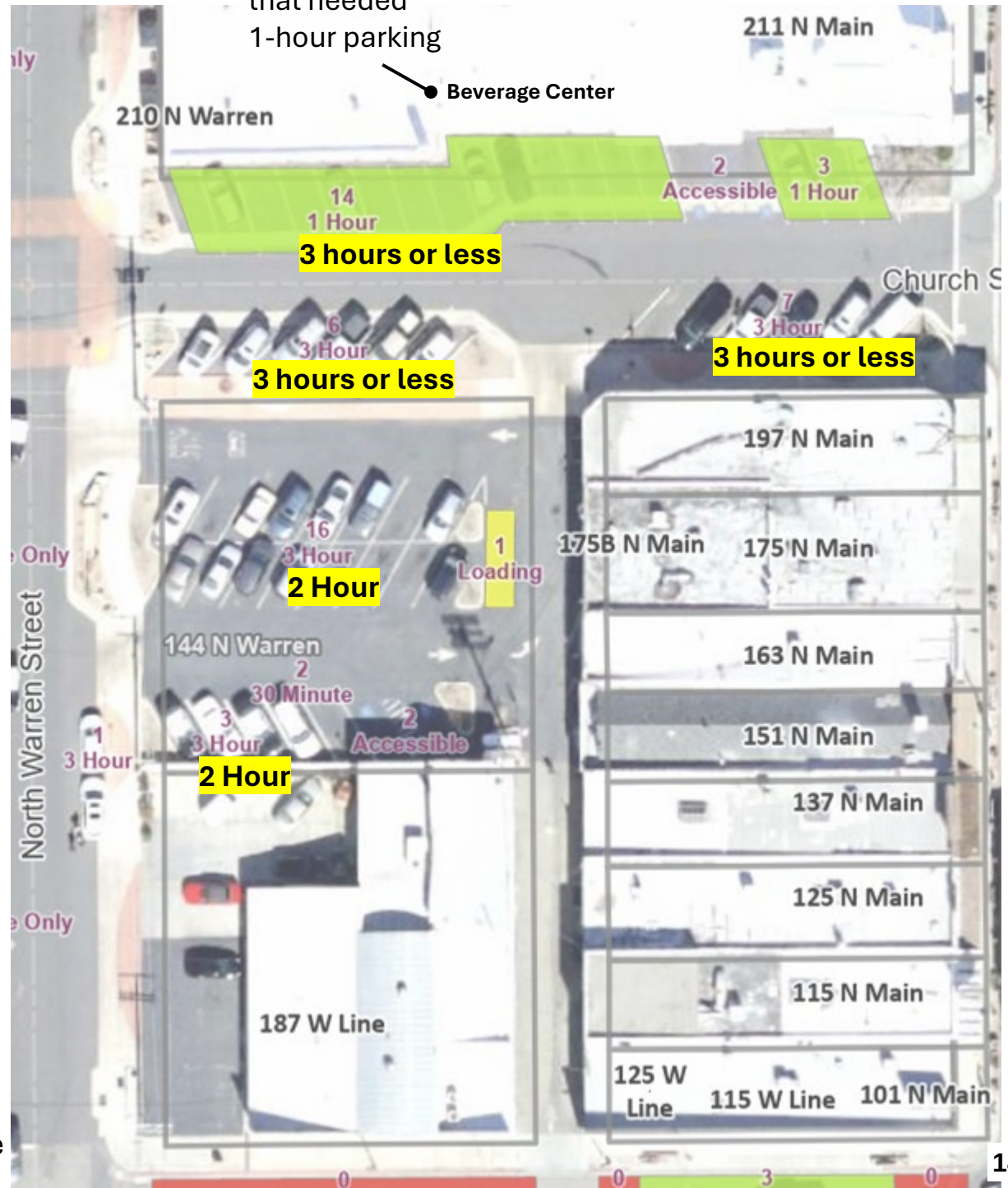
High-Use Area
Proposed conversion
from 3-hour to 2-hour
parking

Parking Use



Used to be a grocery store that needed 1-hour parking

Proposed conversion from 3-hour to 2-hour parking



Proposed Parking Duration Change

Church St Lot

No overnight parking from Midnight to 6 am

Reserved Fleet Parking Agreements ±15 stalls

Employee Parking Zone 3 24 spaces

Event Use



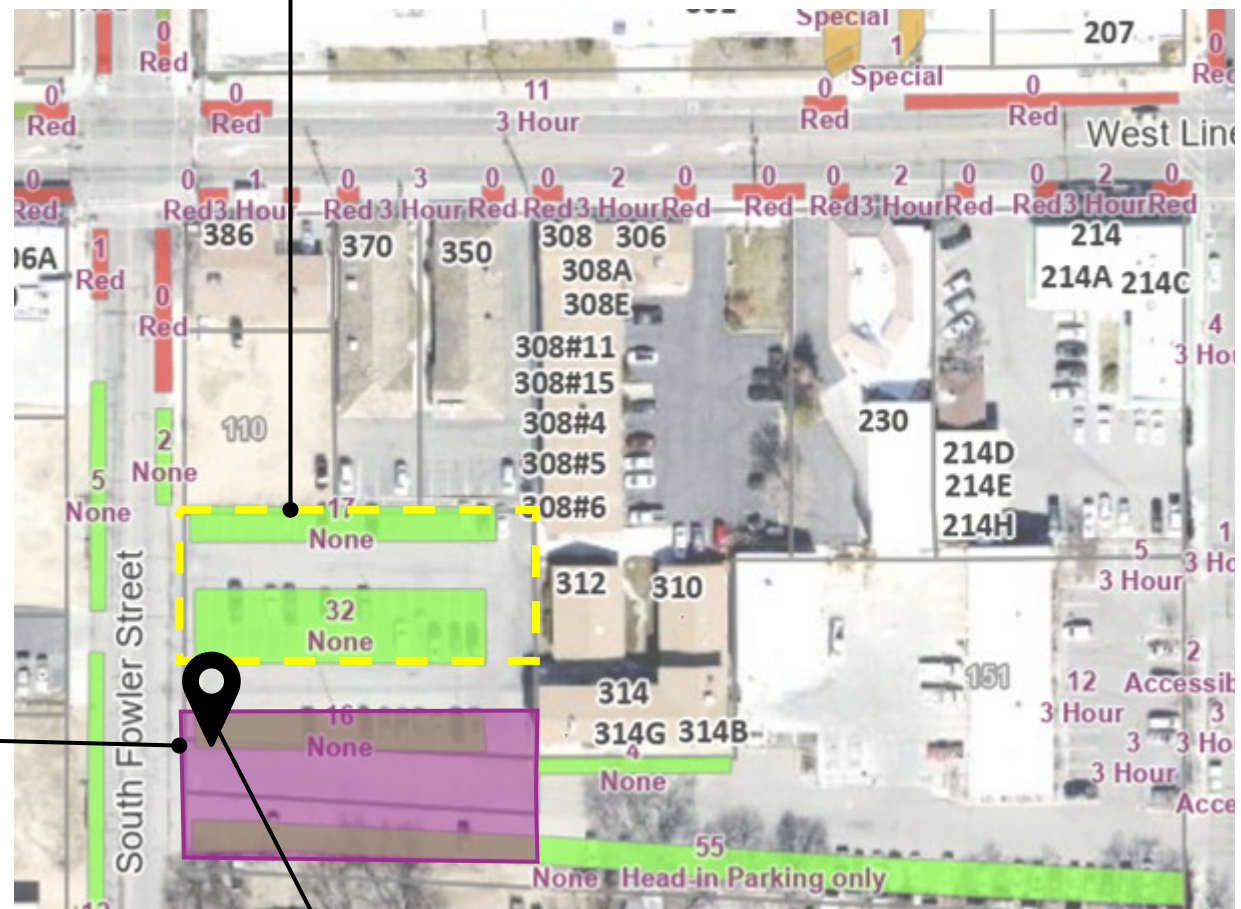
Parking Duration Change

Fowler St Lot

Long-Term Parking

3-hour
customer
parking
48 stalls

Designate overnight parking for vehicles, RVs, boats, and trailers only within designated areas and subject to permit requirements (separate from Sierra St yearly permit parking).



Kiosk or Signage
directing people to
the online permit
system

Next Steps

- **Implement changes and increase public awareness of parking options:**
 - Create a user-friendly parking map to be displayed on the City website and signage, shared with the Chamber of Commerce, and added to Google Maps/Waze with public parking lots pinned.
 - Install new parking duration signage (October 2026).
 - Design and install wayfinding signage and/or kiosks (by the end of 2026).
 - Establish a parking permit program and fees beginning in 2027:
 - Long-term parking on Fowler – \$10 per night.
 - Reserved fleet parking areas – case-by-case.
- **Monitor parking occupancy after implementation and adjust time limits or permit allocations as needed.**

Name	Comment	Locations
Erin Dews	We feel that the city has a great opportunity to create a comprehensive, cohesive and collaborative downtown project through public parking lot project incorporating cherished elements from our landscapes(for locals and tourists) thru color coding/public art/ way finding/ storytelling/info/placemaking. As we embark with the goal to make a downtown area that brings interest and identity for our people and visitors, city owned lots are an easy and effective way to thread a story through our municipal areas. C5 Studios in an interested and invested partner in beautifying downtown Bishop.	n/a
Dennis	What about those of us who work downtown AND work past midnight? I work downtown and park in City Lot 10, Lot 10=Elks often past midnight. Will I have to move my car at 11:59 to avoid enforcement?	
Gregory Willer	Please consider implementing some sort of permit program to enable local business owners to park clearly marked business vehicles near their business without restriction. I own Alpine Paint located at 130-132 Whitney Alley. We currently have zero employees however we do utilize a business vehicle for deliveries. Relocating that vehicle every 3 hours or vacating the lot is not a feasible solution. We are the only business on the Whitney Alley lot open for "normal business hours" Monday-Friday 7:30am-4:30pm. Thank you for your consideration. We would also like to see increased patrol of the Whitney Alley lot on the weekends as it has become a popular car camping location with a noticeable increase in trash and human waste.	130 Whitney Alley
Jessica L DeLong	On behalf of Hummingbird Movement Collective on Main St: (I haven't read all the material, but here are my thoughts) -We offer classes that are an hour long, so often our clients need 90 minutes to have social time before and after, so hopefully they won't get penalized for a 60 min limit in Whitney Alley. On behalf of me: -I've been riding my bike almost everywhere I go for the last 18 years of living here, it's really unfortunate that after all the construction taking place, main street still doesn't have a safe bike lane. -Seems like many folks (especially people who don't ride bikes) are unaware that the bikes are to follow the same traffic rules as cars. Education on this front might help with safety.	126 N Main St

Heart Open Reiki Deborah Shubnell	As a business owner and resident on N Fowler St. Although I am excited for new parking programs, I do not see anywhere in these pages the amount of vehicles per household/driver can keep at their place of residence. Many of my fellow residence along Fowler have RV's, & multiple vehicles parked on the street for months plus. Will residence & business owners have plenty of free parking? My clients often have trouble finding spaces especially when school is in session. Student parking creates much chaos and lack of spaces as well. What will be the impact on them. Your public comment maps are vague and ineligible. As a business owner on N Fowler, I suggest parking permits for all day use, as well as for residence	Business Location: 286 N Fowler St, Bishop, CA 93514
Kellen Krasinski	As the owner of a business on the corner of E Line and Main, we definitely need more limited duration spots. I own a grooming business and have many clients throughout the day coming and going, some elderly. Having high turnover spots ensures easy and safe pickup and drop off for our clients and their pets.	Business Location: 107 E Line St
Elaine Kabala	Implementing the wayfinding program should be coordinated with removing redundant/outdated/faded signage around town, be coordinated with Caltrans, and seek to reduce visual clutter in addition to providing directions. Also, pedestrian friendly improvements should include a holistic approach to design - not just sidewalks and clearly marked cross walks, but elements that making walking desirable, such as comfort and design: Benches, shade trees, good lighting, and buffers from car traffic.	



Agenda Item: 15.D
Date of Meeting: August 24, 2026
Department: Administration

STAFF REPORT

To: City Council
From: Pam Foster
Subject: **RESOLUTION: Amending Resolution No. 2026-05 to Revise Certain Commercial Water and Sewer Classifications and Rates.**
Attachments: Bishop Rate Table Amendments Resolution Draft
Revised Exhibit A - Water and Sewer Rates

Background/History:

The City of Bishop provides water and sewer service to approximately 1,200 connections. The City's Water and Sewer Funds are enterprise funds supported by rate revenues and do not receive tax revenues. The City last adopted comprehensive water and sewer rates in 2026 pursuant to Proposition 218.

In 2025, the City initiated a new water and sewer rate study to evaluate the cost of service, update rate structures, and establish a sustainable five-year rate plan. As part of this effort, the City Council adopted updated Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Plans on October 27, 2025, and staff reduced the near-term water capital program to moderate rate impacts while maintaining essential reinvestment in the system.

On July 1, 2026 the new rates were put into effect and through the process of categorizing businesses into categories it was determined there was a need for clarifications.

Analysis/Discussion:

Following implementation of the revised rates it was determined that certain business types should be reclassified. Additionally, the charges to closed businesses should be eliminated.

The proposed revisions will move churches and meeting halls from Category B to Category A. Grocery Stores that do not cook fresh food onsite and are not required to have grease traps move from Category B to Category A.

Impacts to Council Goals and Strategic Planning Priorities:

This action directly supports Strategic Plan Mission 3 Sustainable Infrastructure, which specifically calls for completing a water and sewer rate study.

Budget Impacts:

Adoption of this revised resolution may impact the amount of water and sewer fees that are

collected, but allows staff to properly bill property owners.

Legal Review:

The City Attorney has reviewed this item and the proposed resolution and finds that the recommended action complies with applicable law.

Recommended Action:

City Council consideration and approval of a resolution to revise certain water and sewer classifications and charges.

Approved By: Ethan Aukee 8/4/2026

Approved By: Pam Foster 8/19/2026

Approved By:

Approved By:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, CALIFORNIA,
AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05 TO REVISE CERTAIN COMMERCIAL
WATER AND SEWER RATE CLASSIFICATIONS AND RATES**

WHEREAS, the City of Bishop (the “City”) provides municipal water and sewer services to residential and commercial properties within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City charges water and sewer rates to fund the cost of providing water and sewer service; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2026-05, adopted by the City Council on February 23, 2026, adopted a five-year schedule of new water and sewer rates; and

WHEREAS, during the City’s initial implementation of the new rates, it became evident that it was desirable to (i) change the rate category applicable to grocery stores that neither cook food on site nor are required to have grease traps; (ii) change the rate category applicable to churches, meeting halls and theaters; (iii) place auto shops in the same rate category as other industrial uses, (iv) change the treatment of closed businesses; and (v) clarify certain terms used in the rate tables applicable to commercial customers; and

WHEREAS, none of these changes would cause the amount charged to any customer to increase over the previously adopted rates; and

WHEREAS, the revised rates help ensure that no connection is charged in excess of its proportional share of the cost of providing services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to replace the rate tables for commercial water and sewer service with new tables that include these changes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, CALIFORNIA
DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. Table 3 (“Current and New Monthly Commercial Water Rates”) and Table 4 (“Current and New Monthly Commercial Sewer Rates”) of Exhibit A to Resolution No. 2026-05 are hereby amended to read in their entirety as set forth in Exhibit A to this Resolution, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 3. Except as set forth in Section 4 of this Resolution, the amendments made by Section 2 of this Resolution shall be effective as of July 1, 2026. The Finance Director is authorized to adjust all accounts affected by this Resolution for the July 2026 billing cycle, and any subsequent billing cycles, through account credits, refunds, or other appropriate billing adjustments.

SECTION 4. The amended rate tables provide that the monthly rate charged to a “closed business” shall be \$0 and define a “closed business” to be a commercial property where business operations have ceased, there is no use of the water connection, and no active business occupies the premises. It further provides that a business with temporary, seasonal, or reduced operations does not qualify as a “closed business.” This change shall be effective as of July 1, 2026 and any business that was charged in the July 2026 billing cycle (or a subsequent billing cycle) as a “closed business” at the rate set forth Resolution No. 2026-05 before its amendment shall receive an account credit, refund, or other appropriate billing adjustment.

After the adoption of this Resolution, an account shall go into “closed business” status only if the account holder requests such status by giving written notice to the City, agreeing to notify the City when the account is no longer eligible for “closed business” status and certifying to the City that the account meets all of the qualifications required by this Section for “closed business” status. The Finance Director (i) may establish such processes for the submission of such notices and the verification of the claims in such notice, as he or she finds necessary or useful, (ii) may require that such notice be given under penalty of perjury, and (iii) may permit such notice to be given via electronic means designated by him or her.

For accounts that were not in “closed business” status on the date of the adoption of the Resolution, the “closed business” rate shall apply beginning with the first full billing cycle following the City’s receipt of valid written notice. “Closed business” status shall remain in effect until (i) the account holder notifies the City that business operations have resumed or (ii) the City otherwise determines that operations resumed. Furthermore, a business that remains in “closed business” status for 12 months after the most recent valid notice to the City of eligibility for such status (or for twelve months after the adoption of this Resolution if the account was in “closed business” status as of the date of adoption of this Resolution), shall remain in “closed business” status after 12 months only if a new notice is filed with the City pursuant to this chapter.

The regular applicable commercial rate shall resume with the first full billing cycle after the date on which (i) business operations resume, (ii) “closed business” status expires, or (iii) the account otherwise becomes ineligible for “closed business status.” Such resumption of regularly applicable rates shall occur retroactively if the City was not immediately made aware of the ineligibility of the resumption of business activity.

SECTION 7. Except as expressly amended by this Resolution, Resolution No. 2026-05, including the residential rate tables and all other terms and provisions, shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect. In the event of a conflict between this Resolution and Resolution No. 2026-05, this Resolution shall control.

SECTION 8. Nothing in this Resolution is intended to “increase” the rate of the charges as applied to any person or parcel above the level that was the subject of the February 23, 2026 rate hearings. To the extent this Resolution inadvertently did increase a rate as applied to a person or parcel, it is intended that the rate be applied to that person or parcel at the highest level that does not constitute an increase. For purposes of this Section, “increase” has the same meaning as set forth in Government Code Section 53750(h).

SECTION 9. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Resolution is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of August 2026.

Stephen Muchovej, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alison Bishop, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

Table 3: New Monthly Commercial Water Rates (Continued)

New Monthly Rates

Class / Billing Method [1]	Billing Unit	July 1, 2026	July 1, 2027	July 1, 2028	July 1, 2029	July 1, 2030
Category A: Bank, gym, industrial, office, retail, storage, warehouse, church, meeting hall, theater, auto shop	Per 1,000 square feet	\$15.59	\$18.71	\$21.52	\$23.45	\$25.56
Category B [2]: Beauty salon, bowling alley, coffee shop, frozen yogurt shop, grocery store, medical office or veterinarian,	Per 1,000 square feet	\$22.74	\$27.29	\$31.38	\$34.21	\$37.28
Category C[3]: Fast food, mortuary, restaurant	Per 1,000 square feet	\$28.59	\$34.30	\$39.45	\$43.00	\$46.87
Brewery	1 KBL/Yr	\$6.50	\$7.80	\$8.97	\$9.77	\$10.65
Car Wash	Stall	\$93.56	\$112.26	\$129.11	\$140.73	\$153.38
Fair Grounds	Each	\$236.50	\$283.76	\$326.35	\$355.73	\$387.71
Gas Station	Island	\$16.89	\$20.27	\$23.31	\$25.41	\$27.69
Hospital	Bed	\$11.69	\$14.03	\$16.14	\$17.59	\$19.17
Hotel Room	Each	\$11.69	\$14.03	\$16.14	\$17.59	\$19.17
Irrigation [4]	Washer	\$220.90	\$265.05	\$304.83	\$332.28	\$362.15
Laundromat	Student	\$18.19	\$21.83	\$25.10	\$27.36	\$29.82
School	Each	\$1.30	\$1.56	\$1.79	\$1.95	\$2.13
Trailer Dump Facility	Each	\$62.37	\$74.84	\$86.07	\$93.82	\$102.25
Closed Business [5]	\$0.00	—	—	—	—	—
Special Circumstance [6]	Per Gallon (estimated)	\$0.13	\$0.16	\$0.18	\$0.20	\$0.21

[1] Where an account serves multiple categories (such as where a meeting hall or theater includes a bar or where a gas station includes a store or food service location) square footage shall be divided amongst the categories based on the square footage in each use.

[2] Grocery stores that are not required to have grease traps, do not cook fresh food onsite, and serve only prepackaged food are treated as retail, rather than grocery store, and are therefore included in Category A.

[3] Coffee shops, cafes, bars and frozen yogurt shops that are not required to have grease traps, do not cook fresh food onsite, and serve only prepackaged food are not a part of this category and are included in Category B

[4] The irrigation rate applies only to non-single-family residential parcels greater than one acre and will be charged to landscaped and irrigated areas only. Non-irrigated areas of the parcel such as buildings, parking lots, walkways or gravel areas are exempt from paying irrigation charges.

[5] A closed business is defined as a commercial property where business operations have ceased, there is no use of water service, and no active business occupies the premises. Temporary, seasonal, or reduced operations do not qualify.

[6] Applies only where a business type is not listed above.

EXHIBIT A

Table 4: Current and New Monthly Commercial Sewer Rates (Continued)

New Monthly Rates

Class / Billing Method [1]	Billing Unit	July 1, 2026	July 1, 2027	July 1, 2028	July 1, 2029	July 1, 2030
Category A: Bank, gym, industrial, office, retail, storage, warehouse, church, meeting hall, theater, auto shop	Per 1,000 square feet	\$14.91	\$16.40	\$17.87	\$19.48	\$21.24
Category B [2]: Beauty salon, bowling alley, coffee shop, frozen yogurt shop, grocery store, medical office or veterinarian,	Per 1,000 square feet	\$30.26	\$33.29	\$36.29	\$39.56	\$43.11
Category C [3]: Fast food, mortuary, restaurant	Per 1,000 square feet	\$65.04	\$71.55	\$77.99	\$85.02	\$92.66
Brewery	1 KBL/Yr	\$9.94	\$10.93	\$11.92	\$12.99	\$14.16
Car Wash	Stall	\$134.15	\$147.56	\$160.86	\$175.35	\$191.12
Fair Grounds	Each	\$341.94	\$376.15	\$409.99	\$446.93	\$487.13
Gas Station	Island	\$24.39	\$26.83	\$29.25	\$31.88	\$34.75
Hospital	Bed	\$17.16	\$18.88	\$20.58	\$22.44	\$24.45
Hotel Room	Each	\$17.16	\$18.88	\$20.58	\$22.44	\$24.45
Laundromat	Washer	\$34.78	\$38.26	\$41.70	\$45.46	\$49.55
School	Student	\$1.81	\$1.99	\$2.17	\$2.36	\$2.57
Trailer Dump Facility	Each	\$90.34	\$99.38	\$108.32	\$118.08	\$128.70
Closed Business [4]	\$0.00	—	—	—	—	—
Special Circumstance [5]	Per Gallon	\$0.24	\$0.27	\$0.29	\$0.32	\$0.35

[1] Where an account serves multiple categories (such as where a meeting hall or theater includes a bar or where a gas station includes a store or food service location) square footage shall be divided amongst the categories based on the square footage in each use.

[2] Grocery stores that are not required to have grease traps, do not cook fresh food onsite, and serve only prepackaged food are treated as retail, rather than grocery store, and are therefore included in Category A.

[3] Coffee shops, cafes, bars and frozen yogurt shops that are not required to have grease traps, do not cook fresh food onsite, and serve only prepackaged food are not a part of this category and are included in Category B

[4] A closed business is defined as a commercial property where business operations have ceased, there is no use of water service, and no active business occupies the premises. Temporary, seasonal, or reduced operations do not qualify.

[5] Applies only where a business type is not listed above.



Agenda Item: 15.E
Date of Meeting: August 24, 2026
Department: Legal

STAFF REPORT

To: City Council
From: Dean Pucci
Subject: **Discussion and Direction Regarding changing to City Manager Form of Government**
Prepared On: August 17, 2026

Background/History:

The City of Bishop is a general-law city with five councilmembers who directly appoint several city employees and officers, including a City Administrator. [Government Code Section 36505; City Council Standards and Procedures Manual.] This form of government is called Council-Administrator.

Typically the municipal code of a Council-Administrator city will create and establish powers and duties of City department heads such as the City Administrator, Director of Finance, Chief of Police, and Fire Chief. Title 2 of the Bishop Code of Ordinances, Administration and Personnel, does not create the position of City Administrator, although it establishes some authority and duties for the position. [See, for example, Bishop Code of Ordinances Section 2.48.010.]

This Council-Administrator governmental structure is becoming unusual in California. [Biggs, "Creating Effective Government: A High Wire Act," 2002 League of California Cities Annual Conference.] Most cities have now adopted a Council-Manager form of government. [Id.] Under a Council-Manager structure, the Council would appoint a City Manager in place of a City Administrator, within sixty days after the effective date of an ordinance adopting this form of government. The City Manager would be authorized to appoint and dismiss the police chief, the City Clerk, and most other subordinate officers and employees other than the City Attorney. [Government Code §34856.] The City Treasurer would remain an elective position.

In 2019 the Council considered an ordinance to transition to a Council-Manager form of government, but did not adopt the ordinance.

Analysis/Discussion:

1. Advantages of Council-Manager Form of Government. City Councils provide political leadership and set policies for cities. They set priorities for cities based on community needs and values. Councilmembers are also the human connection between the community and City staff. As cities grow and become more complicated, Councilmembers need a single point of contact at their city to make this connection.

City Managers serve as this single point of contact. They are directly responsible for carrying out Council policies. They channel communications between the Council and other City departments. City Managers can also meet with individual Councilmembers to provide and receive information. In doing so, they efficiently coordinate delivery of consistent information from all City departments. They assure that Councilmembers can communicate clearly with constituents, respond to questions with accurate information, and maintain transparency about City operations.

As appointed employees, City Managers are responsible to the Council instead of an electorate. They are also professionals with formal training in public administration, budgeting, planning, and organizational leadership. Consequently, their focus is on bringing nonpartisan expertise to the City. Managers can assure that cities are run professionally, effectively and transparently on a day-to-day basis. They bring these standards to City budget preparation, service delivery, and the process of appointing, supervising, disciplining, and dismissing subordinate officers.

Unlike the Council-Administrator form of government, the Council-Manager form has clearly defined, separate roles for Manager and Council. This allows elected leaders and the Manager to form a strong partnership to run the City. The result is a healthier, more effective local government with consistent communication, aligned priorities, better service delivery, and greater public trust.

2. Process to Transition to Council-Manager Form of Government.

The following steps are needed to transition to a Council-Manager form of government in Bishop:

1. Adopt an ordinance establishing the Council-Manager form of government. The ordinance must define the powers and duties of the City Manager and may fix the Manager's compensation or a minimum amount to be received. [Government Code §34852.]
2. Within sixty days after the effective date of the ordinance, appoint the City Manager. [Government Code §34855.]
3. Review the Bishop Code of Ordinances and City Council policies; adopt appropriate amendments.
4. Other steps as revealed by meeting with City Administrator and Personnel Director.

Impacts to Council Goals and Strategic Planning Priorities:

Budget Impacts:

This item is not included in the 2026-2027 budget. If the Council directs that this item move forward, the City would incur costs to prepare appropriate legal documents. The City would also incur costs to appoint and pay a City Manager. If needed, a budget amendment would be brought to the Council to address these costs.

Legal Review:

Attorney Pucci drafted and is presenting this matter.

Recommended Action:

Consider and provide direction to the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance and initiate the transition to a Council-Manager form of government for Bishop.

Approved By: Pam Foster 8/17/2026

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