AMENDED CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
ADD CLOSED SESSION ITEM "6" ON JULY 2, 2026

TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2026

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

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL - 501 POLI STREET, VENTURA, CA 93001

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 – EXISTING LITIGATION**
   Name of Case: Blackwell, et al. v. County of Ventura et al.
   Ventura County Superior Court Case No. 2024CUEI031690
   Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

2. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIORS**
   Property: A 25-foot wide portion of property within a parcel located in the County of Ventura, California (APN 140-0-040-105)
   Agency Negotiators: Bill Ayub, Carlene Saxton, Gina Dorrington
   Negotiating Parties: James R. Mellor, Jr., Esq. for HYS & Family LLC
   Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment
   Authority: Government Code Section 54956.8

3. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIORS**
   Property: A 25-foot wide portion of property within a parcel located in the County of Ventura, California (APN 147-0-040-520)
   Agency Negotiators: Bill Ayub, Carlene Saxton, Gina Dorrington
   Negotiating Parties: Robert G. Kuhs, Esq. for Santa Clara Avenue Oxnard, LP
   Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment
   Authority: Government Code Section 54956.8

4. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**
   Consideration of Initiation of Litigation: Two Cases
   Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

5. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**
   Title: City Manager
   Authority: Government Code Section 54957

6. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**
   City Negotiators: Dr. Jeannette Sánchez-Palacios, Mayor, Doug Halter, Deputy Mayor
   Unrepresented Employee: City Manager
   Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6

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:

- Ventura Port District Annual Update

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, with priority given to in-person speakers over virtual 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. First Amendment to Legal Services Agreement 2026-38 with Law Firm of Wood & Finck, in the case of *Onofre Padilla v. City of San Buenaventura, et al.*, VCSC case no. 2025CUPP054997

Staff: Javan N. Rad, City Attorney

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the City Attorney to enter into an amendment to Legal Services Agreement 2026-38 with the law firm of Wood & Finck, to increase the not to exceed amount to $547,500 (an increase of $487,500), to continue representation of the City in the *Padilla v. City of San Buenaventura* lawsuit.

2. Appointments Recommendation Committee Appointments to the Parks & Recreation Commission and Arts & Culture Commission

Staff: Michael MacDonald, City Clerk

RECOMMENDATION

a. Appoint Patty Overley and reappoint Tanner Shelton to the Parks & Recreation Commission for a term of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2030.

b. Appoint Laura Mullen, Friday Treur, and reappoint Rafael Perea de la Cabada to the Arts & Culture Commission for a term of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2030.

3. General Services Agreement with Woods Maintenance Services Inc. for Encampment Cleanup Services

Staff: Rachel Dimond, Community Development Director

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute a General Services Agreement with Woods Maintenance Services, Inc. to conduct Encampment Cleanup Services on City-Owned Property for a not- to-exceed amount of $900,000 from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2029 with the option to extend for two additional one-year periods from July 1, 2029, to June 30, 2030 and from July 1, 2030 to June 30, 2031.

CONSENT ITEMS (CONTINUED)

4. **Authorization to Advertise Bids for the Santa Paula Branch Line – Rails with Trails Project (ST23-1230)**

   Staff: Charles W. Ebeling, Public Works Director

   RECOMMENDATION

   Authorize advertisement for bids to be received on the City's bidding platform.

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*

5. **Resolution to Approve Mills Act Contract for Historic Landmark No. 121 John P. McGonigle Residence**

   Staff: Rachel Dimond, Community Development Director

   RECOMMENDATION

   a. Conduct a public hearing.

   b. Adopt a Resolution approving a Mills Act contract for Historic Landmark No. 121 “John P. McGonigle Residence” located at 1613 East Main Street.

6. **Resolution to Approve the Historic Landmark Designation Request for the “Walter M. Jones Residence” at 695-697 East Main Street (PROJ-25-0956)**

   Staff: Rachel Dimond, Community Development Director

   RECOMMENDATION

   a. Conduct a public hearing.

   b. Adopt a Resolution designating the “Walter M. Jones Residence” at 695-697 East Main Street (PROJ-25-0956) as a Historic Landmark.

7. Ordinance Amending Chapters 20.155 and 24.582 to Establish the City's Tree Protection Ordinance

Staff: Stacey Zarazua, Parks and Recreation Director

RECOMMENDATION

a. Conduct a public hearing.

b. Introduce and waive the first reading of the City's Tree Protection Ordinance, and set the second reading and adoption of the Ordinance on the next date upon which adequate notice can be provided. Ordinance titled:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 20 OF THE SAN BUENAVENTURA MUNICIPAL CODE TO REPEAL CHAPTER 20.155, "TREE PROTECTION IN HABITATS FOR PROTECTED WILDLIFE," AND ADD A NEW CHAPTER 20.155, "TREE PROTECTION ORDINANCE," AND AMENDING TITLE 24 TO ADD CHAPTER 24.582, "TREE PERMIT," TO REGULATE THE PRUNING AND REMOVAL OF TREES WITHIN THE CITY"

c. Adopt a Resolution authorizing submittal of a Local Coastal Program Amendment to the California Coastal Commission based on the proposed Ordinance.

d. Adopt a Resolution repealing Resolution 2026-10 and adopting a new schedule of civil penalties imposed through administrative citations for violations of the San Buenaventura Municipal Code relating to the removal and pruning of trees.

e. Adopt a Resolution adopting permit and in-lieu fees for removal and pruning of trees in accordance with the Ordinance.

f. Find that adoption of the Ordinance and Resolutions is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because the action does not have the potential to result in significant effects on the environment and pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.9 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15265 for preparation and adoption of a Local Coastal Program Amendment

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.*

8. **Additional State Coastal Conservancy Funding and Seventh Amendment to Grant Agreement 09-016 for the Surfers Point - Phase II Project (CO13-1069)**

Staff: Charles W. Ebeling, Public Works Director

RECOMMENDATION

a. Authorize the City Manager, or designee to execute the Seventh Amendment to Grant Agreement 09-016 with the California State Coastal Conservancy, accepting an additional $1.5 million in grant funding for the Surfers Point – Phase II Project, and any associated documents necessary to implement its provisions.

b. Approve any related budget adjustments necessary to recognize the additional grant revenue.

9. **Fiscal Year 2026 Strategic Priorities - Fourth Quarter Update**

Staff: Bill Ayub, City Manager

RECOMMENDATION

Receive, file, and provide any feedback on the Strategic Priority Workplan Fourth Quarter update.

10. **Fiscal Year 2027 Strategic Priorities - Annual Workplan**

Staff: Bill Ayub, City Manager

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and provide feedback on the refined Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Workplan.

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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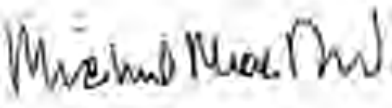
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Resource Items for the Public:

- City Council Protocols which includes Rules of Decorum for the Public
- City Council Strategic Priorities 2025-2026
- City Charter

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Michael B. MacDonald, MMC
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