CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025

CLOSED SESSION – 4:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING - 5:00 P.M.

WRIGHT EVENT CENTER – 57 DAY ROAD, VENTURA, CA 93003

DR. JEANNETTE SÁNCHEZ-PALACIOS, MAYOR
Councilmembers:

DISTRICT 1 – LIZ CAMPOS
DISTRICT 2 – DOUG HALTER, DEPUTY MAYOR
DISTRICT 3 – RYYN SCHUMACHER
DISTRICT 5 – BILL MCREYNOLDS
DISTRICT 6 – JIM DURAN
DISTRICT 7 – ALEX MANGONE

Bill Ayub	Javan N. Rad	Michael B. MacDonald
City Manager	City Attorney	City Clerk

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This meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Brown Act, Government Code Section 54953. Any member of the public may attend this meeting. Questions regarding this matter may be addressed to Michael B. MacDonald, City Clerk, (805) 658-4787. The City Council may take action related to any subject listed on the Agenda. Meetings will adjourn at 10:00 p.m. Any items outstanding at that time will be deferred until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION – 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: *Public comments on Closed Session Items only.*

CLOSED SESSION: ***Teleconference/Video Conference Meeting.*** *The Public may not participate in the Closed Session, other than for Public Comments.*

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION**
   Potential Exposure to Litigation: One Case
   Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

2. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - POTENTIAL LITIGATION**
   Consideration of Initiation of Litigation: One Case
   Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

3. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**
   Name of Case: Vargas, John Gilbert v. City of San Buenaventura
   Ventura County Superior Court Case No. 2024CUBC019279
   Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

4. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**
   Name of Case: Gottlieb, Cynthia v. City of San Buenaventura
   Ventura County Superior Court Case No. 2024CUPP032402
   Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

ADJOURNMENT: *Adjourn to Regular Meeting.*

CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR SESSION – 5:00 p.m. *The regular meetings of the San Buenaventura (Ventura) City Council also serve as regular meetings of the Successor Agency, Public Facilities Financing Authority, and the San Buenaventura Parking Authority when items are listed on the agenda.*

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Indigenous Peoples' Month Proclamation

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS: *Per Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(2), the Council Communications section of the agenda provides City Council the opportunity to ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on their own activities.*

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: *In compliance with Government Code Section 54954.3, Public Communications is that portion of Council meetings set aside for members of the public to address City Council on items of any City business other than scheduled agenda items. Comments are limited to items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City and are limited to no more than three (3) minutes. Per the City Council Protocols, this initial period for general public communications will be limited to twenty (20) speakers. If there are ten (10) or fewer speakers, each speaker will have three (3) minutes to speak; if there are more than ten (10) speakers, each speaker will have two (2) minutes to speak. Speakers may not cede their time to another speaker. City Council cannot act on any items not on the agenda.*

CONSENT ITEMS: *Matters appearing on the Consent Items are expected to be non-controversial and will be acted upon by City Council at one time without discussion unless a Councilmember, City Staff, or a member of the public requests an opportunity to address an item. Items removed from the Consent Calendar will be discussed at the beginning of the Formal Items. Approval by the City Council of Consent Items means the recommendation of Staff is approved along with the terms and conditions described in the Administrative Report.*

1. **Fifth Amendment to Legal Services Agreement 100007807 with Best, Best & Krieger, LLP for the Oxnard Plain Groundwater Litigation**

   Staff: Javan N. Rad, City Attorney

   RECOMMENDATION

   Authorize the City Attorney to enter into a Fifth Amendment to Agreement 100007807 with the law firm of Best, Best and Krieger, LLP in an amount not-to-exceed $1,135,000 (an increase of $350,000) to continue representation of the City in the litigation matter of *OPV Coalition, et al. v. Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, et al.*, Santa Barbara Superior Court Case no. VENCI00555357.

2. **2026 City Council Regular Meeting Schedule Adoption**

   Staff: Michael MacDonald, City Clerk

   RECOMMENDATION

   Adopt a Resolution setting the City Council 2026 meeting schedule.

3. **First Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement with KB Home for the Vista Del Mar Project (2325 Vista Del Mar, APN: 080-0-020-275)**

Staff: Rachel Dimond, Community Development Director

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and KB Home of Greater Los Angeles, Inc. for 2325 Vista Del Mar (APN: 080-0-020-275) extending the term to December 31, 2026.

4. **Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Grant Funds from the State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control under the "ABC-OTS Grant Program"**

Staff: David Dickey, Chief of Police

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the acceptance of grant funds from the State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control under the Alcoholic Beverage Control-Office of Traffic Safety Grant Program.

5. **Professional Services Agreement PW26-1201 with Rincon Consultants for Sedimentation Characterization Services on Ventura Keys Dredging**

Staff: Charles W. Ebeling, Public Works Director

RECOMMENDATION

a. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Agreement with Rincon Consultants for Sedimentation Characterization Services on Ventura Keys Dredging in the amount of $80,361 for a contract completion date of June 30, 2026.

b. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute future amendments to subject Agreement up to a total maximum contingency of $8,036 for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of $88,397.

c. Authorize the Finance Department to make the necessary appropriations adjustments to support staff's recommendations.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS: *Staff shall introduce the public hearing item and present their report to Council. Councilmembers may ask questions of staff if they desire. Any member of the public may speak or present evidence, after submitting a speaker card and being recognized by the Mayor. All rules of decorum apply during Public Hearings. Each member of the Council shall verbally disclose all ex parte communications concerning the subject of the hearing.*

6. **Proposed Ordinance Amending San Buenaventura Municipal Code for Alcoholic Beverage Establishments Use Permits Chapter 24.460 and Director's Permit Procedure Chapter 24.505**

Staff: Rachel Dimond, Community Development Director

RECOMMENDATION

a. Conduct a Public Hearing.

b. Find the Ordinance Amendments to San Buenaventura Municipal Code Chapters 24.460 and 24.505 to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as provided by the Common Sense Exemption pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14 Section 15061(b)(3).

c. Introduce and approve the first reading of the Ordinance, titled:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTERS 24.460 (ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ESTABLISHMENTS – USE PERMITS) AND 24.505 (DIRECTOR'S PERMIT PROCEDURE) OF THE SAN BUENAVENTURA MUNICIPAL CODE AND TO DETERMINE THE PROJECT IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT"

d. Set the second reading and adoption of this ordinance at the next City Council meeting at which adequate notice can be provided.

7. **Ordinances to Amend and Adopt the 2025 State Building Standards Code** *(Continued from October 21, 2025)*

Staff: Rachel Dimond, Community Development Director

RECOMMENDATION

a. Conduct a Public Hearing.

b. Introduce and waive the first reading of the Ordinances adopting by reference the 2025 Editions of the California Building Code, Plumbing Code, Mechanical Code, Electrical Code, Residential Code, Existing Building Code, Wildland-Urban Interface Code, Fire Code, Energy Code, Green Building Standards Code, Referenced Standards Code, Administrative Code, and Historical Building Code, and the 2024 Edition of the International Property Maintenance Code, including amendments to certain provisions based on express findings of local necessity. Ordinances titled:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE AND AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS THEREOF THROUGH EXPRESS FINDINGS OF LOCAL NECESSITY"

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE AND AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS THEREOF THROUGH EXPRESS FINDINGS OF LOCAL NECESSITY"

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE AND AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS THEREOF THROUGH EXPRESS FINDINGS OF LOCAL NECESSITY"

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE AND AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS THEREOF THROUGH EXPRESS FINDINGS OF LOCAL NECESSITY"

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE AND AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS THEREOF THROUGH EXPRESS FINDINGS OF LOCAL NECESSITY"

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE, THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA GREEN STANDARDS CODE, THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA REFERENCED STANDARDS CODE, THE 2025 EDITION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, AND THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL BUILDING CODE"

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE AND AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS THEREOF THROUGH EXPRESS FINDINGS OF LOCAL NECESSITY"

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE AND AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS THEREOF THROUGH EXPRESS FINDINGS OF LOCAL NECESSITY"

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE AND AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS THEREOF THROUGH EXPRESS FINDINGS OF LOCAL NECESSITY"

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2024 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE AND AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS THEREOF"

c. Set the Ordinances for a second reading and adoption at the next meeting upon which adequate notice can be provided.

8. First Amendment to Franchise Agreement with E.J. Harrison & Sons, Inc. for Solid Waste Hauling

Staff: Charles W. Ebeling, Public Works Director

RECOMMENDATION

a. Conduct a Public Hearing.

b. Introduce and approve the first reading of the Ordinance approving the First Amendment to Franchise Agreement with E.J. Harrison & Sons, Inc. for Solid Waste Hauling to expand the scope of services. Ordinance titled:

"AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDED AND RESTATED FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR THE COLLECTION, STREET SWEEPING, DIVERSION, AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE AND COLLECTION AND TRANSPORT FOR PROCESSING OF ORGANIC WASTE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS"

c. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to grant the second and third five-year extensions if City staff determines that E.J. Harrison & Sons, Inc. has met the terms of the Franchise Agreement.

d. Find the proposed action is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines under the "existing facilities" and "actions by regulatory agencies for the protection of the environment" exemptions and the "common sense" exemption (Guidelines Sections 15301 and 15308; Section 15061(b)(3)).

e. Set the second reading and adoption of the Ordinance for the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

FORMAL ITEMS: *The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for Formal Items as the item is taken up. Formal Items may be reordered at the discretion of the Chair. The public may speak up to three (3) minutes on each agenda item. If there are 21 or more speakers, the time will be reduced to two (2) minutes.*

9. Resolution Amending the Compensation and Terms of the City Attorney's Employment Agreement

Staff: Valerie Barroso, Human Resources Director

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution amending the compensation and terms of the City Attorney's Employment Agreement 2024-51, providing for a two and one-half percent (2.5%) merit increase in accordance with Section 4.A.1.d. of the Agreement.

10. Contract PW26-1204 with Toro Enterprises, Inc. for Street Resurfacing of Darling Road, Petit Avenue, and Northbank Drive Project (ST24-1262, -1263, and -1264)

Staff: Charles W. Ebeling, Public Works Director

RECOMMENDATION

a. Approve the Street Resurfacing - Darling Road from Wells to Campanula, Petit Avenue from Telegraph to Foothill, and Northbank Drive from Johnson to Elba, and determine that they are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as defined in Article 19 Section 15301 Class 1 (c) of the CEQA Guidelines because they are considered maintenance of an existing roadway with no expansion of existing or former use.

b. Waive all Minor Bid Irregularities, Approve and Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Agreement with Toro Enterprises, Inc. for street resurfacing of Darling Road, Petit Avenue, and Northbank Drive Project in the amount of $1,151,000 with a contract completion date of April 15, 2026.

c. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute future amendments to subject Agreement up to a total maximum contingency of $115,100 for a total not-to-exceed Agreement amount of $1,266,100.

d. Authorize the Finance Department to make the necessary appropriations adjustments in the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Act Fund.

11. Strategic Priorities Update

Staff: Bill Ayub, City Manager

RECOMMENDATION

Receive, file and provide feedback on the Strategic Priority Annual Workplan update.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS: *Policy Considerations may be submitted by two Councilmembers jointly on Items for Future Agendas. Policy Considerations are to request that the City Council direct "staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda," as allowed by Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3).*

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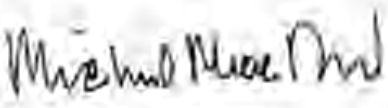
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Resource Items for the Public:

- City Council Protocols which includes Rules of Decorum for the Public
- City Council Strategic Priorities
- Budget Principles
- City Charter/Municipal Code

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Michael B. MacDonald, CMC
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