



AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION JOINT SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026, 4:00 PM

KENT HALL - CITY HALL CAMPUS - 111 W SANTA ANA ST, OJAI, CA

VIEWING & ACCESS

Public participation is encouraged! The Ojai City Council meets regularly on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6:00 p.m. The meetings are conducted in a hybrid model, providing both in-person attendance and virtual public comment via the Zoom link below. Virtual attendance via Zoom is the only way to remotely provide public comment. Pre-registration is not required for public comment via Zoom. Instead, Zoom participants will utilize the “hand-raise” function to indicate their desire to speak on an item. The meeting is also livestreamed on the City's website at ojai.ca.gov/525/2968/Public-Meetings, on YouTube at youtube.com/@ojaicity, and on Spectrum Channel 10. See “Public Comment Options” below for further instruction.

AGENDA PACKET - This link is to the complete Agenda Packet in PDF.

[ZOOM LINK - February 24, 2026 - Joint Special Meeting](#)

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DISCUSSION ITEM

- 1. Joint Meeting with City Council and Historic Preservation Commission (*City Council Direction*)**

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council hold a joint meeting with the Historic Preservation Commission to discuss topics of Commission interest.

[Administrative Report - Joint Meeting with CC and HPC](#)

ADJOURNMENT

Posted February 19, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Bridget Mara, Acting Chief Deputy City Clerk

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS

Written public comments will be published here for public access. Please see PUBLIC COMMENT OPTIONS below for detailed instructions on how to submit.

ACCOMMODATIONS

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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PUBLIC COMMENT OPTIONS

Written Comments: In order for staff to provide the City Council with written public comments timely, written/emailed public comments must be submitted no later than **3:00 p.m. on the day before the meeting.**

You may always submit written comments to the City Clerk via mail, in person at City Hall, or via email to cityclerk@ojai.ca.gov. If your written comment is received by 3:00 p.m. on the day before the meeting date, the City Clerk will distribute copies of your comments to all Council Members and recorded on the City website. Written comments received after 3:00 p.m. may not be distributed to the Council Members and recorded on the City website until after the meeting.

Verbal Comments: Verbal Comments will be received on any item on the agenda at the time the agenda item is heard. Comments may be made in person at the meeting or through Zoom, via the link at the top of the Agenda. Pre-registration is not required for public comment via Zoom. Instead, Zoom participants will utilize the hand-raise function to indicate their desire to

Speak on an item.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

All materials related to an item on this agenda, including written public comments, will be available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, and following the meeting, will be accessible on the City of Ojai's website at ojai.ca.gov.

As a government agency, the City of Ojai is subject to the California Public Records Act (Government Code § 6250 et seq.). Please be advised that all communications submitted to City officials and staff are subject to public disclosure under the California Public Records Act. There are limited exceptions that allow the City to redact personal information under the California Public Records Act. If you have concerns regarding privacy, please do not include your personal identifying information, such as your name, e-mail, phone number, and home address in your correspondence to the City, including, but not limited to, public comment.

If you challenge the actions of the City Council in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in the public notices, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing (California Government Code Section 65009).

Any legal action by an applicant seeking to obtain a judicial review of the City Council's decision on a Hearing listed on this Agenda may be subject to the 90-day filing period of and governed by Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6.

LEVINE ACT WARNING

Applicants and their agents before the City Council are subject to the campaign disclosure provisions detailed in Government Code Section 84308. No City Council Member may accept, solicit, or direct a contribution of more than \$500 from any party or agent for 12 months subsequent to the date a final decision is rendered by the City. This prohibition commences when your application has been filed, or the proceeding is otherwise initiated.

A party to a City proceeding - which includes both applicants and agents - shall disclose on the record of the proceeding any contribution of more than \$500 made to any Council Member by the applicant or agent, during the preceding 12 months. No party to a City proceeding, or agent, shall make a contribution to a Council Member during the proceeding and for 12 months following the date a final decision is rendered by the City.

Prior to rendering a decision on a City proceeding, any Council Member who received a contribution of more than \$500 within the preceding 12 months from any party, or agent, to a proceeding shall disclose that fact on the record of the proceeding and shall be disqualified from participating in the proceeding. However, if any Council Member receives a contribution that otherwise would require disqualification and returns the contribution within 30 days of knowing about the contribution and the relevant proceeding, the Council Member shall be permitted to participate in the proceeding.

If you believe that these provisions apply to you or a Council Member, please inform the City Clerk at the earliest possible opportunity. Failure to do so may affect the City's ability to process your application.



Administrative Report

TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: Ben Harvey, City Manager
Lucas Seibert, Community Development Director

MEETING DATE: February 24, 2026

SUBJECT: Joint Meeting with City Council and Historic Preservation Commission (*City Council Direction*)

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council hold a joint meeting with the Historic Preservation Commission to discuss topics of Commission interest.

DISCUSSION

The Historic Preservation Commission recommends discussing the topics included below:

- *Historic Resources Inventory Survey*
- *Ojai Railroad Heritage Trail Interpretive Signage*
- *Joint HPC/CC AdHoc Extension*
- *Historic Preservation Commission Community Outreach*
- *Budget for preparation of two Historic Resource Reports*
- *Additional Historic Preservation Commission Workplan items, if any*

CITY COUNCIL GOALS ALIGNMENT

Goal No. 3 - Arts, Culture and Recreation Funding

OPTIONS

1. Take no action;
2. Provide alternative direction to staff.

FISCAL IMPACT

If staff time is desired for any of these items a discussion of potential costs may be provided. At this time, staff time has not been requested or allocated to these projects.

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