

# **BLYTHE CITY COUNCIL**

## **SPECIAL MEETING AND SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION**



### **AGENDA**

**MAY 18, 2023**

**3:15 P.M.**

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**Joseph DeConinck, Mayor**  
**Johnny Z. Rodriguez, Vice Mayor**  
**Dale S. Reynolds, Council Member**  
**Joseph Halby, III, Council Member**  
**Sam Burton, Council Member**  
**Mallory Crecellus, Interim City Manager/City Clerk**  
**Brittany Roberto, City Attorney**

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**MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 235 NORTH BROADWAY, BLYTHE, CA**



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Special Meeting and Special Closed Session Notice and Agenda  
**Thursday, May 18, 2023**  
**3:15pm**  
**Council Chambers at City Hall**  
**235 N. Broadway**  
**Blythe, CA 92225**

Joseph DeConinck, Mayor

Johnny Z. Rodriguez, Vice Mayor

Joseph Halby, III, Council Member

Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager/City Clerk

Christa Elms, City Treasurer/Finance Director

Garth Dale, Police Chief

Dale S. Reynolds, Council Member

Samuel Burton, Council Member

Brittany Roberto, City Attorney

Jason Brown, Chief Building Official

Ronnie Hasler, Fire Chief

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**SPECIAL MEETING ITEMS:**

**1. Posting of the Agenda.**

The summary of agenda items were posted on the bulletin boards on the outside of the public entrance to the Council Chamber and near the inside entrance of the Council Chamber on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

**2. Memorandum of Understanding between City and Palo Verde Unified School District for the 2023 Summer Program.**

Recommendation: Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute an MOU with PVUSD authorizing the City to provide expanded learning opportunities to PVUSD student participants at the Joe Wine Blythe Recreation Center as part of PVUSD's 2023 Summer Program, once the MOU has been approved by the City Attorney.

*Public comments will be allowed on the Special Meeting items during consideration of the item(s) described. Comments shall be limited to 3 minutes in duration.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION:** Members of the public may address the City Council on the Special Closed Session item only. Comments shall be limited to 3 minutes in duration.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION:**

**SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION ITEM:**

- 1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT.** Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1).  
Title: Public Works Director.

**REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT** The next meeting will be held on June 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 235 N. Broadway, Blythe, California.

**NOTE TO THE PUBLIC:**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact City Clerk Mallory Crecelius at (760) 922-6161 ext. 1237. Notification at least 24 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the meeting.

*Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the City Council regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 235 N. Broadway, Blythe, California during normal business hours. In addition, such writings and documents will be posted on the City's website: [www.cityofblythe.ca.gov](http://www.cityofblythe.ca.gov).*



**CITY OF BLYTHE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**STAFF REPORT**

**MEETING DATE:** May 18, 2023

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**SUBJECT:** Memorandum of Understanding between City and Palo Verde Unified School District for the 2023 Summer Program.

**PRESENTED BY:** Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager

**PREPARED BY:** Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager

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**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended Council authorize the Interim City Manager to execute an agreement with PVUSD authorizing the City to collaborate with PVUSD to provide expanded learning opportunities to PVUSD Summer School participants at the Joe Wine Blythe Recreation Center as part of PVUSD's 2023 Summer Program once the agreement has been approved by the City Attorney.

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**FISCAL IMPACT:** \$12,000 in revenue to provide a Summer Program to PVUSD participants at the Joe Wine Blythe Recreation Center.

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**BACKGROUND:** The District is required by AB 130 to provide an Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO). The ELO provides funding for afterschool and summer school enrichment programs for kindergarten through sixth grade students.

District Staff worked with City Staff to provide the ELO for 2023 summer school participants at the Joe Wine Blythe Recreation Center.

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**STAFF REPORT:** The Program will be open to all students enrolled in Summer School who sign up for the ELO Program offered at the Recreation Center. The School District will reimburse the City for the costs of providing this program at a rate of \$3,000 per week for a total of \$12,000 over the Summer School Session. This figure was based on 100 students enrolling in the Summer Program offered at the Recreation Center. Once Summer School is in recess at 12:15pm, the School will provide lunch and transportation to the Joe Wine Blythe Recreation Center. The students may participate in any of the actives offered at the Center. The ELO program will end at 5pm each school day. Students are not required to stay until 5pm if they are signed out by a parent or legal guardian.

The District will provide the City with a list of students who have elected to participate in the Summer Program along with necessary contact information. The participant's parents or legal guardians will complete a Participant Agreement and Waiver and Release of Liability which was drafted by the City Attorney. The City Attorney and City Staff has reviewed the proposed Agreement for the ELO Summer Program and suggested minor revisions. The Agreement is currently under review by District Counsel. The City will execute the final agreement once it is agreeable to all terms, and it has been approved by the City Attorney.

The District is required to provide an ELO program through the school year. The City and District may work on subsequent agreement(s) to provide additional ELO program opportunities at the Joe Wine Blythe Recreation Center. Any future agreements will be brought to Council for

review and approval.

Staff believes this an opportunity to expand the programs offered at the Joe Wine Blythe Recreation Center and encourage participation. Therefore, it is recommended Council authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the Agreement once approved by the City Attorney.

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**ATTACHMENT:** None