



# LINDSAY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Lindsay Council Chambers  
251 E Honolulu St., Lindsay CA 93247

Tuesday, January 28, 2025  
6:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting

Proper notice of this meeting was given pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2 and 54956.

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Daymon Qualls, City Attorney Megan Crouch, City Clerk Maegan Peton, Director of Public Safety Rob Moore, Acting Human Resources Manager Lance Rowell, Director of Finance Lacy Meneses, Director of Recreation Services Armando da Silva, Acting City Services Director Ryan Heinks

## 6:00 p.m. – REGULAR MEETING

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Villarreal called to order the regular meeting of the Lindsay City Council at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber located at 251 E. Honolulu St.

### 2. INVOCATION

Pastor Jim Wolstenholm was unable to attend due to a family emergency. The invocation was led by Councilmember Soria.

### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Sanchez.

### 4. ROLL CALL

**Council Present:** Mayor Villarreal  
Mayor Pro Tem Flores  
Councilmember Nave  
Councilmember Sanchez  
Councilmember Soria

### 5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was motioned by Councilmember Soria, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda

### 6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Eric Coyne, representative from Senator Hurtado's office, provided legislative updates and information for the rights of citizens and non-citizens in the area.

Resident Henry Villanueva provided comments in support of proclaiming the City of Lindsay a Sanctuary City.

Resident Louisa Casad provided comments in support of proclaiming the City of Lindsay a Sanctuary City.

Resident Katherine Thompkins provided comments against proclaiming the City of Lindsay a Sanctuary City.

Dennis Doanne, representative from the Lindsay Chamber of Commerce, provided updates to Council.

Student Noah Richardson had questions for Council pertaining to the processing of maintenance requests in the City – specifically potholes. Mayor Villarreal requested a separate meeting to discuss his concerns.

Josh Flowers, representative of the nonprofits “Blessings of Liberty” and “La Gente” provided comments against proclaiming the City of Lindsay a Sanctuary City.

Resident Jerry Harrison provided comments against proclaiming the City of Lindsay a Sanctuary City.

## 7. **COUNCIL REPORT**

Councilmember Sanchez had nothing to report.

Councilmember Soria thanked everyone for their public comments and questions. He advised he attended the East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency board meeting, the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency board meeting, the Lindsay Wellness Center Programming Committee meeting, and the Ethics and Brown Act trainings.

Mayor Pro Tem Flores advised that she and Councilmember Sanchez volunteered to help with the recent fires in Pasadena.

Councilmember Nave advised that she attended the Lindsay Economic Development Committee meeting, she helped with Lindsay High School senior interviews, she met with the Boys and Girls Club and that local school attendance is up.

Mayor Villarreal welcomed the learners to the City Council meeting. She advised that she also attended the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency board meeting, the Healthy Start meeting, a Vita-Pakt meeting. She also recognized Varela’s Boxing Academy for their recent accomplishments.

## 8. **STAFF UPDATES**

City staff provided departmental updates to Council.

## 9. **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

The City Manager reported on recent events and items of interest.

## 10. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was motioned by Councilmember Soria, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez and unanimously carried to approve the items on the Consent Calendar as presented except for item 10.4.

### 10.1 **Waive the Reading of Ordinance and Approve by Title Only.**

**Action & Recommendation:** Approve the reading by title only of all ordinances and that further reading of such ordinances be waived.

### 10.2 **Minutes of the regular and/or special Meeting of January 14, 2025.**

**Action & Recommendation:** Approve as submitted.  
Submitted by: Maegan Peton, City Clerk

### 10.3 **Warrant List for January 6, 2025 through January 19, 2025.**

**Action & Recommendation:** Accept the Warrant List for transaction dates of January 6, 2025 through January 19, 2025.  
**Submitted by:** Lacy Meneses, Director of Finance

**10.5 Authorization to Sign a Collective Letter from the Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District to the Department of Conservation.**

**Action & Recommendation:** Authorize the City Manager to sign a collective letter from the Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District (District) to the Department of Conservation (DoC) in response to the revised guidelines for the Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program (MLRP), specifically addressing concerns about language changes related to groundwater recharge projects and landowner incentives.

**Submitted by:** Daymon Qualls, City Manager

**10.6 Authorization to Release a Request for Qualifications for Professional Engineering Services for the Planning, Design, and Installation of Seven (7) Backup Generators.**

**Action & Recommendation:** Authorize the release of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) seeking professional engineering services and a detailed project approach for the planning, design, and installation of seven (7) backup generators at the following locations:

Wastewater Treatment Plant  
Sequoia Lift Station  
Hickory Lift Station  
Two (2) Potable Water Wells  
Lindsay Department of Public Safety Building  
Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at City Hall

**Submitted by:** Ryan Heinks, Acting Director of City Services

**PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM(S)**

**10.4 Adopt Resolution 25-03, Directing the City Manager to Negotiate the Sale of Surplus Water to Members of the East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency.**

**Action & Recommendation:** Approve Resolution 25-03, directing the City Manager to negotiate the sale of surplus water to members of the East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) or other eligible water users, in compliance with USBR regulations; and direct staff to report back to the Council upon completion of any water sale transactions, including the volume of water sold, the sale price, and total net revenue to the City.

**Submitted by:** Ryan Heinks, Acting Director of City Services

**Council Action:** Mayor Pro Tem Flores pulled this item for clarification on what happens to the surplus water and if the City will have enough water to support new developments if surplus water is sold. Acting City Services Director Ryan Heinks advised that this is only water that is a surplus based off of usage for that year and if it is not used, the City does not have capacity to store it. He advised that selling the surplus water ensured that profits benefitted the City of Lindsay residents by contributing to the Water Fund. Future developments would only be approved after a Water Feasibility Study is conducted to ensure there is adequate water supply.

It was motioned by Councilmember Nave, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez, and unanimously carried to approve the item as presented.

**11. ACTION ITEMS**

**11.1 Lindsay Economic Development Committee Member Selection.**

**Action & Recommendation:** Select one applicant to serve as Committee Member for the immediate vacancy on the Lindsay Economic Development Committee.

**Submitted by:** Maegan Peton, City Clerk and Assistant to the City Manager

**Public Comment:** There were no public comments.

**Council Action:** After reviewing the applicants for the committee vacancy, council directed staff to adjust the bylaws to increase the number of members of the public from 5 to 6 before selecting applicant(s).

**12. REQUEST FOR FUTURE ITEMS**

Council provided consensus to amend the Lindsay Economic Development Bylaws and to put forth a statement or press release regarding immigration.

**13. EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION**

Council recessed to closed session at 7:21 p.m.

**13.1 Public Employee Performance Evaluation (§ 54957)**

Title: City Manager

**13.2 Conference with Real Property Negotiators (§ 54956.8)**

Property: 205-236-013; 205-236-014; 205-236-022; 205-236-020

Agency Negotiation: Daymon Qualls, City Manager

Negotiating Parties: Kristar Development, LLC

Under Negotiation: Price, terms of payment

**13.3 Conference with Labor Negotiators (§ 54957.6)**

Agency Designated Representative: Daymon Qualls, City Manager

Employee Organization(s): LPOA; SEIU

**13.4 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**

Significant Exposure to Litigation

Pursuant to § 54956.9(b): 2 cases.

Council reconvened from closed session at 10:09 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION REPORT**

Mayor Villarreal advised there was no reportable action.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Approved by Council: February 11, 2025.

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Misty Villarreal, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Maegan Peton, City Clerk

*The next Regular Meeting of the Lindsay City Council is scheduled to be held on February 11, 2025.*