# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026

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 |
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| 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**
   In the Matter of the Appeal of Accepting the Application for Industrial Disability Retirement – Joshua Young
   CalPERS case no. 2023-0887 / OAH no. 2024080992
   Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

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

3. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**
   Significant Exposure to Litigation: Four Cases (claims for damages from Conico Oil, Inc. (Claim No. 4810), Ventura Lodging Inc dba Motel 6 (Claim No. 4902), the Ventura Beach Marriott (Claim No. 4911), and Inn on the Beach LLC (Claim No. 4907))
   Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

## ADJOURNMENT: *Adjourn to Regular Meeting.*

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## 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 County Civic Alliance on the State of the Region Report for 2025

## CLOSED SESSION REPORT

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS:** *Per Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(2), the Council Communications section of the agenda provides City Council members with the opportunity to ask questions for clarification, make brief announcements, or deliver brief reports on their own activities, and pursuant to Government Code Section 53232.3(d), Councilmembers will also provide a brief report on meetings attended at the expense of the local agency.*

## 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.** **Mayoral Appointments to City Standing Committees and Regional Bodies for 2026**

Staff: Michael MacDonald, City Clerk

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file the Mayor's appointments to the City's standing committees and Councilmember assignments to outside agencies, committees, task forces, and liaison roles. No action is required.

**2.** **Pre-Approved Accessory Dwelling Unit Plans for Future Public Use**

Staff: Rachel Dimond, Community Development Director

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file the seven accessory dwelling unit plans for future public use once plan check is completed.

3. **Side Letters of Agreement between the City and the Ventura City Firefighters' Association Regarding Specialty Pay Language Modifications to Align with CalPERS Special Compensation Requirements**

Staff: Valerie Barroso, Human Resources Director

RECOMMENDATION

Approve and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute Side Letters of Agreement between the City and the Ventura City Firefighters' Association regarding specialty pay language modifications to align with CalPERS special compensation requirements.

4. **Resolution Confirming the Existence of a Local Emergency for Winter Storms and Associated Damage**

Staff: David Dickey, Chief of Police

RECOMMENDATION

Resolution ratifying the Director of Disaster Services'/City Manager's proclamation of the existence of a local emergency as a result of December 2025 winter storms and associated damage.

5. **Resolution to Amend Fiscal Year 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program Workplan and Third Amendment to Professional Services Agreement PW24-1133 with Flowers and Associates, Inc. for Design Services for Hilltop Drive Slope Erosion and Stabilization Project**

Staff: Charles W. Ebeling, Public Works Director

RECOMMENDATION

a. Adopt a Resolution Amending Fiscal Year 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program Workplan to add the Hilltop Drive Slope Erosion and Slope Stabilization Project (ST26-1283).

b. Determine that the project is Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act as defined in California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15301(d) because it is restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety.

c. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Third Amendment to Professional Services Agreement PW24-1133 with Flowers and Associates, Inc., adding an additional $28,750, for a new not-to-exceed amount of $107,087 and new contract completion date of June 30, 2026, for construction support and additional geotechnical engineering services during construction.

**6. Professional Services Agreement PW26-1207 with Flowers and Associates for Welding and Coating Inspection Services on Foothill Tanks Rehabilitation Project (WA22-1217)**

Staff: Charles W. Ebeling, Public Works Director

RECOMMENDATION

a. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute Professional Service Agreement PW26-1207 with Flowers and Associates, Inc. to provide structural welding and coating inspection services on the Foothill Tanks Rehabilitation Project in the amount of $66,000 with a contract completion date of January 30, 2027.

b. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute future Amendments to subject Agreement up to a total maximum contingency of $13,200 for a total not-to-exceed Agreement amount of $79,200.

c. Authorize an increase to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget in the amount of $104,600 from Fund 1072 - Water and authorize the Finance Department to assign increased budget appropriation and revenues to the proper project(s) and account(s).

**7. First Amendment to Professional Services Agreement 2025-23 with Rincon Consultants, Inc. for Environmental Support Services for the Sanjon and Harbor Boulevard Vault Replacement and Rehabilitation Project**

Staff: Gina Dorrington, Ventura Water General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

Approve and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the First Amendment to Professional Services Agreement 2025-23 with Rincon Consultants for environmental support services for the Sanjon and Harbor Boulevard Vault Replacement and Rehabilitation Project, extend the term through June 30, 2026, and increase compensation by $44,839 for an amended total contract not-to-exceed amount of $104,733.

**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.*

**8.** **Ordinance to Amend the San Buenaventura Municipal Code Section 24.595.150 Amending Midtown Corridors Development Code Residential Overlay One**

Staff: Rachel Dimond, Community Development Director

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

a. Conduct a public hearing and introduce and waive the first reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 24.595.150 of the San Buenaventura Municipal Code to Allow Three Stories in the Midtown Corridors Development. Ordinance titled:

   "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 24.595.150 (RESIDENTIAL OVERLAY ONE) OF THE SAN BUENAVENTURA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW THREE STORIES IN THE RESIDENTIAL OVERLAY ONE IN THE MIDTOWN CORRIDORS DEVELOPMENT CODE"

b. Authorize staff to initiate a Local Coastal Program Implementation Plan Amendment (LCPA) to the California Coastal Commission to certify SBMC 24.595.150, the City's Residential Overlay One.

**9.** **First Amendment to 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan to Reallocate $503,859 of Community Development Block Grant Funding to Four Subrecipients**

Staff: Rachel Dimond, Community Development Director

RECOMMENDATION

a. Approve the First Amendment to the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan to reallocate $503,869 of CDBG funding to the following activities: Up to $20,000 for facility upgrades for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ventura County building; Up to $150,000 for Home Repair Services to owner-occupied single-family homes performed through Habitat for Humanity of Ventura County; Up to $250,000 for replacement playground equipment for Ventura Housing (Housing Authority) sites; Up to $37,000 for Westside Community Development Corporation (WCDC) for economic development services through their WCEBCI program; and up to $46,869 for project-related costs.

b. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to submit the Amendment to the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan and its required certifications, agreements, and other pertinent documents for a successful submission to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

c. Authorize the Finance Department to make the necessary changes to revenues and expenditures in the 2025-2026 operating budget, per the approved 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan Amendment that details the goals and use of funds.

d. Authorize the Community Development Director, or designee, to execute subrecipient, professional or general services agreement documents, as necessary, and to adjust the funding of each activity, as needed, in accordance with the Citizen Participation Plan, including adjustments to the allocations between each approved project.

**10.** **Ordinance to Repeal the City of San Buenaventura Municipal Code Section 6.800 Requiring Disclosure of Building Records Upon Resale**

Staff: Rachel Dimond, Community Development Director

RECOMMENDATION

a. Introduce and waive the first reading of an Ordinance to remove the City of San Buenaventura City Municipal Code 6.800 Disclosure of Building Records Required Upon Building Resale. Ordinance titled:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING CHAPTER 6.700, DISCLOSURE OF BUILDING RECORDS REQUIRED UPON BUILDING RESALE, OF THE SAN BUENAVENTURA MUNICIPAL TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT OF THE BUILDING RECORDS DISCLOSURE REPORT UPON SALE OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA"

b. Schedule the second reading and adoption of the ordinance for the January 27, 2026 Regular meeting.

c. Find that the adoption of said Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15061(b)(3).

**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.*

**11. Discussion of Establishing an Environmental Standing City Council Subcommittee**

Staff: Michael MacDonald, City Clerk

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and discuss information regarding the potential establishment of an Environmental Standing City Council Subcommittee and provide direction to staff. No action required.

**12. Strategic Priorities Update**

Staff: Bill Ayub, City Manager

RECOMMENDATION

Receive, file, and provide any feedback on the Strategic Priority Annual Workplan update. No action is required.

**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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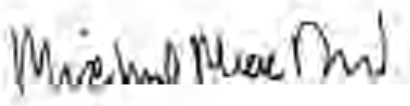
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Resource Items for the Public:

- City Council Protocols which includes Rules of Decorum for the Public
- City Council Goals 2021-2022
- Budget Principles 2021-2022
- City Charter

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Michael B. MacDonald, CMC
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