CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 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
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: Aera Energy LLC, et al. v. City of Ventura, et al.
   Ventura County Superior Court Case No. 2026CUWM061857
   Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

2. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**
   Name of Case: Santa Barbara Channelkeeper v. State Water Resources Control Board and City of San Buenaventura
   Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No.: 19STCP01176 (previously San Francisco County Superior Court Case No.: CPF-14-513875)
   Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

3. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION**
   Claimant: Donald McPherson v. City of San Buenaventura
   Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Number: ADJ11858612
   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:

- St. Patrick's Day Parade Mayor's Choice

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 SC-0000831 with Law Firm of Manning & Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester LLP, in the case of *Chantal Singh v. City of San Buenaventura***

   Staff: Javan N. Rad, City Attorney

   RECOMMENDATION

   Authorize the City Attorney to enter into the First Amendment to Legal Services Agreement SC-0000831 with the law firm of Manning Kass, to increase the not-to-exceed amount to $379,500 (an increase of $319,500), to continue representation of the City in the *Chantal Singh v. City of San Buenaventura*, et al. lawsuit.

2. **First Amendment to Legal Services Agreement SC-0000664 with Best Best & Krieger, LLP for representation of the City in *Karen Blackwell, et al. v. County of Ventura, et al***

   Staff: Javan N. Rad, City Attorney

   RECOMMENDATION

   Authorize the City Attorney to enter into the First Amendment to Legal Services Agreement SC-0000664 with the law firm of Best Best & Krieger, LLP, to increase the not-to-exceed amount to $340,000 (an increase of $280,000), to continue representation of the City in the *Karen Blackwell, et al. v. County of Ventura, et al.* lawsuit.

CONSENT ITEMS (CONTINUED)

3. **First Amendment to Legal Services Agreement SC-0005886 with Best Best & Krieger, LLP for representation of the City in Advisory Work Related to the Sinclair Gas Station Fuel Leak**

Staff: Javan N. Rad, City Attorney

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the City Attorney to enter into the First Amendment to Legal Services Agreement SC-0005886 with the law firm of Best Best & Krieger, LLP, to increase the not-to-exceed amount to $150,000 (an increase of $90,000), to continue representation of the City in advisory work related to the Sinclair Gas Station Fuel Leak.

4. **Fifth Amendment to Professional Services Agreement PO-0003509 with Rincon Consultants Inc. for Services Related to the Bayshore Incident / Sinclair Gas Station Fuel Leak**

Staff: Javan N. Rad, City Attorney

RECOMMENDATION

a. Authorize the City Attorney to execute the Fifth Amendment to Professional Services Agreement PO-0003509 with Rincon Consultants, Inc. for environmental consulting services related to the Sinclair Gas Station Fuel Leak extending the term through December 31, 2026 and increasing the not-to-exceed amount of $335,000 by $252,500 to $587,500.

b. Authorize the City Attorney to enter into amendments to said Professional Services Agreement in an additional amount not-to-exceed $50,000 in contingency funding and to extend the term by a total of not-to-exceed six months.

5. **City Council Minutes – Regular Meetings held on February 3, 2026, February 17, 2026, and Special Meeting held on February 10, 2026**

Staff: Michael MacDonald, City Clerk

RECOMMENDATION

Approve City Council Minutes for Regular Meetings held on February 3, 2026, and February 17, 2026, and Special Meeting held on February 10, 2026.

CONSENT ITEMS (CONTINUED)

6. **Ordinance for Second Reading - Ordinance Adding a New Title 8, Chapter 8.60 to the San Buenaventura Municipal Code to Prohibit the Sale and Use of Glue Traps**

Staff: Michael MacDonald, City Clerk

RECOMMENDATION

Waive the second reading in full and adopt an Ordinance Amending Title 8 of the San Buenaventura Municipal Code by adding Chapter 8.60 to prohibit the sale and use of glue traps. Ordinance titled:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA ADDING CHAPTER 8.60, "SALE AND USE OF GLUE TRAPS PROHIBITED," TO THE SAN BUENAVENTURA MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT THE SALE AND USE OF GLUE TRAPS"

7. **Resolution Concluding Temporary Relocation of City Council Meetings to the Wright Event Center and Resuming City Council Meetings at City Hall**

Staff: Michael MacDonald, City Clerk

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution concluding the temporary relocation of City Council meetings at the Wright Event Center and resume meetings in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

8. **Proposed 2026 Legislative Platform**

Staff: Bill Ayub, City Manager

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the proposed City of San Buenaventura 2026 State and Federal Legislative Platform.

9. **Tenth Amendment to Professional Services Agreement 2020-025 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for Design Services on Project WA08-1052, State Water Interconnection Pipeline**

Staff: Charles W. Ebeling, Public Works Director

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Tenth Amendment to Professional Services Agreement 2020-025 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. to extend the term of the Agreement to October 31, 2026.

10. **Award of Construction Contract with HSCC Inc. on Project ST25-1276 Main Street Moves - Bollards and Planters**

Staff: Charles W. Ebeling, Public Works Director

RECOMMENDATION

a. Find, pursuant to California Public Resources Code Sections 21000-21177 and the State's California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Sections 15000-15387, and on the basis of substantial evidence contained in the whole record, that since certification of the Environmental Impact Report EIR-01-25-0756 (State Clearinghouse No. 2024060943) on January 28, 2025, and the associated Addendum prepared in December 2025, there have been no substantial changes to the project, no substantial changes in the circumstances under which the project is being undertaken, and no new information of substantial importance that would result in new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects. Therefore, no additional environmental review is required for the Main Street Moves – Bollards and Planters Project.

b. Waive all Minor Bid Irregularities and Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute subject Agreement with HSCC, Inc. in the amount of $1,390,830 with a contract completion date of August 31, 2026.

c. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute future amendments to subject Agreement up to a total maximum contingency of $208,625 for a total not-to-exceed Agreement amount of 1,599,455.

d. Authorize the Finance Department to make appropriation adjustments if necessary.

CONSENT ITEMS (CONTINUED)

11. Increase in Blanket Purchase Order Limit for JCI Jones Chemicals Inc.

Staff: Gina Dorrington, Ventura Water General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

Approve an increase to the Fiscal Year 2026 Blanket Purchase Order with JCI Jones Chemicals Inc. by $190,000 for a new not-to-exceed amount of $490,000 for the purchase of gaseous chlorine and sulfur dioxide to be utilized at the Ventura Water Reclamation Facility.

12. First Amendment to Professional Services Agreement SC-0001130 with Rincon Consulting Inc. for Emergency Permitting and Construction Monitoring Support for the Ventura River Bank Emergency Protection of Nye Well 8

Staff: Gina Dorrington, Ventura Water General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

a. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the First Amendment to Professional Services Agreement SC-0001130 with Rincon Consulting, Inc. to extend the term through June 30, 2027, and for an additional $41,792 for a new total not-to-exceed amount of $94,292, pursuant to Section 4.600.200 of the Municipal Code.

b. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute amendments to increase the Agreement up to $9,429 in contingency funding for a total not-to-exceed amount of $103,721.

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.

13. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2027 - 2031 Capital Improvement Program

Staff: Charles W. Ebeling, Public Works Director

RECOMMENDATION

a. Conduct a public hearing on the amended proposed FY 2027 - 2031 Capital Improvement Program.

b. Adopt a Resolution adopting the FY 2027 - 2031 Capital Improvement Program adding projects FA18-1105, FA22-1268, PM20-1163, PM21-1185, WW16-1097, WW18-1129, WW20-1175, WA18-1133, WA18-1139, WA18-1140, WA18-1144, WA18-1148, WA20-1179, WA23-1254, WA23-1257, WA26-1278, WA26-1289 and WA26-1292.

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.*

14. Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Workshop #2

Staff: Greg Morley, Chief Financial Officer

RECOMMENDATION

a. Receive a presentation on the progress of development of the FY 2027 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget.

b. Provide feedback to staff on any potential budget items to be considered in advance of the Budget Proposal on April 28, 2026.

15. Main Street Update, Including Final Vision Plan, Parklet Replacement Schedule, Next Steps and Fourth Amendment to Professional Services Agreement CD2025-02 with RRM Design Group

Staff: Rachel Dimond, Community Development Director

RECOMMENDATION

a. Receive and file the Main Street Vision Plan.

b. Confirm Parklet Implementation Timeline.

c. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Fourth Amendment to Professional Services Agreement CD2025-02 with RRM Design Group to allow for additional services related to tasks to review, refine, and revise the Main Street Moves Vision Plan, increasing the total agreement amount by $49,730 for a new not-to-exceed amount of $227,915.

d. Find under California Public Resources Code Section 21166 and the State's California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15162, on the basis of substantial evidence contained in the whole record, that since certification of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR No. 01-25-0007; State Clearinghouse No. 22024060943) on January 28, 2025, there have been no changes to the project, changes with respect to the circumstances under which the project is being undertaken, or new information of substantial importance concerning the project, which cause new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects, and therefore no additional environmental review is required for the project.

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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ADJOURNMENT: *Communications to the City Council are public record and will become part of the City's electronic records, which are accessible through the City's website. Please note: e-mail addresses, names, addresses, and other contact information are not required, but if included in any communication to the City Council, will become part of the public record. If you do not want your e-mail address or any other contact information to be made public, you may deliver communications via U.S. Postal Service to the City Clerk's Office at 501 Poli Street, Room 204, Ventura, CA 93001. If you do not want your contact information included in the public record, please do not include that information in your communication. Please contact the City Clerk Department for further information.*

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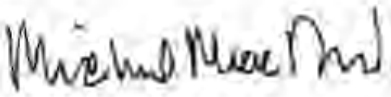
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Resource Items for the Public:

- City Council Protocols (which includes Rules of Decorum for the Public)
- City Council Strategic Priorities 2025-2026
- Budget Principles 2021-2022
- City Charter/Municipal Code

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Michael B. MacDonald, CMC
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