BLYTHE CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

AGENDA

June 16, 2026

Closed Session: 4:30 P.M.
Regular Meeting 6:00 P.M.

Joseph DeConinck, Mayor
Johnny Z. Rodriguez, Vice Mayor
Joseph Halby, III, Council Member
Sam Burton, Council Member
Summer Spraggins, Council Member
Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager/City Clerk
Brittany Roberto, City Attorney

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

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comments will be allowed only on matters appearing on this Closed Session agenda. Speakers are asked to identify themselves by stating their name and address for the record. Comments shall be limited to 3 minutes in duration.

CLOSED SESSION:

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.** Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2). Number of potential cases: one.

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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.

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Special Meeting Notice and Agenda
Tuesday, June 16, 2026
6:00pm

Mayor DeConinck
Vice Mayor Rodriguez
Council Member Halby
Council Member Burton
Council Member Spraggins

Interim City Manager/City Clerk Crecelius
City Attorney Roberto
City Treasurer/Finance Director Elms
Chief Building Official Brown

Acting Police Chief Walnoha
Fire Chief Hasler
Public Works Director Elegores

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
INVOCATION

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.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION:

PRESENTATION: (Item 1)

1. Recognition of the Blythe Little League 2026 Arizona District 9T.O.C. Champions

CONSENT CALENDAR: (Items 2 - 24)

All matters listed under Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items prior to the time of voting on the motion unless members of the Council or staff request specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action.

2. Posting of the Agenda.
The agenda was 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 and on the City's website on Friday, June 12, 2026.

3. Approval of the Warrant Register.
Recommendation: **Approve 6/16/26,** warrants numbered 11532 through 11542 and 81017 through 81071 in the amount of $933,819.97; **6/16/26,** Utility Billing Refund warrants numbered 81072 through 81078 in the amount of $902.85 and **6/16/26,** warrants numbered 11544 through 11565 and 81080 through 81126 in the amount of $614,692.85.

4. Approval of the Payroll Register.
Recommendation: Approve **6/16/26,** warrants numbered 55772 through 55788 and Direct Deposit warrants numbered 65279 through 65372 in the amount of $301,601.73; **6/16/26,** warrants numbered 55789 through 55790 in the amount of $11,028.00; **6/16/26,** warrants numbered 55791 through 55803 and Direct Deposit warrants numbered 65373 through 65447 in the amount of $263,191.90 and **6/16/2026,** warrant numbered 55804 through 55814 and Direct Deposit warrants numbered 65448 through 65541 in the amount of $95,058.15.

5. Minutes of the May 12, 2026 City Council Meeting.
Recommendation: Approve the Minutes of the May 12, 2026 Meeting.

6. City of Blythe Permits Issued in the Month of May 2026.
Recommendation: Receive the monthly report.

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7. **City of Blythe Fire Department Monthly Activity Report for May 2026.**
Recommendation: Receive the monthly report.

8. **City of Blythe Police Department Monthly Activity Report for May 2026.**
Recommendation: Receive the monthly report.

9. **Quality of Life Program Activity Report for May 2026.**
Recommendation: Receive the monthly report.

10. **Request for the Sale and Display of Fireworks.**
Recommendation: Approve applications submitted by Victoria Sanchez/Spirit of Life Church for the sale and display of safe and sane fireworks.

11. **Support for Comprehensive Tort Reform to Protect California Taxpayers, Survivors and Essential Public Services.**
Recommendation: Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute letter(s) of support and use of the City's logo in support letters requesting legislation to enact tort reform for civil actions against public entities.

12. **Waive Encroachment Permit Fee for Soroptimist's Placement of Patriotic Ribbons on Street Light Poles over the 4th of July Holiday.**
Recommendation: Wave the Encroachment Permit fee for placement of patriotic ribbons on light poles in the City Right-of-Way.

13. **Acceptance of Work - Hobsonway Manhole repair Project.**
Recommendation: Accept work performed by R.E. Hoover Construction for the Hobsonway Manhole Repairs Project.

14. **Memorandum of Understanding between City and Palo Verde Unified School District for the 2025-2026, 2026-2027 School Years and 2026 Summer School Programs.**
Recommendation: Authorize the Interim City Manager to Execute the Memorandum of Understanding once reviewed and approved by the City Attorney.

15. **Amendment to Law Enforcement Services Agreement between Palo Verde Community College and the City.**
Recommendation: Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute Amendment Number One to the Law Enforcement Services Agreement for the provision of a Campus Tactical Officer.

16. **Annual Military Equipment Report Pursuant to Assembly Bill 481.**
Recommendation: Receive the annual Military Equipment report.

17. **Annual Reaffirmation of City Investment Policy.**
Recommendation: Adopt the FY 2026/27 Investment Policy as required by Government Code Section 53646.

18. **Statement of Work for Information Technology Services- Southwest Networks.**
Recommendation: Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the Statement of Work with Southwest Networks for Managed Information Technology Services for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 once reviewed and approved by the City Attorney.

19. **Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.**
Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-010:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-010. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE ESTABLISHING THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 FOR THE CITY OF BLYTHE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 9 OF TITLE 1 OF THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE.

20. FY 2026/27 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account Funded Project List.
Recommendation: Adopt resolution No. 2026-011:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-011. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE ADOPTING A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 FUNDED BY SB 1: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017.

21. Authorizing the City Manager, any Interim or Acting City Manager, Assistant City Manager and Development Services Director to Accept Conveyances to the City of Interests in Real Property and Consent to the Recording of such Instruments and to Irrevocable Offers of Dedication.
Recommendation: Council Adopt Resolution No. 2026-012:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-012. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, ANY INTERIM CITY MANGER, ANY ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER AND THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT CONVEYANCES TO THE CITY OF BLYTHE OF INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY AND CONSENT TO THE RECORDATION OF SUCH INSTRUMENTS AND OF IRREVOCABLE OFFERS OF DEDICATION.

22. Adoption of Tentative Agreement Regarding Successor Memorandum of Understanding for the SWORN Personnel Represented by the Blythe Police Officers' Association.
Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-013:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-013. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT REGARDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SUCCESSOR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLYTHE AND THE WORN PERSONNEL REPRESENTED BY THE BLYTHE POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANGER TO EXECUTE THE SUCCESSOR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

23. Resolution Approving Rates of Pay for Volunteer Members of the Blythe Volunteer Fire Department.
Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-014:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-014. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING RATES OF PAY FOR ON-CALL, VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF THE BLYTHE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

24. Redeclare Intent to Levy and Collect Assessments for Lighting Districts Nos.1 and 2 for Fiscal Year 2026/27.
Recommendation: Adopt the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-019. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2026-008 AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMETNS WITHING CITY OF BLYTHE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING SUCH ASSESSMENTS.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-020. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2026-008 AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMETNS WITHING CITY OF BLYTHE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING SUCH ASSESSMENTS.

PUBLIC HEARING: (Item 25)

25. Fiscal Year 2026/27 Operating and Capital Budget.

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-009 and approve and adopt attached salary schedules pursuant to Section 570.5 of the California Code of Regulations.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-009. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027.

CONTINUED BUSINESS: (Item 26)

26. Palo Verde Hospital Ad Hoc Committee Update.

Recommendation: Receive a report from the Hospital Ad Hoc Committee.

NEW BUSINESS: (Items 27-28)

27. Adoption of Policy Regarding Disruption of Telephonic or Internet Service During Meetings.

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-018:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-018. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, APPROVING AND ADOPTING A POLICY REGARDING DISRUPTION OF TELEPHONIC OR INTERNET SERVICE DURING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

28. Calling the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election.

Recommendation: Adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-015. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, CALLING FOR THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026 FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS, AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RELATIVE TO GENERAL LAW CITIES

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-016. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TO CONSOLIDATE A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026 WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THAT DATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 10403 OF THE CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE

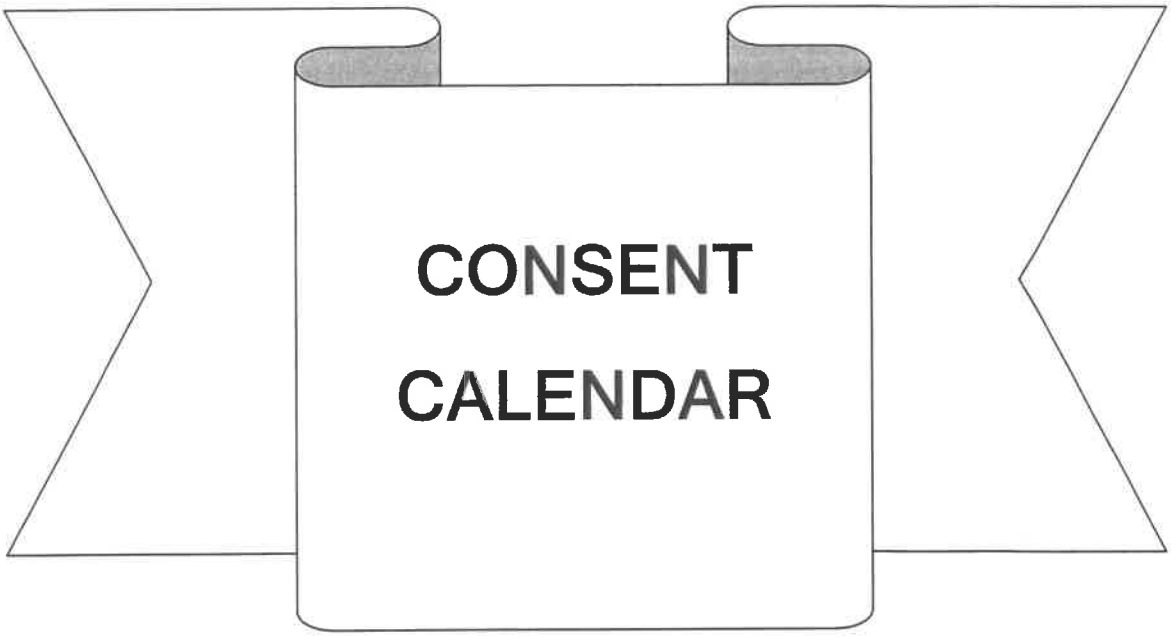
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-017. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026

MEMBER COMMENT: (Council may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, make a brief report on his/her own activities, request staff to report back at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.)

ADJOURNMENT: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 235 N. Broadway, Blythe, California.

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PRESENTATION


CONSENT
CALENDAR

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Voucher	Date	Vendor	Invoice	PO #	Description/Account	Amount
11532	5/7/2026	005923 CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'	000018275833		HEALTH PREMIUMS 5/1-5/31/2026	4,287.72
					Total :	**4,287.72**
11533	5/7/2026	005923 CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'	000018275831		HEALTH PREMIUMS 5/1-5/31/2026	119,696.05
					Total :	**119,696.05**
11534	5/7/2026	006924 SUN LIFE	923380-0002		PREMIUM/FEES 5/1-5/31/2026	5,404.61
					Total :	**5,404.61**
11535	5/21/2026	000283 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON CO	700240317342	025946	ELECTRICITY 4/1-4/30/2026	60.34
					Total :	**60.34**
11536	5/21/2026	000283 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON CO	700475898313	025947	ELECTRICITY 3/25-4/23/2026	95.64
					Total :	**95.64**
11537	5/21/2026	000283 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON CO	700350079007	025948	ELECTRICITY 3/30-4/28/2026	10,275.18
					Total :	**10,275.18**
11538	5/21/2026	000283 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON CO	700350166610	025949	ELECTRICITY 3/30-4/28/2026	10,652.82
					Total :	**10,652.82**
11539	5/21/2026	000283 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON CO	700466637136	025950	ELECTRICITY 4/1-4/30/2026	16,212.20
					Total :	**16,212.20**
11540	5/21/2026	000283 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON CO	600001510681	025951	ELECTRICITY 3/1-3/31/2026	38,569.27
			600001510681	025951	ELECTRICITY 4/1-4/30/2026	35,795.36
				025951		
					Total :	**74,364.63**
11541	5/26/2026	000064 EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPT	L2073306672		EMPLOYMENT TAX	952.00
					Total :	**952.00**
11542	5/26/2026	003439 SHELL	112438098	025944	FUEL 4/7-5/6/2026	47.45
					Total :	**47.45**
11543	5/26/2026	000241 SMART & FINAL IRIS CORP	30510438601	025895	SUPPLIES	196.90
			430510047501	023975	SUPPLIES	26.23

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11543	5/26/2026	000241 SMART & FINAL IRIS CORP	(Continued)			
			430510084601	025897	SUPPLIES	130.66
			430510113601	023975	SUPPLIES	267.20
			430510167501	023975	SUPPLIES	28.25
			430511144302	025896	SUPPLIES	19.53
			430511166502	023975	SUPPLIES	502.34
					Total :	**1,171.11**

12 Vouchers for bank code : ap-dir **Bank total :** **243,219.75**

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81017	5/20/2026	008727 JIMENEZ, MICHAEL	052126	025904	TRAVEL - PER DIEM 5/21/2026		45.00
						Total :	**45.00**
81018	5/26/2026	006366 ALARM PROTECTION SERVICES	065030	025903	FINANCE CHARGE		10.00
						Total :	**10.00**
81019	5/26/2026	007560 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	11JC6FC6F4LR	025847	PARTS/SUPPLIES		188.49
			1HPYCLF6LMKP	025770	PARTS/SUPPLIES		60.85
			1KDCQQPX34NR	025736	PARTS/SUPPLIES		1,038.56
			1Q9D9LMXN4J9	025792	PARTS/SUPPLIES		86.16
			1WJHWXLNL3RN	025802	PARTS/SUPPLIES		143.96
						Total :	**1,518.02**
81020	5/26/2026	000016 BABCOCK LABORATORIES, INC	CD60469-0040	025905	TESTING SERVICES		17.69
			CD60470-0040	025905	TESTING SERVICES		141.51
			CD60473-0040	025905	TESTING SERVICES		200.79
			CD60485-0040	025905	TESTING SERVICES		248.35
			CD60831-0040	025905	TESTING SERVICES		295.46
			CD61321-0040	025905	TESTING SERVICES		95.00
			CD61322-0040	025905	TESTING SERVICES		179.00
			CD61324-0040	025905	TESTING SERVICES		57.00
			CD61588-0040	025905	TESTING SERVICES		1,156.00
			CE60070-0040	025905	TESTING SERVICES		76.00
			CE60071-0040	025905	TESTING SERVICES		317.31
			CE60072-0040	025905	TESTING SERVICES		57.00
			CE60628-0040	025905	TESTING SERVICES		57.00
			CE60719-0040	025905	TESTING SERVICES		19.00
			CE60720-0040	025905	TESTING SERVICES		57.00
			CE60815-0040	025905	TESTING SERVICES		223.10
			CE60817-0040	025905	TESTING SERVICES		35.70
			CE60818-0040	025905	TESTING SERVICES		35.70
			CE60819-0040	025905	TESTING SERVICES		35.70
			CE60821-0040	025905	TESTING SERVICES		82.50
			CE60822-0040	025905	TESTING SERVICES		27.50
			CE60823-0040	025905	TESTING SERVICES		55.00
			CE60824-0040	025905	TESTING SERVICES		98.75
			SINV115302	025905	FINANCE CHARGE		12.01

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81020	5/26/2026	000016 000016 BABCOCK LABORATORIES, INC	(Continued)		Total :	3,580.07
81021	5/26/2026	007828 BECK OIL, INC	210758	025906	FUEL	433.33
			212457	025906	FUEL	748.12
					Total :	1,181.45
81022	5/26/2026	000035 BLYTHE POLICE RESERVE	494185	025888	REIMBURSEMENT - PORAC	24.00
			506870	025888	REIMBURSEMENT - PORAC	-4.00
			517357	025888	REIMBURSEMENT - PORAC	12.00
					Total :	32.00
81023	5/26/2026	008729 BLYTHE SERVICING	29205		REFUND	35.00
					Total :	35.00
81024	5/26/2026	004498 BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	86186899	025754	EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES	1,391.12
			86191792	025754	EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES	318.94
			86202419	025754	EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES	286.00
			86205981	025754	EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES	415.77
					Total :	2,411.83
81025	5/26/2026	006095 BROWN, JASON	022226	025907	REIMBURSEMENT	42.33
					Total :	42.33
81026	5/26/2026	007802 CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY INC	26-207CALB	025912	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	97.56
					Total :	97.56
81027	5/26/2026	003295 CALLAN OIL DIST. INC	043026	025914	FUEL 4/1-4/30/2026	5,450.47
					Total :	5,450.47
81028	5/26/2026	004862 CHARLES P CROWLEY CO, INC	INV-35143	025724	PARTS/SUPPLIES	3,953.91
					Total :	3,953.91
81029	5/26/2026	000896 CITY OF BLYTHE	B2509-022		ADMINISTRATIVE FEE	96.00
					Total :	96.00
81030	5/26/2026	000437 CO OF RIV AUDITOR-CONTROLLER	APR 2026	025924	PARKING CITATIONS 4/2026	25.00
					Total :	25.00

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81031	5/26/2026	000448 CPS HR CONSULTING	TR-INV007547	025925	TESTING SERVICES	865.80
			TR-INV007548	025925	TESTING SERVICES	595.53
					Total :	**1,461.33**
81032	5/26/2026	005603 CR&R INCORPORATED	000167698	024002	DISPOSAL SERVICES 5/1-5/31/2026	385.05
					Total :	**385.05**
81033	5/26/2026	005603 CR&R INCORPORATED	APR 2026	025823	FRANCHISE CONTRACT 4/2026	120,888.29
					Total :	**120,888.29**
81034	5/26/2026	000037 CULLIGAN SOFT WATER SERVICE	647465,647429	023896	WATER SERVICE 5/16-6/12/2026	76.67
					Total :	**76.67**
81035	5/26/2026	000156 CYLE JOHNSON ELECTRIC INC	56498	025391	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	125.00
			56500	025391	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	187.50
					Total :	**312.50**
81036	5/26/2026	001757 DATA TICKET INC	193352	025928	CITATION PROCESSING 4/2026	727.85
			193968	025928	CITATION PROCESSING 4/2026	100.00
					Total :	**827.85**
81037	5/26/2026	002173 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	036285	025929	LIVE SCAN SERVICES 3/2026	1,660.00
			142324	025929	LIVE SCAN SERVICES 3/2026	64.00
					Total :	**1,724.00**
81038	5/26/2026	000094 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	SL260753	025915	SIGNALS & LIGHTING (I10) 1/2026-3/202	5,609.67
					Total :	**5,609.67**
81039	5/26/2026	003447 EXTREME AUTO BODY & CUSTOMS	9623	025798	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	423.32
			9630	025854	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	100.00
					Total :	**523.32**
81040	5/26/2026	000115 FEDEX	9-288-34710	025931	GROUND SHIPPING SERVICES	32.33
					Total :	**32.33**
81041	5/26/2026	008718 FELTON, LONNIE	052626	025900	BASKETBALL OFFICIAL	200.00

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81041	5/26/2026	008718 008718 FELTON, LONNIE	(Continued)		Total :	200.00
81042	5/26/2026	005213 FRONTIER	9091590039	025932	COMMUNICATIONS 5/7-6/6/2026	696.92
			9091590042	025933	COMMUNICATIONS 5/1-5/31/2026	3,973.55
					Total :	4,670.47
81043	5/26/2026	005978 FULTON DISTRIBUTING - SO CAL	701748	025934	SUPPLIES	523.91
				025934		
					Total :	523.91
81044	5/26/2026	000318 GLENN JOHNSON COOLING/HEATING	00511	025815	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	210.00
					Total :	210.00
81045	5/26/2026	000318 GLENN JOHNSON COOLING/HEATING	00381	024026	EQUIPMENT/INSTALLATION	13,000.00
					Total :	13,000.00
81046	5/26/2026	000869 GRAINGER	9906698734	025837	PARTS/SUPPLIES	1,336.05
					Total :	1,336.05
81047	5/26/2026	000140 HINDERLITER DE LLAMAS & ASSOC	SIN062831	025935	CONTRACT SERVICES SALES TAX	600.00
			SIN062997	025893	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	4,000.00
					Total :	4,600.00
81048	5/26/2026	007674 HUNTINGTON PUBLIC CAPITAL CORP	1180644	024859	ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT I	362,066.00
					Total :	362,066.00
81049	5/26/2026	000150 INLAND BUILDERS SUPPLY INC	W75759	025768	PARTS/SUPPLIES	38.01
			W78645	025883	PARTS/SUPPLIES	53.77
					Total :	91.78
81050	5/26/2026	002150 JONES MAYER	APR 2026	025881	LEGAL SERVICES 4/2026	30,121.64
					Total :	30,121.64
81051	5/26/2026	003377 KIMBALL-MIDWEST	104428827	025887	PARTS/SUPPLIES	522.26
			104470444	025887	PARTS/SUPPLIES	1,622.57
					Total :	2,144.83
81052	5/26/2026	005295 KONICA MINOLTA	507605783	025785	MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT 3/1-3/31/2	254.65

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81052	5/26/2026	005295 KONICA MINOLTA	(Continued)			
				025785		
			508113736	025891	MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT 4/1-4/30/2	254.65
			9010865263	025936	MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT 4/1-4/30/2	605.09
					Total :	**1,114.39**
81053	5/26/2026	003944 LUSK PLUMBING	11458	025703	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	592.13
					Total :	**592.13**
81054	5/26/2026	008699 MAKING IT HAPPEN PAINTING INC	RETENTION	025592	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	4,012.50
					Total :	**4,012.50**
81055	5/26/2026	000697 MOJAVE DESERT AQMD	45079	025937	AB2588 - HOT SPOT FEE FY2026	134.00
					Total :	**134.00**
81056	5/26/2026	002871 NELSON, JON KEVIN	APR 2026	025938	INSPECTION SERVICES 4/2026	7,182.50
					Total :	**7,182.50**
81057	5/26/2026	001675 NRO ENGINEERING	05-26-016	025939	PLAN CHECK SERVICES - IRON FIT GY	2,625.00
					Total :	**2,625.00**
81058	5/26/2026	004417 PACIFIC COAST ENVELOPE, INC	262239	025940	SUPPLIES/STOCK	357.45
					Total :	**357.45**
81059	5/26/2026	007152 PLUMBERS DEPOT INC	PD-60722	025941	PARTS/SUPPLIES	4,837.54
					Total :	**4,837.54**
81060	5/26/2026	005176 PRIMO BRANDS	06E8730026432	025942	DRINKING WATER	69.29
			06E8730279116	025942	DRINKING WATER	20.00
					Total :	**89.29**
81061	5/26/2026	000073 PUBLIC ENTITY RISK MGMNT AUTHO	INV524	025943	PREMIUMS Q4	58,000.00
					Total :	**58,000.00**
81062	5/26/2026	000419 RIVERSIDE COUNTY CLERK	26-74172	025894	RECORDING FEE	50.00
					Total :	**50.00**
81063	5/26/2026	008720 RUIZ, CRISTINA	050226		REFUND - COMMUNITY CENTER RENT	750.00

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81063	5/26/2026	008720	008720 RUIZ, CRISTINA	(Continued)		Total :	750.00
81064	5/26/2026	008681	SELECT FITNESS USA	4765	025516	EQUIPMENT	4,116.25
						Total :	4,116.25
81065	5/26/2026	001790	SIGNS UNLIMITED	042626	025620	DECALS	676.25
						Total :	676.25
81066	5/26/2026	008719	STUBBLEFIELD, AUDREY	042526		COMMUNITY CENTER DEPOSIT REFUI	150.00
						Total :	150.00
81067	5/26/2026	002783	THATCHER COMPANY	2026400101523	025841	CHEMICALS	15,863.11
						Total :	15,863.11
81068	5/26/2026	006791	TRI STATE EQUIPMENT RENTALS	HOS430263	025729	EQUIPMENT	5,300.08
						Total :	5,300.08
81069	5/26/2026	008069	TRIPEPI SMITH & ASSOCIATES INC	17191	025898	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	5,920.00
						Total :	5,920.00
81070	5/26/2026	003324	ULINE	205414250	025520	EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES	2,368.29
				205871733	025593	EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES	192.11
						Total :	2,560.40
81071	6/1/2026	001981	US BANK	8158031	025953	WASTEWATER REVENUE REFUND BOI	3,492.50
				8158032	025953	WATER REVENUE REFUND BOND SER	3,492.50
						Total :	6,985.00
						Bank total :	690,600.22
						Total vouchers :	933,819.97

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CLAIMS VOUCHER APPROVAL

I hereby certify that warrants numbered 11532-11543 and 81017-81071 in the amount of $933,819.97 have been reviewed for payment by the Director of Finance. I further certify Councilmembers of the City of Blythe, CA approved said warrants at the meeting of June 16, 2026.

Christa Elms
Director of Finance

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81072	5/26/2026	008726 ELIZONDO, JUAN	Ref000226478		UB Refund Cst #028406	24.40
					Total :	**24.40**
81073	5/26/2026	008724 GUEVARA, SALVADOR	Ref000226474		UB Refund Cst #024076	25.38
					Total :	**25.38**
81074	5/26/2026	007641 JULIAN, JAMES	Ref000226475		UB Refund Cst #024550	63.00
					Total :	**63.00**
81075	5/26/2026	008723 KINUTHIA, HENRY	Ref000226473		UB Refund Cst #022364	7.42
					Total :	**7.42**
81076	5/26/2026	008722 MEYER, WARREN W	Ref000226472		UB Refund Cst #006652	467.15
					Total :	**467.15**
81077	5/26/2026	007193 VALLE, ANDY	Ref000226476		UB Refund Cst #027152	131.28
					Total :	**131.28**
81078	5/26/2026	008725 ZARATE, IRENE	Ref000226477		UB Refund Cst #027154	184.22
					Total :	**184.22**

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CLAIMS VOUCHER APPROVAL

I hereby certify that the Utility Billing Refund warrants numbered 81072-81078 in the amount of $902.85 have been reviewed for payment by the Director of Finance. I further certify that the Councilmembers of the City of Blythe, CA approved said warrants at the meeting of June 16, 2026.

Christa Elms
Director of Finance

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11544	5/7/2026	004501 US BANK CORP	MAR 2026	026000	CREDIT CARD CHARGES 3/2026	9,428.26
					Total :	**9,428.26**
11545	6/1/2026	005923 CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'	000018303175		HEALTH PREMIUMS 6/1-6/30/2026	4,287.72
					Total :	**4,287.72**
11546	6/1/2026	005923 CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'	000018303174		HEALTH PREMIUMS 6/1-6/30/2026	121,184.80
					Total :	**121,184.80**
11547	6/1/2026	000323 STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION	023-300030	025816	USE TAX 4/2026	391.00
					Total :	**391.00**
11548	6/1/2026	006924 SUN LIFE	923380-0002		PREMIUM/FEES 6/1-6/30/2026	5,732.17
					Total :	**5,732.17**
11549	6/2/2026	000150 INLAND BUILDERS SUPPLY INC	J11611	025892	PARTS/SUPPLIES	57.76
			J14840	025909	PARTS/SUPPLIES	50.28
			J15450	025861	PARTS/SUPPLIES	195.68
			J16050	025697	PARTS/SUPPLIES	49.86
			J18097	025923	PARTS/SUPPLIES	32.47
			J20824	025864	PARTS/SUPPLIES	43.36
			W79497	025700	PARTS/SUPPLIES	112.08
			W80467	024325	PARTS/SUPPLIES	27.05
					Total :	**568.54**
11550	6/2/2026	000150 INLAND BUILDERS SUPPLY INC	I11764	025091	PARTS/SUPPLIES	364.49
			I12164	025091	PARTS/SUPPLIES [CREDIT RETURN]	-595.98
			I25144	025213	PARTS/SUPPLIES	64.52
			I39274	025403	PARTS/SUPPLIES	90.02
			I51563	025432	PARTS/SUPPLIES	48.10
			I51941	025440	PARTS/SUPPLIES	1,068.52
			I54643	025505	PARTS/SUPPLIES	150.79
			I66944	025535	PARTS/SUPPLIES	58.68
			I66975	025403	PARTS/SUPPLIES	84.81
			I68660	025550	PARTS/SUPPLIES	256.61
			I80592	025505	PARTS/SUPPLIES	184.81

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11550	6/2/2026	000150 INLAND BUILDERS SUPPLY INC	(Continued)			
			I83161	025506	PARTS/SUPPLIES	38.68
			I83799	025508	PARTS/SUPPLIES	40.39
			I89368	025721	PARTS/SUPPLIES	173.84
			I93449	025732	PARTS/SUPPLIES	137.96
			J04319	025814	PARTS/SUPPLIES	377.80
			J08600	025699	PARTS/SUPPLIES	44.01
			J08870	025701	PARTS/SUPPLIES	87.76
			J09325	025853	PARTS/SUPPLIES	1,226.07
			J09771	025857	PARTS/SUPPLIES	197.25
			J10917	025892	PARTS/SUPPLIES	205.78
			J11054	025852	PARTS/SUPPLIES	1,458.88
			V35395	025211	PARTS/SUPPLIES	26.06
			V43576	025440	PARTS/SUPPLIES	352.84
			V47222	025524	PARTS/SUPPLIES	130.34
			V47454	025537	PARTS/SUPPLIES	55.50
			V47514	025535	PARTS/SUPPLIES	102.13
			V51972	025662	PARTS/SUPPLIES	122.77
			V52562	025711	PARTS/SUPPLIES	6.50
			V53812	025535	PARTS/SUPPLIES	10.10
			V53914	025725	PARTS/SUPPLIES	57.19
			W77115	025813	PARTS/SUPPLIES	58.13
			W78292	025701	PARTS/SUPPLIES	10.73
			W78431	025855	PARTS/SUPPLIES	419.87
			W78775	025892	PARTS/SUPPLIES	79.94
			W78789	025852	PARTS/SUPPLIES [CREDIT RETURN]	-76.07
					Total :	**7,119.82**
11551	6/2/2026	000247 SOCALGAS	11185732804	025970	NATURAL GAS 4/7-5/6/2026	14.30
					Total :	**14.30**
11552	6/2/2026	000247 SOCALGAS	16017775541	025970	NATURAL GAS 3/25-4/23/2026	14.30
			16017775541	025970	NATURAL GAS 4/23-5/26/2026	16.37
				025970		
					Total :	**30.67**
11553	6/2/2026	000247 SOCALGAS	13422599004	025970	NATURAL GAS 3/25-4/23/2026	14.30

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11553	6/2/2026	000247 SOCALGAS	(Continued)			
			13422599004	025970	NATURAL GAS 4/23-5/26/2026	18.34
				025970		
					Total :	**32.64**
11554	6/2/2026	000247 SOCALGAS	06912600076	025970	NATURAL GAS 3/25-4/23/2026	22.38
			06912600076	025970	NATURAL GAS 4/23-5/26/2026	26.30
				025970		
					Total :	**48.68**
11555	6/2/2026	000247 SOCALGAS	16242635007	025970	NATURAL GAS 3/25-4/23/2026	26.42
			16242635007	025970	NATURAL GAS 4/23-5/26/2026	28.29
				025970		
					Total :	**54.71**
11556	6/2/2026	000247 SOCALGAS	07632638008	025970	NATURAL GAS 4/7-5/6/2026	152.79
					Total :	**152.79**
11557	6/9/2026	008201 OPTIMUM	0771510132602	025988	INTERNET SERVICE 5/4-6/3/2026	236.32
					Total :	**236.32**
11558	6/9/2026	008201 OPTIMUM	0771549180002	025989	COMMUNICATIONS 5/2-6/1/2026	267.81
					Total :	**267.81**
11559	6/9/2026	008201 OPTIMUM	101627971	025990	INTERNET SERVICE 5/1-5/31/2026	650.00
					Total :	**650.00**
11560	6/9/2026	000213 QUILL LLC	48934523	025885	SUPPLIES	80.87
					Total :	**80.87**
11561	6/9/2026	000241 SMART & FINAL IRIS CORP	430510021601	025723	SUPPLIES	96.66
			430510024501	023975	SUPPLIES	244.92
			430510066601	025992	SUPPLIES	25.97
			430510104601	023975	SUPPLIES	286.84
			430510113401	023975	SUPPLIES	290.26
			430511116502	025945	SUPPLIES	14.96
					Total :	**959.61**

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11562	6/9/2026	003035 VERIZON WIRELESS	6143567107	025996	WIRELESS SERVICE 4/14-5/13/2026	196.14
					Total :	**196.14**
11563	6/9/2026	003035 VERIZON WIRELESS	6143567108	025997	WIRELESS SERVICE 4/14-5/13/2026	230.16
					Total :	**230.16**
11564	6/9/2026	003035 VERIZON WIRELESS	6143567106	025998	WIRELESS SERVICE 4/14-5/13/2026	800.66
					Total :	**800.66**
11565	6/9/2026	006873 VESTIS	5881228433	025984	UNIFORM SERVICE/MATS & TOWELS	478.36
			5881234155	025984	UNIFORM SERVICE/MATS & TOWELS	486.60
			5881239853	025984	UNIFORM SERVICE/MATS & TOWELS	478.36
			5881245530	025984	UNIFORM SERVICE/MATS & TOWELS	487.88
					Total :	**1,931.20**

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81080	6/4/2026	008721 CTAM INC	D3055	025899	CUSTOM SERVICES/SUPPLIES	5,146.91
					Total :	**5,146.91**
81081	6/9/2026	002768 AIRWAVE BROADBAND WIRELESS	117305	025526	BUSINESS PHONE SERVICE 6/1-7/1/20	121.60
					Total :	**121.60**
81082	6/9/2026	007560 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	191HTYYLYF11	025961	PARTS/SUPPLIES	367.01
			1F3HYWR437RX	025963	PARTS/SUPPLIES	330.48
				025963		
			1TQ6K6FXFG1V	025886	PARTS/SUPPLIES	89.46
			1WLRY33J1JWJ	025910	PARTS/SUPPLIES	50.03
			1XLDTQNGH6GY	024610	PARTS/SUPPLIES	38.99
			1YC99K7MHR6P	024610	PARTS/SUPPLIES [CREDIT RETURN]	-38.99
					Total :	**836.98**
81083	6/9/2026	000564 BLYTHE VOLUNTEER	29251		DONATION - BLYTHE ENERGY	1,000.00
					Total :	**1,000.00**
81084	6/9/2026	006095 BROWN, JASON	022226	025907	REIMBURSEMENT	106.74
					Total :	**106.74**
81085	6/9/2026	000051 CB PLUMBING	105962	025955	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	412.76
					Total :	**412.76**
81086	6/9/2026	000667 CITY OF BLYTHE	MAY 2026	025972	UTILITY SERVICES/CITY FACILITIES 5/	8,390.81
					Total :	**8,390.81**
81087	6/9/2026	007968 CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY	1163	025889	EAST PACT REIMBURSEMENT	4,200.00
					Total :	**4,200.00**
81088	6/9/2026	007028 CORE & MAIN LP	Y929222	025694	PARTS/SUPPLIES	7,016.98
			Y995985	025694	PARTS/SUPPLIES	144.42
			Z016422	025694	PARTS/SUPPLIES	1,185.74
					Total :	**8,347.14**
81089	6/9/2026	000646 COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE	IN1080427	025981	ACCOUNT #AR0056577 FACILITY #FA0(	521.00
					Total :	**521.00**

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81090	6/9/2026	005603 CR&R INCORPORATED	000168526	024002	DISPOSAL SERVICES 6/1-6/30/2026	385.05
					Total :	**385.05**
81091	6/9/2026	000037 CULLIGAN SOFT WATER SERVICE	647431,647466	025973	WATER SERVICE 5/16-6/12/2026	106.23
					Total :	**106.23**
81092	6/9/2026	000084 D & L AUTO PARTS INC	227520	025908	PARTS/SUPPLIES	198.64
				025908		
					Total :	**198.64**
81093	6/9/2026	007856 D&H WATER SYSTEMS	I2026-0916	025916	PARTS/SUPPLIES	3,555.37
					Total :	**3,555.37**
81094	6/9/2026	003556 DAVID TAUSSIG & ASSOC., INC.	2604026	025974	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	668.47
					Total :	**668.47**
81095	6/9/2026	005996 DE LAGE LANDEN FINANCIAL SVCS	597294948	025976	EQUIPMENT LEASE/MAINTENANCE 6/1	607.20
			597294951	025975	EQUIPMENT LEASE/MAINTENANCE 6/1	342.92
					Total :	**950.12**
81096	6/9/2026	002173 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	029397	025977	LIVE SCAN SERVICES 2/2026	1,252.00
					Total :	**1,252.00**
81097	6/9/2026	006133 DIV OF THE STATE ARCHITECT	SB1186	025902	DISABILITY ACCESS & EDUCATION FEI	174.40
			SB1186	025902	DISABILITY ACCESS & EDUCATION FEI	70.40
				025902		
					Total :	**244.80**
81098	6/9/2026	003378 EMPIRE SOUTHWEST, LLC	EMWK4299197	025849	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	4,208.92
			EMWK4299198	025850	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	2,543.49
					Total :	**6,752.41**
81099	6/9/2026	003378 EMPIRE SOUTHWEST, LLC	EPSL00016934	024502	EQUIPMENT	233,812.50
					Total :	**233,812.50**
81100	6/9/2026	008700 FIRE X INCORPORATED	219		REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	1,575.21
				025628		
				025628		

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81100	6/9/2026	008700 FIRE X INCORPORATED	(Continued)			
			283	025628	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	753.64
			284	025628	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	280.58
					Total :	**2,609.43**
81101	6/9/2026	005213 FRONTIER	7609223545	025986	COMMUNICATIONS 5/13-6/12/2026	207.85
			7609229375	025985	COMMUNICATIONS 5/13-6/12/2026	205.13
			9091590013	025987	COMMUNICATIONS 5/7-6/6/2026	8,003.62
					Total :	**8,416.60**
81102	6/9/2026	005978 FULTON DISTRIBUTING - SO CAL	702954	025978	SUPPLIES	142.66
			703445	025978	SUPPLIES	561.70
				025978		
					Total :	**704.36**
81103	6/9/2026	000644 GOSERCO, INC	13373	025848	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	1,033.83
					Total :	**1,033.83**
81104	6/9/2026	000129 GRANITE CONSTRUCTION	3198741	025979	ASPHALT	19,681.66
					Total :	**19,681.66**
81105	6/9/2026	008067 JOE A. GONSALVES & SON	164371	025956	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	4,160.00
					Total :	**4,160.00**
81106	6/9/2026	002150 JONES MAYER	MAR 2026	025967	LEGAL SERVICES 3/2026	29,170.13
					Total :	**29,170.13**
81107	6/9/2026	003377 KIMBALL-MIDWEST	104275938	025980	PARTS/SUPPLIES	1,636.33
					Total :	**1,636.33**
81108	6/9/2026	008591 MAIN STREET PRINTING BY DESIGN	000016	025999	PRINTING/CUSTOM SERVICES	1,357.20
					Total :	**1,357.20**
81109	6/9/2026	008411 MODERN IMAGING SOLUTIONS INC	001006107	025917	SUPPLIES	489.10
					Total :	**489.10**
81110	6/9/2026	001098 MULTI W SYSTEMS	32630621	025851	SEWER LIFT REHABILITATION	71,839.34

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81110	6/9/2026	001098 001098 MULTI W SYSTEMS	(Continued)		**Total :**	**71,839.34**
81111	6/9/2026	008730 NWISU, JEROME	052826	025958	BASKETBALL OFFICIAL	122.50
					Total :	**122.50**
81112	6/9/2026	004813 OLIVAS, ALVINO	052826	025959	BASKETBALL OFFICIAL	85.50
					Total :	**85.50**
81113	6/9/2026	008635 PC LAW GROUP	12516	025954	LEGAL SERVICES 11/2025	495.00
			12538	025954	LEGAL SERVICES 12/2025	1,620.00
			12617	025954	LEGAL SERVICES 4/2026	810.00
					Total :	**2,925.00**
81114	6/9/2026	000039 PETTY CASH	060526	025994	PETTY CASH	419.92
					Total :	**419.92**
81115	6/9/2026	001487 PITNEY BOWES BANK, INC	18696948	025991	POSTAGE 5/1-5/31/2026	4,462.55
					Total :	**4,462.55**
81116	6/9/2026	007152 PLUMBERS DEPOT INC	PD-60899	025941	PARTS/SUPPLIES	1,229.97
					Total :	**1,229.97**
81117	6/9/2026	001847 R E HOOVER CONSTRUCTION	3252	025969	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	18,500.00
					Total :	**18,500.00**
81118	6/9/2026	000315 RDO EQUIPMENT CO	P3858442	025689	PARTS/SUPPLIES	57.69
			P3872242	025696	PARTS/SUPPLIES	632.24
					Total :	**689.93**
81119	6/9/2026	007523 REVEAL MEDIA USA, INC	1760	025913	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT	1,931.40
					Total :	**1,931.40**
81120	6/9/2026	003606 RODRIGUEZ, GUSTAVO	148	024252	WATER TREATMENT SERVICES 5/2026	2,000.00
					Total :	**2,000.00**
81121	6/9/2026	000627 S & S WORLDWIDE, INC	IN101731317	025355	SUPPLIES	309.89
			IN101762704	025355	SUPPLIES	46.75
			IN101763490	025355	SUPPLIES	61.98

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81121	6/9/2026	000627 000627 S & S WORLDWIDE, INC	(Continued)		Total :	418.62
81122	6/9/2026	008410 SONNER, EARL	052426	025982	REIMBURSEMENT	398.19
					Total :	398.19
81123	6/9/2026	000337 STATE CONTROLLER	FTB-00008917	025993	OFFSETS PROGRAM	26.88
					Total :	26.88
81124	6/9/2026	007841 TRIPLE H PARTS SUPPLY, INC	539300	025690	PARTS/SUPPLIES	139.18
			539399	025801	PARTS/SUPPLIES	461.84
			539657	025698	PARTS/SUPPLIES	765.19
			539810	025858	PARTS/SUPPLIES	95.69
			539935	025860	PARTS/SUPPLIES	217.09
					Total :	1,678.99
81125	6/9/2026	000991 USA BLUEBOOK	INV01002732	025599	PARTS/SUPPLIES	108.27
			INV01002742	025599	PARTS/SUPPLIES	216.63
			INV01002791	025599	PARTS/SUPPLIES	139.57
			INV01002842	025600	PARTS/SUPPLIES	2,111.40
			INV01004243	025599	PARTS/SUPPLIES	28.89
			INV01022607	025726	PARTS/SUPPLIES	1,847.26
					Total :	4,452.02
81126	6/9/2026	005011 WILLDAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	010-66126	025420	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	2,845.00
					Total :	2,845.00
					Bank total :	460,293.98
					Total vouchers :	614,692.85

47 Vouchers for bank code : union

69 Vouchers in this report

Bank code : union

Voucher	Date	Vendor	Invoice	PO #	Description/Account	Amount

CLAIMS VOUCHER APPROVAL

I hereby certify that warrants numbered 11544-11565 and 81080-81126 in the amount of $614,692.85 have been reviewed for payment by the Director of Finance. I further certify Councilmembers of the City of Blythe, CA approved said warrants at the meeting of June 16, 2026.

Christa Elms
Director of Finance

CITY OF BLYTHE

PAYROLL LISTING

Pay period 04/24/2026 to 05/07/2026
Payday 05/15/2026

I hereby certify that payroll warrants numbered 55772 to 55788, and direct deposits warrants numbered 65297 to 65372 in the amount of $301,601.73 have been reviewed for payment by the Director of Finance. I further certify that Councilmembers of the City of Blythe, CA approved said warrants at the meeting of June 16th, 2026.

Director of Finance

CITY OF BLYTHE

PAYROLL LISTING

Pay period 05/08/2026 to 05/18/2026
Payday 05/18/2026

I hereby certify that payroll warrants numbered 55789 to 55790 in the amount of $11,028.00 have been reviewed for payment by the Director of Finance. I further certify that Councilmembers of the City of Blythe, CA approved said warrants at the meeting of June 16th, 2026.

Director of Finance

CITY OF BLYTHE

PAYROLL LISTING

Pay period 05/08/2026 to 05/21/2026
Payday 05/29/2026

I hereby certify that payroll warrants numbered 55791 to 55803, and direct deposits warrants numbered 65373 to 65447 in the amount of $263,191.90 have been reviewed for payment by the Director of Finance. I further certify that Councilmembers of the City of Blythe, CA approved said warrants at the meeting of June 16th, 2026.

Director of Finance

CITY OF BLYTHE

PAYROLL LISTING

Pay period 05/01/2026 to 05/31/2026
Payday 06/05/2026

I hereby certify that payroll warrants numbered 55804 to 55814, and direct deposits warrants numbered 65448 to 65541 in the amount of $95,058.15 have been reviewed for payment by the Director of Finance. I further certify that Councilmembers of the City of Blythe, CA approved said warrants at the meeting of June 16th, 2026.

Director of Finance

Minutes of the Blythe City Council Meeting
May 12, 2026

The May 12, 2026, meeting of the Blythe City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers by Mayor DeConinck. Also in attendance were Vice Mayor Rodriguez and Council Members Halby, Burton and Spraggins. Staff in attendance included: Interim City Manager and City Clerk Crecelius, City Attorney Roberto, City Treasurer and Finance Director Elms, Public Works Director Elegores, Chief Building Official Brown, Acting Police Chief Walnoha and Fire Chief Hasler.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor DeConinck.

The Invocation was led by Council Member Burton.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION:
City Attorney Roberto stated there was no reportable action.

PRESENTATION:

Recognition of Palo Verde Unified School District's Teachers of the Year. Superintendent April Smith presented the 2026 Teachers of the Year: Terra Hickox a Special Education Teacher of Civics, Economics, English and Study Skills at Palo Verde High School, Ashley Vargas a 1st Grade Teacher at Appleby Elementary, Luis Benvenutti a Special Education Teacher in TK-2nd Grade at Ruth Brown Elementary, Bernadette Wells a 5th Grade Teacher at Margaret White Elementary and Ariel Tennefos, a Math Teacher at Twin Palms High School.

PROCLAMATION:

May is Building Safety Month.

Celebrating Bethel AME Church and National Day of Prayer, May 7, 2026.

CONSENT CALENDAR: *Items on the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted with one motion of the Council. If any item requires individual consideration, it will be removed from the consent calendar and acted upon separately.*

4. **Posting of the Agenda.**
The agenda was 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 and on the City's website on Friday, May 8, 2026.

5. **Approval of the Warrant Register.**
Recommendation: Approve **5/12/26,** warrants numbered 11516 through 11530 and 80909 through 80951 in the amount of $309,505.65; **5/12/26,** Utility Billing Refund warrants numbered 80952 through 80964 in the amount of $1,588.36 and **5/12/26,** warrants numbered 11531 and 80965 through 81016 in the amount of $261,283.16.

6. **Approval of the Payroll Register.**
Recommendation: Approve **5/12/26,** warrants numbered 55726 through 55741 and Direct Deposit warrants numbered 65051 through 65125 in the amount of $286,428.34; **5/12/26,** warrants numbered 55742 through 55758 and direct deposit warrants numbered 65126 through 65200 in the amount of $301,208.27; **5/12/26,** warrant numbered 55759 and Direct Deposit warrant numbered 65201 in the amount of $2,236.77; **5/12/2026,** warrant numbered 55760 and

Direct Deposit warrant numbered 65202 in the amount of $121.88; **5/12/26,** warrants numbered 55761 through 55771 and Direct Deposit warrants numbered 65203 through 65296 in the amount of $99,890.96.

7. **Minutes of the April 14, 2026 City Council Meeting.**
   Recommendation: Approve the Minutes of the April 14, 2026 Meeting.
8. **City of Blythe Permits Issued in the Month of April 2026.**
   Recommendation: Receive file the monthly report.
9. **City of Blythe Fire Department Monthly Activity Report for April 2026.**
   Recommendation: Receive the monthly report.
10. **Quality of Life Program Activity Report for April 2026.**
    Recommendation: Receive the monthly report.
11. **Biennial Review of Conflict-of-Interest Code.**
    Recommendation: Direct staff to review the City's Conflict of Interest Code and report to Council no later than October 1, 2026, regarding any required amendments.
12. **Annual Rate Adjustment Under Solid Waste Franchise Agreement.**
    Recommendation: Approve the annual rate adjustment pursuant to Section 22.7 of the Solid Waste Franchise Agreement between the City and CR&R Incorporated.
13. **Request for Aerial Fireworks Display.**
    Recommendation: Approve the Aerial Fireworks Display application submitted by the Blythe Volunteer Fire Department.
14. **Barnard/Lovekin Storm Lift Rehabilitation Project.**
    Recommendation: Award an agreement to AZCA in an amount to exceed $196,750; authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the agreement once reviewed and approved by the City Attorney; authorize $35,000 for contingencies; establish a project budget not to exceed $231,450 and authorize the City Manager to approve and execute change orders within the established project budget.
15. **Annual Assessment for Lighting Districts Nos.1 and 2 for Fiscal Year 2026/27.**
    Recommendation: Adopt the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-005. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE PREPARATION AND FILING OF A REPORT REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 ASSESSMENT TO BE LEVIED WITHING THE CITY OF BLYTHE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-006. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, PRELIMINARILY APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR CITY OF BLYTHE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO.1, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS WITHIN SAID DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING SUCH ASSESSMENTS.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-007. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE PREPARATION AND FILING OF A REPORT REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 ASSESSMENT TO BE LEVIED WITHING THE CITY OF BLYTHE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 2.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-008. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, PRELIMINARILY APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR CITY OF BLYTHE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO.2, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS WITHIN SAID DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING SUCH ASSESSMENTS.

Interim City Manager stated one of the pages of the report for the Annual Rate Adjustment Under the Solid Waste Franchise Agreement was left out of the Agenda. That has been corrected and revised copies provided to Council and made available to the Public. The Resolutions setting the public hearing for the Lighting District Assessments were also corrected to reference a Hearing Date of June 16, 2026.

Council Member Spraggins asked to pull Item No. 10.

Council Member Halby asked to pull Item No. 12.

No public comment. Council Member Halby moved approval of Consent Calendar Items 1-9, 11 and 13-15. The motion was seconded by Council Member Burton with unanimous aye vote.

Quality of Life Activity Report for May. Acting Chief Walnoha presented the report.

Council Member Spraggins questioned the number of people transported in the month of April. She asked the Interim City Manager to verify the numbers. 85 is a lot of people. She asked if anyone was assigned to the position and if this was being handled by patrol assigned to overtime.

Councilman Halby said if you look at the report, that is about the average.

No public comment. The Item was received.

Annual Rate Adjustment Under Solid Waste Franchise Agreement. Finance Director Elms stated the City's contract with CR&R provides for annual rate adjustment for the services. The rate adjustments must be reviewed and approved by staff and Council prior to commencing on July 1 of each year.

Council Member Halby stated they are not upholding their contract and I want us to take a look at it. They need to abide by it. They have not kept our alleys clean. It's unacceptable. I pulled this item to air my displeasure with CR&R. We have to raise the rates, but we need more bang for our buck and they need to abide by their contract, every single line.

No public comment. Vice Mayor DeConinck moved approval of staff's recommendation including direction to staff to address the CR&R contract issues. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burton with a unanimous aye vote.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Annual Report on Staff Vacancies, Recruitment, and Retention Efforts. Finance Director Elms stated the item is a presentation to address new requirements under AB 2561 as it relates to the status of vacancies and the efforts of recruitment and retention. The bill went into effect in 2025 to ensure public agencies are appropriately staffed and vacancies do not hinder operations. Under the law, the City is required to hold one public hearing annually prior to budget adoption to present an annual report on job vacancies and recruitment and retention efforts.

Council Member Spraggins stated public works staffing is at a critical level. I am told people apply but nothing happens. We have to be proactive in filling these vacancies. We are losing Officers faster than we can hire. Any that can get hired elsewhere are applying out. Some are considering retiring early. This is a morale issue caused by a lack of leadership. Officers say they no longer feel supported by administration and fear retaliation.

Interim City Manager Crecelius stated there was testing today to fill the open Street position at Public Works. There was testing yesterday to fill the open clerical position at Public Works. We are making progress on filing those vacancies.

The Public Hearing was opened.

John Bush with the Non-Sworn unit stated the City needs to be competitive with other employers. The City has lost qualified workers to other workplaces. Applicants have declined offers due to low pay. Applications are sparce for all departments in the City. The list includes the vacancies but not the unfunded positions. Non-Sworn and other departments have lost valuable employees, and we have all taken on more responsibilities. It plays a part in wearing on everyone. I worked at Public Works and then transferred to the Police Department. The concern the City should have over the next few years is how to keep experienced workers as well as get qualified personnel to work for the City and make it a lifelong career.

Francis Camou of 975 E. Avenue A stated I worked at the Rec Center as the Coordinator and I resigned due to not feeling support from leadership. I loved my job there and made a lot of good changes but there was internal stuff going on and I needed more support. With lack of leadership and the pay, I did resign. I left for the summer. But have been back since January and I am still looking for a job.

Shelly Soto, a Police Department employee, stated I don't necessarily agree with some comments made. I think some of the problems is low pay. It is not low support. We are being treated better now than we have been in the past and I think some interviews need to be done or someone questioned but I don't think blind comments saying poor leadership are fair to be made.

Angela Colangeli of Peace from Chaos asked which 7 positions were vacant. She said there are no job openings on the website. She asked if there was a job opening for a City Manager. We need a City Manager Council.

The Public Hearing was closed. The item was received.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

Palo Verde Hospital Ad Hoc Committee Update. Interim City Manager Crecelius reported at the last Board meeting the Healthcare District Board approved an agreement with new Board-Certified Physicians. I understand the physicians are on site and it has resulted in improved wait times and improvements in service.

Councilman Halby stated they made some improvements to the building as well.

No public comment The item was received.

Blythe Police Department Monthly Incident and Activity Reports. Acting Police Chief Walnoha stated at the last meeting, Council Member Spraggins expressed concerns that the Incident and Activity Report was incomplete. During the discussion Vice Mayor Rodriguez requested additional statistics related to residential burglaries and attempted homicides. Council Member Spraggins asked for statistics on drive by shootings. Staff reviewed Agendas dating

back to 2003 to determine the history of this report. Staff found that this report has remained substantially in its current form since May 2015 when it began routinely appearing on Council Agendas. At Council's request, staff updated the March and April 2026 reports to include occupied and unoccupied residential burglaries, homicides, attempted homicides, shootings at inhabited vehicles or dwellings and firearm discharge related incidents. Aside from Blythe, only Banning reports monthly statists to Council. Most Riverside County agencies instead post the statistics directly to their websites. Posting statistics to the website would be the most transparent and centralized and access for both Council and the public moving forward. Staff requested direction.

Council Member Spraggins stated I didn't think I needed to break it down like this, but I must. I want the report to include all shots fired at people, houses and vehicles. Also, any violent crimes reported I would like the outcome by arrest and follow up. Please include number of arrests made each month, broken down by felony and misdemeanor. I have asked for the last several weeks for arrest stats, but no information has been sent. We used to get press releases, but we have only received one over the last six months. I don't believe these reports are accurate as I have been told by people in the community that there are shootings all the time. I would like to see stat on the website as well as in the Agenda. Please document my statements in the Minutes.

Council Member Halby stated I would like to see some year-to-date columns for comparison. I think the form has been fine the whole 9 years I have been on Council. A few improvements and we should be good.

Acting Chief Walnoha stated every shooting that occurred during the months of March and April is listed in this report.

Mayor DeConinck stated we are doing a better job than all the other agencies beside Banning.

Council Member Burton stated I commend what you are doing Chief. I am going to agree with Council Member Spraggins. Due to the concerns of Community members, I understand there are certain things you can't give detail on; but people come to us and we don't have the correct answer all the time. It's good to say come to the meeting and it can be addressed. Until we can do that, I would like more detail in the report about incidents such as the shootings. I've had people who have been shot at express concerns. That's not too much to ask. We need a more detailed report.

Acting Chief Walnoha stated as it comes to shootings, those are on there. The stats provided cover the shootings.

Pam Bush stated I am the one that does these stats. So, for you, Summer, to say that they are not accurate, you are calling me a liar publicly. These stats have taken a lot of my time away from some important projects and deadlines, including a grant to replace 9-1-1 equipment. The stats you requested related to felony and misdemeanors are not done because they require some overtime. I hope to have them done by the end of this week. You asked for shootings and more detail. This is the detail. I don't know how much more detailed I can get. This is the total number of things that have happened in that time frame. There were no shootings in the month of March.

I know that Council Member Spraggins insisted that there was. The one she was referring to was on social media and it was on April 5th. When you look at the April stats, those shootings are spelled out there. There was one attempt homicide, two at an inhabited dwelling where someone was inside and we had two where there was evidence of discharging a firearm by locating casings at a scene. She asked for drive by shootings and there was none. Just because someone shoots a gun does not mean it came from a vehicle. You have to have some evidence. The officers used the code sections based on the crime. As far as occupied vs occupied residential burglaries, we added those stats as well. What you are asking for is going to take a lot of extra time each month. Banning's stats are the way that the DOJ and FBI require the stats. So, if I printed out a list of what we call an arrest report, it would give you codes that mean nothing to you. I could do that but you won't understand the FBI codes. We can do some of the detail but it's really a waste of staff's time. If you want to waste our time, we will do it but we have given us the information you have asked for. I would be happy to sit down and see what else you want. I am happy to oblige.

Council Member Spraggins stated I want it broken down by violent crimes and violent arrests.

Pam Bush stated that is on there. If you want to sit down with me, I can show you what I have and we can break it out that way. That may be the best way.

Council Member Spraggins stated I want to make sure they are accurate.

Pam Bush stated they are very accurate. I am the one that did this, this is my job.

Council Member Spraggins stated it's the Chief's job.

Pam Bush stated no, it's my job. I am the custodian of records. I am the one that is responsible for that so you are publicly calling me a liar by telling me this information is incorrect.

Council Member Spraggins stated I want to ensure they are accurate. You can come back to council and make sure they are accurate.

Pam Bush stated they are 100% accurate but I am happy to sit with you to see if we can oblige you a little better but this information is accurate.

Council Member Burton said I am not saying this to impugn your honor, but when people come up I don't feel like I am qualified to say this is what's going on because they say. I direct them to you because that is your job. I don't want to take it upon myself on Facebook live to say this is what is going on in Blythe so I try to keep if as professional as I can by directing them to you. I am not asking you to say it's a waste of time when a citizen has a concern. I know you didn't mean it that way but when someone's child has been shot at in a car and you say these extra details is a waste of time what are you telling that citizen? That is where I am coming from.

Pam Bush stated she asked for numbers of stats and we provided it. What details? What more do you want?

Council Member Burton said maybe we can have a study session. I don't want to take it upon myself to say I am looking out for you. I understand how it works. When people come up to us we are trying to be a buffer, and I am trying to be professional. Don't use me as the source. I think if we can sit down and study it, I would be more confident explaining it to people. I am not trying to impugn anyone's honor. I am saying something because I have a deep concern and I want it to be communicated. When people come to me, I want it to be clarified. I don't want to sound like I know because I am on Council. Go to the people in the profession. I want to do it the right way. I want my statements in the record.

Mayor DeConinck asked how many shootings occurred in the County.

Acting Chief Walnoha stated there was one last month on the Mesa. It rolled into the City so that gave us another one. That's the only one I am aware of.

Council Member Burton stated I want it on record that I am not trying to condescend or impugn your honor. I commend all of you. I just want clarification.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez stated these lists started from conversations like this due to concerns and wanting to know what the Police Department is doing. Public Safey is over 50% of our budget so when they need extra people, this is part of our justification. If we don't have an up-to-date report on what's going on, how do we raise taxes or reallocate to public safety without addressing the need with the community? That is why these stats are needed. It's a thankless job. Having it on the website would be helpful.

Council Member Halby stated I think you guys are doing a fabulous job and I don't know why these issues haven't been raised over the last 9 years I have been on Council. There have been plenty of Chiefs that you could have brought these issues too so it's odd to me this conversation is occurring now. Blythe PD is doing amazing and it's the best job I have seen in the last 9 years.

Public comment.

James Schleuter said the back and forth was ridiculous. Nothing specific was asked by Council Member Burton. The Police Department is doing a great job. I appreciate them. You expressed needing to hire more people, and we are asking them do a lot more work and I think more important projects are being put on the back burner and I don't think that's a good thing at all.

Michelle VanDyke stated you know that I have the utmost respect for all of you, but I wanted to remind you that when people ask a question, you are not going to have the answer because you don't work at the Police Department or at any of the other departments. All you can do is talk to the citizens. Get as much information as possible and let them know you will get back to them. Then get the information you need from the City Manager. I understand you want to be as informed as possible. But if you don't work for that department you won't know. You have to accept that, get the information and then get back to that person. At the police department there is confidential information that cannot be discussed without compromising the case.

John Bush stated the case with the shooting and there was a child in the car was not picked up by the DA. Some of the filed cases are not picked up by the DA. It doesn't mean that agency is not doing their job. Once it moves on its kind of out of our hands if there is nothing more to investigate, what do you send them?

Angela Colangeli stated the shooting we are talking about was my 4-year-old nice. There were two cars on the road. My Nice's car and the car that shot at her. A bullet was left above my four-year-old niece's head. The DA did not pick it up. I spoke to the Chief and there is nothing he can do but there is something we can do. They are willing to testify. We did not see the gun and who shot but there were only two cars on the road. My sister went around asking for neighborhood camera footage. Nobody did anything, but my sister did the leg work to get 10 videos at 10 different houses after the shooting. It started from EZ mart to Burce Court. Something needs to be done. You can sit here and bicker and fight, but someone needs to take responsibility for this case and do something about it. I am peace form chaos, and I am going to bring the chaos if this thing is not settled and those guys are not in jail. I am going to start advocating because something needs to be done. Summer and the Chief, you can fight back and forth all you want but you need to come together to figure out how to solve these shootings. This shooting was in February. There have been shootings every month but maybe people are not reporting them. We know from the streets it's happening.

Mayor DeConinck said we are going to the best job we can.

Direction was provided to staff to schedule a Study Session.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ORAL REPORTS:
Interim City Manager Crecelius stated our friends from Brown University are in town this week and here with us this evening. This Saturday is the Mother Son Dance at the Rec Center.

Finance Director Elms stated in February 2024, staff asked for authorization to submit a funding application to the Department of Water Resources Control Board for water treatment improvements at the Hidden Beaches water system. Staff have been working on that application for over two years now. Staff is happy to announce the Division of Financial Assistance intends to fund $4.6 million in improvements to that water system. The contact for funding is in our possession. Once fully executed, we can start expending those funds which include a reservoir, well and new treatment facilities.

MEMBER COMMENT:
Council Member Halby gave an update on the closure of Comingled Plume 6 which will open up some properties on Hobsonway for development. The Pink Trash Bags had a great clean up on May 2nd. We had a great group of 25 people. I want to give a shout out to the Chief, his wife and son for coming out.

Council Member reported on the Run for the Wall.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
James Schleuter asked Council to consider a long-term idea for Blythe's future. He asked for a feasibility study. Blythe is struggling. We are a town people pass through. Not a town people come to. I am asking for a feasibility study for a controlled water basin for recreation at Quechan Park. River recreation is inconsistent. River levels change. If people don't see us as a destination, they won't stop. Imagine a stabilized lake area with a boardwalk and waterfront park with restrooms, playground, fishing and public access to the water which can be expanded over time with private investment. Yes, this would cost a lot of money. We do not start by improving construction, but by studying it. This could take 15-20 years. Generational projects don't start overnight but need to start somewhere. I ask you to direct staff to explore the idea to find out if this is possible.

Mike McAndrew stated you sunk my dock on the Colorado River and I have $200,000 worth of damage. Please call me.

John Paul Wherli stated improvements have been made since last month. Infrastructure is required for community development. The parks department still needs to call dig alert. Public Works is doing well with it. You should have a report from public works for internal planning. You do not have a locating program. A training program would be a wonderful thing. They have been asking me how to do their job better. They need guidance, leadership and training.

ADJOURN: The City Council meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm.

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Joseph DeConinck, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mallory Crecelius, City Clerk

City of Blythe
PERMITS ISSUED
For the Period 5/1/2026 thru 5/31/2026

Permit No./Issued

Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
B2605-001	DEMO-INT	909 WEST BARNARD STREET	SONIA KIM KELLEY	2,000.00	181.00	181.00
5/1/2026		836076002	OWNER			
5/1/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name Interior Demolition Units 1-5				
5/1/2026						
Total for:	**DEMO-INT**			**2,000.00**	**181.00**	**181.00**

Permit No./Issued

Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
SAB2605-006	ELEC	565 NORTH BROADWAY	HALI ARMSTEAD & LAMBERT	50,942.00	885.62	885.62
5/27/2026	SOLAR	842070020	LGCY INSTALLATION SERVICE			
5/27/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name PV + ST & MPU				
5/27/2026						
B2605-026	ELEC	358 SIEGFRIED LANE	LORENIA & ESPERANZA BECE	150.00	160.00	160.00
5/27/2026		839120011	SHAWN COPELAND			
5/27/2026	FINALED	Permit Name Insp to Energize existing panel				
5/27/2026						
SAB2605-005	ELEC	601 PARKER PLACE	CRAIG & FRANCES KENNEDY	15,000.00	690.95	690.95
5/21/2026	SOLAR	842025017	SUN CAPITAL ENERGY			
5/21/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name PV+ST				
5/21/2026						
SAB2605-001	ELEC	381 NORTH CARLTON AVENUE	CASTRO & GONZALEZ	15,000.00	690.95	690.95
5/5/2026	SOLAR	836172011	SUN CAPITAL ENERGY			
5/5/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name PV+ST				
5/5/2026						
SAB2605-003	ELEC	3951 COVE CIRCLE	J M MORGAN TRUST	12,000.00	690.56	690.56
5/19/2026	SOLAR	833360032	SUN CAPITAL ENERGY			
5/19/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name PV+ST				
5/19/2026						
SAB2605-002	ELEC	1832 RIVIERA DRIVE	KEITH & MARGUERITE LUPER	15,000.00	690.95	690.95
5/8/2026	SOLAR	869390027	SUN CAPITAL ENERGY			
5/8/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name PV+ST				
5/8/2026						
B2605-007	ELEC	350 SAN LUIS WAY	EMG CAPITAL INVESTMENT	1,200.00	297.00	297.00
5/13/2026		836155005	JONATHAN DINCO ELECTRIC			
5/8/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name Service Panel Upgrade				
5/13/2026						
B2605-028	ELEC	2210 COOL WATERS	ROY & JANICE MALLETT	100.00	297.00	297.00
5/28/2026		824213018	OWNER			
5/28/2026	FINALED	Permit Name Energize elec for pool equip only				
5/28/2026						
Total for:	**ELEC**			**109,392.00**	**4,403.03**	**4,403.03**

Permit No./Issued

Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
B2602-013	EXCAV	E/W Hobson & N/S Broadway eas	CITY OF BLYTHE RIGHT OF W/	102,000.00	687.00	687.00
5/20/2026			INNOVATIVE ENVIRONMENTA			
2/19/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name Demo 34 monitoring wells				
2/27/2026						
Total for:	**EXCAV**			**102,000.00**	**687.00**	**687.00**

Permit No./Issued

Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid

B2604-017	FENCE	680 RIVIERA DRIVE	JOSEPH CASINO	4,500.00	1,233.59	1,233.59
5/1/2026	BLOCK	869240010	BURROW CONSTRUCTION			
4/14/2026 4/22/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name Block Wall w/Elec & Lights				
Total for:	**FENCE**			**4,500.00**	**1,233.59**	**1,233.59**

Permit No./Issued

Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
B2604-027	GARAGE	1080 EAST NEVADA AVENUE	FERNANDO & MARIA SALDAN	36,136.80	1,264.26	1,264.26
5/7/2026		857083002	OWNER			
4/27/2026 5/7/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name Demo carport & build 27x28 garage				
Total for:	**GARAGE**			**36,136.80**	**1,264.26**	**1,264.26**

Permit No./Issued

Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
B2510-020	GRADING	508 EAST HOBSONWAY	DEAN LESTER	0.00	3,752.00	3,752.00
5/14/2026		848082001	OWNER			
10/28/2025 5/5/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name				
Total for:	**GRADING**			**0.00**	**3,752.00**	**3,752.00**

Permit No./Issued

Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
B2605-005	HYDRO	1781 EAST HOBSONWAY	PATEL ET AL	40,000.00	346.00	346.00
5/8/2026		851120008	STRONGARM ENVIRONMENTA			
5/7/2026 5/7/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name Remove & Replace Dirt/Soil				
Total for:	**HYDRO**			**40,000.00**	**346.00**	**346.00**

Permit No./Issued

Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
B2605-010	MECH	371 ALICE LANE	RICARDO & EMILDA BORBOA	3,000.00	269.00	269.00
5/13/2026		848162008	STEADFAST HEATING AND AII			
5/13/2026 5/13/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name Changeout 4 ton gas/elec unit				
B2605-014	MECH	360 NORTH WILLOW AVENUE	GLORIA VEGA-CULLISON	3,000.00	269.00	269.00
5/14/2026		845021034	AACES HEATING AND AIR CO			
5/14/2026 5/14/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name Changeout 3 ton unit				
B2605-024	MECH	321 ALICE LANE	MALDONADO & BALTAZAR	3,000.00	269.00	269.00
5/27/2026		848162003	STEADFAST HEATING AND AII			
5/27/2026 5/27/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name Changeout 3.5 ton gas/elec unit				
Total for:	**MECH**			**9,000.00**	**807.00**	**807.00**

Permit No./Issued

Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
B2605-006	OTHER	3968 BIRDIE COURT	JAMES THOMAS	700.00	262.50	262.50
5/15/2026		821242026	MORENO CONSTRUCTION & B			
5/7/2026 5/13/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name Gas line for BBQ & Concrete				

B2605-019	OTHER	413 EAST MURPHY STREET	ROBERT STEPHEN MCCALL	4,990.00	182.65	182.65
5/19/2026		845162020	FERNANDOS AFFORDABLE FU			
5/19/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name	Reroof, Flooring & Painting			
5/19/2026						
B2605-002	OTHER	1302 RIVIERA DRIVE	JOSE & CYNTHIA LOGAN	16,320.00	348.40	348.40
5/1/2026		869420020	BURROW CONSTRUCTION			
5/1/2026	FINALED	Permit Name	REROOF-TO & Paint, 26 sqs			
5/1/2026						
B2605-016	OTHER	601 PARKER PLACE	CRAIG & FRANCES KENNEDY	10,000.00	226.41	226.41
5/14/2026		842025017	FERNANDOS AFFORDABLE FU			
5/14/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name	Reroof & Painting			
5/14/2026						
Total for:	**OTHER**			**32,010.00**	**1,019.96**	**1,019.96**

Permit No./Issued

Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
B2605-004	PLUMB	2760 COLORADO RIVER ROAD	ANDRE & FARIDA BLAKEY	2,300.00	38.00	38.00
5/5/2026	WATER HEATER	833360040	OWNER			
5/5/2026	FINALED	Permit Name	WATER HEATER			
5/5/2026						
Total for:	**PLUMB**			**2,300.00**	**38.00**	**38.00**

Permit No./Issued

Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
B2605-011	REMOVE-C	1936 EAST HOBSONWAY	VIRGIL & RASAMEE JAYCOX	90,000.00	181.00	181.00
5/13/2026		857180002	JAYCOX CONSTRUCTION CNG			
5/13/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name	Asbestos Removal & Building Demo			
5/13/2026						
Total for:	**REMOVE-C**			**90,000.00**	**181.00**	**181.00**

Permit No./Issued

Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
B2605-009	RERF	402 NORTH BROADWAY	SALLY G VASQUEZ	5,000.00	182.65	182.65
5/12/2026	TEAR OFF	845061011	ROOFING KNIGHTS			
5/12/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name	TO, 13.51 sqs			
5/12/2026						
B2605-020	RERF	512 NORTH FIFTH STREET	JUAN & ROSALBA ZUNIGA	3,000.00	182.50	182.50
5/20/2026	TEAR OFF	842124009	OWNER			
5/20/2026	FINALED	Permit Name	TEAR OFF, 1300 sqs			
5/20/2026						
B2605-022	RERF	362 NORTH ACACIA STREET	AURELIO MEZA FLORES	15,373.00	330.97	330.97
5/20/2026	TEAR OFF	851142011	OWNER			
5/20/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name	TEAR OFF, 24 sqs			
5/20/2026						
Total for:	**RERF**			**23,373.00**	**696.12**	**696.12**

Permit No./Issued

Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
RC2605-001	RIVCOUNTY	17755 BLYTHE WAY	PARADES, LIMON & ALVAREZ	5,000.00	180.95	180.95
5/18/2026	TEAR OFF	824072001	ROOFING KNIGHTS			
5/15/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name	Reroof-TO, 14 sqs			
5/15/2026						
Total for:	**RIVCOUNTY**			**5,000.00**	**180.95**	**180.95**

City of Blythe
PERMITS ISSUED
For the Period 5/1/2026 thru 5/31/2026

Permit No./Issued Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
SAB2605-004 5/20/2026 5/20/2026 5/20/2026	SAB ISSUED	2425 FLORENCE BOULEVARD 824191010 Permit Name PV+ST	ISHMAEL & SOLEDAD CAMPO SOLARMAX RENEWABLE ENE	32,000.00	723.16	723.16
Total for:	**SAB**			**32,000.00**	**723.16**	**723.16**

28 Permits Issued from 5/1/2026 Thru 5/31/2026

Total Valuation:	**$487,711.80**
Total Fees:	**$15,513.07**
Total Fees Paid:	**$15,513.07**

City of Blythe
Permits Applications Received
For the Period 5/1/2026 thru 5/31/2026

Permit No.	Applied	Type	Subtype	Status	Site Address/Parcel No.	Applicant/Owner/Contractor
F2605-001 **Permit Name** **Description:**	5/19/2026	ANNLFIRE		APPLIED	260 NORTH SPRING STREET 845123020	PER EMAIL FROM THE STATE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

1 Permit Applications from 5/1/2026 Thru 5/31/2026

City of Blythe
Permits Applications Received
For the Period 5/1/2026 thru 5/31/2026

Permit No.	Applied	Type	Subtype	Status	Site Address/Parcel No.	Applicant/Owner/Contractor
L2605-001 **Permit Name** NAPA **Description:**	5/12/2026	BUSINESSLICENS		APPLIED	301 NORTH MAIN STREET 845040012	VANS AUTO PARTS INC JME INVESTMENT

1 Permit Applications from 5/1/2026 Thru 5/31/2026

City of Blythe
Permits Applications Received
For the Period 5/1/2026 thru 5/31/2026

Permit No.	Applied	Type	Subtype	Status	Site Address/Parcel No.	Applicant/Owner/Contractor
BP2605-001	5/4/2026	BURNPERMIT		FINALED	149 HEFLIN DRIVE 824170034	OWNER KENNETH KALIAN
Permit Name	Piled Wood Waste/Brush					
Description:						
BP2605-002	5/6/2026	BURNPERMIT		FINALED	2265 EAST CHANSLORWAY 857140011	MICHAEL SCHURINGA JACK & SUSAN SCHURINGA
Permit Name	TUMBLEWEEDS/ PILED WOOD WASTE/BRUSH					
Description:						
BP2605-003	5/6/2026	BURNPERMIT		FINALED	1518 EAST HOBSONWAY 854071020	ETTIEN MARTINEZ JAIME & MARIA MARTINEZ
Permit Name	Tumbleweeds & Piled Wood Waste/Brush					
Description:	INCLUDES 854-071-017, 854-071-020 & 854-071-015 PERMIT 2024-001, 4.2 ACRES					
BP2605-004	5/7/2026	BURNPERMIT		FINALED	2131 FLORENCE BOULEVARD 824191031	NICOLE ELIZABETH BUSH
Permit Name	BURNING OF TUMBLEWEEDS					
Description:						
BP2605-005	5/11/2026	BURNPERMIT		FINALED	3220 WEST HOBSONWAY 824170039	JERE B ALLAN JERE & ADELENE ALLAN
Permit Name	Date Palms & Piled Wood Waste/Brush					
Description:	8.71 ACRES					

5 Permit Applications from 5/1/2026 Thru 5/31/2026

City of Blythe
Projects by Type, Status and Date
For the Period 5/1/2026 thru 5/31/2026

PLANNER NAME: MICHELLE VAN DYKE

Project Number	Project Type Owner Name Site Address	Project Name	Date Applied Date Expired	Status of Project Date Approved Date Closed
TUP2605-001	TUP ABDULLAH & NAYER HASHEMI LIVIN 691 WEST HOBSONWAY	FIREWORKS STAND	5/22/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
TUP2605-002	TUP ALBERTSONS LLC 840 EAST HOBSONWAY	FIREWORKS STAND	5/22/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
VP2605-001	VACANT PROPERTY TIASHA MARIA WATSON ROBINSON 810 YUCCA DRIVE		5/5/2026	RECIEVED
Comments:				
VP2605-002	VACANT PROPERTY EMMANUEL A HUERTA 617 WEST OREGON STREET		5/18/2026	RECIEVED
Comments:				

Total Projects for MICHELLE VAN DYKE For the Period 5/1/2026 thru 5/31/2026: 4

City of Blythe
Projects by Type, Status and Date
For the Period 5/1/2026 thru 5/31/2026

PLANNER NAME: RICKY AGUILAR

Project Number	Project Type / Owner Name / Site Address	Project Name	Date Applied / Date Expired	Status of Project / Date Approved / Date Closed
G2605-001	GRAFFITI 300 block of W HOBSONWAY	industrial control box	5/5/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2605-002	GRAFFITI 200 block of W DEKEMA ST	one way sign	5/5/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2605-003	GRAFFITI 200 block of S ASH AVE	stop sign	5/5/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2605-004	GRAFFITI 300 block of W DEKEMA ST	one way sign	5/5/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2605-005	GRAFFITI CORTNEY A BUCKS, TRUSTEE 120 SOUTH LOVEKIN BOULEVARD	covered graffiti	5/5/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2605-006	GRAFFITI 200 alley way of E HOBSONWAY	stop sign	5/5/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2605-007	GRAFFITI HPD RIVERSIDE & NATL HOUSING C 200 NORTH LOVEKIN BOULEVARD	covered graffiti	5/5/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2605-008	GRAFFITI BLYTHE HOLDINGS LLC 1790 WEST HOBSONWAY	covered graffiti	5/6/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2605-009	GRAFFITI GEORGE & RITA SCARBROUGH AB LI 181 SOUTH MAIN STREET	covered graffiti	5/6/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				

G2605-010	GRAFFITI 300 block of E HOBSONWAY	industrial meter box	5/6/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2605-011	GRAFFITI ROXBURY PROPERTIES 701 EAST HOBSONWAY	covered graffiti	5/6/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2605-012	GRAFFITI 900 block of E AVE A	STOP SIGN	5/6/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2605-013	GRAFFITI 100 alley way of N 8TH ST	stop sign	5/6/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2605-014	GRAFFITI VALLADOLID ET AL 1573 EAST HOBSONWAY	covered graffiti	5/6/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2605-015	GRAFFITI DAVID LAMB & 425 WEST CHANSLORWAY	COVERED GRAFFITI	5/12/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2605-016	GRAFFITI CITY OF BLYTHE TODD PARK	RESTROOM	5/12/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2605-017	GRAFFITI 1400 block of W HOBSONWAY	P.V.I.D canal rail	5/12/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2605-018	GRAFFITI NEW COMMUNICATIONS OF THE SOUT 400 EAST RICE STREET	covered graffiti	5/12/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2605-019	GRAFFITI 1300 block of W HOBSONWAY	bus stop	5/12/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				

G2605-020	GRAFFITI COACHELLA VALLEY HOUSING COALI 170 SOUTH SPRING STREET	covred graffiti	5/12/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2605-021	GRAFFITI CITY OF BLYTHE 375 EAST DONLON STREET	playground	5/12/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2605-022	GRAFFITI 300 block of E DONLON ST	catwalk	5/12/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2605-023	GRAFFITI 1300 block of E 14TH AVE	speed limit sign	5/12/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2605-024	GRAFFITI 1300 block of E 14TH AVE	bus stop sign	5/12/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2605-025	GRAFFITI LEALA A EVANS 586 NORTH SIXTH STREET	covered graffiti	5/13/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2605-026	GRAFFITI FRANCISCO LANDEROS 874 EAST HOBSONWAY	windows	5/13/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2605-027	GRAFFITI THE LORD WE TRUST 439 SOUTH LOVEKIN BOULEVARD	covered graffiti	5/26/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2605-028	GRAFFITI WANG FAMILY TRUST 933 EAST HOBSONWAY	covered graffiti	5/26/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2605-029	GRAFFITI 100 block of N PALM DR	stop sign	5/26/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				

City of Blythe
Projects by Type, Status and Date
For the Period 5/1/2026 thru 5/31/2026

G2605-030	GRAFFITI	bus stop	5/26/2026	COMPLETED
	300 block of N MAIN ST			
Comments:				
G2605-031	GRAFFITI	city trash can	5/26/2026	COMPLETED
	200 block of N MAIN ST			
Comments:				
G2605-032	GRAFFITI	stop sign	5/26/2026	COMPLETED
	500 block of N SOLA ST			
Comments:				

Total Projects for RICKY AGUILAR For the Period 5/1/2026 thru 5/31/2026: 32

6/4/2026
9:21:14AM

City of Blythe
Cases Opened (By Type)
For the Period 5/1/2026 thru 5/31/2026

Type of Case	Number opened
BLDG	4
COMPLAINT	6
DUMPING	2
HAZMAT	1
TRANSIENTS	1
WEED	14
ZONING	26

Total Cases Opened: 54

Cases closed in May: 29

Current active cases: 300

CITY OF BLYTHE FIRE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY INCIDENT AND ACTIVITY REPORT

May 2026

Incident	Total
Public Assist / Rescue / Medical Aid	62
Structure	3
Brush, Grass, Leaves	9
Trash, Rubbish, Dumpster	1
Fire Alarms	1
Other	8
Total # of Incidents	**84**

Activity	
Drills	4
Staff Meeting	1
Total Activities	**5**

Respectfully Submitted

Ronald Hasler, Fire Chief

BLYTHE POLICE DEPARTMENT

240 North Spring Street ▪ Blythe, CA 92225 ▪ (760) 922-6111
Keith Walnoha, Acting Chief of Police

Monthly Incident and Activity Report
MAY 2026

	Total	YTD
Total Incidents for Month	**1713**	**7949**
Total Documented Police Reports for Month	**120**	**645**
Total Felony Arrests	**22**	**82**
Total Misdemeanor Arrests	**19**	**121**
Incidents		
Homicide	0	0
Attempt Homicide	2	5
Shoot at inhabited dwelling/vehicle/etc - Penal Code 246	2	4
Willful discharge of a firearm in a grossly negligent manner - Penal Code 246.3	0	2
Willful discharge of a firearm from vehicle - Penal Code 26100(C)	0	0
Domestic Violence	7	26
Battery	3	10
Residential Burglary	0	2
Occupied Residence: 0		
Unoccupied Residence: 0		
Commercial Burglary	1	9
Vehicle Burglary	0	1
Petty Theft	3	13
Grand Theft	6	13
Shoplifting	0	6
Vandalism	6	38
Driving Under the Influence	2	14
Prowlers	0	0
Public Intoxication	3	23
Trespassing	0	2
Traffic Collision - Injury	2	8
Traffic Collision - Non Injury	5	15
Traffic Collision - Hit and Run	2	4
Alarm	39	140
Abandoned Vehicle Abatement	2	15
AVA Vehicle Tows	0	1
Vehicle Red Tags	3	21
Hospital Helicopter Landing Zones	24	73

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Keith Walnoha, Interim Chief of Police

Quality of Life Program

The statistics listed below reflect total numbers of the Quality-of-Life Program for May 2026.

Quality of Life Detail:	**May**	**Year to Date**
People contacted.	**104**	**593**
People given bus tickets and left town to seek resources elsewhere.	**1**	**11**
People assisted with obtaining their ID or Social Security Cards to register for housing and assistance.	**4**	**18**
People transported to or referred to DPSS/Mental Health.	**13**	**390**
People detained under 5150 Welfare and institutions Code and transported for treatment.	**9**	**36**
People sent to rehab.	**2**	**4**
People sent for substance abuse.	**2**	**11**
People assisted with means to get out of town	**0**	**1**
Patrol assisted	**0**	**5**
Enforcement action taken(Arrests and Warrants)	**0**	0
Traffic Detail:		
Citations issued for various traffic related violations.	**0**	**0**
Traffic enforcement/ vehicle stops resulting in warnings for minor violations.	**0**	**4**
Vehicles stored	**0**	**0**
Complaints/Red/Yellow tags	**0**	**7**

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Request for the Sale and Display of Fireworks

PRESENTED BY: Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager

PREPARED BY: Alicia Figueroa, Department Assistant III

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended Council approve applications submitted by Victoria Sanchez/Spirit of Life Church for the sale of safe and sane fireworks.

FISCAL IMPACT: Potential sales tax revenue from the sale of fireworks.

BACKGROUND: Victoria Sanchez and the Spirit of Life Church have had a long standing presence in Blythe for years selling fireworks and significantly contributing to the community through their support of local businesses and donations to the Blythe Volunteer Fire Department and the Spirit of Life Church's youth programs.

STAFF REPORT: On May 22, 2026, two (2) applications were received from Victoria Sanchez for the Sale and Display of fireworks at 840 East Hobsonway (Albertsons Parking Lot) and 601 - 737 W. Hobsonway (Grocery Outlet Parking Lot)

Victoria has supplied the required forms and remitted the required fees. It is recommended Council approve both applications for the Sale and Display of Fireworks.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Applications for the Sale and Display of Fireworks
2. State Fire Marshall Retail Fireworks Applications
3. Insurance Certificates
4. California State Board of Equalization Seller's Permit
5. Property Owner Permission
6. Maps of Sale Sites
7. List of organizations assisted

CITY OF BLYTHE
APPLICATION FOR FIREWORKS SALE & DISPLAY

235 North Broadway
Blythe, California 92225
Phone: (760) 922-6161 Fax: (760) 922-4938

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

☐ APPROVED ☐ DENIED DATE: _____

29247 — RECEIPT NUMBER
$10 — RECEIPT AMOUNT
Cynthia Butler — RECEIPTED BY
5/26/26 — DATE

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: Victoria A. Ojeda / Spirit of Life Church
Name of Fraternal Organization: Spirit of Life Church
Complete Mailing Address: [redacted]
Contact Phone Number: [redacted] Email Address: [redacted]

8.38.030 Licenses for sale of safe and sane fireworks. Licenses for the sale of safe and sane fireworks shall be issued only to fraternal organizations, and such fireworks shall be sold only at the outdoor sales stands, as more specifically set forth hereinafter. No more than four such licenses shall be issued and outstanding at any time. All applications for such licenses shall be filed with the City Clerk on or before June 15th of each year, containing a detailed statement of each and every kind of fireworks proposed to be sold under the license, the location of the proposed outdoor sales stand, the type of construction of the stand, the dates and hours that the applicant proposes the stand be open, the plans for staffing the stand during those days and hours, and such other information as the City Manager shall reasonably require in order to assist the City Council in evaluating the application.

LOCATION OF PROPOSED SALES AND/OR DISPLAY

lot - 737 W. Hobson Way Blythe, CA 92225

UTILIZATION OF PROFITS

List those organizations and/or groups that you will be assisting with the profits with your project.

Organization: Spirit of Life Church, 140 S. William Five Blythe CA 92225
Program(s): Kids church, youth ministry, VBS
Where do beneficiaries reside: Blythe CA
Organization: _____
Program(s): _____
Where do beneficiaries reside: _____

8.38.040 Utilization of profits. Sales permits shall be granted only to fraternal organizations which agree that the net profit from the sales shall be utilized only for youth activities in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. The following specific provisions and requirements shall apply.

(a) Youth or adults participating in and benefitting from such activities shall be residents of the City of Blythe.
(b) Each permit application shall contain a detailed statement of the youth activities for which the applicant proposes to use such net profits and the manner of such use.
(c) No part of the net profits shall be disbursed to government entities other that Palo Verde Unified School District or the City of Blythe. Such disbursements shall be designated for specific programs.

8.38.050 Applications. Each permit application shall be accompanied by an application fee of ten dollars, which shall not be refundable. The application shall contain, in addition to all other information required by this chapter, the following information:

(a) A statement of the number and residency of the members of the applicant organization, which statement shall be certified as to accuracy by an officer of the applicant organization;
(b) A statement of the number of youth to be served by the applicant and the residency of such youth;
(c) A statement certifying that the applicant organization agrees to all terms and conditions of the license and this chapter.

I, the applicant, hereby certify that the information given above is true and correct.

So certified on this May day of 22, 2026. Victoria A Ojeda
Signature

NOTICE OF CHANGE

DATE: 05/21/2026

OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL
Caleb Phillips – Fireworks Division
2251 Harvard Street
Sacramento, CA 95815
(916) 445-8373

RETAIL FIREWORKS LICENSE # 1971

CHANGE FROM: TONY OJEDA #2-SPIRIT OF LIFE CHURCH
320 S. LOVEKIN BLVD
BLYTHE, CA 92225

CHANGE TO: TONY OJEDA #2-SPIRIT OF LIFE CHURCH
601-737 W. HOBSON WAY
BLYTHE, CA 92225 92801

COMMENTS: LOCATION CHANGE

AREA MGR.: STEVE BENNETT COUNTY: RIVERSIDE

CC: BLYTHE FIRE DEPARTMENT

AMERICAN PROMOTIONAL EVENTS, INC.-WEST
555 N. Gilbert Street • Fullerton, CA 92833
Phone (714) 738-1002 • Fax (714) 738-3661
www.tntfireworks.com

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION
RETAIL FIREWORKS LICENSE APPLICATION
FWX-15 (REV. 12/18)

Complete and return all copies to the Office of State Fire Marshal with the required fee of $150.00 made payable to "CAL FIRE". **Applications must be received prior to June 15th of the current year.**

Fire Engineering
Office of the State Fire Marshal
PO Box 944246, Sacramento, CA
94244-2460
(916) 568-2948

LICENSEE INFORMATION

Name (Last, First): Deeth, Terese	Phone Number:
Mailing Address (Street Address, City, CA, Zip): [redacted]	
Local Contact Person and Phone Number (if different from Licensee above): STEVE BENNETT, [redacted]	

STAND INFORMATION

Group Name: TONY OJEDA #2-SPIRIT OF LIFE CHURCH	
Physical Address (Street Address, City, CA, Zip): ~~320 S. LOVEKIN BLVD,~~ BLYTHE, CA, 92225	
County of Stand Location: Riverside	601-737 W. HOBSON WAY

WHOLE SALE FIREWORK VENDOR INFORMATION

Business Name: AMERICAN PROMOTIONAL EVENTS-WEST	License No.: W-1081
Contact Name: Deeth, Terese	Phone Number [redacted]

FIRE AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION

Fire Department: Blythe Fire Dept.
Physical Address (Street Address, City, CA, Zip): 201 N. Commerical, BLYTHE, CA, 92225

CAL Fire Validation No.
1971
Valid Through
06/28/2026-07/06/2026

Signature of Fireworks Program Coordinator	Signature of Licensee	Date
		04/14/2026

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For CAL FIRE DAO Use Only: Index-5942, PCA-59420, Source Code- 4129400

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DATE (MM/DD/YYYY): 11/1/2026 — 5/21/2026

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INSURED 1359665 American Promotional Events, Inc. - West DBA TNT Fireworks, Inc. 555 North Gilbert Avenue Fullerton CA 92833 CSR9040	**INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE** — **NAIC #** **INSURER A :** Century Surety Company — 36951 **INSURER B :** MS Transverse Specialty Insurance Company — 41807 **INSURER C :** Arch Indemnity Insurance Company — 30830 **INSURER D :** HDI Global Specialty SE **INSURER E :** **INSURER F :**

COVERAGES **CERTIFICATE NUMBER:** 23552307 **REVISION NUMBER:** XXXXXXX

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INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSD	SUBR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS	
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C	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) Y/N [N] If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	N/A	N	34WCI1101001	11/1/2025	11/1/2026	X PER STATUTE OTH-ER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT	$ 1,000,000 $ 1,000,000 $ 1,000,000
D	Excess Liability 1	N	N	18HX3626	11/1/2025	11/1/2026	$4M xs $2M Occ/Agg Total Excess: $6M	

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

THIS CERTIFICATE SUPERSEDES ALL PREVIOUSLY ISSUED CERTIFICATES FOR THIS HOLDER, APPLICABLE TO THE CARRIERS LISTED AND THE POLICY TERM(S) REFERENCED.

Additional Insured: Property located at Approx. 601-737 Hobson Way, Blythe, CA (CSR9040) Certificate holder is an additional insured on the General Liability as required by written contract subject to policy terms, conditions, and exclusions.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

23552307
Tony Ojeda #2-1st Assy Of God & the City of Blythe and County of Riverside their officers, agents & employees when acting in their official capacities as such
P.O. BOX 471
Blythe CA 92226

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AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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TNT FIREWORKS

INSPECTION DATE 6/27

STAND# _____ **PLUG SIDE, WHEN LOOKING OUT FROM STAND:** _____

SALES SB **LOC#** CSR9040 **CITY** BLYTHE

ORGANIZATION VICTORIA OJEDA / SPIRIT OF LIFE

SIZE 32X6 **TYPE** OPM **BACK DOORS** _____ **A-FRAMES** 1

SET-UP 6/20 **DOWN DATE** 7/10 **LIGHTS** MCGILLS

DESCRIPTION/ADDRESS 601-737 HOBSON WAY

INTERSECTION E OF NEC HOBSON WAY & LOVEKIN BLVD

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS PLACE STAND FACING HOBSON WAY—**CENTER STAND IN PARKING LINE**—BACK OF STAND TO ALIGN TO PARKING STRIPES

SETBACKS: CURB _____ **SIDEWALK** _____ **BUILDINGS** _____



Victoria A. Ojeda

[redacted]

Imperial, CA 92251

May 1, 2026

Blythe City Council Members

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Blythe, CA 92225

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8.30.050 (c)

CITY OF BLYTHE
APPLICATION FOR FIREWORKS SALE & DISPLAY

235 North Broadway
Blythe, California 92225
Phone: (760) 922-6161 Fax: (760) 922-4938

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

☐ APPROVED ☐ DENIED DATE: _____

29247 — RECEIPT NUMBER
$10.00 — RECEIPT AMOUNT
Cynthia Butler — RECEIPTED BY
5/26/26 — DATE

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: Victoria Dueda Sanchez | Spirit of Life Church
Name of Fraternal Organization: Spirit of Life Church
Complete Mailing Address: [redacted] Imperial, CA 92251
Contact Phone Numbe[redacted] Email Address: [redacted]

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LOCATION OF PROPOSED SALES AND/OR DISPLAY

840 E Hobson way Blythe CA 92225 Sale of safe and sane fireworks from June 28, 2026 to July 4, 2026

UTILIZATION OF PROFITS

List those organizations and/or groups that you will be assisting with the profits with your project.

Organization: Spirit of Life Church 140 S. Williams Ave Blythe, CA 92225
Program(s): Kids Church, Youth ministry, VBS
Where do beneficiaries reside: Blythe, CA
Organization: _____
Program(s): _____
Where do beneficiaries reside: _____

8.38.040 Utilization of profits. Sales permits shall be granted only to fraternal organizations which agree that the net profit from the sales shall be utilized only for youth activities in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. The following specific provisions and requirements shall apply.

(a) Youth or adults participating in and benefitting from such activities shall be residents of the City of Blythe.
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(b) A statement of the number of youth to be served by the applicant and the residency of such youth;
(c) A statement certifying that the applicant organization agrees to all terms and conditions of the license and this chapter.

I, the applicant, hereby certify that the information given above is true and correct.

So certified on this May day of 22, 2026. Victoria A Ojeda
Signature

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14071987
Tony Ojeda #1 and the City of Blythe and County of Riverside, their officers, agents and employees when acting in their official capacities as such
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January 12, 2026

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Subject to the terms of that certain Master Fireworks Agreement dated March 8, 2019, as amended to date (collectively, the "**Agreement**") by and between **Albertsons Companies Inc.**, a Delaware corporation ("**Grantor**"), on behalf of itself and each of its subsidiaries, and **American Promotional Events, Inc. – East**, an Alabama corporation, **American Promotional Events, Inc. – Northwest**, a Washington corporation, and **American Promotional Events, Inc. – West**, a California corporation, each doing business as **TNT Fireworks** (collectively, "**TNT**"), permission is hereby granted by Grantor to TNT or their authorized agent, for the exclusive right to enter upon a portion of the parking lot of Grantor's store identified on **Exhibit "A"** attached hereto and incorporated herein (the "**Store**") for the sole purpose of selling fireworks on or around the Summer holiday event.
Dates of Sale for the Stores is June 15, 2026 through July 15, 2026. TNT is responsible for obtaining all necessary permits or/and licenses. TNT shall ensure that the sales of consumer fireworks from the Fireworks stand/tent will be conducted with all City, County, and State ordinances and regulations.

Please contact Kathy Vilendrer at Kathy.Vilendrer@Albertsons.com with any questions.

All business will be conducted in accordance with all City, County, and State regulations.

Sincerely,
Albertsons Companies Inc.

Brent C. Tingey
Authorized Signatory

STATE OF IDAHO)
) ss.
County of Ada)

On this 13th, day of JANUARY, in the year 2026, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Idaho, personally appeared BRENT C. TINGEY, known or identified to me to be the Authorized Signatory of Albertsons Companies Inc., the company that executed the instrument or the person who executed the instrument on behalf of said company, and acknowledged to me that such company executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year first above written.

[SEAL] CAMILLE JOANNE BRENT NOTARY PUBLIC Comm. No. 20226023 STATE OF IDAHO

NOTARY PUBLIC for Idaho
Residing at Meridian, Idaho
My commission expires: 12/27/2028

2026 Albertsons Store List

TNT Loc #	Banner	RE ID #	New Store #	Legal Entity	Street Address	City	ST
XXX0840	Albertsons	3587AS	3587	Albertson's LLC	840 East Hobson Way	Blythe	CA

Victoria A. Ojeda

580 Sunflower Way

Imperial, CA 92251

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INSPECTION DATE: 6/27 **TNT FIREWORKS**

SALES ASSOCIATE BENNETT **CITY** BLYTHE

LOCATION# XXX0840 **ORGANIZATION** TONY OJEDA #1

SIZE 32x6 **TYPE** OPM **BACK DOORS** 0 **A-FRAMES** 1

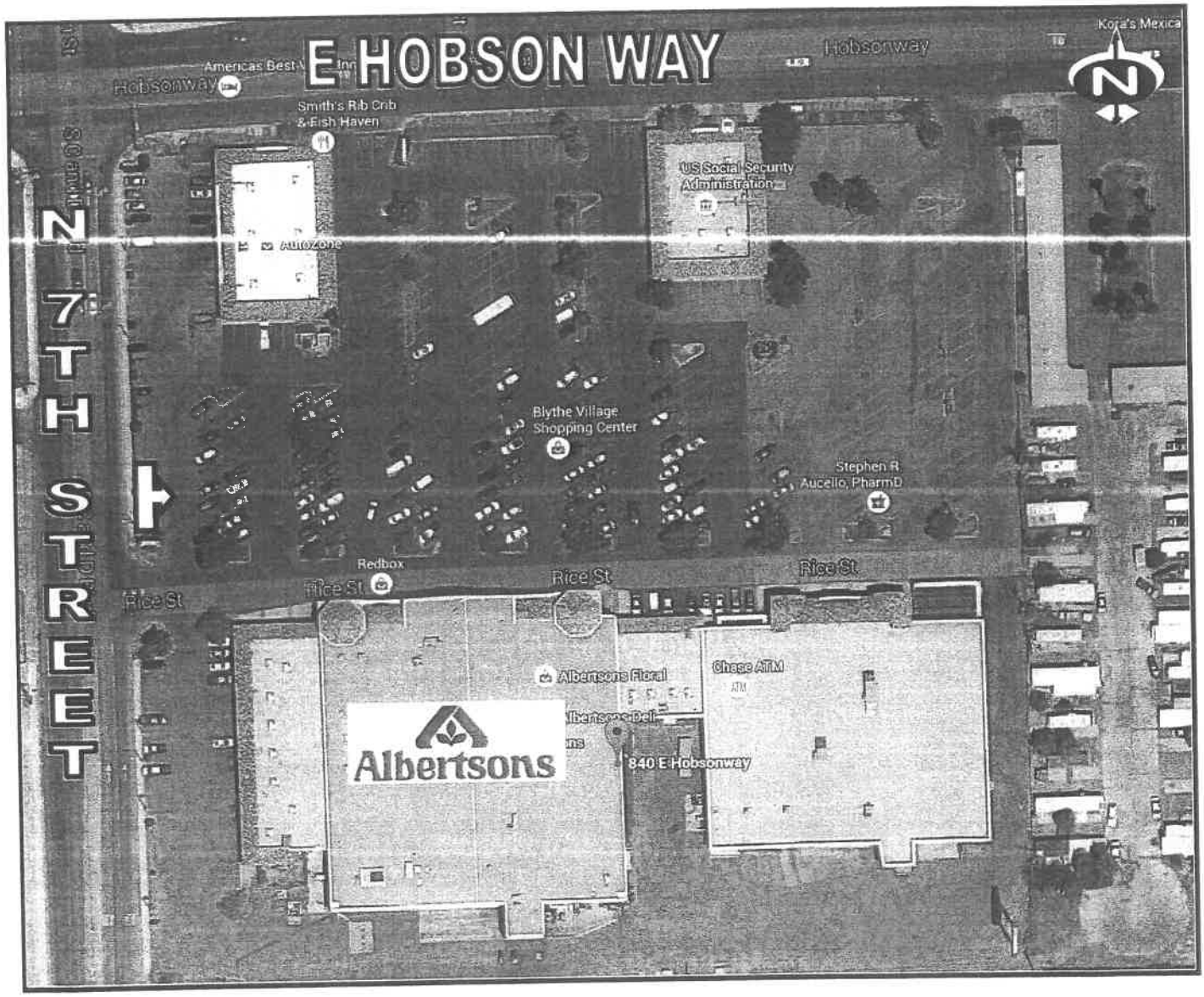
SET-UP 6/20 **DOWN** 7/9 **LIGHTS** OPM

ADDRESS 840 EAST HOBSON WAY

INTERSECTION SEC HOBSON WAY & S C AND D BLVD (N 7TH STREET)

THOMAS GUIDE — COUNTY RIV **PAGE** _____ **GRID** _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FACE STAND TOWARDS STORES—SET THE BACK OF THE STAND TO THE PARKING BLOCKS—START IN 2ND PARKING STALL



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CITY OF BLYTHE

235 N. BROADWAY
BLYTHE, CA 92225
(760) 922-6161

OFFICIAL RECEIPT

Receipt Number	29247

Deposit number	05262026	Receipt date	05/26/2026
Payee name	VICTORIA OJEDA	Check number	
Receipt desc	APPLICATION FOR FIREWORKS SALE/DISPLAY	Check date	

Description	Account	Amount
MISCELLANEOUS PERMITS		
	R 000-25-322-090	20.00

Receipt amount	20.00
Check amount	0.00
Cash amount	20.00
Credit amount	0.00
Change tendered	0.00

Signature _____

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Support for Comprehensive Tort Reform to Protect California Taxpayers, Survivors and Essential Public Services

PRESENTED BY: Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager

PREPARED BY: Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended Council authorize the Interim City Manager to execute letter(s) in support of legislation and to provide the City's Logo for use in letters of support requesting the Legislature to enact meaningful tort reform for civil actions against public entities.

FISCAL IMPACT: Public entity liability costs have tripled in the last seven years, now exceeding $7 billion in known exposure. Costs are on pace to grow another 70% by the 2027/28 fiscal year. This has a direct impact on the City in terms of the annual member contributions paid for risk pool coverage. The fiscal trajectory is unsustainable for government entities and unfair to taxpayers when billions of dollars are being diverted away from public programs and investments.

BACKGROUND: The City is a member of the Public Entity Risk Management Authority (PERMA), a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) that provides a risk sharing pool for its member cities and public entities.

Most cities, counties, special districts and school districts in California do not purchase liability coverage from traditional commercial insurance carriers because it is either too expensive, does not provide sufficient coverage or is simply not offered. Instead, they self-fund their liability coverage or collectively pool risk through a Joint Powers Authority, which are not insurance companies with large capital reserves.

Every self-funded claim, including those paid by a JPA comes from taxpayer-funded member contributions paid by the cities, counties, schools and other public entities from the same general fund that pay for police officers, firefighters, teachers, road crews and homeless response.

STAFF REPORT: PERMA requested that each of its thirty-three members obtain authorization to provide letter(s) of support and use of city logos on letters in support of legislation for comprehensive Tort Reform for civil actions against public entities.

This action does not ask for insulation from accountability, but to fix a system that, as currently structured, transfers enormous wealth to plaintiff's law firms and threatens the fiscal solvency of public entities. The path forward includes a comprehensive tort reform package for civil action that at a minimum, includes:

Defined Benefits including caps on damages in civil actions against public entities, ensuring survivors and other injured parties are made whole while preserving the capacity to deliver essential public services.

Proportional liability for economic damages in civil action against public entities, so that taxpayers pay only for the share of harm actually attributable to the public agency.

Heightened evidentiary and procedural standards for claims where witnesses, records, and evidence archives are absent or insufficient to assign culpability.

This legislation reform is supported by the League of California Cities who advocate for cities on issues that matter to most of California's 483 towns and cities.

Therefore, It is recommended Council authorize the Interim City Manager to execute letter(s) in support of legislation and to provide the City's Logo for use in letters of support requesting the Legislature to enact meaningful tort reform for civil actions against public entities.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter of Support for Comprehensive Tort Reform

Date: May 20, 2026

To: Members, California State Legislature

From: Association of California School Administrators; California Association of School Business Officials; California Association of Joint Powers Authorities; California Latino School Boards Association; California School Boards Association; League of California Cities; League of United Latin American Citizens; Los Angeles Unified School District; Rural County Representatives of California; Schools Excess Liability Fund

Re: **Urgent Need for Comprehensive Tort Reform to Protect California Taxpayers, Survivors, and Essential Public Services**

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we urge the Legislature to enact meaningful tort reform for civil actions against public entities. New data released by the California Association of Joint Powers Authorities (CAJPA) confirms what our members have been warning lawmakers about for years: **public-entity liability costs have tripled in the last seven years, now exceeding $7 billion in known exposure. Costs are on pace to grow another 70 percent by 2027–28.** The fiscal trajectory is unsustainable, the structure of liability is fundamentally unfair to taxpayers, and the consequences are now measured in billions of dollars diverted away from classrooms, fire stations, roads, mental health services, and the essential programs Californians depend on every day.

Our organizations share a deep and unwavering commitment to ensuring that survivors of harm receive justice, support, and meaningful compensation. California's public agencies are not asking for insulation from accountability. We do not seek to deny survivors their day in court. Instead, we seek to fix a system that, as currently structured, transfers enormous wealth to plaintiffs' law firms and threatens the financial solvency of the very public agencies tasked with protecting and serving our vulnerable community members. The longer the Legislature waits, the more public services will be cut, the more agencies will face insolvency.

The Path Forward. We urge the Legislature to advance a comprehensive tort reform package for civil actions against public entities that, at minimum, includes the following:

- **Defined benefits** including caps on damages in civil actions against public entities, ensuring survivors and other injured parties are made whole while preserving the capacity to deliver essential public services.

- **Proportional (several) liability for economic damages** in civil actions against public entities, so that taxpayers pay only for the share of harm actually attributable to the public agency. This way the perpetrators bear the cost of their own conduct and not taxpayers.

- **Heightened evidentiary and procedural standards** for claims where witnesses, records, and evidence archives are absent or insufficient to assign culpability.

Why are Billions of Taxpayer Dollars Being Diverted from Essential Services? AB 218 (Gonzalez, Chapter 861, Statutes of 2019) related to childhood sexual assault is one stark driver, but it is not the only one. Across the spectrum of civil litigation against public entities — from premises liability to dangerous conditions — plaintiffs' firms are increasingly targeting governmental defendants precisely because they are perceived as having the deepest pockets. The result is an unreasonable transfer of public resources to private wealth that the Legislature has both the power and the responsibility to address.

How Are Claims Against Public Entities Funded? Most cities, counties, special districts, and school districts in California do not purchase liability coverage from traditional commercial insurance carriers because it is either too expensive, does not provide sufficient coverage, or is simply not offered. Instead, they self-fund their liability coverage or they collectively pool risk through Joint Powers Authorities (JPAs), which are *not* insurance companies with large capital reserves. Every self-funded claim, including those paid out of a JPA, comes from taxpayer-funded member contributions paid by cities, counties, schools, and other public agencies from the same general fund dollars that pay for police officers, firefighters, teachers, road crews, and homelessness response.

When a JPA pays out claims of magnitude, every member agency in that pool feels it through higher premiums, the potential need for special assessments, reduced coverage limits, and/or increasingly, the inability to obtain coverage at all. Public agencies that have never had a single AB 218 claim filed against them are facing double-digit premium increases. For schools, this means Proposition 98 education dollars intended to support today's students are paying for decades-old liabilities. Even for cities and counties that have few claims filed against them it means delaying critical infrastructure maintenance and reducing local government's ability to provide social-safety-net services to the most vulnerable Californians.

Plaintiffs' Attorneys Are on Track to Profit Over Half a Billion Taxpayer Dollars Every Year. In civil actions against public entities, plaintiffs' counsel commonly recover contingency fees of 40 percent or more of the gross judgment or settlement. Even using a conservative 30 percent contingency assumption, **estimated plaintiff attorney fees in actions against California public entities have climbed to over $500 million annually**. In many individual cases, **attorney fees approach 50 percent of the taxpayer-funded settlement or award**. That means that for every $10 million paid by a city, county, JPA, or school district, as much as $4 to $5 million is paid to a private law firm. It does not go to the survivor, nor does it go to mental health services, prevention or victim assistance, or back to the taxpayers who funded the payment. Plaintiffs' firms are, in many cases, the single largest beneficiaries of the current system.

Caps on Damages Are Essential to Preserve Public Services and Solvency. Support for meaningful tort reform must include caps on damages in actions against public entities. Without such caps, the cascading effects of recent legislation will only worsen, and the very real threat of insolvency among California's public agencies, already materializing in some regions, will only accelerate. California already imposes reasonable limits in medical malpractice cases under MICRA, recognizing the public interest in such restrictions. The same principle should apply when taxpayer dollars are the source of the payment.

Public Entities Should Pay in Proportion to Their Actual Fault — Not for the Crimes of Others. Under California's current liability structure, a public entity found just **one percent at fault** can be ordered to pay the entirety of a plaintiff's economic damages — even when the overwhelming majority of fault lies with a criminal actor who has no assets to satisfy a judgment.

The result is morally indefensible: perpetrators escape financial accountability for their conduct, while taxpayers — through their cities, counties, transit agencies, and school districts — are forced to pay for

the harm that resulted. It allows perpetrators to walk away while public services are gutted to satisfy awards for conduct the public entity did not commit. The **Legislature must restore proportional (several) liability for economic damages in actions against public entities, so that they are responsible only for the share of harm attributable to the public agency's own conduct.**

Survivors Deserve Their Day in Court, and Public Entities Deserve a Meaningful Opportunity to Defend. Restoring balance to AB 218 claims involving decades-old conduct does not require closing the courthouse door to survivors. Rather, it requires recognizing that, after decades have passed, the records and witnesses needed to fairly adjudicate a claim are often incomplete or simply gone. For claims involving conduct that occurred decades ago, we urge the Legislature to restore balance by reinstating a prior-knowledge requirement, paired with a clear-and-convincing-evidence standard. Prior to AB 218, California law permitted survivors to bring claims against public entities outside the statute of limitations, when a plaintiff could show the entity "knew or had reason to know, or was otherwise on notice, of any unlawful sexual conduct" by the perpetrator and failed to implement reasonable safeguards. That framework provided a meaningful path to justice for survivors with evidence of institutional culpability while also protecting taxpayers from liability for conduct the public entity had no realistic means to anticipate, prevent, or now defend against.

Our coalition stands ready to work with the Legislature, the Administration, and the survivor community to craft a balanced, durable solution so that necessary action can be taken now. Detailed findings and supporting data are available in CAJPA's recent report, *Protecting Public Funds: The Rising Cost of Claims Against California Public Entities*. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions or to discuss specific legislative vehicles.

Sincerely,

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cc: Office of California State Governor Gavin Newsom

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Waive the Encroachment Permit Fees for Soroptimist's Placement of Patriotic Ribbons on the Street Light Poles over the 4th of July Holiday

PRESENTED BY: Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager

PREPARED BY: Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager

RECOMMENDATION: Waive the Encroachment Permit Fee to allow Soroptimist to place patriotic ribbons on the light poles over the 4th of July Holiday.

FISCAL IMPACT: Loss of $687 in permit fee revenue.

BACKGROUND: Council Member Spraggins asked if Soroptimist could place flag printed ribbons on the streetlight poles the week of 4th of July.

Blythe Municipal Code Section 12.08 requires an encroachment permit for erecting or maintaining any flag, banner, decoration, post, sign, pole, fence, guardrail, wall, loading platform, newsstand, mailbox, pipe, conduit, wire or other structure in, on, under or above any City property or the City's right-of-way.

STAFF REPORT: As Soroptimist is a local service organization in the community, staff recommends Council waive the Encroachment Permit fee so that they may place flag printed ribbons on light poles over the 4th of July Holiday. Soroptimist would be required to remit a fee free Encroachment Permit to the City prior to placement of the ribbons.

As a majority of the street light poles are owned and maintained by Southern California Edison, staff contacted SCE representatives about this request. SCE approved Soroptimist's placement of the ribbons on SCE owned poles, so long as the ribbons are removed after the holiday.

Therefore, it is recommended Council waive the Encroachment Permit Fee to allow Soroptimist to place ribbons on the light poles over the 4th of July Holiday.

ATTACHMENTS: None

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Work – Hobsonway Manhole Repairs Project

PRESENTED BY: Mirasol Elegores, Public Works Director

PREPARED BY: Mirasol Elegores, Public Works Director

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that Council accept the work performed by R.E. Hoover Construction for the project known as the Hobsonway Manhole Repairs Project.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact associated with accepting the work.

BACKGROUND: The City entered into an agreement with R.E. Hoover Construction. dated April 8, 2026, for repairs to the collapsed manhole located approximately 600 feet east of U.S. Route 95 on East Hobsonway.

STAFF REPORT: The Hobsonway Manhole Repairs Project was completed to the satisfaction of the Public Works Department on May 26, 2026. The project was completed within the original budget of $18,500.00, which included labor and epoxy coating.

Therefore, it is recommended that the Council accept the work performed by R.E. Hoover Construction for the subject project.

ATTACHMENTS: None.

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Palo Verde Unified School District (PVUSD) for the 2025-2026, 2026-2027 School Years and 2026 Summer School Programs

PRESENTED BY: Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager

PREPARED BY: Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended Council authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and PVUSD for the 2025-2026, 2026-2027 School Years and 2026 Summer School Programs once reviewed and approved by the City Attorney.

FISCAL IMPACT: PVUSD will reimburse the City $1,000 per day for the portion of the programs provided at the Joe Wine Blythe Recreation Center for the after school instruction days and school holidays and breaks as outlined in the MOU. PVUSD will reimburse the City $2,500 per day for the 2026 Summer School Program for providing a full day program (8 a.m.-5 p.m.) at the Joe Wine Blythe Recreation Center including breakfast, lunch and a snack for program participants.

BACKGROUND: PVUSD is required by California Education Code Section 46120 to provide an Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP). The ELOP provides funding for afterschool and summer school enrichment programs for Transitional-Kindergarten (TK) through sixth grade students.

In 2023, PVUSD staff worked with the City to provide an ELOP for the 2023 Summer School participants at the Joe Wine Blythe Recreation Center. As the Summer School Program was successful, the City and PVUSD subsequently executed agreements to continue the ELOP through the 2023/24 and 2024/25 School Years and Summer School sessions.

The City and PVUSD have continued the partnership through the 2025/26 School Year and desire to enter into a MOU for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 School Years and the 2026 Summer School Program.

STAFF REPORT: The current ELOP is open to students from TK to 6th grade, and, if funding permits, grades 7-8, during regular school instruction days, the summer school session and on certain school holidays and school breaks.

To participate in the ELOP at the Recreation Center, parents may enroll their students in six-week sessions throughout the school year, for the summer school program and for the various school breaks and holidays. Students are bussed to the Recreation Center after school and may participate in activities until 5 p.m., at which time they are bussed home or are picked up by a parent.

The MOU has been revised over the years to include various non-school instruction days. The proposed MOU provides for full-day activities at the Recreation Center on agreed upon school holidays/breaks. The intent of these additional days is to assist working parents with childcare when schools are closed.

In previous years, during the Summer School Program, participants who were enrolled in the ELOP were bussed to the Recreation Center after summer school and participated in programs at the center until 5 p.m.. This year, PVUSD will not offer a Summer School Program for grades TK-8th, as they will be re-configuring the school sites for TK-2nd grade at Appleby, 3rd-5th grade at Ruth Brown and 6th-8th grade at Margaret White. PVUSD asked the City to offer a full day ELOP at the Recreation Center in lieu of a Summer School Program. The proposed MOU provides for full day activities at the Recreation Center June 15 – July 31, 2026.

As this program continues to be a success for both the City and the School District, staff recommends Council authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and PVUSD for the 2025-2026, 2026-2027 School Years and 2026 Summer School Programs once it has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Draft MOU between City and PVUSD

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CITY OF BLYTHE AND PALO VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 2025-2026, 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEARS AND 2026 SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU" or "Agreement") is made by and between the Palo Verde Unified School District, a public local educational agency ("LEA"), hereinafter referred to as "District," and the City of Blythe, a municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as "City".

RECITALS:

1. The District and the City have a joint use agreement dated April 4, 2023 ("2023 Joint Use Agreement"), which benefits the community as a whole by providing for the joint use of facilities, playgrounds, and outdoor playing fields in order to reduce capital and operational costs to both governmental jurisdictions. A copy of the 2023 Joint Use Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

2. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic's deleterious effects on school-age youth in the form of lost instruction and needed support for social and emotional well-being, among other needs, federal and state agencies have provided one-time funding to LEAs, including the District, to address learning recovery by creating a program to expand instructional learning and provide summer school or other activities in accord with the respective funding rules.

3. The District will receive a grant from the California Department of Education for Expanded Learning Opportunities in accordance with Education Code section 46120. In accordance with the requirements of Education Code section 46120(b)(2), the District has developed an Expanded Learning Opportunities Program ("ELO-P") Plan, which was approved by the District's Governing Board in a public meeting and is posted on the District's website. The ELO-P Plan Template prepared by the California Department of Education provides that LEAs are encouraged to collaborate with non-LEA entities to administer and implement ELO-Ps.

4. The District will utilize the California Department of Education grant to collaborate with the City with respect to the District's 2025-2026, 2026-2027 School Year and 2026 Summer Programs ("Programs) to provide Expanded Learning Opportunities to student participants in grades TK-6 (each, a "Participant" and collectively, "Participants"). Activities and recreation time will also be provided by the City at the City's Recreation Center. The City's program is hereinafter referred to as the "Rec Center Program."

5. City and District intend and desire that this Agreement be effective retroactive to August 1, 2025.

AGREEMENT

1. **The 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 School Year Programs:** During the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 School Years, the District will provide before-school opportunities starting at approximately 7:30 a.m., Monday through Friday (excepting holidays), to Participants at Felix J. Appleby Elementary School, Ruth Brown Elementary School, and/or Margaret White Elementary School. The before-school portion of the program will allow Participants to engage in learning activities that align with

core academic instruction. Following the regular school day, Participants who also signed up for the Rec Center Program will be transported to the City's Recreation Center, where the City will assume supervision of and responsibility for Participants and will provide a recreation-based program for Participants until 5:00 p.m.

During the 2025-2026 School Year, the City will also provide full-day activities and recreation time at the City's Recreation Center during the following school holidays/breaks: Thanksgiving Break (November 24-26, 2025), Martin Luther King Day (January 19, 2026), Lincoln's Birthday (February 9, 2026), Presidents' Day (February 16, 2026), Fair Break (March 9-16, 2026) and Spring Break (April 3-10, 2026).

During the 2026-2027 School Year, the City will also provide full-day activities and recreation time at the City's Recreation Center during the following school holiday/breaks: Columbus Day (October 12, 2026) Veteran's Day (November 11, 2026), Thanksgiving Break (November 23-25, 2026), Winter Break (December 18, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30, and 31, 2026 and January 4, 2027) Martin Luther King Day (January 18, 2-27) Lincoln's Birthday (February 8, 2027), Presidents' Day (February 15, 2027), Fair Break(March 10-12, 2027), March 29, 2027 and Spring Break (April 12-16, 2027).

2. **The 2026 Summer School Program:** During the 2026 Summer School Program, which will run Monday through Friday, June 15 - July 31, 2026 (35 days excepting holidays), participants who are signed up for the Rec Center Program will be transported to the City's Recreation Center, where the City will assume supervision of and responsibility for Participants and will provide an all day program for Participants from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

3. **Maximum Number of Participants:** City and District agree that due to the capacity of the City's Recreation Center, the number of Participants enrolled in the Rec Center Program shall not exceed 300 at any time.

4. **Eligibility:** District students who are enrolled in grades TK-6 and, should funding allow, grades 7-8, for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 School Year may participate in the Programs. The foregoing notwithstanding, students may also attend the Rec Center Program during any portion or the entirety of the day on any of the school holidays/breaks enumerated in Section 1, above. The District acknowledges and agrees that it shall be responsible for providing to the City the names of students who will be attending the Programs on any particular day. The City shall be responsible for ensuring that only those students identified by the District will be allowed to participate in the City-run portions of the Programs on that day. Should a student who is not eligible to participate in the City-run portion of the Programs that day arrive at the City's Recreation Center with the intent of participating in the Rec Center Program, the City shall be responsible for contacting the student's parent, guardian, or caregiver in order to have the student picked up. Enrollment in the Rec Center Program shall be entirely voluntary and at the discretion of each Participant's parent/guardian.

5. **Meals:**
   a. 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 School Year Programs: During the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 School Year Programs, meals, including a healthy breakfast, lunch, and snack, will be provided to Participants by the District Nutrition Services Department prior to being transported to the City's Recreation Center on days other than the enumerated school holidays/breaks. The City will also provide healthy snacks to Participants during the Rec Center Program. The District Nutrition Services Department shall cooperate with the City's Recreation Center and provide consultation regarding healthy snack choices for Participants.

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b. Holidays/School Breaks and 2026 Summer School Program: On school holidays/breaks enumerated in Section 1, above, and the 2026 Summer School Program, the City shall provide all meals and snacks for participants, including a healthy breakfast, lunch, and/or snacks, during the Rec Center Program. The District Nutrition Services Department shall cooperate with the City's Recreation Center and provide consultation regarding healthy meal and snack choices for Participants.

6. **Transportation:** At the conclusion of the regular school day during the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 School Years, the District will transport Participants who are signed up for the Rec Center Program from the Participant's respective school sites to the City's Recreation Center. At the conclusion of the Rec Center Program, and no later than 5:00 p.m., the District shall provide return transportation to the Participants' respective school sites unless a parent, guardian, or caregiver picks up the Participant from the Rec Center Program.

   The District shall also provide transportation to and from the City's Recreation Center during the enumerated school holidays/breaks and during summer school program. There will be one home to City's Recreation Center route in the morning, with Participants picked up at approximately 8:00 a.m., and one return route in the afternoon, with Participants picked up no later than 5:00 p.m.

   The District shall be responsible for Participants during any transportation provided by the District.

7. **Supervision:** Participants in those portions of the Programs taking place before school and during the summer on District school grounds (Felix J. Appleby Elementary School, Ruth Brown Elementary School, and/or Margaret White Elementary School) shall be supervised by school site principals. Once Participants are dropped off at the City's Recreation Center, the City will assume supervision of and responsibility for Participants and for providing a recreation-based program for Participants until 5:00 p.m. The District acknowledges and agrees that minors are not permitted at the City's Recreation Center after 5:00 p.m. without a parent or guardian and that Participants in the Rec Center Program must be picked up from the City's Recreation Center by a parent, guardian, or caregiver, or by District transportation, by 5:00 p.m.

8. **District Obligations/Fees:** In exchange for allowing Participants to attend the Rec Center Program, and for providing supervision and oversight of Participants at all times from drop-off at the City's Recreation Center until 5:00 p.m., the District shall pay the City $1,000.00 per day on regular school days and on the holidays and school breaks enumerated in Section 1, above. For the 2026 Summer School Program, in exchange for allowing Participants to attend the Rec Center Program, and for providing supervision and oversight of Participants at all times from drop-off at the City's Recreation Center until 5:00 p.m., and providing all snacks and meals, the District shall pay the City $2,500.00 per day. The District shall not be charged any additional fees by the City, including any fees described in the 2023 Joint Use Agreement, in connection with this Agreement. City will invoice District on a monthly basis, detailing the number of days the Rec Center Program was provided in the preceding month. Payment shall be made by the District within 30 days of receipt of an undisputed invoice from the City.

   The District shall facilitate the Rec Center Program enrollment process for all Participants. The District shall be responsible for advertising in communications to students and parents/guardians, drafting the District's enrollment form, assisting in the form's completion, and providing copies of enrollment forms to the Rec Center Program prior to the first day of the Participant's participation in the Rec Center Program or within 48 hours of receipt, excluding weekends and holidays, whichever occurs first, for Participants who opt to participate in the Rec Center Program.

   The enrollment forms shall include the name, age, and gender of the Participant, the parent/guardian name and contact information, emergency contact information, relevant medical information,

including, but not limited to, serious health problems and current medications, and any other relevant information.

The parents/guardians of Participants in the Rec Center Program shall be required to sign the City's Participant Agreement and Waiver and Release of Liability ("Waiver"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B. Nothing in the Waiver shall be construed to relieve the City of its responsibility to supervise and oversee the safety of Participants in the Rec Center Program.

All enrollment forms, including the City's Waiver, when applicable, shall be completed prior to participation in the Programs.

Enrollment windows will be available at various times throughout the school year, at the District's discretion.

9. **City Obligations:** The City will provide supervision and oversight of all Participants in the Rec Center Program, from drop-off at the City Recreation Center until each Participant has been picked up by a designated parent, guardian, or caregiver, or by District transportation. Notwithstanding the Waiver, the City shall exercise due diligence to ensure the safety of the Rec Center Program Participants. The District shall have no supervisory or oversight obligations over Participants from the time Participants are dropped off at the City's Recreation Center until 5:00 p.m., when Participants are picked up by a parent, guardian, or caregiver, or by District transportation. Under no circumstances shall the City be responsible for transportation of Participants in the Rec Center Program.

   The City acknowledges and agrees that the staff-to-student ratio must meet the District's minimum requirements of 1:20 for grades 1-6 and 1:10 for grades TK-K, as required by Education Code section 46120(b)(2)(D). The City shall provide staff for the Rec Center Program who have been vetted through the City's employment process and completed the fingerprinting process described herein.

10. **Fingerprinting:** The City hereby acknowledges that Education Code section 45125.1 applies to City staff working in the Rec Center Program pursuant to this Agreement. Section 45125.1 provides that any entity that has a contract with an LEA shall ensure that any employee who interacts with pupils, outside of the immediate supervision and control of the pupil's parent/guardian or a school employee, has a valid criminal records summary. The City expressly acknowledges that: (1) all City employees working in the Rec Center Program must submit or have submitted fingerprints in a manner authorized by the Department of Justice ("DOJ"); (2) the City shall not permit any employee to come in contact with students until the DOJ has ascertained that the employee has not been convicted of a serious or violent felony; (3) the City shall certify in writing to the Governing Board of the District that none of its employees who may come in contact with students have been convicted of a serious or violent felony; and (4) the City shall provide to the Governing Board of the District a list of names of its employees who may come in contact with students. The City is required to fulfill these requirements at its own expense.

    The City must notify the District within five (5) business days of a subsequent arrest notification from the DOJ of any City employees who work or have worked in the Rec Center Program pursuant to this Agreement. If the City receives notice from any entity that a City employee working in the Rec Center Program pursuant to this Agreement has been arrested for any reason, the City must notify the District within five (5) business days of receipt of notice. If a City employee is disqualified from working in the Rec Center Program pursuant to the requirements of the Education Code, the City agrees to provide a replacement employee within forty-five (45) days of receiving notification that the previous employee has been disqualified.

11. **Confidential Records and Data:** Neither party shall disclose confidential records received from the other party, including student records pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. section 1232g, et seq., and Education Code section 49060, et seq.

12. **Inspection and Maintenance of Facilities:** The City shall be solely responsible for the maintenance and conditions of the City's Recreation Center property and facilities. The District and its authorized representatives shall have the right, at any reasonable time during regular hours of the City's Recreation Center during the term of this MOU and upon reasonable notice to the City, to enter the City's Recreation Center to inspect the property as needed in connection with this MOU. Failure to maintain the City's Recreation Center property or facilities to the standards called for by the Program, as determined by the District in its sole discretion, may be cause for termination in accordance with Section 16 of this MOU.

13. **Effective Date Term:** This MOU shall be effective retroactive to August 1, 2025 and end on June 4, 2027.

14. **Notice of Intent Regarding 2027-2028 School Year.** District acknowledges and agrees that City has hired employees for the Rec Center Program. If District does not intend to continue the Rec Center Program for the 2027-2028 School Year, District shall notify City in writing of such intent no later than February 1, 2027.

15. **Assignment:** Neither party may assign its interest in this MOU without the other party's written consent.

16. **Termination:** Failure to comply with any material provision of this MOU and to cure any such failure within a period of ten (10) business days following receipt of a written notice of noncompliance from the other party, or, with respect to noncompliance which cannot with due diligence be cured within such ten (10) business days period, failure to proceed promptly and diligently to cure the noncompliance, shall constitute a material breach of the MOU and furnish grounds for immediate termination of this MOU for cause. Notice of termination shall be provided in writing.

17. **Dispute Resolution:** In the event any dispute arises under the terms of this MOU, the parties shall meet and confer within five (5) business days of the request of either party with the objective of resolving such dispute.

    If, within fourteen (14) calendar days of the first "meet and confer," or such longer period as may be agreed upon by the parties, the dispute cannot be resolved by the parties' representatives to the parties' mutual satisfaction, either party may request mediation. The parties shall mutually select a neutral and qualified mediator, with expertise in the area of the dispute, to facilitate the resolution of the dispute. If the parties are unable to agree on a mediator within fourteen (14) calendar days, the parties shall request that the American Arbitration Association (AAA) appoint a mediator. The mediation will be held in Blythe, California unless otherwise agreed to by the parties. The mediation shall be conducted in accordance with the then-current commercial Mediation Procedures of the American Arbitration Association. Absent written agreement of the parties to the contrary, the mediation process shall be completed or terminated within sixty (60) calendar days of the initial request for mediation. The mediator's fee shall be shared equally between the District and the City. The mediator's recommendation for settlement, if any, shall be nonbinding on the parties. Mediation pursuant to this provision shall be private and confidential.

    Completion of mediation shall be a condition precedent to arbitration unless the other party refuses to cooperate in the setting of mediation. If the dispute is not resolved through mediation, the parties may mutually agree to resolve their dispute through binding arbitration. Either party may make a

request to the other for arbitration. If the other party does not agree to arbitration within ten (10) days, the request shall be deemed denied.

18. **Attorneys' Fees:** In any legal action to enforce any of the terms of this MOU, each party shall bear its own attorneys' fees and costs, and neither party shall be liable for any such fees and costs incurred by the other party.

19. **Force Majeure:** Neither party shall be held liable for any delay in or failure of its obligations or performance where such delay or failure arises by reason of any Act of God, or of acts of a governmental body, acts of the common enemy, the elements, strikes or labor disputes, or other causes beyond the party's reasonable control. The non-performing party must make every reasonable attempt to minimize delay of performance. If the event continues for longer than 120 days, either party may terminate this MOU by providing written notice to the other party.

20. **Independent Contractor:** The City shall be an independent contractor for purposes of this MOU and shall have control of the City's Recreation Center and City staff. Neither party is to be considered an agent or employee of the other, nor are employees of one party entitled to participate in any pension plan, insurance, bonus, or similar benefits the other party provides to its employees.

21. **Entire Agreement:** This MOU expresses the entire agreement between the parties concerning the subject matter of this MOU, with the exception of the 2023 Joint Use Agreement, which is incorporated as if fully set forth herein, and there are no other understandings, agreements, representations, or warranties, express or implied, not set forth or specified in this MOU or the 2023 Joint Use Agreement. This MOU supersedes all other agreements, verbal or written, relating to the subject matter hereof, excluding the 2023 Joint Use Agreement. The parties explicitly acknowledge that the Liabilities and Indemnification, Liability Insurance, and Workers' Compensation provisions of the 2023 Joint Use Agreement shall apply to this Agreement.

22. **Conflict in Agreements:** Where conflicts exist, the terms of this MOU prevail over all other agreements.

23. **Amendments:** This MOU may not be amended except in writing signed by the duly authorized representatives of both parties.

24. **Waiver:** The failure of the City or the District to insist upon strict performance of any of the terms, conditions, or covenants in this MOU will not be deemed a waiver of any right or remedy that the City or the District may have and will not be deemed a waiver of any right or remedy for a subsequent breach or default of the terms, conditions, or covenants herein contained.

25. **Binding Effect:** This MOU and all the terms, covenants, conditions, and agreements herein contained will be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors.

26. **Non-Discrimination:** Neither the District nor the City, nor their respective employees, shall discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, ancestry, sex, disability, national origin, or any other prohibited grounds against any person seeking employment or services from the Programs.

27. **Notices:** Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, any written notice required by this Agreement shall be deemed given and received when personally served or 48 hours after being placed in the United States mail, with proper first-class postage prepaid, and addressed as follows:

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Palo Verde Unified School District
Superintendent's Office
825 N. Lovekin Blvd.
Blythe, CA 92225

City of Blythe
Office of the City Manager
235 N. Broadway
Blythe, CA 92225

Any party hereto may give notice of an address change under the provisions of this section, and, thereafter, all notices shall be given to that address.

28. **Section Headings:** Section headings are included for the convenience of the parties and are not intended to define or limit the scope of this MOU.

29. **Counterparts and Electronic/Digital Signatures:** This MOU may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which will be an original, and all of which together will constitute one instrument. Each party to this MOU agrees to the use of electronic signatures, such as digital signatures that meet the requirements of the California Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (("CUETA") Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1633.1 to 1633.17), for executing this MOU. The parties further agree that the electronic signatures of the parties included in this MOU are intended to authenticate this writing and to have the same force and effect as manual signatures. Electronic signature means an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with an electronic record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the electronic record pursuant to the CUETA as amended from time to time. The CUETA authorizes use of an electronic signature for transactions and contracts among parties in California, including a government agency. Digital signature means an electronic identifier, created by computer, intended by the party using it to have the same force and effect as the use of a manual signature, and shall be reasonably relied upon by the parties. For purposes of this section, a digital signature is a type of "electronic signature" as defined in subdivision (i) of Section 1633.2 of the Civil Code.

30. **Severability:** In the event a court of competent jurisdiction finds any term or clause in this Agreement to be invalid, unenforceable, or illegal, the same will not have an impact on other terms or clauses in the Agreement or the entire Agreement.

31. **Governing Law:** This MOU shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

32. **Jurisdiction and Venue:** Jurisdiction and venue in the event of any litigation or action commenced by one party against the other shall be only in the California State Court having subject matter jurisdiction located in Riverside County, California. Each party hereby expressly consents to the personal jurisdiction of and in the venue of the foregoing courts.

SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS.

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Palo Verde Unified School District

April Smith
Palo Verde Unified School District
Superintendent

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Robert Tuerck
Palo Verde Unified School District
Attorney

City of Blythe

Mallory Crecelius
Interim City Manager

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Brittany Roberto
City Attorney

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EXHIBIT A

JOINT USE AGREEMENT

THE CITY OF BLYTHE AND THE PALO VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT FOR USE OF FACILITIES

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JOINT USAGE Agreement

THE CITY OF BLYTHE AND THE PALO VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICTCOLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT FOR USE OF FACILITIES

THIS JOINT USE Agreement ("Agreement") made and entered into this 4th day of **April**, 2023, by and between the CITY OF BLYTHE, a municipal corporation ("City") and the PALO VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, a public body, corporate and politic ("District").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, this Joint Use Agreement has been produced by and for the City of Blythe and the Palo Verde Unified School District as a collaborative effort to create community at all public facilities throughout the City of Blythe and within the boundaries of the Palo Verde Unified School District.

WHEREAS, City is the owner of public parks and recreational facilities in the City of Blythe ("City Facilities") which are capable of being used by District for educational and recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, District is the owner of real property and improvements thereon in the City of Blythe, including facilities ("District Facilities"), which are capable of being used by city for community recreational and educational purposes; and

WHEREAS, California Education Code Section 10900 *et seq.* authorizes the governing bodies of the District and City to enter into agreements for the use and maintenance of recreational facilities and the operation of community recreational programs; and

WHEREAS, Cities and school districts are authorized by law to organize, promote and conduct such programs and to operate community civic centers, and to that end, may enter into agreements with each other and may do all things necessary or convenient to aid and cooperate in carrying out such purposes. (Civic Center Act, Education Code 38130. et. seq.)

WHEREAS, the City and District desire to provide a greater level of service to students and the community than would exist in the absence of this reciprocal agreement, and without increasing the cost for the City or the District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the collaborative agreements herein contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. TERM AND COMMENCEMENT
This Agreement will commence as of the date in which the latter of City and District approve and execute this Agreement, and will continue for a period of five (5) years,

through June 30, 2028, unless sooner terminated as provided for hereinafter in Section 11. This Agreement may be renewed for successive five (5) year terms.

2. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
The District and City hereby agree to cooperate in coordinating programs and activities conducted pursuant to this Agreement. The Parties agree to meet and negotiate should either Party wish to utilize additional facilities not identified in Exhibit "A" during the term of this agreement.

3. FACILITIES COVERED
The City Facilities and the District Facilities (collectively "Facilities") include the buildings, classrooms, multi-use rooms, auditoriums, kitchens, fields, playgrounds, restrooms, tennis courts, gymnasiums, pools, parking lots and/or other active use and recreational areas specifically identified on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. Facilities does not include City Hall, or any property not expressly set forth on Exhibit "A".

4. PERMITTED USES OF FACILITIES

A. District is entitled to the exclusive use of District Facilities for Board of Education activities, and public school and school-related educational and recreational activities, including summer school, PTA, Booster Clubs, Saturday School, Carnivals and afterschool athletics, Monday through Friday. Whenever District does not need or has no use for the District Facilities, City is entitled to use District Facilities, without charge, for community recreational and educational purposes, as long as such use does not conflict with the regular activities of the District.

B. City is entitled to the exclusive use of City Facilities for park, recreation, and community service activities at any time. Whenever City does not need or has no use for the City Facilities, District is entitled to use City Facilities, without charge, for District educational and recreational activities, as long as such use does not conflict with the regular conduct of public benefit park, recreation, and community service activities sponsored by City.

C. District understands and agrees that the City's use of District Facilities include, but are not limited to, youth sports affiliate groups within the City, including soccer, baseball, softball, and any other youth sports that can be accommodated. City may also enter into agreements with third parties regarding the third party's use of the District Facilities for afterschool and summer recreation programming.

5. SCHEDULING USE OF FACILITIES

A. The City representative appointed pursuant to Section 6(D) shall meet with the District representative appointed pursuant to Section 7(D) once every three months to review and evaluate the status and condition of the Facilities, develop a master schedule, and modify or confirm the upcoming quarter's schedule for joint use of the Facilities. City and/or District will provide summary minutes of these quarterly meetings.

B. City will have the responsibility for scheduling use of City Facilities at all times and the use of District Facilities during non-school hours for youth sports groups beginning at

4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and all-day Saturday. District retains responsibility for scheduling the use of District Facilities during school hours.

C. In scheduling the use of all District Facilities, the following order of priority will be used:

1. Regular school programs or activities including summer school.
2. City-sponsored and/or school-sponsored youth programs or activities.
3. Other youth programs or activities.
4. City adult programs or activities.

. In scheduling the use of all City Facilities, the following order of priority will be used:

1. City-sponsored youth programs or activities.
2. District-sponsored youth programs or activities
2. Other youth programs or activities.
3. City adult programs or activities.

E. Scheduling requests for City and District Facilities will be submitted on a City approved standard form. City and District will provide the other party with a minimum of fifteen (15) calendar days notice when canceling approved Facilities use dates. If either the City or District cancels the other party's approved reservation, the canceling party will make a reasonable effort to provide an appropriate alternative reservation site.

F. Unless otherwise expressly required under this agreement, each party will maintain its own facilities, in a state of good repair, provide day-to-day maintenance, janitorial services including clean and stock restrooms throughout the day, structural repair, and replacement or repair of any major equipment.

6. OBLIGATION OF CITY
During the term of this Agreement, City hereby covenants and agrees to the following:

A. The City shall monitor and ensure that each Facility used pursuant to this Agreement shall, after each use, remain in good state of condition and repair. The City shall notify the District immediately of any damage caused to its Facilities by reason of the use of the Facilities pursuant to this Agreement and prior to making any repairs required by Paragraph 7(A), herein.

B. Perform custodial service necessary to keep City Facilities in a neat, orderly, and sanitary working condition.

C. Allow no vehicles to enter upon District Facilities except as may be necessary and authorized for the limited purposes of maintenance, operation, and delivery of goods and services or in designated public parking lots.

D. Appoint an employee with whom District, or any authorized agent of District, may confer regarding the terms of this Agreement.

E. Enforce all District rules, regulations, and policies provided by the District while directing community recreational and educational activities on District Facilities. The District will provide the City with rules, regulations, and policies for each District Facility.

F. Permit, in the City's sole and absolute discretion, District to use specialized City equipment at no cost including but not limited to, TV/DVD, overhead projectors, etc. Request for specialized City equipment must be submitted on the approved standard form 15 days prior to event date. This section is intended to refer to any specialized equipment requiring a license or training to operate or use.

G. Provide personnel necessary for the direction or supervision of activities sponsored by the City at District Facilities.

H. Hold any third-party user groups responsible for picking up trash and debris at District Facilities and depositing it into the proper trash bins. Fields and adjoining areas affected by a user group's use must be picked up and cleared of all trash. City will encourage user group's to safely and quietly leave District Facilities immediately after the scheduled use is scheduled to end, especially after late games insuring good neighbor practices in residential neighborhoods.

I. Provide and maintain additional toilet facilities at District Facilities, if necessary, in conjunction with City use of District Facilities. District will approve the type and location of said toilet facilities including whether said toilet facilities will be portable, mobile, temporary or fixed. District may require user groups to pay for the additional toilet facilities at District Facilities.

J. Perform normal maintenance on City Facilities as required under normal working conditions and fair wear and tear.

Provide District with emergency contact information.

7. OBLIGATIONS OF DISTRICT
During the term of this Agreement, District hereby covenants and agrees to the following:

A. The District shall monitor and ensure that each Facility used pursuant to this Agreement shall, after each use, remain in good state of condition and repair. The District shall notify the City immediately of any damage caused to its Facilities by reason of the use of the Facilities pursuant to this Agreement and prior to making any repairs required by Paragraph 7(A), herein.

B. Perform custodial service necessary to keep District Facilities in a neat, orderly, and sanitary working condition.

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I. Perform normal maintenance on District Facilities as required under normal working conditions and fair wear and tear.

J. Issue to City keys necessary for use of District Facilities subject to City compliance with any policy or procedure of the District in regards to the use and possession of such keys.

K. Provide City with emergency contact information.

8. REPAIRS AND ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

A. City and District shall be responsible for, and shall pay for, any and all repairs or replacements which are occasioned or are made necessary by reason of their respective use (or authorized third party use) of the other's Facilities. In the event that City or District fails to repair or replace the Facilities of the other party as required, the other party may, at its sole discretion, undertake any repair or replacement of its own Facilities and be reimbursed by the other party for the reasonable costs of such repairs or maintenance within sixty (60) days of receiving invoice.

B. City and/or District will obtain prior written consent of the other party prior to making any alterations, additions, or improvements to the Facilities of the other party. City and District understand that any such alterations, additions, or improvements must comply with all state and local standards.

C. Any such alterations, additions, or improvements will be at the expense of the requesting party, unless otherwise agreed upon.

D. City and/or District retain the right to make emergency repairs on its own property and to the extent such repairs are necessitated by the other parties use of its property pursuant to Section 8(A) of this agreement, the parties agree to reimburse the cost of such emergency repairs.

E. District agrees to pay electrical, lighting, water, and other utility service costs associated with all alterations, additions, or improvements made by City upon District Facilities.

F. City agrees to pay the vendor providing electricity for costs associated with ball field lighting when utilized by outside recreation organizations. District agrees to pay direct costs for use of lights during any District activity on City Facilities.

G. If any alterations, additions, or improvements made to the Facilities are destroyed by fire, war, earthquake, flood, storm, or other casualty beyond the control of the parties hereto, to such an extent they cannot be restored to their previous condition within one hundred-twenty (120) days after the casualty, the party who made the alteration, addition, or improvement will have the option to restore the structure or improvements to their condition as of the date of the casualty. In the event the party who made the alteration, addition, or improvement does not elect to perform such restoration, said party will return the site to its original condition, insofar as practical, unless otherwise mutually agreed. If alterations, additions, or improvements made to City property are destroyed by any of the causes enumerated above, and in the event they can be restored within one hundred-twenty (120) days after the casualty, City will restore them as soon as feasible. District will do the same for alterations, additions, or improvements, which it has placed on City Facilities.

9. LIABILITIES AND INDEMNIFICATION

A. District, shall defend, indemnify, hold free and harmless the City, its elected and appointed officials, officers, agents and employees, at District's sole expense, from and against any and all claims, actions, suits or other legal proceedings brought against the City, its elected officials, officers, agents and employees arising out of the District's, or its agent's, employee's, subcontractors, or authorized third party group's operation, maintenance, and/or use of the Facilities or its obligations under this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the District shall not be liable for the defense or indemnification of the City, or third-party groups authorized by the City pursuant to this Agreement, for claims, actions, complaints or suits arising out of the sole ~~active~~ negligence or misconduct of the City, its agents, employees, subcontractors or authorized third party groups.

B. City, shall defend, indemnify, hold free and harmless the District, its elected and appointed officials, officers, agents and employees, at City's sole expense, from and against any and all claims, actions, suits or other legal proceedings brought against the District, its elected officials, officers, agents and employees arising out of the City's, or its agent's, employee's, subcontractor's (or authorized third party group's) operation, maintenance, and/or use of the Facilities or its obligations under this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City shall not be liable for the defense or indemnification of the District for claims, actions, complaints or suits arising out of the sole negligence or misconduct of the District, its agents, employees, subcontractors or authorized third party groups.

10. ASSIGNMENTS AND SUBLEASE

A. City may enter into agreements with third party groups for their use, pursuant to a City issued permit, of District Facilities for recreational and educational purposes. City will be the sole permitting agent for District Facilities for use after 4:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sundays.

B. City and District may charge a fair and responsible fee or accept in-kind services from permitted users to offset the costs associated with the use of City or District Facilities.

C. During any scheduled periods of use by the City or District, the using party may charge such admission and fees for use of the Facilities by the public, as City or District from time to time determine, and all monies so levied and collected shall be and remain the sole property of the collector whether City or District. The District agrees that, to the extent possible, they will charge similar reasonable fees for similar Facilities used throughout the District.

D. Neither City nor District may assign or transfer this Agreement, or any part thereof, without the written consent of the other party.

11. LIABILITY INSURANCE

The District and the City shall each maintain at all times during the period of this Agreement, insurance coverage in the amount of not less than One Million Dollars ($1,000,000) [or insert other appropriate amount] insuring against all bodily injury, property damage, personal injury, and other loss or liability caused by or in connection with the use of the Facilities under this Agreement. Endorsements evidencing each party's coverage shall be filed with the other party, shall include the other party as a named additional insured, and shall be primary. Said endorsements shall provide thirty days' (30) written notice to the other party prior to any material change, termination, or cancellation.

12. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

In the event any dispute arises under the terms of this Agreement, the Parties shall meet and confer with the objective of resolving such disputes within five (5) business days of the request of either party. If, within fourteen (14) calendar days of the first "meet and confer," or such longer period as may be agreed upon by the Parties, the dispute cannot be resolved by the Representatives to the Parties' mutual satisfaction, the Parties shall mutually select a mediator, who is a respected professional with expertise in the area of dispute, to facilitate the resolution of the dispute. If the Parties are unable to agree on a mediator, the mediation shall be conducted in accordance with the then current commercial Mediation Rules of the American Arbitration Association. Absent written agreement of the Parties to the contrary, the mediation process shall be completed or terminated within sixty (60) calendar days of the initial request for mediation.

13. NOTICES

All notices, statements, demands, requests, consents, approvals, authorizations, appointments, or designations hereunder by either party to the other will be in writing

and will be deemed given and served upon the other party, if delivered personally or three (3) days after depositing in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to:

If to City:	If to District:
City Manager	Superintendent
City of Blythe	Palo Verde Unified School District
235 North Broadway	825 N. Lovekin Blvd.
Blythe, CA 92225	Blythe, CA 92225

14. TERMINATION

A. This Agreement may be terminated, with or without cause, at any time during the term hereof by either party of this Agreement upon 6 months written notice to the other party.

If this Agreement is terminated by District prior to its expiration, and City has made permanent improvements to any District Facility, District agrees to allow City to use those Facilities for a period of 6 months. Such use will be pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement.

C. Any potential purchase by either party of improvements made by the other party upon termination will be in accordance with amortization schedules established within site-specific agreements.

15. SEVERABILITY AND APPLICABLE LAW

Whenever possible, each provision of this Agreement will be interpreted in such a manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Agreement will be invalid under the applicable law, such provision will be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity, without invalidating the remainder of such provision, or the remaining provisions of this Agreement. This Agreement has been made and entered into in the State of California and the laws of said State will govern the validity and interpretation hereof and the performance hereunder by the parties herein.

16. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES

This Agreement is made and entered into for the sole protection and benefit of the Parties, and no other person or entity shall have a right of action hereunder or the right to claim any right or benefit from the terms contained herein, or be deemed a third-party beneficiary hereunder, notwithstanding any authorization by the City as a third-party user pursuant to Paragraph 10, "Assignments and Release."

17. NONLIABILITY OF OFFICIALS

No officer, member, employee, agent, or representative of the Parties shall be personally liable for any amounts due hereunder, and no judgment or execution thereon entered in any action hereon, shall be personally enforced against any such officer, official, member, employee, agent, or representative.

18. AGREEMENT

This Agreement sets forth the entire Agreement between the parties with respect to the facilities listed in Exhibit "A". Both parties must in the form of a written amendment agree to any modifications.

19. WAIVER
The failure of City or District to insist upon strict performance of any of the terms, conditions, or covenants in this Agreement will not be deemed a waiver of any right or remedy which City or District may have and will not be deemed a waiver of any right or remedy for a subsequent breach or default of the terms, conditions, or covenants herein contained.

20. BINDING EFFECT
This Agreement and all the terms, covenants, conditions, and agreements herein contained will be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors.

21. WORKERS' COMPENSATION
Both City and District shall maintain Workers' Compensation insurance as required by Labor code section 3700.

22. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS
This Agreement is and shall be binding on the successors and assigns of the respective parties hereto.

23. NO PARTNERSHIP
City and District are not partners and nothing herein contained shall be construed to create a partnership or joint venture in any sense.

24. NONDISCRIMINATION
Both the District and the City shall comply with all applicable non-discrimination laws and shall not discriminate against any person on account of race, color, religion, age, sex, marital status, mental or physical disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, genetic information, ethnicity, ethnic group identification, national origin or nationality, ancestry, or a perception that a person has any of these characteristics or that the person is associated with a person who has, or is perceived to have, any of these characteristics.

25. ATTORNEY'S FEES
In the event that any party to this Agreement shall commence any legal action or proceeding, including an action for declaratory relief, against the other by reason of the alleged failure of the other to perform or keep any term, covenant, or condition of this Agreement by it to be performed or kept, the party prevailing in said action or proceeding shall be entitled to recover in addition to its court costs, a reasonable attorney's fee to be fixed by the court, and such recovery shall include court costs and attorney's fees on appeal, if any. As used herein, the term "party prevailing" means the party in whose favor final judgment is rendered.

26. ENTIRE AGREEMENT
This Agreement expresses the entire agreement between the parties concerning the subject matter of this Agreement, and there are no understandings, agreements, representations, or warranties, express or implied, not set forth or specified in this

Agreement. This Agreement may not be amended except in writing signed by both parties. Agreement supersedes all other agreements, verbal or written.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto affixed their name by their officers "hereunto duly authorized", on the day and year written above.

27. BOARD APPROVAL
This Agreement is not a valid or an enforceable obligation against the District or City until approved or ratified by a motion of the District's Board of Education and City's City Council duly passed adopted.

PALO VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

By _____
Tracie Kern, Superintendent

Date of Board Approval: April 4, 2023

Diana Esquibel-Mendez

Attest:

Diana Esquibel Mendez
Clerk, Governing Board

CITY OF BLYTHE

By _____
Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager

Attest:

_____
City Clerk

Exhibit "A"

City Facilities
Todd Park
Miller Park
Appleby Park
Bommer Park
Multi-Purpose Room at City Hall
Blythe Recreation Center

District Facilities
Felix J. Appleby Elementary
Margaret White Elementary
Ruth Brown Elementary
Palo Verde High School
Twin Palms Continuation School

EXHIBIT B

PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT AND WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY



CITY OF BLYTHE
JOE WINE BLYTHE RECREATION CENTER
EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES – REC CENTER PROGRAM
PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT AND WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I, _____ (full legal name), desire that my child to participate in the Palo Verde Unified School District (the "District") Expanded Learning Opportunities – Rec Center Program (the "Program") offered by the City of Blythe (the "City") and the District at the Joe Wine Blythe Recreation Center (the "City's Recreation Center"). I understand and acknowledge that the City will supervise, provide oversight of, and exercise care and control over my child during their participation in the Program. In consideration for my child's ability to participate in the Program, I agree as follows:

1. **Assumption of Risk.** I fully understand that there are dangers, inherent and otherwise, in participating in the Program. I further understand that, by participating in the Program, my child may be exposed to the risk of personal injury, illness, death and/or property damage. All such risks are known and appreciated by me. I hereby acknowledge that I am freely allowing my child to participate in the Program, and I agree to assume the full risk of any injuries and/or damages and/or losses of any kind, regardless of severity and including death, that may occur in connection with my child participating in the Program.

2. **Medical Release.** I authorize the City to provide or cause to be provided such medical treatment to my child as may be necessary or appropriate if any injury occurs while my child is participating in the Program. I agree that I will be solely responsible for the costs of any such medical treatment.

3. **Waiver and Release of Liability.** I, intending to be legally bound for myself and my heirs, personal representatives, next of kin, and anyone who might make a claim on my behalf, hereby waive, release, and discharge the City and its elected officials, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from any and all claims for damages and/or liability, whether caused by any active or passive negligent act or omission of the City, or its elected officials, officers, agents, employees, and/or volunteers, or otherwise related to my child participating in the Program. This release and waiver extends to all claims of every kind or nature whatsoever, foreseen or unforeseen, known or unknown.

4. **Compliance with All Rules.** I understand that my child will be required to obey all rules and regulations applicable to the Program and the City's Recreation Center and instructions provided by City staff and volunteers while my child is participating in the Program. I acknowledge that the rules include, but are not limited to: (a) all rules provided by the District; (b) foul language will not be tolerated; (c) cell phone use by participants is prohibited; and (4) violence of any sort will not be tolerated. I understand that failure to comply with any rules or instructions may result in disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, verbal warnings and/or suspension and/or removal from the Program, depending on the severity of the violation.

5. **Miscellaneous.** I acknowledge and agree that this Agreement and Waiver and Release of Liability is binding upon my heirs, assigns and legal representatives. I agree that this Agreement and Waiver and Release of Liability is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by California law. I further agree that this Agreement and Waiver and Release of Liability is severable and that if any clause is found invalid, the balance of the Agreement and Waiver and Release of Liability will remain in effect, valid, and enforceable.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT AND WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, KNOW, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY ITS CONTENTS, AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Participant's Full Legal Name: _____ **Age:** _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Amendment to Law Enforcement Services Agreement Between the Palo Verde Community College District and the City

PRESENTED BY: Keith Walnoha, Acting Chief of Police

PREPARED BY: Keith Walnoha, Acting Chief of Police

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the Interim City Manager to execute Amendment Number One to the Law Enforcement Services Agreement between the Palo Verde Community College District and the City of Blythe for the Provision of a Campus Tactical Officer (Agreement No. 2026-043 A).

FISCAL IMPACT: The Palo Verde Community College District will reimburse the City for the hours worked by the assigned Campus Tactical Officer. The maximum annual cost for regular hours will be calculated by multiplying the City's Fully Burdened Hourly Rate (FBHR) by 2080 hours. For the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, the maximum cost is $256,840, which includes an additional $32,200 for authorized overtime.

The current FBHR is $108.00 per hour. When the City completes its cost allocation plan and user fee study, the Palo Verde Community College District will pay the newly established FBHR and the maximum annual cost for regular hours for the July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 period will be adjusted based on the new FBHR. The City will also adjust the FBHR and maximum annual cost on July 1 of each year based upon an increase to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and/or any increases to the City's salary schedule.

BACKGROUND: In June 2023, the City Council approved the addition of one full-time police officer position and authorized the Interim City Manager to execute the Law Enforcement Services Agreement with the Palo Verde Community College District. Since July 1, 2023, the Blythe Police Department has provided law enforcement services to the Palo Verde Community College District by assigning one Campus Tactical Officer to the Blythe campus. This partnership has led to a safer college campus for their students, staff and our community. The current agreement has a term through June 30, 2026.

STAFF REPORT: The Palo Verde Community College District desires to continue this partnership with the City and amend the Law Enforcement Services Agreement to extend the provision of law enforcement services through June 30, 2029. There will be no impact on current police staffing levels or on our service to the community.

Should funding for the Palo Verde Community College District officer cease, the employee would be removed from this special assignment, and the extra position would be eliminated.

The amendment was approved by the Palo Verde Community College District Board of Directors at the June 9, 2026 Board of Directors meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Amendment Number One to Law Enforcement Services Agreement Between the Palo Verde Community College District and the City of Blythe for the Provision of a Campus Tactical Officer

AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PALO VERDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF BLYTHE FOR THE PROVISION OF A CAMPUS TACTICAL OFFICER

THIS AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of June 30, 2026 ("Effective Date") by and between the CITY OF BLYTHE, a California municipal corporation (hereinafter "CITY"), and the PALO VERDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, a California community college district (hereinafter "COLLEGE"). CITY and COLLEGE are sometimes collectively referred to herein as the "parties" and individually as a "party".

WHEREAS, CITY and DISTRICT entered into a Law Enforcement Services Agreement dated June 13, 2023 for the provision of a Campus Tactical Officer for an Initial Term through June 30, 2026 (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, CITY and DISTRICT desire to extend the term of the Agreement through June 30, 2029; and

WHEREAS, CITY and DISTRICT desire to further amend the Agreement as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, CITY and DISTRICT agree as follows:

1. The term of the Agreement shall be extended through June 30, 2029.

2. Section 4 of the Agreement shall be amended to read as follows:

A. Regular Hours. As used herein, "Regular Hours" refers to hours worked by the CTO as part of a 2080 schedule, consisting of 40 hours per week. COLLEGE acknowledges that the hourly rate set forth herein is CITY's Fully Burdened Hourly Rate (FBHR) for a Police Officer, inclusive of salary, benefits, a patrol vehicle and mileage, and overhead costs, adjusted annually for changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

i. For the period commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, COLLEGE shall pay CITY at a rate of $108.00 per hour as reimbursement for services rendered pursuant to this Agreement during Regular Hours.

ii. COLLEGE acknowledges that CITY is conducting a cost allocation plan and user fee study, which the CITY expects to be completed in the fall of 2026. COLLEGE agrees to pay CITY the FBHR established by the CITY following the completion of the cost allocation plan and user fee study and to increase the maximum annual cost for Regular Hours accordingly for the July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 period. CITY will provide written notice to COLLEGE of the newly established FBHR and corresponding change to the maximum annual cost following the completion of the cost allocation plan and user fee study. The new FBHR will take effect on the first day of the month following the written notice provided by CITY to COLLEGE.

iii. COLLEGE agrees that CITY may increase the FBHR and maximum annual cost set forth herein effective July 1 of each year based upon an increase to the CPI for all Urban Consumer for the Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario area and/or any increases to the CITY's salary schedule.

B. Overtime Hours. As used herein, "Overtime Hours" refers to any hours worked by the CTO in excess of 40 hours per week. For Overtime Hours, COLLEGE shall pay CITY the rate of overtime pay for the assigned CTO actually paid or to be paid by CITY. Overtime Hours will only be provided as agreed to by CITY following a written request from COLLEGE.

C. Maximum Compensation. The maximum annual cost for Regular Hours will be calculated by multiplying the CITY's FBHR by 2080. The maximum annual cost for Overtime Hours will be calculated by multiplying the overtime rate for the top step of a Police Officer by 416. Except as otherwise set forth herein, the total cost to COLLEGE for the first year of this Agreement will not exceed $256,840.00, which amount includes up to $224,640.00 for Regular Hours and up to $32,200.00 for Overtime Hours. Thereafter, the maximum annual cost will be adjusted on July 1 of each year based upon the corresponding CPI increase to the CITY's FBHR and any increases to the CITY's salary schedule. On or before July 1, 2027 and July 1 of each year that this Agreement remains in effect, CITY will provide written notice to COLLEGE of the FBHR and maximum annual cost for the upcoming year.

D. Invoices and Payments; Notice of Lack of Funding. CITY will invoice COLLEGE on a monthly basis for services rendered. COLLEGE will pay each invoice within thirty (30) days of receipt. COLLEGE will notify CITY prior to February of each year of any reduction of services necessary due to lack of funding.

3. All terms not defined herein shall have the same meaning and use as set forth in the Agreement.

4. Except as expressly amended by this Amendment, all other terms, conditions and provisions of the Agreement shall remain unchanged and are in full force and effect. From and after the date of this Amendment, whenever the term "Agreement" appears in the Agreement, it shall mean the Agreement, as amended by this Amendment. The Agreement, together with this Amendment, contains the entire agreement between CITY and COLLEGE and supersedes all prior negotiations, understandings or agreements.

5. The persons executing this Amendment on behalf of the parties hereto warrant that they are duly authorized to execute this Amendment on behalf of said parties and that by doing so the parties hereto are formally bound to the provisions of this Amendment.

6. This Amendment may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which will be an original, but all of which together will constitute one instrument. Each party of this Amendment agrees to the use of electronic signatures, such as digital signatures that meet the requirements of the California Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (("CUETA") Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1633.1 to 1633.17), for executing this Amendment. The parties further agree that the electronic signatures of the parties included in this Amendment are intended to authenticate this writing and to have the same force and effect as manual signatures.

Electronic signature means an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with an electronic record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the electronic record pursuant to the CUETA as amended from time to time. The CUETA authorizes use of an electronic signature for transactions and contracts among parties in California, including a government agency. Digital signature means an electronic identifier, created by computer, intended by the party using it to have the same force and effect as the use of a manual signature, and shall be reasonably relied upon by the parties. For purposes of this section, a digital signature is a type of "electronic signature" as defined in subdivision (i) of Section 1633.2 of the Civil Code.

SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS.

PALO VERDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

_____ Date: _____
Edward Knudson
Interim Superintendent/President

CITY OF BLYTHE

_____ Date: _____
Mallory Crecelius
Interim City Manager

ATTEST:

_____
Mallory Crecelius
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_____
Brittany E. Roberto
City Attorney

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Annual Military Equipment Report Pursuant to Assembly Bill 481

PRESENTED BY: Keith Walnoha, Acting Chief of Police

PREPARED BY: Keith Walnoha, Acting Chief of Police
Brittany E. Roberto, City Attorney

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council receive the Annual Military Equipment Report.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

BACKGROUND: On September 30, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 481 ("AB 481") into law, which became effective January 1, 2022. AB 481 seeks to provide transparency, oversight, and an opportunity for meaningful public input on decisions regarding whether and how military equipment is funded, acquired, and used by law enforcement agencies.

AB 481, codified at Sections 7070 through 7075 of the California Government Code, requires California law enforcement agencies to obtain approval from their governing bodies of military equipment use policies prior to taking certain actions relating to the funding, acquisition or use of military equipment, including military equipment acquired prior to January 1, 2022. The term "military equipment" is defined in California Government Code Section 7070 and includes, but is not limited to, unmanned aerial or ground vehicles, armored vehicles, command and control vehicles, certain firearms and ammunition, pepper balls, less lethal shotguns, less lethal 40mm projectile launchers, long range acoustic devices, and flashbangs. The items considered to be "military equipment" by AB 481 are employed by many law enforcement agencies across the country to enhance citizen and officer safety.

Pursuant to AB 481, the military equipment use policy must be adopted by ordinance at a regular meeting of the City Council. AB 481 requires that the proposed policy be provided to the City Council and posted on the City's website for at least 30 days prior to the public meeting at which the policy is considered. Once adopted, AB 481 requires annual review and renewal of the ordinance, annual reporting on the military equipment identified in the policy, and an annual community engagement meeting regarding the annual report.

AB 481 requires that the annual military equipment report include the following information for the immediately preceding calendar year for each type of military equipment:

(1) A summary of how the military equipment was used and the purpose of its use.
(2) A summary of any complaints or concerns received concerning the military equipment.
(3) The results of any internal audits, any information about violations of the military

equipment use policy, and any actions taken in response.

(4) The total annual cost for each type of military equipment, including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs, and from what source funds will be provided for the military equipment in the calendar year following submission of the annual military equipment report.

(5) The quantity possessed for each type of military equipment.

(6) If the law enforcement agency intends to acquire additional military equipment in the next year, the quantity sought for each type of military equipment.

STAFF REPORT: On May 10, 2022, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 915-22, adopting a Military Equipment Use Policy ("Policy") governing the use of items that are deemed "military equipment" under AB 481. On August 8, 2023, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 922-23, amending the Policy to amend the military equipment inventory list. On July 9, 2024, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 930-24, amending the Policy to amend the military equipment inventory list. On June 10, 2025, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 941-25, amending the Policy to amend the military equipment inventory list. The City's Policy includes nine categories of "military equipment" listed in AB 481. The Policy also contemplates use of military equipment owned by other law enforcement agencies.

The Police Department has prepared an Annual Military Equipment Report ("Annual Report") in accordance with AB 481 and the Policy. The Annual Report is attached to this staff report as Attachment 1. Pursuant to AB 481 and the Policy, the Police Department has scheduled a community engagement meeting for June 24, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. in the City Council Chambers to discuss the report and respond to questions from the public regarding the funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment.

As outlined above, AB 481 also requires that the City Council annually review and renew the ordinance adopting the military equipment use policy. The Police Department has identified additional items that are considered "military equipment" under AB 481. To comply with AB 481, the Police Department intends to propose an amended military equipment use policy for the City Council's consideration at the August City Council meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Annual Military Equipment Report

AB 481 Annual Military Equipment Report

Assembly Bill 481 ("AB 481"), codified at Sections 7070 through 7075 of the California Government Code, requires law enforcement agencies to obtain approval from their governing bodies of military equipment use policies before purchasing, raising funds for, or acquiring military equipment. This initial policy must be passed via ordinance and reviewed and renewed by the governing body each year. AB 481 provides an expansive definition of "military equipment" that includes many items which law enforcement agencies use, deploy, and obtain on a regular basis. The law enforcement agency is required to return annually to provide an annual military equipment report ("Annual Report") to the governing body and the public at large. The agency is also required to host a community engagement meeting for members of the public to attend.

On May 10, 2022, the City Council of the City of Blythe adopted Ordinance No. 915-22 adopting a Military Equipment Use Policy ("Policy") governing the use of items that are deemed "military equipment" under AB 481. The Policy was effective as of June 10, 2022. On August 8, 2023, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 922-23, amending the Policy to amend the military equipment inventory list. On July 9, 2024, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 930-24, amending the Policy to amend the military equipment inventory list. On June 10, 2025, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 941-25, amending the Policy to amend the military equipment inventory list. Since the initial adoption of the Policy, the Blythe Police Department (BPD) has successfully maintained the military equipment in accordance with the Policy. This Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with California Government Code section 7072(a). The BPD will host a community engagement meeting on June 24, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., in the City Council Chambers, located at 235 N. Broadway, Blythe, CA.

The following constitutes the BPD's Annual Report:

(i) Armored Vehicles

2000 Dodge Peacekeeper Armored Rescue Truck

(a) Use of Equipment: Used for rescue and the safe service of search warrants. However, this vehicle has been replaced and is awaiting transfer to the federal government.
(b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
(c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
(d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): Approximately $1,300.
  (i) Funding source for 2026: General Fund.
(e) Quantity: 1
(f) Acquisition Plans for Upcoming Year: None.

2010 Oshkosh Defense Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) All-Terrain Vehicle (M-ATV)

(a) Use of Equipment: Used for safe service of search warrants, providing cover for officers, river patrol, and community outreach.
(b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
(c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.

(d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): Approximately $1,000.
  (i) Funding source for 2026: General Fund.
(e) Quantity: 1
(f) Acquisition Plans for Upcoming Year: None.

(ii) Command and Control Vehicles

2009 Eagle Command Post

(a) Use of Equipment: Used as a command post in community events, crime scenes and special operations.
(b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
(c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
(d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): Approximately $2,450.00.
  (i) Funding source for 2026: General Fund.
(e) Quantity: 1
(f) Acquisition Plans for Upcoming Year: None.

(iii) Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS)

DJI Mavic 2 Enterprise Advanced

(a) Use of Equipment: Search and rescue, suspect search, search warrant observation, and river patrol.
(b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
(c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
(d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): Approximately $1,800.00.
  (i) Funding source for 2026: General Fund.
(e) Quantity: 2
(f) Acquisition Plans for Upcoming Year: None.

DJI Mavic 3 Enterprise Advanced

(a) Use of Equipment: Search and rescue, suspect search, search warrant observation, and river patrol.
(b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
(c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
(d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): Approximately $1,000.00.
  (i) Funding Source for 2026: General Fund.
(e) Quantity: 1
(f) Acquisition Plans for Upcoming Year: None.

DJI Matrice 30T

(a) Use of Equipment: Search and rescue, suspect search, search warrant observation, and river patrol.
(b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
(c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
(d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): Approximately $2,200.00.
  (i) Funding source for 2026: General Fund.
(e) Quantity: 1
(f) Acquisition Plans for Upcoming Year: None.

DJI Matrice 4

(a) Use of Equipment: Search and rescue, suspect search, search warrant observation, and river patrol.
(b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
(c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
(d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): Approximately $2,200.00.
(e) Funding source for 2026: General Fund.
  (i) Quantity: 2
(f) Acquisition Plans for Upcoming Year: None.

DJI Avata

(a) Use of Equipment: Search and rescue, suspect search, search warrant observation, and river patrol.
(b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
(c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
(d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): Approximately $1,000.00.
  (i) Funding source for 2026: General Fund.
(e) Quantity: 2
(f) Acquisition Plans for Upcoming Year: None.

(iv) Firearms

Colt enhanced/select fire patrol rifles

(a) Use of Equipment: Patrol and special operations.
(b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
(c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
(d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): Approximately $2,200.00.
  (i) Funding source for 2026: General Fund.
(e) Quantity: 28
(f) Acquisition Plans for Upcoming Year: None.

B&T 9mm select fire rifles
(a) Use of Equipment: Special operations.
(b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
(c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
(d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): Approximately $1,000.00.
  (i) Funding source for 2026: General Fund.
(e) Quantity: 4
(f) Acquisition Plans for Upcoming Year: None.

9mm Glock 18 pistols
(a) Use of Equipment: Special operations.
(b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
(c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
(d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): Approximately $200.00.
  (i) Funding source for 2026: General Fund.
(e) Quantity: 4
(f) Acquisition Plans for Upcoming Year: None.

Remington 870 shotguns, converted to less lethal green stocks for identification purposes
(a) Use of Equipment: Patrol and special operations.
(b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
(c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
(d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): Approximately $200.00.
  (i) Funding source for 2026: General Fund.
(e) Quantity: 12
(f) Acquisition Plans for Upcoming Year: None.

Heckler & Koch MP5 9mm
(a) Use of Equipment: Special operations.
(b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
(c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
(d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): Approximately $1,000.00.
  (i) Funding source for 2026: General Fund.
(e) Quantity: 4
(f) Acquisition Plans for Upcoming Year: None.

Ruger Mini 14 AC-556
(a) Use of Equipment: Special operations.
(b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
(c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
(d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): Approximately $100.00.
  (i) Funding source for 2026: General Fund.
(e) Quantity: 1
(f) Acquisition Plans for Upcoming Year: None.

(v) Ammunition

CTS Model 2581 Super Sock Bean Bag Rounds
(a) Use of Equipment: Less lethal use.
(b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
(c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
(d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): Approximately $700.00.
  (i) Funding source for 2026: General Fund.
(e) Quantity: 100
(f) Acquisition Plans for Upcoming Year: None.

(vi) Breaching Apparatuses

Remington 870 Shotgun with breaching type barrel
(a) Use of Equipment: Door breaching.
(b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
(c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
(d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): Approximately $200.00.
  (i) Funding source for 2026: General Fund.
(e) Quantity: 2
(f) Acquisition Plans for Upcoming Year: None.

Defense Technology Breaching Rounds
(a) Use of Equipment: Door breaching.
(b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
(c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
(d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): Approximately $700.00.
  (i) Funding source for 2026: General Fund.
(e) Quantity: 40
(f) Acquisition Plans for Upcoming Year: None.

(vii) Flash Bang Grenades

Defense Technology Non-Reloadable Distraction Device

(a) Use of Equipment: Special operations, search warrants.
(b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
(c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
(d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): Approximately $1,200.00.
  (i) Funding source for 2026: Asset Forfeiture Fund.
(e) Quantity: 100
(f) Acquisition Plans for Upcoming Year: None.

(viii) Pepper Ball Carbines and Pepper Balls

Pepper Ball Carbines

(a) Use of Equipment: Less lethal use.
(b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
(c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
(d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): Approximately $800.00.
  (i) Funding source for 2026: General Fund.
(e) Quantity: 4
(f) Acquisition Plans for Upcoming Year: None.

Pepper Balls

(a) Use of Equipment: Less lethal use.
(b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
(c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
(d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): None.
  (i) Funding source for 2026: General Fund.
(e) Quantity: 2,000
(f) Acquisition Plans for Upcoming Year: None.

(ix) 40MM Less Lethal Launchers and Munitions

Penn Arms 40MM Multi Shot Less Lethal/Chemical Agent Launcher

(a) Use of Equipment: Less lethal use, special operations.
(b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
(c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
(g) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): Approximately $1,000.00.
  (i) Funding source for 2026: General Fund.
(d) Quantity: 1
(e) Acquisition Plans for Upcoming Year: None.

B&T 40MM Single Shot Less Lethal/Chemical Agent Launcher
(a) Use of Equipment: Less lethal use, special operations.
(b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
(c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
(d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): Approximately $1,000.00.
(e) Funding source for 2026: General Fund.
(i) Quantity: 2
(f) Acquisition Plans for Upcoming Year: None.

Combined Systems INC 40MM Foam Baton Rounds
(a) Use of Equipment: Less lethal use.
(b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
(c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
(d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): Approximately $1,200.00.
(i) Funding source for 2026: Asset Forfeiture Fund.
(e) Quantity: 47
(f) Acquisition Plans for Upcoming Year: None.

Mossberg 590 Shotguns with Chemical Agent Launching Cup, Chemical Agent Orange Stocks for identification purposes
(a) Use of Equipment: Special operations.
(b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
(c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
(d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): Approximately $200.00.
(i) Funding source for 2026: General Fund.
(e) Quantity: 2
(f) Acquisition Plans for Upcoming Year: None.

Combined Systems INC and Amtec Chemical Agents
(a) Use of Equipment: Less lethal use.
(b) Concerns and Complaints Received: None.
(c) Internal Audit Results and Response: None.
(d) Total Annual Cost (including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs): Approximately $1,200.00.
(i) Funding source for 2026: Asset Forfeiture Fund.
(e) Quantity: 229
(f) Acquisition Plans for Upcoming Year: None.

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Annual Reaffirmation of City Investment Policy

PRESENTED BY: Christa Elms, Finance Director

PREPARED BY: Christa Elms, Finance Director

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt fiscal year 2026-2027 Investment Policy as required by Government Code Section 53646.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

STAFF REPORT: Government Code Section 53646 requires that an entity's investment policy be reviewed by the legislative body on an annual basis. State law requires a quarterly or monthly report to the City Council on the City's investment portfolio. The policy as presented requires the investment report to be presented to the City Council quarterly and conforms to the restrictions and guidelines of the Government Code.

Currently the City of Blythe's cash in excess of current operating requirements has been invested with the State of California Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF). LAIF offers the City both safety and liquidity, which are objective A and B of the investment Policy.

ATTACHMENTS:

A. Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

City of Blythe
Investment Policy

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

The purpose of this policy statement is to identify and document various policies and procedures that enhance opportunities for a prudent and systematic investment policy and to organize and formalize investment-related activities. Related activities which comprise good cash management include accurate cash projections, the expeditious collection of revenue, the control of disbursements, cost effective banking relations, and a short-term borrowing program which coordinates working capital requirements and investment opportunity. In concert with these requirements are the many facets of an appropriate and secure short-term investment program.

It is intended that this policy cover all funds and investment activities under the direct authority of the City of Blythe pursuant to Government Code Section 53601.

Objectives:

A. Safety: It is the primary duty of and the responsibility of the city treasurer to protect, preserve and maintain cash and investments placed in his/her trust on behalf of the citizens of the community.

B. Liquidity: An adequate percentage of the portfolio should be maintained in liquid short-term securities which can be converted to cash if necessary to meet disbursement requirements. Since all cash requirements cannot be anticipated, investments in securities with active secondary or resale markets is highly recommended. Emphasis should be on marketable securities with low sensitivity to market risk.

C. Yield: Yield should become a consideration only after the basic requirements of safety and liquidity have been met.

D. Market-Average Rate of Return: The investment portfolio shall be designed to attain a market-average rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account the City's risk constraints, the cash flow characteristics of the portfolio, and State and local laws, ordinances or resolutions that restrict investments.

E. Diversification: The investment portfolio will be diversified to avoid incurring unreasonable and avoidable risks regarding specific security types or individual financial institutions.

F. Prudence: The agency adheres to the guidance provided by the "prudent man rule", which obligates a fiduciary to insure "...investments shall be made with the exercise of that degree of judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation but for investment considering the probable safety of their capital as well as

the probable income to be derived."

G. Public Trust: All participants in the investment process shall act as custodians of the public trust. Investment officials shall recognize that the investment portfolio is subject to public review and evaluation. The overall program shall be designed and managed with a degree of professionalism that is worthy of the public trust. In a diversified portfolio it must be recognized that occasional measured losses are inevitable and must be considered within the context of the overall portfolio's investment return, provided that adequate diversification has been implemented.

The City Manager shall be charged with overall management of the investment program, the Director of Finance shall be delegated responsibility for the day-to-day investment activities.

The City Council advocates an active investment posture depending on the expertise of staff, size of the investment portfolio and the cost/benefit ratio.

Government Code Section 53601 lists, subject to restrictions, those investments local agencies may legally purchase:

a. Bonds issued by the local agency.
b. United States Treasury notes, bonds, bills, or certificates of indebtedness, of those for which the faith and credit of the United States are pledged for the payment of principal and interest.
c. Registered state warrants or treasury notes or bonds of this state.
d. Registered treasury notes or bonds of any of the other states in addition to California.
e. Bonds, notes, warrants, or other evidence of indebtedness of any local agency within this state.
f. Federal agency or United States government-sponsored enterprise obligations, participations, or other instruments, including those issued by or fully guaranteed as to principal and interest by federal agencies or United States government-sponsored enterprises.
g. Bankers' acceptances otherwise known as bills of exchange or time drafts that are drawn on and accepted by a commercial bank.
h. Commercial paper of "prime" quality of the highest ranking or of the highest letter and number rating as provided for by a nationally recognized statistical-rating organization. The entity that issues the commercial paper shall meet certain restrictions as defined in Government Code Section 53601 (h)(1) and (2).
i. Negotiable certificates of deposit issued by a nationally or state-chartered bank, a savings association, or a federal association, a state or federal credit union, or by a federally licensed or state-licensed branch of a foreign bank. Investment shall meet certain restrictions as defined in Government Code Section 53601 (i).
j. Investments in repurchase agreements or reverse repurchase agreements or securities lending agreements of any securities authorized by Government Code Section 53601 (j)(1) through (5) and only if prior approval is received by the City Council.

k. Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) and County Pooled Investment Funds.
l. Mutual Funds and Money Markey Mutual Funds as authorized by Government Code Section 53601.

The listed investment instruments are relatively short term and liquid. The government code authorizes several other types of instruments which are longer term and not suited to City of Blythe investment program at this time.

A system of internal controls is in place which is designed to prevent losses of public funds arising from fraud, employee error, misrepresentation of third parties, unanticipated changes in financial markets, or imprudent actions by employees and officers of the City. These controls include control of collusion, separation of duties, separating transaction authority from accounting and record-keeping, custodial safekeeping, clear delegation of authority, specific limitations regarding securities losses and remedial action, written confirmation of telephone transactions, minimizing the number of authorized Investment Officials, documentation of transactions and strategies, and code of ethics standards.

In selecting financial institutions for the deposit or investment of the public's funds, the Director of Finance shall consider the creditworthiness of institutions. The Director of Finance shall continue to monitor financial institutions' credit characteristics throughout the period in which the City's funds are deposited and invested.

The City of Blythe recognizes that investment risks can result from issuer defaults, market price changes or various technical complications leading to temporary liquidity. Portfolio diversification is employed to control risk. Investment managers are expected to display prudence in the selection of securities, to minimize default risk. No individual investment transaction shall be undertaken which jeopardizes the total capital position of the overall portfolio. The Director of Finance shall periodically establish guidelines and strategies to control risks of default, market price changes and liquidity.

In addition to these general policy considerations, the following specific policies will be strictly observed.

a. All transactions will be executed on a delivery versus payment basis.
b. A competitive bid process, when practical, will be used to place all investment purchases.

All investment transactions will meet the collateralization and safekeeping requirements of Government Code Sections 53652, 53656 and 53658.

H. Reporting: In accordance with California Government Code Section 53646(b)(1), the Director of Finance will submit to each member of the City Council a quarterly investment report. The report shall include a complete description of the portfolio, the type of investments, the issuers, maturity dates par values and the current market values of each component of the portfolio, including funds managed for the City of Blythe by third party contracted managers. The report shall also include the source of the portfolio valuation.

As specified in Government Code Section 53646(e) if all funds are placed in LAIF, FDIC-insured accounts and/or in a county investment pool, the foregoing reports elements may be replaced by copies of the latest statements from institutions. The report must also include a certification that (1) all investment actions executed since the last report have been made in full compliance with the Investment Policy and, (2) the City of Blythe will meet its expenditure obligations for the next six months as required by Government Code Sections 53646 (2) and (3) respectively. The Director of Finance shall maintain a complete and timely record of all investment transactions.

The City of Blythe Investment Policy will be reviewed by the Director of Finance, updated as needed, and submitted to the City Council annually.

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Statement of Work for Information Technology Services – Southwest Networks

PRESENTED BY: Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager

PREPARED BY: Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended Council authorize the Interim City Manager to execute a Statement of Work (SOW# 07012026CB) with Southwest Networks, Inc. for Managed Information Technology Services for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029 once reviewed and approved by the City Attorney.

FISCAL IMPACT: $93,600 per year for Information Technology services, software and 3rd party supported software. The annual cost is charged to each department based on number of users.

This SOW includes firewall management, workstation management, server management, back up management, Office 365 management, anti-spam/phishing, cyber awareness training, dark web monitoring, cloud detection and response, BEC compromise protection and email back. Additional services which are not covered under the SOW are billed at a rate of $100.00 per hour and charged to the department requesting the service.

BACKGROUND: In 2013, staff released a Request for Proposal for Information Technology (IT) services. Proposals were sent to seven companies offering IT services. Three proposals were received, and a three-year contract was awarded to Southwest Networks in 2014. In 2017, the City Council approved the First Amendment to the Agreement for an additional three years of service. In June 2020, the City entered into the Second Amendment to the Information Technology Services Agreement extending the term through June 30, 2023. In June 2023, the City entered into a Master Services Agreement (Agreement No. 2023-034) and corresponding Statement of Work (SOW# (07012023COB) authorizing Southwest Networks to provide Managed Information Technology Services for an additional three years.

STAFF REPORT: Since 2013, Southwest Networks has worked closely with staff to maintain the City's network. Southwest most recently completed the installation of a new server and was instrumental in the new phone system at City Hall. Over the years, Southwest has continued to increase the City's cyber security protections to include quarterly training for staff, dark web monitoring, multi-factor authentication, Zero Trust and Office 365 protections. They have worked closely with staff to keep costs down while maintaining an integrated network for City operations.

Therefore, it is recommended Council authorize the Interim City Manager to enter into a Statement of Work (SOW# 07012026CB) with Southwest Networks, Inc. for Managed

Information Technology Services once reviewed and approved by the City Attorney.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Southwest Networks Statement of Work

STATEMENT OF WORK – Guardian IT Peace of Mind (SOW# 07012026CB)

Client Name: City of Blythe		
Client Address: 235 N. Broadway		
City: Blythe	State: CA	Zip: 92225
Client Contact: Mallory Crecelius		
Phone: 760-922-6161	Fax: 760-922-0251	
Email: msutterfield@cityofblythe.ca.gov		
Start Date: 07/01/2026	End Date: 06/30/2029	

Statement of Work No: 07012026CB

This Statement of Work ("SOW") is agreed to by Client and Southwest Networks, Inc. and is effective as of the date signed by the Parties ("Effective Date"). The terms of Southwest Networks, Inc.'s Master Services Agreement ("MSA") located https://www.southwest-networks.com/msa govern this SOW. This SOW is incorporated into the MSA as if set forth in full in the MSA and all terms and conditions of the MSA apply to this SOW. Southwest Networks, Inc. will provide the Services described below to the standards stated in the MSA. Capitalized terms used herein, unless otherwise defined, will have the meanings given to them in the MSA.

1. SERVICES & PRODUCTS (CLIN 001)

A. **Services.** The MSP shall provide the following Base Services on a remote basis:

- PC Management/Helpdesk Support
- Printer Management
- Network Management
- Server Management
- Backup Monitoring and Management
- Firewall Management
- Microsoft Patch Management
- Site Documentation
- Vendor Documentation
- Technology Business Reviews

B. Products.

- Hardware:
  - 2 x Managed Firewall
  - 8 x Managed Wireless Access Point
  - 1 x 8TB BCDR with Offsite
- Software:
  - Managed Next-Gen Anti-Virus
  - EDR (Endpoint Detection and Response)
  - MDR (Managed Detection and Response)
  - Zero Trust (Application Whitelisting and Elevation Control)
  - Persistent Threat Detection
  - Ransomware Quarantine
  - All included software is subject to the commercial license terms which flow through to the Client
- 3rd Party Supported Software
  - No 3rd Party Software Support is included in this SOW

2. COVERAGE HOURS (CLIN 002)

The MSP Base Services will be provided between the hours of 8:00A.M. – 5:00P.M. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, only for equipment inventory identified in a SOW. Remote Network Monitoring Services, if ordered, will be provided 24/7/365.

3. AFTER HOURS AND HOLIDAY SUPPORT (CLIN 003)

Services performed outside of the Coverage Hours set forth above, including holidays, are charged on a fixed fee/labor hour basis as set forth in the Fees and Payment Schedule. After Hours and Holiday Support are subject to minimum hour charges of 1 hour for remote labor and 2 hours for on-site labor. MSP will use its best efforts to provide timely service after hours and on holidays, but Client acknowledges and accepts that delays in service after hours or on holidays may occur. Planned work that is scheduled after hours will be billed at the regular labor rates.

4. OBTAINING SUPPORT (CLIN 002 & 003)

To obtain support from the MSP, the Client member needing assistance must open a Trouble Ticket by sending an email to "helpdesk@southwest-networks.com" or by calling 760-288-2200, if email is unavailable. Each email and call will be assigned a Trouble Ticket number for tracking. Client members should not contact an MSP representative directly. Doing so will result in no Trouble Ticket number getting assigned and delays in getting the issue resolved. The MSP will respond to Client's Trouble Tickets received during the coverage hours above in accordance with SOW Exhibit C.

5. FEES AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

CLIN	Fee Type	Description	Hourly Rate	Not-to-Exceed Amount
000	Fixed Fee	One-Time Client Set-Up Fee	-	$
001	Fixed Fee	Annual MSP Base Services	-	$
001A	Actual Cost	Other Direct Costs	-	$
002	N/A	Included Support	N/A	N/A
003	Labor Hour*	After Hours & Holiday Support	-	$
		After Hours Remote Support (1 Hr. Minimum)	$250.00	-
		After Hours Onsite Support (2 Hr. Minimum)	$250.00	-
003A	Actual Cost	Other Direct Costs	-	$
003B	Actual Cost	Travel (if >50mi from Palm Desert, CA)	-	$
004	Labor Hour*	Project Labor or Added Labor (if requested)	$100.00	$
004A	Labor Hour*	Cyber Security Related Labor	$150.00	$
004B	Actual Cost	Other Direct Costs	-	$
004C	Actual Cost	Travel (if >50mi from Palm Desert, CA)	-	$

*MSP agrees that it will increase its labor hour rates 5% no more than 1x per calendar year and that it will provide Client advance written notice of such increase.

- Contract Line Item ("CLIN") 000 is due to MSP 30 days prior to start date.
- CLIN 001 is due to MSP prior to the Start Date and 30 days prior to the Renewal Date of the SOW. MSP will invoice Client for SOW renewal sixty (60) days prior to the Renewal Date. MSP shall not commence work unless these CLINS are paid in full prior to Start Date/Renewal Date, unless otherwise agreed between the Parties.
- CLIN 003 and CLIN 004 and all ODC CLINS (001A, 003A, 004, 004A) will be invoiced to Client Monthly.

Quantity	Description	Monthly Amount	Monthly Extended Amount
1	Guardian Site	$50.00	$50.00
6	Managed Servers	$300.00	$1,800.00
40	Managed Workstations	$70.00	$2,800.00
58	Guardian User – Advanced	$20.00	$1,160.00
2	Managed Firewall	$100.00	$200.00
2	Firewall Management	$50.00	$100.00
1	8TB BCDR with 1yr Retention Offsite	$1,100.00	$1,100.00
1	Backup Management	$100.00	$100.00
1	M365 Management	$100.00	$100.00
8	Managed Wireless Access Point	$30.00	$240.00
2	Network Management	$75.00	$150.00
	SUBTOTAL		**$7,800.00 Billed Yearly**

- Pricing shown is for 1 yr. and automatically renews for 1 year at a time for 2 additional years.

6. CYBER SECURTY SERVICES

All Client owned devices must be included in SOW and must be under MSP management in order to effect proper cybersecurity and IT management. No unmanaged (personal or 3rd party) devices will be allowed to access Client's primary wired or wireless network. This does not apply to Client's guest wireless network.

Client agrees and understands that the provision of cyber protections and cyber security monitoring requires ongoing and constantly evolving protective approaches to stay current with basic industry standards and that both the Client and the MSP have to play an active role to protect Client data. Therefore, as a condition of receiving cybersecurity services, Client acknowledges that the MSP will consistently document and provide written recommendations for improvement and changes to Client's network, software, hardware, etc. to remain current with cyber developments. Client agrees to review and approve/disapprove the recommendations of the MSP within 5 business days. Where it is the responsibility of the Client to implement the recommendations of the MSP (e.g. training employees), Client agrees to implement the recommendations provided. Should the Client decline to approve or implement any recommendations provided by the MSP, Client agrees to execute a declination letter provided by MSP and to relieve MSP from any liability for any damage regardless of cause, that arises from or is related to Client's declination.

7. THIRD PARTY PROVIDER(S)

To enhance the services deliverables provided by MSP the MSP may utilize third party providers for certain services. In addition to the MSP, Client may be legally bound to the third-party provider's terms and conditions and any other agreements and documents of the third-party provider that are required to provide the services. Third-party provider name and terms and conditions, if any, are included via link or full text in SOW Exhibit A.

8. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENT

In order for Client's existing environment to qualify for MSP services, the following minimum requirements must be met:

- All Servers with Microsoft Windows Operating Systems must be running Windows 2016 Server or later, and have all of the latest Microsoft Service Packs and Critical Updates installed.
- All Desktop PC's and Notebooks/Laptops with Microsoft Windows Operating Systems must be running Windows 10 or later and have all of the latest Microsoft Service Packs and Critical Updates installed.
- All Server and Desktop Software must be Genuine, Licensed and Vendor-Supported.
- An appropriately sized Guardian BDR must be used for Backup and Disaster Recovery
- An appropriately sized Guardian Firewall must be used to protect the network.
- The network must have Manageable Gigabit Switches.
- All Wireless data traffic in the environment must be securely encrypted.
- The Internet connection speed has to be a minimum of 5x5. (5Mbps UP and 5Mbps DOWN)
- There must be an outside static IP address available for VPN access.
- Our Guardian Email Defense Solution or the SPAM protection on the Guardian Firewall must be used

If Client's network does not meet these requirements, MSP will provide a Project SOW and cost estimate to Client. Such Project costs are not included in this SOW unless a Project SOW has been executed by the Parties.

If the Client determines not to undertake the Project to bring its existing environment up to the minimum standards stated above, MSP will have no further obligation to perform any services for Client and shall be released from all liability. Costs required to bring Client's environment up to these Minimum Standards are not included in this SOW.

Client Initials: _____ **Date:**_____

9. SERVICES, ITEMS & COSTS EXCLUDED FROM THE SOW:

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the following services, items and costs are specifically excluded from this SOW. Client acknowledges and agrees that MSP is not responsible for any damages that Client may incur that arise from or are related to any of these listed exclusions.

- Service support for parts, equipment or software not covered by vendor/manufacturer warranty or additional support.
- Maintenance of Applications software packages, whether acquired from MSP or any other source unless as specified in this SOW or in a Project SOW executed between the Parties.
- Programming (modification of software code) and program (software) maintenance unless as specified in this SOW.
- Training Services of any kind, except those specifically listed in a SOW.
- Recovery or remediation services due to virus damage.
- Software patches, upgrades and/or updates except for software specifically listed.
- Warranty for anti-virus software.
- The repair of any Client systems, hardware, software or information damaged by viruses.
- The installation of new hardware and/or software unless as specified in this SOW or in a Project SOW executed between the Parties.
- The cost of any parts, equipment, or shipping charges of any kind, these will be charged as other direct costs under the applicable CLIN.
- The cost of any Software, Licensing, Software Renewal or Upgrade Fees of any kind, these will be charged as other direct costs under the applicable CLIN.

- The cost of any 3rd Party Vendor, Manufacturer Support, Data Breach or Incident Fees.
- The cost to bring Client's environment up to minimum standards required for Services. These costs will be included in a separate Project SOW executed between the Parties within the first month of this SOW.
- The cost of any service or repair made necessary by the alteration or modification of equipment, software installations, settings, design or installations made by Client, or any third Party not authorized by the MSP. These costs will be included in a separate Project SOW executed between the Parties.

Any and all Services requested by Client that fall outside of this SOW will be considered a new Project. Any new Project will be quoted and billed separately and will be subject to a separate Project SOW.

Client Initials:_____ **Date:**_____

This SOW is valid only upon execution by both MSP and Client. Each Party hereto warrants and represents that this SOW (including Exhibits) and the MSA constitute the legal, valid, and binding obligation of the Party as of the date of signature.

AGREED TO:

Southwest Networks, Inc.	City of Blythe
By: (signature)	By: (signature)
Matthew Disher	Name:
President	Title:
Date:	Date:

Exhibit A

Third Party Software

The terms & conditions of the commercial software licenses listed below are applicable to the Client and the license is held between the Client and the software manufacturer.

- Office 365 - https://portal.office.com/commerce/mosa.aspx

Exhibit B

Inventory

Covered Equipment (Obtained following complete site survey)	
Managed desktops/laptops:	40
Managed networks:	2
Managed servers:	6
Managed cell/PDA:	0
Managed BDR:	1
Managed phone system:	0
Managed Firewall:	2

Hostname	Description/Employee	Model	Serial Number
COB-DT20-39Z2	Keith Key Computer	HP ProDesk 600 G5 SFF	MXL94539Z2
COB-DT21-53C7	Evidence Room - Inside	HP ProDesk 600 G6 Desktop Mini	MXL11653C7
COB-DT22-1W8T	Morgann	HP ProDesk 600 G6 Desktop Mini	MXL1521W8T
COB-DT23-2PS0	Mirasol / Kenneth	HP ProDesk 600 G6 Desktop Mini	MXL2492PS0
COB-DT23-2PS7	Christa	HP ProDesk 600 G6 Desktop Mini	MXL2492PS7
COB-DT23-2PS8	Evidence Room (outside)	HP ProDesk 600 G6 Desktop Mini	MXL2492PS8
COB-DT23-2PSM	Shelly	HP ProDesk 600 G6 Desktop Mini	MXL2492PSM
COB-DT23-2PSN	Michelle	HP ProDesk 600 G6 Desktop Mini	MXL2492PSN
COB-DT23-2PTC	Mario	HP ProDesk 600 G6 Desktop Mini	MXL2492PTC
COB-DT23-2PTK	Cynthia (Utility Billing)	HP ProDesk 600 G6 Desktop Mini	MXL2492PTK
COB-DT23-2Z2S	Lauren	HP ProDesk 600 G6 Desktop Mini	MXL2492Z2S
COB-DT23-PXFT	Adrian	11T300C0US	MJ0KPXFT
COB-DT23-YYEC	Street Gods	11T300C0US	MJ0KYYEC
COB-DT24-08JR	Wayne	11T300C9US	MZ0008JR
COB-DT24-08K4	Kevin	11T300C9US	MZ0008K4
COB-DT25-1STZ	Dispatch 1	12TD001RUS	MZ011STZ
COB-DT25-1T1S	Dispatch 2	12TD001RUS	MZ011T1S
COB-DT25-1T2P	CLETS Dispatch 1	12TD001RUS	MZ011T2P
COB-DT25-1T2R	CLETS Records	12TD001RUS	MZ011T2R
COB-DT25-1T9B	CLETS Pam's Office	12TD001RUS	MZ011T9B
COB-DT25-1T9C	CLETS Dispatch 2	12TD001RUS	MZ011T9C
COB-DT25-1T9D	Keith	12TD001RUS	MZ011T9D
COB-DT25-1TBH	Garth	12TD001RUS	MZ011TBH
COB-DT26-M4QX	Cynthia (Utility Billing)	12RQ000KUS	MZ01M4QX
COB-DT26-M4RC	Patrol Report Writing	12RQ000KUS	MZ01M4RC
COB-DT26-M4RD	Mandy	12RQ000KUS	MZ01M4RD
COB-DT26-M4RH	Ashley	12RQ000KUS	MZ01M4RH
COB-DT26-M4RM	Records	12RQ000KUS	MZ01M4RM

COB-DT26-M4S3	Kelly	12RQ000KUS	MZ01M4S3
COB-DT26-M4S4	Tina	12RQ000KUS	MZ01M4S4
COB-DT26-M4S6	Bill Curtis	12RQ000KUS	MZ01M4S6
COB-DT26-M4SF	Alyssa (Alicia)	12RQ000KUS	MZ01M4SF
COB-DT26-M4SM	Mallory	12RQ000KUS	MZ01M4SM
COB-DT26-M4T4	Front Desk/Badge ID	12RQ000KUS	MZ01M4T4
COB-DT26-M4T6	John Bush	12RQ000KUS	MZ01M4T6
COB-DT26-ZDWX	Jason	12RQ000KUS	MZ02ZDWX
COB-LT21-CKWR	COB-LT21-CKWR	HP 250 G8 Notebook PC	CND137CKWR
COB-LT22-FGT2	Door Alarm Laptop	HP ProBook 450 G8 Notebook PC	5CD223FGT2
COB-LT25-VH40	PW Training	21JN0040US	PF5AVH40
COB-LT26-3PQD	Council Chambers	21M5000KUS	SD003PQD
COBAPP1	COBAPP1	Virtual Machine	1256-9878-2008-4592-0413-3251-31
COBDB1	COBDB1	Virtual Machine	8896-8265-4817-9219-0470-2644-39
COBDC	COBDC	VMware7,1	Vmware
COBHV1	PD - HyperV Host	ThinkSystem SR630 V4	JZ0193G9
COBTS	COBTS	VMware7,1	Vmware
BLYTHE7	BLYTHE7	VMware Virtual Platform	Vmware

Exhibit C

Response and Resolution Times

MSP target response and resolution times during regular business hours M-F, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, excluding holidays

Trouble	Priority	Response time (in hours) *	Resolution time (in hours) *	Escalation threshold (in hours)
Service not available (all users and functions unavailable)	1	Within 1 hour	ASAP – Best Effort	2 hours
Significant degradation of service (large number of users or business critical functions affected)	2	Within 4 hours	ASAP – Best Effort	8 hours
Limited degradation of service (limited number of users or functions affected, business process can continue)	3	Within 24 hours	ASAP – Best Effort	48 hours
Small service degradation (business process can continue, one user affected)	4	Within 48 hours	ASAP – Best Effort	96 hours

Support Tiers

Support Tier	Description
Tier 1 Support	All support incidents begin in Tier 1, where the initial trouble ticket is created, the issue is identified and clearly documented, and basic hardware/software troubleshooting is initiated.
Tier 2 Support	All support incidents that cannot be resolved with Tier 1 Support are escalated to Tier 2, where more complex support on hardware/software issues can be provided.
Tier 3 Support	Support Incidents that cannot be resolved by Tier 2 Support are escalated to Tier 3, where support is provided by a senior Engineer who has the ability to collaborate with 3rd Party (Vendor) Support Engineers to resolve the most complex issues.

Exhibit D

Support Descriptions

Description – Workstation & Help Desk Support	Frequency	Included
8x5 Live remote technical support	As Needed	Yes
8x5 onsite support	As Needed	Yes
Anti-virus install and updates	Ongoing	Yes
Persistent Threat Detection	Ongoing	Yes
Microsoft Patch management	Ongoing	Yes
Temporary file deletions	Ongoing	Yes

Description – Servers	Frequency	Included
Monitor servers	Ongoing	Yes
Monitor print queues	Ongoing	Yes
Monitor all server services	Ongoing	Yes
Keep service packs, patches, and hotfixes current as per company policy	Ongoing	Yes
Monitor hard drive free space	Ongoing	Yes
Office 365 user/mailbox management	Ongoing	Yes
Monitor Active Directory replication	Ongoing	Yes
SQL server Monitoring / Management	Ongoing	Yes
Reboot servers if needed	As Needed	Yes
Run Defrag and Check-Disk on all drives	As Needed	Yes
Scheduled off time server maintenance	As Needed	Yes
Install supported software upgrades	As Needed	Yes
Set up and maintain groups (accounting, admin, printers, sales, warehouse, etc.)	As Needed	Yes
Check status of backups	Ongoing	Yes
Alert Client to dangerous conditions	Ongoing	Yes
- Memory running low	Ongoing	Yes
- Hard drive showing sign of failure	Ongoing	Yes
- Hard drive running out of disk space	Ongoing	Yes

Description – Disaster Recovery	Frequency	Included
Disaster recovery of server(s) (not caused by unauthorized 3rd party, virus or Ransomware)	As Needed	Yes
Daily incremental backup	Ongoing	Yes
Offsite backup	Ongoing	Yes
File and Folder Restoration	As Needed	Yes
Same day server virtualization	As Needed	Yes

Description – Devices	Frequency	Included
Manage network printers	As Needed	Yes
Manage networked devices	As Needed	Yes

Description – Security	Frequency	Included
Check firewall logs	As Needed	Yes
Monitor and update antivirus protections, including but not limited to that antivirus definition auto updates have occurred	Ongoing	Yes

Monitor for Backup Failure	Ongoing	Yes
Monitor Screenshot Verifications	Ongoing	Yes
Create new directories, shares and security groups, new accounts, disable/delete old accounts, manage account policies	As Needed	Yes
Permissions and file system management	As Requested	Yes
Set up new users, including login restrictions, passwords, security, applications	As Needed	Yes
Set up and change security for users and applications	As Needed	Yes
Monitor website use	As Directed	Yes
Website content filtering	Ongoing	Yes

Description – Applications	Frequency	Included
Microsoft Office applications are functioning	Ongoing	Yes
3rd Party Application Support (If previously installed, has manufacturer support contract)	As Needed	Yes

Description – Vendor Documentation	Frequency	Included
Monitor the following vendor relationships:	As Needed	Yes
- Phone, Telco, and Internet	As Needed	Yes
- Copiers, Faxes and scanners	As Needed	Yes
- Website designer and hosting company	As Needed	Yes
- Proprietary software applications	As Needed	Yes
- Software License Management (other than O365)	As Needed	Yes

Description – Professional Services – Provided by Southwest Networks	Frequency	Included
Technology solution design and development	As Needed	Yes
Onsite implementation and project management	As Needed	Yes
Technology meetings	As Requested	Yes

Description – 2026 Cyber Security Additions	Frequency	Included
Zero Trust (Per Device – Server, Desktop, Laptop)		
Application Allowlisting, Application Ringfencing and Elevation Control	On-going	Yes
Managed Security Operation Center (Per Device – Server, Desktop, Laptop)		
24/7 Monitoring, Breach Detection, Threat Intelligence & Hunting, SIEMless Log Monitoring, Microsoft Defender integration, Microsoft 365 Monitoring	On-going	No
Password Manager (Per User)		
Secure Password Vault, Browser Plugin, Mobile App	As Needed	No
Guardian User - Advanced		
Anti-SPAM/Anti-Phish Protection, O365 Backup, Dark Web Monitoring, O365 Alerting, Cyber Awareness Training, BEC Protection Monitoring	On-going	Yes

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

PRESENTED BY: Christa Elms, Finance Director

PREPARED BY: Christa Elms, Finance Director

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommend the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-010 establishing the Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

FISCAL IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact.

BACKGROUND: Each year governmental entities in California must adopt a resolution establishing the dollar amount which the entity may expend from collection of all taxes to fund services to its residents; this dollar amount is the "Appropriations Limit" also referred to as the GANN Limit. It may increase each year "by a factor comprised of the change in population combined with the change in California per capita personal income or the change in the local assessment roll due to local non-residential construction."

STAFF REPORT: The California State Department of Finance has provided the City with the change in California's per capita personal income price factor and the City's population percentage change. With this information, staff has calculated the Appropriations Limit for fiscal year 2026-2027.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 2026-010 - Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2026-2027
2. Exhibit A - Appropriations Limit Calculation for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-010

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 FOR THE CITY OF BLYTHE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 9 OF TITLE 1 OF THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE

WHEREAS, Article XIII B of the Constitution of the State of California as proposed by the Initiative Measure approved by the people at a special statewide election held on November 6, 1979 and amended in June, 1990 by the people of the State of California (Proposition 111), provides that the total annual appropriations subject to limitations of each local government shall not exceed the appropriations limit of such entity for the prior year adjusted for changes in the cost of living and population except as otherwise specifically provided for in said Article; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature added Division 9 (commencing with Section 7900) to Title 1 of the Government Code of the State of California to implement Article XIII B of the California Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Section 7910 of the Government Code provides that each year the governing body of each local jurisdiction shall, by resolution, establish its appropriations limit for the following fiscal year pursuant to Article XIII B at a regularly scheduled meeting or a noticed special meeting and that fifteen days prior to such meeting, documentation used in the determination of the appropriations limit shall be available to the public; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 111 as approved by the voters of the State of California, requires a recorded vote of the City Council regarding which of the annual adjustment factors have been selected each year; and

WHEREAS, Section 7902(b) of the Government Code sets forth the method for determining the appropriations limit for each local jurisdiction for the 2026-2027 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Blythe wishes to establish the appropriations limit for fiscal year 2026-2027 for the City of Blythe,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That it is hereby found and determined that the documentation used in the determination of the appropriations limit for the City of Blythe for fiscal year 2026-2027 was available to the public in the Finance Department of said City at least fifteen days prior to this date.

Section 2: That the growth in California Per Capita Income and City Population were selected for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Section 3: That the appropriations limit for the City of Blythe as established in accordance with Section 7902(b) of the Government Code is $43,139,878.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Blythe at a regular meeting thereof held on the 16th day of June, 2026, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

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Joey DeConinck, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mallory Crecelius, City Clerk

(SEAL)

Exhibit A
City of Blythe
Appropriation Limit Computation
Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Population Change:	**-0.84 %**
City	
Per Capita Income Change:	**4.95 %**
Population Change Converted to a Ratio	**0.9916**
Per Capita Income Change Converted to a Ratio	**1.0495**
Calculation of Growth Factor (0.9916 X 1.0495)	**1.0407**
2025-26 Appropriation Limit	**41,452,751**
2026-27 Appropriation Limit (41,452,751 X 1.0407)	**43,139,878**

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account Funded Project List

PRESENTED BY: Christa Elms, Director of Finance

PREPARED BY: Christa Elms, Director of Finance

RECOMMENDATION: Recommended City Council take the following action:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-011 adopting the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) funded project list for fiscal year 2026-2027.

FISCAL IMPACT: Estimated allocation of $527,000 in RMRA funds.

BACKGROUND: On April 28, 2017, the Governor signed Senate Bill 1, which is known as the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. SB 1 increased per gallon fuel excise taxes; increased diesel fuel sales taxes and vehicle registration fees; and provides for inflationary adjustments to tax rates in future years, to address basic road maintenance, rehabilitation, and critical safety needs on both the state highway and local streets and road system. SB 1 emphasizes the importance of accountability and transparency in the delivery of California's transportation programs. Therefore, to be eligible for RMRA funding, statue requires cities and counties to provide basic annual RMRA project reporting to the California Transportation Commission (CTC).

STAFF REPORT: Staff reviewed and followed the Road Repair Accountability Act of 2017, Local Streets and Roads Funding Annual Reporting Guidelines to prepare the appropriate documentation required to be an eligible recipient of RMRA funding. Pursuant to the Street and Highway Code Section 2030(a), RMRA funds made available for the Local Streets and Roads Funding Program shall be prioritized for expenditures on basic road maintenance and rehabilitation projects, safety projects, railroad grade separation, and complete street components.

The City has approximately $2,500,000 available from prior year RMRA allocations and expects to receive an estimated allocation of $527,000 for the fiscal year 2026-2027. With approximately $3,027,000 in available funds, Staff is recommending a portion of these funds to be used in fiscal year 2026-2027 for the following project:

1) Murphy and 1st Street resurfacing project cost estimated at $1,500,000.

2) Public Works street and road operations and maintenance cost estimated at $300,000.

3) East Hobsonway from 7th Street to Olive Lake design cost estimated at $150,000.

If approved Staff will submit project listing to the CTC in accordance with RMRA funding requirements for continued funding. Funding will be allocated in the 2026-2027 Operating and Capital Budget with anticipated completion in fiscal year 2026-2027.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 2026-011

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-011

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE CALIFORNIA ADOPTING A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 FUNDED BY SB 1: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017) was passed by the Legislature and Signed into law by the Governor in April 2017 to address the significant multi-modal transportation funding shortfalls statewide; and

WHEREAS, SB 1 includes accountability and transparency provisions that will ensure the residents of our City of Blythe are aware of the projects proposed for funding in our community and which projects have been completed each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Blythe must adopt by resolution a list of projects proposed to receive fiscal year funding from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA), created by SB 1, which must include a description and the location of each proposed project, a proposed schedule for the project's completion, and the estimated useful life of the improvement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Blythe, will receive an estimated $527,000 in RMRA funding in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 from SB 1; and

WHEREAS, this is the ninth year in which the City of Blythe is receiving SB 1 funding and will enable the City of Blythe to continue essential road maintenance and rehabilitation projects, safety improvements, repairing and replacing aging bridges, and increasing access and mobility options for the traveling public that would not have otherwise been possible without SB 1; and

WHEREAS, the City of Blythe has undergone a robust public process to ensure public input into our community's transportation priorities/the project list; and

WHEREAS, the City of Blythe used a Pavement Management System to develop the SB 1 project list to ensure revenues are being used on the most high-priority and cost-effective projects that also meet the communities priorities for transportation investment; and

WHEREAS, the funding from SB 1 will help the City of Blythe maintain and rehabilitate one segment of local streets this year and will help with similar projects in the future; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment found that the City's streets and roads are in an at-risk condition and this revenue will help us increase the overall quality of our road system and over the next decade will bring our streets and roads into a good condition; and

WHEREAS, the SB 1 project list and overall investment in our local streets and

roads infrastructure with a focus on basic maintenance and safety, investing in complete streets infrastructure, and using cutting-edge technology, materials and practices, will have significant positive co-benefits statewide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Blythe, State of California, as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

2. The following list of newly proposed projects will be funded in-part or solely with fiscal year 2026-2027 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account revenues.

   a. Project: Murphy and 1st Street
   Description: Street resurfacing project including grinding, removal and overlay of asphalt pavement, and curb, gutter, sidewalk repairs.
   Location: East Murphy and North 1st Street.
   Estimated Useful Life: Minimum 15 years; Maximum 20 years.
   Schedule: Fiscal Year July 2026 to June 2027

   b. Project: Streets Operations and Maintenance
   Description: Public Works Street and Road Operations and Maintenance Supplies, Services, and Staffing costs.
   Location: Citywide
   Estimated Useful Life: Minimum 1 years; Maximum 5 years.
   Schedule: Fiscal Year July 2026 to June 2027

   c. Project: East Hobsonway
   Description: Design, Pre-Construction Costs
   Location: East Hobsonway from 7th Street to Olive Lake
   Estimated Useful Life: Minimum 15 years; Maximum 20 years.
   Schedule: Fiscal Year July 2026 to June 2027

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED, by the City Council of the City of Blythe, County of Riverside, State of California the 16th day of June 2026.

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

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Joseph DeConinck, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mallory Crecelius, City Clerk

(SEAL)

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the City Manager, any Interim or Acting City Manager, any Assistant City Manager and the Development Services Director to Accept Conveyances to the City of Interests in Real Property and Consent to the Recording of Such Instruments and to Irrevocable Offers of Dedication

PRESENTED BY: Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager

PREPARED BY: Brittany E. Roberto, City Attorney

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-012:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-012. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, ANY INTERIM OR ACTING CITY MANAGER, ANY ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER AND THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT CONVEYANCES TO THE CITY OF BLYTHE OF INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY AND CONSENT TO THE RECORDATION OF SUCH INSTRUMENTS AND OF IRREVOCABLE OFFERS OF DEDICATION

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

BACKGROUND: Public land conveyances are often necessary to serve land development and public improvement projects. Pursuant to California Government Code section 27281(a), deeds or grants conveying any interest in or easement upon real estate to a political corporation or government agency for public purposes shall not be accepted for recordation without the consent of the grantee evidence by its certificate or resolution of acceptance attached to or printed on the deed or grant. Pursuant to California Government Code section 27281(b), a political corporation or government agency, by a general resolution, may authorize one or more officers or agents to accept and consent to a deed or grant described in subsection (a) of Section 27281.

STAFF REPORT: Currently, all deeds or grants conveying any interest in or easement upon real property are accepted by the City Council because a resolution delegating authority does not exist. Delegation of acceptance authority would streamline the administration and delivery of projects in the City.

The proposed resolution delegates authority to the City Manager, any Interim or Acting City Manager, any Assistant City Manager, and the Development Services Director to:

1. Accept all deeds and/or grants conveying to the City for public purposes any interest in or easement upon real property for and on behalf of the City, including any agreements entered into in connection with such acceptance.
2. Consent to the recordation of all deeds and/or grants conveying to the City for public

purposes any interest in or easement upon real property, including any agreements entered into in connection with such acceptance.

3. Consent to the recordation of all irrevocable offers of dedication to the City of real property for any public purpose, including, but not limited to, streets, highways, paths, alleys, including access rights and abutters' rights, drainage, open space, public utility or other public easements, parks, or other public places.

Staff recommends that the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2026-012.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 2026-012

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-012

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, ANY INTERIM OR ACTING CITY MANAGER, ANY ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER AND THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT CONVEYANCES TO THE CITY OF BLYTHE OF INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY AND CONSENT TO THE RECORDATION OF SUCH INSTRUMENTS AND OF IRREVOCABLE OFFERS OF DEDICATION

The City Council of the City of Blythe hereby finds and declares as follows:

WHEREAS, public land conveyances are often necessary to serve land development and public improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Government Code section 27281(a), deeds or grants conveying any interest in or easement upon real estate to a political corporation or government agency for public purposes shall not be accepted for recordation without the consent of the grantee evidence by its certificate or resolution of acceptance attached to or printed on the deed or grant; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Government Code section 27281(b), a political corporation or government agency, by a general resolution, may authorize one or more officers or agents to accept and consent to a deed or grant described in subsection (a) of Section 27281; and

WHEREAS, currently, all deeds or grants conveying any interest in or easement upon real property are accepted by the City Council because a resolution delegating authority does not exist; and

WHEREAS, delegation of acceptance authority will streamline the administration and delivery of projects; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to delegate authority to allow for the acceptance of real property interest and consent to the recordation of irrevocable offers of dedication.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. From and after the date of this Resolution, the City Manager, any Interim or Acting City Manager, any Assistant City Manager, or the Development Services Director is authorized to accept all deeds and/or grants conveying to the City for public

purposes any interest in or easement upon real property for and on behalf of the City, including any agreements entered into in connection with such acceptance. The City Manager, any Interim or Acting City Manager, any Assistant City Manager, or the Development Services Director is authorized to consent to the recordation of such deeds or grants, including any agreements entered into in connection with such acceptance.

SECTION 2. From and after the date of this Resolution, the City Manager, any Interim or Acting City Manager, any Assistant City Manager, or the Development Services Director is authorized to consent to the recordation of all irrevocable offers of dedication to the City of real property for any public purpose, including, but not limited to, streets, highways, paths, alleys, including access rights and abutters' rights, drainage, open space, public utility or other public easements, parks, or other public places.

SECTION 3. Any prior resolution which delegated authority to accept all deeds and/or grants conveying to the City for public purposes any interest in or easement upon real property for and on behalf of the City are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to transmit to the County Recorder of Riverside County a certified copy of this Resolution for recordation in the Office of the County Recorder.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the file of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 16th day of June, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

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Joseph DeConinck, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mallory Crecelius, City Clerk

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Adoption of Tentative Agreement Regarding Successor Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Sworn Personnel Represented by the Blythe Police Officers' Association

PRESENTED BY: Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager

PREPARED BY: Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-013:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-013. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT REGARDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SUCCESSOR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLYTHE AND THE SWORN PERSONNEL REPRESENTED BY THE BLYTHE POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SUCCESSSOR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

FISCAL IMPACT: Terms of the two-year agreement include a 10% Cost of Living Adjustment and a $3,000 signing bonus for every member of the unit, an adjustment in Longevity Pay for employees with 5-9 years of service, 5% Special Assignment Pay for Corporals assigned to the Detective Bureau, and a slight increase in physical agility pay and uniform allowance.

BACKGROUND: The MOU between the City and the Sworn Personnel represented by the Blythe Police Officers' Association ("Unit") expired on June 30, 2025. Unit representatives and the City's negotiator, Interim City Manager Crecelius, have been in contract negotiations for a successor MOU since that time.

STAFF REPORT: The City and Unit have reached a tentative agreement. The terms of the tentative agreement are outlined in the Deal Points Memo (Exhibit A to the proposed Resolution). It is recommended Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-013, adopting the tentative agreement regarding the successor Memorandum of Understanding for the Sworn Personnel represented by the Blythe Police Officers' Association for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.

In accordance with the requirements of the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act (California Government Code section 3500 et seq.), if the Council adopts the tentative agreement, the City and the Unit will jointly prepare the successor Memorandum of Understanding. The proposed Resolution provides authorization for the Interim City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding and to enter into any cost neutral amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 2026-013
2. Exhibit A - Deal Points for the Two-Year Agreement

RESOLUTION 2026-013

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT REGARDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SUCCESSOR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLYTHE AND THE SWORN PERSONNEL REPRESENTED BY THE BLYTHE POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SUCCESSOR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The City Council of the City of Blythe hereby finds and declares as follows:

WHEREAS, in 2023, the City Council of the City of Blythe ("City") approved a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") between the City of Blythe ("City") and the Sworn Personnel represented by the Blythe Police Officers' Association ("Unit") for the period covering July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City and representatives for the Unit have met and conferred regarding wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment for a successor MOU in accordance with the provisions of the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act (California Government Code section 3500 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the City and the Unit have reached a tentative agreement regarding the terms and conditions of the successor MOU, which will cover the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the tentative agreement is reflected in the Deal Points Memo, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Government Code section 3505.1, if a tentative agreement is reached by the authorized representatives of the City and a recognized employee organization, the City Council is required to vote to accept or reject the tentative agreement within 30 days of the date it is first considered at a duly noticed public meeting; and

WHEREAS, once the City Council adopts the tentative agreement, the parties are required to jointly prepare a written memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to adopt the tentative agreement and to authorize the City Manager to execute the successor Memorandum of Understanding.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby accepts, approves and adopts the tentative agreement as set forth in Exhibit A and directs City staff to prepare the successor Memorandum of Understanding in accordance with the requirements of the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute the successor Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the City and to enter into any cost neutral amendments ("side letters") to the Memorandum of Understanding.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the file of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of June, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Joseph DeConinck, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mallory Crecelius, City Clerk

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A

TENTATIVE AGREEMENT

MEMO

To: Sworn Personnel Represented by the Blythe Police Officers' Association

From: Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager

Date: June 4, 2026

Re: **Deal Points for Two Year Agreement - July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027**

Pursuant to the meet and confer process which concluded on May 28, 2026, Sworn Personnel represented by the Blythe Police Officers' Association and the City's negotiator agreed to the following deal points which will amend the Unit's Memorandum of Understanding as follows:

1. A two-year Agreement to become effective July 1, 2025, and remain in full force and effect through June 30, 2027.

2. A 10% COLA for every member of this unit on payroll effective July 1, 2026.

3. A $3,000 signing bonus to be paid to every full-time member of this unit on payroll in the first pay period following City Council approval.

4. Effective with Council approval of the tentative agreement, bonus language from 2017 – 2023 in Section 3 of Article 2- Basis for Compensation will be removed from the MOU.

5. Effective with the first pay period following Council approval of the tentative agreement, the following changes will be made to Article 4- Special Compensation Section 4- Longevity Pay:

   Longevity pay for employees in this "Unit" shall be provided as set forth below.

   For employees with five (5) through nine (9) years of continuous employment with the City of Blythe in a full-time permanent position, longevity pay shall be $50.00 per pay period.

   For employees with ten (10) through fourteen (14) years of continuous employment with the City of Blythe in a full-time permanent position, longevity pay shall be $75.00 per pay period.

For employees with fifteen (15) through nineteen (19) years of continuous employment with the City of Blythe in a full-time permanent position, longevity pay shall be $100.00 per pay period.

For employees with twenty (20) or more years of continuous employment with the City of Blythe in a full-time permanent position, longevity pay shall be $125.00 per pay period.

For employees with twenty-five (25) or more years of continuous employment with the City of Blythe in a full-time permanent position, longevity pay shall be $150.00 per pay period

6. Effective with Council approval of the tentative agreement, Section 1- Employee and Dependent Insurance, Subsection F- Health Insurance Research Committee of Article 5- Wage Supplemental Benefits will be removed from the MOU.

7. Effective with Council approval of the tentative agreement, Article 4- Special Compensation Section 9- Physical Performance will be revised as follows:

SECTION 9 - PHYSICAL PERFORMANCE
Physical Performance Tests shall be conducted annually. Sworn personnel in this Unit that pass the test will receive special compensation in the amount of $500.

8. Effective with Council approval of the tentative agreement, special assignments will be designated as "PERS Reportable" as allowed by law and the City's contract with CalPERS.

9. Effective in the first pay period following Council approval Article 5- Wage Supplemental Benefits Section 8- Uniforms and Safey Equipment, Subsection A will be revised as follows:

A. $75.000 each bi-weekly pay period will be paid to sworn personnel for equipment and uniform allowance.

10. Effective with Council approval of the tentative agreement, Article 4 – Special Compensation Section 1- Overtime Compensation Subsection E will be revised as follows:

E. Compensatory Time

1. Compensatory time will be paid at 1-1/2 times the time actually worked.
2. Compensatory time must be approved by the Department Head or designee
3. An employee may not accumulate more two-hundred forty (240) hours of comp time at any given time. Said comp time is to be used by the end of the fiscal year or be paid off. Compensatory time used

will be approved by the Department Head to accommodate the operation of the Department.

11. Effective with Council approval of the tentative agreement, Article 4 – Special Compensation Section 6- Corporal will be amended as follows:

SECTION 6 - CORPORAL

The number of Corporal positions available shall be subject to the staffing requirements of the Police Department and the Annual Budget Allocation as recommended by the City Manager and authorized by the City Council. When an individual is appointed to the position of Corporal, he/she shall be entitled to five percent (5%) above his/her current rate of pay. The Corporal may perform other required duties, in addition to those duties normally performed in the Police Officer position, as determined by the Police Chief, including, but not limited to, watch commander and assignments in the Detective Bureau.

12. Effective with Council approval of the tentative agreement, Article 1, Section 2 (City Rights), Article 2, Section 6 (Demotion), Article 6, Section 9 (Disciplinary Action), Article 6, Section 10 (Separation), and Article 8 (Grievances) will be amended as follows:

Delete Article 1, Section 2 in its entirety and replace it with:

SECTION 2 – CITY RIGHTS

Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to supersede the provisions of State law and/or City ordinances, resolutions, and/or rules which establish and regulate the merit system. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to restrict, limit or impair any legal or inherent exclusive City rights, powers, and authority with respect to matters of general legislative or managerial policy, including, but not limited to the following:

- To determine the mission of its departments, commissions, committees, and boards;
- To determine the merits, necessity, organization, level and standards of any service or activity of the City;
- To expand, diminish, add or eliminate City services;
- To determine and change the facilities, methods, means, and personnel by which City operations are to be conducted;
- To maintain the efficiency of City operations;
- To determine and change the number of locations, relocations, and types of operations and the processes and materials to be employed in carrying out all City functions, including, but not limited to, the right to subcontract any work or operation;
- To determine the size and composition of the workforce, to assign work to employees and direct its employees in accordance with requirements as

determined by the City and to establish and change work schedules and assignments, and to determine the days and hours when employees shall work;

- To relieve employees from duty because of lack of work or other non-disciplinary reasons;
- To discharge, suspend or otherwise discipline employees for cause;
- To determine the allocation and content of job classifications;
- To hire, transfer, promote, and demote employees for non-disciplinary reasons;
- To determine policies, procedures, and standards for selection, training, and promotion of employees;
- To establish employee performance standards including, but not limited to, quality and quantity standards;
- To exercise complete control and discretion over its organization and technology of performing its work and services;
- To establish reasonable work and safety rules and regulations in order to maintain the efficiency and economy desirable in the performance of City services; and
- To take all necessary actions to carry out its mission in emergencies, including the determination of whether or not an emergency exists.

Except in emergencies, or where the City is required to make changes in its operations because of the requirements of law, whenever the contemplated exercise of the City's rights will impact a significant number of employees of the bargaining unit, the City agrees to meet and confer in good faith with representatives of the Association regarding the impact of the contemplated exercise of such rights prior to exercising such rights, unless the matter of the exercise of such rights is provided for in the MOU.

Delete Article 2, Section 6 in its entirety and replace it with:

SECTION 6 – VOLUNTARY DEMOTION

A. If an employee takes a voluntary demotion as a result of a downward reclassification of the employee's position or the employee's request for a voluntary demotion, the employee shall be placed in the salary step of the lower salary range which provides no impact to the employee's rate of pay if possible, or the smallest decrease in pay if the employee's rate of pay at the higher classification does not align with the lower salary range. If an employee requests a voluntary demotion, such voluntary demotion shall require the approval of the Chief of Police and the City Manager.

B. Voluntary demotions as a result of impending layoff shall be in accordance with the provisions of Article 6, Section 10(B) (Layoff).

Delete Article 6, Section 9 in its entirety and replace it with:

SECTION 9 - DISCIPLINARY ACTION

A. Disciplinary Authority.

The City shall have the right to demote, discharge, reduce in pay, or suspend any employee without pay for just cause. The provisions of this Section shall only apply to permanent, full-time employees. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Section and the provisions of the California Public Safety Officers Procedural Bill of Rights Act (POBRA), the provisions of POBRA shall prevail.

B. Just Cause.

"Just cause" includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Violation of any Federal, State, or local law directly impacting the employee's employment

2. Violation of, or ordering or instructing a subordinate to violate, any procedure, rule, order, directive, or requirement or failure to follow instructions contained in Department or City policies or manuals.

3. Violation of, or ordering or instructing a subordinate to violate, any Departmental rule, or policy, or any written policies that may be prescribed by the City.

4. Violation of federal, state, local or administrative laws, rules or regulations.

5. Using, possessing, dealing, distributing, or being under the influence of intoxicating beverages/substances, unprescribed narcotics or unlawful drugs while on duty or at work locations, or reporting to work or operating City vehicles or equipment under the influence of alcohol/substance or any unlawful or unprescribed drug.

6. Insubordination, including, but not limited to, failure or refusal to comply with a lawful order or to accept a reasonable and proper assignment from any Police Department member of higher rank or City management official.

7. Inefficiency, incompetence, carelessness, or negligence in the performance of duties.

8. Inattention to duty, carelessness or negligence in the course and scope of employment or in the care and handling of City property.

9. Failure to meet reasonable work performance standards and requirements.

10. Sexual harassment or other unlawful harassment, discrimination or retaliation of another employee.

11. Chronic or excessive absenteeism or tardiness or inconsistent attendance.

12. Rude or discourteous treatment of other employees or the public.

13. Loss or misuse of City funds, including, but not limited to, theft, embezzlement, misappropriation of City funds, including via a City credit card, or use of City funds for personal purposes. Personal purposes are those activities which are for personal enjoyment, private gain or advantage, or an outside endeavor not related to City business.

14. Improper or unauthorized personal use of City vehicles, buildings, facilities, tools, equipment, office machines, stationery, supplies or other City real or personal property.

15. Misuse of sick leave.

16. Furnishing false or misleading information to secure appointment, promotion, or maintain employment, or falsification of timecards or other records or reports.

17. Working overtime without authorization, failing to accurately report overtime worked, or refusing to work assigned overtime.

18. Absence from duty without authorized leave, failure to report after leave of absence has expired or after such leave of absence has been disapproved, revoked, or canceled.

19. Acceptance of any bribe, gratuity, kickback, or other item of value when such is given in the hope or expectation of receiving preferential treatment.

20. Unapproved outside employment activity, or enterprise that presents a conflict of interest.

21. Failure to obtain or maintain any necessary qualification, certificate, or license which is required as a condition of employment.

22. Possession of an unsafe driving record for those employees required to operate City vehicles.

23. An unsatisfactory performance rating in one or more performance competencies.

24. Any on- or off-duty conduct which the employee knows or reasonably should know is unbecoming an employee of the City, is contrary to good order, efficiency or morale, or tends to reflect unfavorably upon the City.

C. Types of Discipline.

1. Oral Warning or Admonishment. An oral warning or admonishment will be memorialized in writing and retained in the employee's personnel file. An employee may respond orally or in writing. An oral warning or admonishment is not subject to the pre-disciplinary procedures set forth herein or appeal.

2. Written Reprimand. In situations where oral warnings have not resulted in expected improvement, or where more severe initial action is warranted, as determined by the Chief of Police, the Chief of Police, with the City Manager's approval, may issue a written reprimand to the employee. A copy of the written reprimand shall be placed in the employee's personnel file. A written reprimand is not subject to the pre-disciplinary procedures set forth herein.

   a. The written reprimand shall include an acknowledgment signed by the employee indicating that the written reprimand constitutes an adverse comment, that the employee has read the adverse comment, and that the employee is aware of such comment. The employee shall have thirty (30) calendar days to file a written response to the written reprimand. Any such response shall be attached to the written reprimand.

   b. Separate from the employee's right to file a written response, an employee may appeal a written reprimand within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the written reprimand by responding in writing to the City Manager and requesting that the City Manager review the written reprimand and response. The City Manager will review the written reprimand and the employee's response and render a written decision either affirming the written reprimand or reversing it within fourteen (14) calendar days. The City Manager's decision shall be final. If the City Manager reverses the written reprimand, it shall not be placed in the employee's personnel file.

3. Suspension. The City Manager, Assistant City Manager or the Chief of Police, with the approval of the City Manager, may suspend an employee without pay for just cause.

4. Demotion. The City Manager, Assistant City Manager or the Chief of Police, with the approval of the City Manager, may demote an employee for just cause.

5. Reduction in Pay. The City Manager, Assistant City Manager, or the Chief of Police, with the approval of the City Manager, may reduce an employee's pay by five percent (5%) for just cause.

6. Discharge. The City Manager, Assistant City Manager, or the Chief of Police, with the approval of the City Manager, may discharge an employee for just cause.

D. Pre-Disciplinary Procedures for Suspension, Demotion, Reduction in Pay or Discharge.

1. Prior to suspending, demoting, reducing pay or discharging an employee, a written notice of such proposed disciplinary action shall be served on the employee personally, or by certified mail, prior to the effective date of the proposed action.

2. Prior to the effective date of such suspension, demotion, reduction in pay or discharge, the employee will be given an opportunity to respond either orally or in writing, or by both such means, at the employee's option, to the Chief of Police.

3. An employee shall receive written notice either sustaining, modifying or cancelling the proposed disciplinary action prior to the effective date of such action.

4. Should a proposed suspension, demotion, reduction in pay or discharge become final, an employee shall have the right to appeal such action pursuant to subsection E. of this Section.

5. An employee may represent himself or herself or may be represented by a representative of his/her choice in a pre-disciplinary meeting with the Chief of Police and any disciplinary appeal hearing pursuant to this Section.

E. Disciplinary Appeals.

1. An employee may appeal a suspension without pay, demotion, reduction in pay or discharge to the City Manager. The appeal shall be presented to the City Manager within ten (10) calendar days following the employee's receipt of written notice of discipline pursuant to subsection D.3 of this Section. All disciplinary appeals shall be in writing, and shall be signed by the employee.

2. The City Manager may hear the appeal personally, or may refer the appeal to a hearing officer for hearing and an advisory recommendation; provided, however, that all discharge appeals shall be referred to a hearing officer for an advisory recommendation. In the case of a discharge appeal, the

employee may request a hearing officer be selected from the State Mediation and Conciliation Service or the American Arbitration Association. If the parties are unable to mutually agree upon a hearing officer, they shall request the selected organization to supply a panel of seven (7) names of persons experienced in hearing disciplinary cases for cities. Each party shall alternately strike a name until only one name remains. The remaining panel member shall be the hearing officer. The order of striking shall be determined by flipping a coin. The hearing will be conducted as soon as practical following the City Manager's receipt of the appeal. If an appeal hearing is conducted by a hearing officer, the cost of the hearing officer shall be shared equally by the City and the Association.

3. The issue in all disciplinary appeals shall be: Was (employee's name) (suspended without pay, demoted, reduced in pay, discharged) for just cause and was the penalty imposed appropriate?

4. Disciplinary appeal hearings shall be private, except the employee may elect to make it a public hearing.

5. At the hearing, both the appealing employee and the City shall have the right to be heard and to present evidence. The following rules shall apply:

   a. Oral evidence shall be taken only on oath or affirmation.

   b. Each party shall have these rights: to call and examine witnesses, to introduce exhibits, to cross-examine opposing witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues even if that matter was not covered in the direct examination, to impeach any witness regardless of which party first called the witness to testify and to rebut the evidence against the witness.

   c. The hearing need not be conducted according to technical rules relating to evidence and witnesses. Any relevant evidence shall be admitted if it is the sort of evidence on which responsible persons are accustomed to rely in the conduct of serious affairs, regardless of the existence of any common law or statutory rule which might have made improper the admission of such evidence over objection in civil actions. Hearsay evidence may be used for the purpose of supplementing or explaining any direct evidence, but shall not be sufficient in itself to support a finding unless it would be admissible over objection in civil actions. The rules of privilege shall be effective to the same extent that they are now or hereafter may be recognized in civil actions and irrelevant and unduly repetitious evidence shall be excluded.

   d. The City Manager, the hearing officer or the parties may request the

submission of written briefs in lieu of oral closing arguments. The City Manager or the hearing officer will determine whether to allow written briefs, the deadline for submitting briefs, and the page limit for briefs.

6. If the hearing is conducted by a hearing officer, the hearing officer shall render a written statement of advisory findings and recommendations to the parties and the City Manager within thirty (30) calendar days after the hearing has been completed and the briefs, if any, have been submitted. The hearing officer may request an extension of time to render such statement, but he/she must obtain the written consent of the City Manager for any such extension.

7. If the hearing is conducted by the City Manager, the City Manager shall render a statement of written findings and decision within thirty (30) calendar days after the hearing has been completed and the briefs, if any, have been submitted. If the hearing is conducted by a hearing officer, the City Manager shall render a statement of written findings and decision within thirty (30) calendars days from receipt of the hearing officer's written statement of advisory findings and recommendations. The City Manager may sustain, reduce or rescind an appealed disciplinary action. If an action to suspend, demote or reduce in pay is reduced or rescinded, the appealing employee shall be entitled to restoration of pay and/or fringe benefits in a manner consistent with the City Manager's decision. If an action to discharge is reduced, the appealing employee shall be restored to a position in his or her former class subject to forfeiture of pay and fringe benefits for all or a portion of the period of time the appealing employee was removed from duty as determined by the City Manager. If an action to discharge is rescinded, the appealing employee shall be reinstated in a position in his or her former class and shall receive pay and fringe benefits for all of the period of time he or she was removed from duty.

8. The City Manager shall provide his or her final statement of written findings and decision to the appealing employee and the employee's representative(s).

9. The City Manager's written findings and decision is final. There is no process for reconsideration. Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6, the parties have ninety (90) days from the date of the written findings and decision to appeal the decision to the Riverside County Superior Court.

10. The procedures set forth in this Section may be modified or amended upon the mutual written agreement of the appealing employee and the City for the employee's disciplinary appeal.

Delete Article 6, Section 10 in its entirety and replace it with:

SECTION 10 - SEPARATION

All separations of employees from positions in classified service shall be designated as one of the following types and shall be accomplished in the manner indicated: Resignation, Layoff, Disability, Death, Retirement or Discharge.

At the time of separation and prior to final payment, all records, assets and other items of City property in the employee's custody shall be transferred to the Chief of Police and certification to this effect shall be executed by the employee and the Chief of Police.

A. Resignation.

An employee wishing to leave the City in good standing shall file with the Chief of Police at least two weeks prior to the effective date of his/her resignation a written resignation stating the effective date. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be entered in the employee's personnel file and may be cause for denying future employment with the City of Blythe.

B. Layoff.

1. Purpose of Layoffs

For reasons of economy, efficiency, shortage of funds, or shortage of work, reductions in City services may be required. Whenever, in the judgment of the City Manager it becomes necessary, the City Manager may eliminate classifications or positions and the employees holding such positions may be laid off.

2. Seniority and Order of Layoff

(a) Layoffs shall be by classification. Seniority, for purposes of layoffs, shall be determined first by time in the classification with the City and, if time in the classification is equal, then by time with the City. Before any full-time, permanent employees are laid off, the City shall first lay off all temporary, part-time, and probationary employees within the affected employee classification.

(b) An employee scheduled for layoff shall have the right to bump an employee with less time in the Department in the next lower classification if the following requirements are met:

(i) the employee meets the minimum qualifications and is able to perform the duties of the job held by the employee in the next lower classification, including having held the position in the lower classification with the City of Blythe for a continuous

period of at least six (6) months; and

(ii) the employee agrees to accept a base salary rate within the pay range of the next lower classification; the base salary rate will be set at the step in the lower pay range that provides the smallest decrease in pay.

(c) If an employee exercises bumping rights to a lower classification, said employee shall have the right to be the next person offered a promotion to the classification from which he or she was laid off for a period of thirty-six (36) months from the effective date of the layoff action.

3. Notice of Layoffs

The City will notify the Association at least 30 calendar days prior to laying off employees of the classifications within which reductions will be required. City will provide individual written notice to employees to be laid off as soon as possible, but at least 30 calendar days prior to layoff.

4. Reinstatement and Recall Rights

Permanent, full-time employees who are laid off in good standing shall have their names placed on a re-employment list in order of seniority for a period not to exceed thirty-six (36) months from date of layoff and shall be eligible for recall for any vacancies within the same position classification within the Department held by the employee prior to layoff. The re-employment list will be used to fill vacancies in those classifications on the list prior to hiring from the outside.

The City will notify a laid-off employee, as well as the Association, of recall after layoff by certified mail to the employee's last address of record. It is the responsibility of a laid off employee to keep the City informed as to current address and telephone number. The employee has 10 working days after receipt of notice in which to notify the City in writing of his/her acceptance or rejection of the City's offer. In the event the offer is made for a lesser position, and the employee rejects the offer, the employee will remain in his/her position on the re-employment list. If the offer is made for the same position at the same or higher salary and the employee rejects the offer, the employee will be dropped from the re-employment list. If no response is received from the laid-off employee within 10 working days from the date of receipt of notice or attempt to deliver, the City will contact the next employee, if any, on the list. Acceptance of a lesser position will not result in removal from the re-employment list, and the provisions of this paragraph will still apply.

Employees rehired following layoff will be considered as having been on

leave without pay for the period of layoff and will be reinstated to their employment status prior to the layoff. A rehired employee will be paid at the current rate for the position to which he/she is rehired.

5. Probation Following Layoff

An employee laid off while on probation must serve a new probationary period following reemployment.

6. Payment for Accumulated Leave

An employee laid off shall be paid for accumulated leave balances pursuant to City policy existing at the time of the layoff.

C. Disability.

An employee may be separated for disability when he/she cannot perform the required duties because of physical or mental impairment. Action may be initiated by the employee, his/her legal representative, or the City, but in all cases it must be supported by medical evidence acceptable to the City Manager. The City may require an examination at its expense be performed by a physician of the City's choice.

D. Death.

Separation shall be effective as of the date of death. All compensation due in shall be paid to the estate of the employee, except as otherwise required by applicable law.

E. Retirement.

Whenever an employee is eligible for retirement, he/she may elect to retire and receive all benefits earned pursuant to the City's contract with PERS and as set forth in this MOU.

F. Dismissal.

An employee may be discharged in accordance with the provisions of Article 6, Section 9, above.

G. Payment Upon Separation.

Upon separation from employment with the City, permanent employees shall receive payment for all earned salary and earned but unused vacation leave and compensatory time.

Delete Article 8 in its entirety and replace it with:

ARTICLE 8 – GRIEVANCES

Grievances shall be governed by the grievance procedures set forth in the Blythe Police Department Policy Manual, as may be amended from time to time by the Chief of Police. The Blythe Police Department Policy Manual grievance procedures shall supersede any grievance procedures set forth in the City of Blythe Personnel Rules.

All items listed in this proposal are subject to review and approval by the Blythe City Council.

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Resolution Approving Rates of Pay for Volunteer Members of the Blythe Volunteer Fire Department

PRESENTED BY: Christa Elms. Finance Director

PREPARED BY: Christa Elms, Finance Director

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-014, approving and adopting rates of pay for on-call, volunteer members of the Blythe Volunteer Fire Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-014. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING RATES OF PAY FOR ON-CALL, VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF THE BLYTHE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

FISCAL IMPACT: The proposed FY 2026/27 General Fund budget includes funding for a 5% pay increase for volunteer Fire Department personnel.

BACKGROUND: The City Council last established rates of pay for on-call, volunteer members of the Volunteer Fire Department in July 2022 through the adoption of Resolution No. 2022-025. At that time, a pay adjustment was necessary due to minimum wage increases.

Management has negotiated with employee bargaining groups on successor Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) for the period of 2025-2027. The successor MOUs have included Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLAs) for regular full-time and part-time City employees at 10% over a two-year period. It is management's intention to provide a Cost-of-Living Adjustment to Fire Department personnel in line with what was granted to City employees.

STAFF REPORT: As outlined above, it has been four years since the City increased the rates of pay for its Volunteer Fire Department personnel. In anticipation of increasing the Fire Department's rates of pay based on recent COLA's provided to other City staff, the proposed FY 2026/27 budget includes funding for a 5% pay increase for Fire Department personnel. The attached Resolution provides for a 5% increase effective July 1, 2026 and an additional 5% increase to be effective as of July 1, 2027.

Therefore, it is recommended that Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-014, approving and adopting rates of pay for on-call, volunteer members of the Blythe Volunteer Fire Department.

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Resolution No. 2026-014

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-014

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THECITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING RATES OF PAY FOR ON-CALL, VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF THE BLYTHE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The City Council of the City of Blythe hereby finds and declares as follows:

WHEREAS, the Blythe Volunteer Fire Department is comprised of trained fire professionals who provide emergency response in the City of Blythe on a volunteer and on-call basis; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2022, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-025 setting pay rates for on-call Fire Department personnel; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to adopt new pay rates for the Fire Department's on-call, volunteer fire professionals; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2022-025, fire drills have been paid at a rate of $17.30 per hour; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rates establish that on-call, volunteer Fire Department personnel will be paid the established hourly rate regardless of the work being performed.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby approves and adopts the following rates of pay and other pay for volunteer members of the Blythe Volunteer Fire Department, effective as of July 1, 2026.

Hourly Rate of Pay	
Asst. Fire Chief	$22.77 per hour
Captains	$20.57 per hour
Engineers	$19.27 per hour
Firefighters	$18.17 per hour

Other Pay:	
Asst. Fire Chief Pay	$600.00 per month
Secretary Pay	$100.00 per month
Information Officer Pay	$50.00 per month
On-Call Responder Pay	$50.00 per month
Safety Officer Pay	$100.00 per month
Safety Training Officer Pay	$100.00 per month

Officer's Pay (Captain and above)	$100.00 per month

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby approves and adopts the following rates of pay and other pay for volunteer members of the Blythe Volunteer Fire Department, effective July 1, 2027.

Hourly Rate of Pay	
Asst. Fire Chief	$23.91 per hour
Captains	$21.60 per hour
Engineers	$20.23 per hour
Firefighters	$19.08 per hour

Other Pay:	
Asst. Fire Chief Pay	$600.00 per month
Secretary Pay	$100.00 per month
Information Officer Pay	$50.00 per month
On-Call Responder Pay	$50.00 per month
Safety Officer Pay	$100.00 per month
Safety Training Officer Pay	$100.00 per month
Officer's Pay (Captain and above)	$100.00 per month

SECTION 3. This resolution shall supersede and replace Resolution No. 2022-025.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the file of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 16th day of June, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

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Joseph DeConinck, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mallory Crecelius, City Clerk

(SEAL)

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Redeclare Intent to Levy and Collect Assessments for Lighting District Nos. 1 and 2 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

PRESENTED BY: Christa Elms, Director of Finance

PREPARED BY: Christa Elms, Director of Finance

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council adopt the following Resolutions:

Resolution 2026-019 **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2026-008 AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS WITHIN CITY OF BLYTHE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING SUCH ASSESSMENTS**

Resolution 2026-020 **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2026-006 AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS WITHIN CITY OF BLYTHE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING SUCH ASSESSMENTS**

FISCAL IMPACT: No fiscal impact.

BACKGROUND: City of Blythe Lighting District's No. 1 and 2 (District's) were established pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 (Act). The City annually conducts proceedings to levy assessments within the District's. On May 12, 2026, by Resolution No.'s 2026-005 and 2026-007 the City Council directed Willdan Financial Services, as assessment engineer (Engineer), to prepare and file the 2026/2027 Engineer's Annual Levy Report's (Report's) in connection with the District's. After filing the report's, the City Council by Resolution No.'s 2026-006 and 2026-008 preliminarily approved the report's, declared its intention to levy and collect assessments within the District's, and set a public hearing regarding assessments for June 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

STAFF REPORT: To fund the maintenance and servicing of Lighting District's No. 1 and 2, the City annually levies an assessment against real property. On May 12, 2026, the City Council preliminarily approved the report's approved by the engineer and declared its intention to levy and collect assessments within the District's, setting June 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 235 N. Broadway, Blythe, CA 92225 as the date, time and place to

take testimony on whether or not the assessments should be approved.

After the meeting it was brought to staff's attention that by statute, the hearing on the levy of an annual assessment under the Act must be at a regular meeting before August 10th. The June 16, 2026 meeting is not a regularly scheduled meeting of the Blythe City Council. As such staff recommends the City Council adopt Resolution No.'s 2026-019 and 2026-020, amending Resolution No.'s 2026-006 and 2026-008, redeclaring its intention to levy and collect assessments within the District's, and set a public hearing for July 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the City Council Chambers located at 235 N. Broadway, Blythe, CA 92225, to take the testimony on the issue of whether or not the assessments should be approved.

ATTACHMENTS:

- **A.** Resolution No. 2026-019
- **B.** Resolution No. 2026-020

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-019

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2026-008 AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS WITHIN CITY OF BLYTHE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING SUCH ASSESSMENTS

The City Council of the City of Blythe hereby finds and declares as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Blythe Lighting District No. 2 (the "District") has been established pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 (California Streets and Highways Code Section 22500 *et seq.*) (the "Act") to fund the maintenance and servicing of certain public landscaping, the operation and maintenance of streetlights and traffic signals, and the maintenance of appurtenant facilities in the City; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the District, the City annually levies an assessment against real property; and

WHEREAS, by its Resolution No. 2026-007, adopted May 12, 2026, the City Council directed Willdan Financial Services, as assessment engineer (the "Engineer"), to prepare and file a report regarding the District; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer filed said report, entitled "City of Blythe, Lighting District No. 2, 2026/2027 Engineer's Annual Levy Report" (the "Report") and the Report is on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2026-008, adopted May 12, 2026, the City Council preliminarily approved the Engineer's Report, declared its intention to levy and collect assessments within the District, and set a public hearing for June 16, 2026 regarding such assessments; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to redeclare its intention to levy and collect assessments within the District and set a new public hearing date regarding such assessments.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA HEREBY FINDS, DETERMINES, RESOLVES AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Resolution No. 2026-008, adopted by the City Council on May 12, 2026, is amended as set forth in this Resolution.

SECTION 2. The City Council declares its intention to levy and collect assessments within the District for Fiscal Year 2026-27 and notes that:

(a) The distinctive name of the District is the "City of Blythe Lighting District No. 2."

(b) The District is generally located within the City of Blythe, including territory annexed to the City of Blythe pursuant to City of Blythe Annexation Nos. 43, 44, 45, 46 and 50, as shown on a map of the District on file in the Office of the City Clerk and open to public inspection.

(c) The existing and proposed improvements are briefly described as follows: The operation and maintenance of public streets and sidewalks within the District, including the operation, maintenance and servicing of existing and proposed public lighting facilities, landscaping, and appurtenant facilities. Maintenance means the furnishing of services and materials for the ordinary and usual maintenance, operation and servicing of the landscaping, public lighting facilities, and appurtenant facilities. Servicing means the furnishing of water for the irrigation of the landscaping and the maintenance of any of the public lighting facilities or appurtenant facilities and the furnishing of electric current or energy, gas or other illuminating agent for the public lighting facilities or for the lighting or operation of landscaping or appurtenant facilities.

(d) Reference is hereby made to the Engineer's Report, on file in the Office of the City Clerk, for a full and detailed description of the improvements, the boundaries of the District and any zones therein, and the proposed assessments upon assessable lots and parcels of land within the District.

(e) The assessments to be levied and collected against the assessable lots and parcels of property within the District for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 are not proposed to increase from the assessments levied and collected for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

SECTION 3. Lots or parcels of land within the District that are owned or used by any county, city, city and county, special district or any other local governmental entity, the State of California, or the United States shall be assessed unless the entity demonstrates by clear and convincing evidence that such lots or parcels receive no special benefit from the proposed improvements.

SECTION 4. All railroad, gas, water and electric utility right-of-way or electric line right-of-way are included within the District and shall be assessed in accordance with the benefits to be received from the improvements.

SECTION 5. A public hearing is set for Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the City Council Chambers located at 235

North Broadway, Blythe, California, 92225, to take the testimony on the issue of whether or not the assessments should be approved.

Pursuant to California Streets and Highways Code Sections 22628 and 22629, all interested persons will be afforded the opportunity to hear and be heard. Any interested person may, prior to the conclusion of the hearing, file a written protest with the City Clerk, or, having previously filed a protest, may file a written withdrawal of that protest. A written protest shall state all grounds of objection. A protest by a property owner shall contain a description sufficient to identify the property owned by the signer thereof. The City Council will consider all oral statements and all written protests made or filed by any interested person.

SECTION 6. The City Clerk shall give notice of said public hearing in the time, form, and manner as required by law, including but not limited to publication of this Resolution in accordance with California Streets and Highways Code Sections 22552 and 22553.

SECTION 7. The City Council finds that the levy and collection of these assessments is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15273 of the CEQA Guidelines, as none of the proceeds will be used for capital expenses, but will be used instead for operation and maintenance.

SECTION 8. The City Council designates Christa Elms, Director of Finance, City of Blythe, 235 North Broadway, Blythe, California 92225, (760) 922-6161 EXT #1230 to answer inquiries regarding the hearing and the proposed assessments.

SECTION 9. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the file of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 16th day of June, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

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Joseph DeConinck, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mallory Crecelius, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-020

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2026-006 AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS WITHIN CITY OF BLYTHE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING SUCH ASSESSMENTS

The City Council of the City of Blythe hereby finds and declares as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Blythe Lighting District No. 1 (the "District") has been established pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 (California Streets and Highways Code Section 22500 *et seq.*) (the "Act") to fund the maintenance and servicing of certain public landscaping, the operation and maintenance of streetlights and traffic signals, and the maintenance of appurtenant facilities in the City; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the District, the City annually levies an assessment against real property; and

WHEREAS, by its Resolution No. 2026-005, adopted May 12, 2026, the City Council directed Willdan Financial Services, as assessment engineer (the "Engineer"), to prepare and file a report regarding the District; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer filed said report, entitled "City of Blythe, Lighting District No. 1, 2026/2027 Engineer's Annual Levy Report" (the "Report") and the Report is on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2026-006, adopted May 12, 2026, the City Council preliminarily approved the Engineer's Report, declared its intention to levy and collect assessments within the District, and set a public hearing for June 16, 2026 regarding such assessments; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to redeclare its intention to levy and collect assessments within the District and set a new public hearing date regarding such assessments.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Resolution No. 2026-006, adopted by the City Council on May 12, 2026, is amended as set forth in this Resolution.

SECTION 2. The City Council declares its intention to levy and collect

assessments within the District for Fiscal Year 2026-27 and notes that:

(a) The distinctive name of the District is the "City of Blythe Lighting District No. 1."

(b) The District is generally located within the entire City of Blythe, excluding the City of Blythe's sewage treatment plant, the Chuckawalla and Ironwood Prison property (City of Blythe Annexation No. 41), and territory annexed to the City of Blythe pursuant to City of Blythe Annexation Nos. 43, 44, 45, 46 and 50, as shown on a map of the District on file in the Office of the City Clerk and open to public inspection.

(c) The existing and proposed improvements are briefly described as follows: The operation and maintenance of public streets and sidewalks within the District, including the operation, maintenance and servicing of existing and proposed public lighting facilities, landscaping and appurtenant facilities. Maintenance means the furnishing of services and materials for the ordinary and usual maintenance, operation and servicing of the landscaping, public lighting facilities, and appurtenant facilities. Servicing means the furnishing of water for the irrigation of the landscaping and the maintenance of any of the public lighting facilities or appurtenant facilities and the furnishing of electric current or energy, gas or other illuminating agent for the public lighting facilities or for the lighting or operation of landscaping or appurtenant facilities.

(d) Reference is hereby made to the Engineer's Report, on file in the Office of the City Clerk, for a full and detailed description of the improvements, the boundaries of the District and any zones therein, and the proposed assessments upon assessable lots and parcels of land within the District.

(e) The assessments to be levied and collected against the assessable lots and parcels of property within the District for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 are not proposed to increase from the assessments levied and collected for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

SECTION 3. Lots or parcels of land within the District that are owned or used by any county, city, city and county, special district or any other local governmental entity, the State of California, or the United States shall be assessed unless the entity demonstrates by clear and convincing evidence that such lots or parcels receive no special benefit from the proposed improvements.

SECTION 4. All railroad, gas, water and electric utility right-of-way or electric line right-of-way are included within the District and shall be assessed in accordance with the benefits to be received from the improvements.

SECTION 5. A public hearing is set for Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., or as

soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the City Council Chambers located at 235 North Broadway, Blythe, California, 92225, to take the testimony on the issue of whether or not the assessments should be approved.

Pursuant to California Streets and Highways Code Sections 22628 and 22629, all interested persons will be afforded the opportunity to hear and be heard. Any interested person may, prior to the conclusion of the hearing, file a written protest with the City Clerk, or, having previously filed a protest, may file a written withdrawal of that protest. A written protest shall state all grounds of objection. A protest by a property owner shall contain a description sufficient to identify the property owned by the signer thereof. The City Council will consider all oral statements and all written protests made or filed by any interested person.

SECTION 6. The City Clerk shall give notice of said public hearing in the time, form, and manner as required by law, including but not limited to publication of this Resolution in accordance with California Streets and Highways Code Sections 22552 and 22553.

SECTION 7. The City Council finds that the levy and collection of these assessments is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15273 of the CEQA Guidelines, as none of the proceeds will be used for capital expenses, but will be used instead for operation and maintenance.

SECTION 8. The City Council designates Christa Elms, Director of Finance, City of Blythe, 235 North Broadway, Blythe, California 92225, (760) 922-6161 EXT #1230 to answer inquiries regarding the hearing and the proposed assessments.

SECTION 9. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the file of original resolutions.

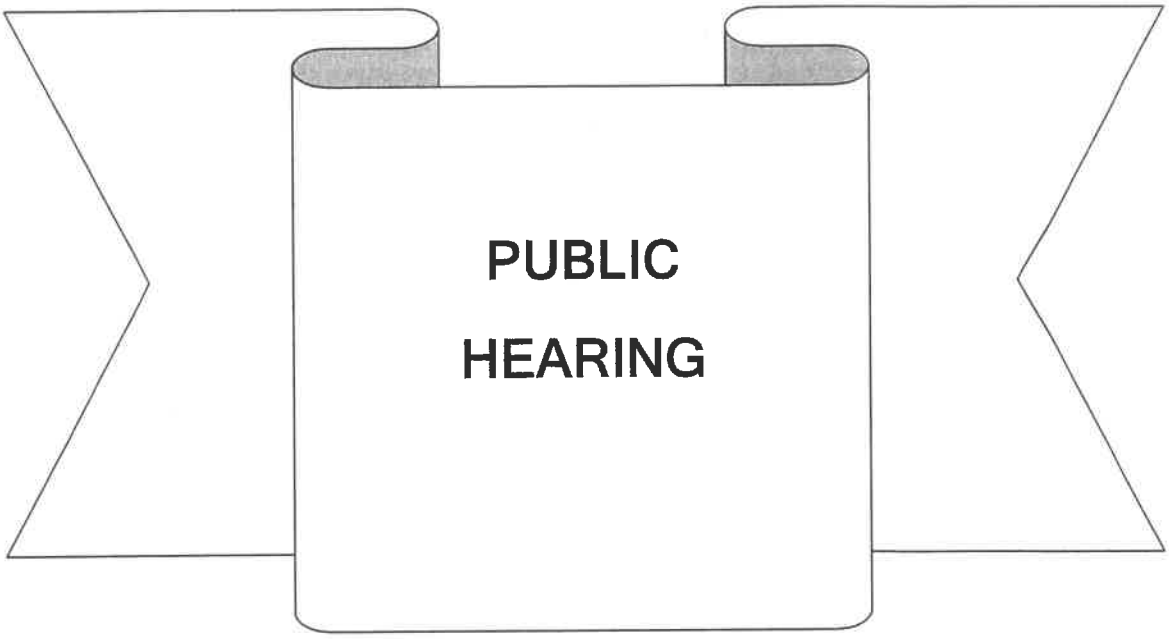
PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 16th day of June, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

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Joseph DeConinck, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mallory Crecelius, City Clerk


PUBLIC
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CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating and Capital Budget

PRESENTED BY: Christa Elms, Director of Finance

PREPARED BY: Christa Elms, Director of Finance

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-009 adopting the City's fiscal year 2026-2027 Operating and Capital Budget (the "Budget Document"), including all summaries and schedules attached and made a part of.
2. Approve and adopt salary schedules attached and made a part of the Budget Document pursuant to Section 570.5 of the California Code of Regulations.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating and Capital Budget includes total appropriates of $52,313,300, as detailed in the Budget Document.

BACKGROUND: The City of Blythe Municipal Code requires the City Council to adopt a budget each year before the start of the fiscal year. The City's fiscal year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30 of the following year. The City follows an annual budget process to ensure the budget is prepared, reviewed, and adopted on schedule.

The Finance Department, under the direction of the City Manager, manages a six-month budget development process. Each City department submits its expenditure priorities, which are reviewed and consolidated by the City Manager to ensure alignment with citywide objectives. The process begins each January and includes several months of preparation, including preliminary appropriation and revenue estimates for City Council consideration. The preliminary budget was presented to the City Council on June 2, 2026, during a public study session, and feedback from that session was incorporated into the final draft.

Once the final draft is complete, staff submits the recommended budget to the City Council for adoption. Upon adoption, the budget becomes the City's financial plan for the upcoming fiscal year, identifying appropriations, revenue sources, and any necessary use of reserves. The balanced budget proposal reflects the City's commitment to transparency, responsible fiscal management, essential municipal services, and long-term financial stability.

STAFF REPORT:

Overview: The proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating and Capital Budget is balanced and reflects the City's commitment to maintaining essential municipal services through prudent fiscal management. The Budget provides flexibility to address unforeseen circumstances while supporting continued investment in infrastructure, public safety, and quality-of-life

improvements. Ongoing review and mid-year reporting will help protect the City's financial health, allow timely adjustments, and reinforce accountability throughout the budget cycle.

The proposed Budget includes $52.3 million in total appropriations, including transfers, and is supported by $44.5 million in current-year resources and $7.7 million from reserves. The General Fund, which supports essential City operations, accounts for $18.6 million, or 35% of the total Budget. Enterprise Funds, which include Water, Sewer, Sanitation, and the Golf Course, total $17.7 million, or 34% of the Budget. The Budget also provides funding for 7 elected officials, 71 full-time equivalent positions, and 57 part-time equivalent positions.

Table represents appropriations by Fund Type.

Fund Type	*Appropriations*
General Fund	$18,648,600
Enterprise Funds	17,795,900
Special Revenue Funds	6,685,000
Internal Service Funds	5,070,400
Capital Projects Funds	3,590,000
Debit Service Funds	347,500
Custodial Funds	175,900
Citywide Total	***$52,313,300***

General Fund: The General Fund is the City's primary operating fund and supports core services such as police and fire protection, community development, building and code compliance, planning, park maintenance, public works administration, and general City administration. The proposed General Fund budget includes $18.6 million in appropriations, supported by an estimated $16.8 million in revenue, including transfers. As presented, the budget is balanced with current resources and assigns $2.0 million from unfunded liability reserves. Of the total appropriations, $7.3 million (45%) is allocated to public safety, including $6.4 million for police services. The budget also includes $5.1 million (30%) for the City's pension and other post-employment long-term obligations. Personnel and operating costs include standard adjustments, with limited changes aside from one-time expenditures.

Table represents General Fund appropriations by Department.

General Fund Department Appropriations	*Amount*
City Council	$118,700
City Clerk	135,600
City Attorney	228,000
City Managers	334,700
General Government - Non-Departmental	5,610,000
Finance	593,800
Community Development	783,000
Police	6,413,800
Fire	959,900
Public Works	261,100
Parks	395,900
Recreation	568,100
Interfund Transfers Out	2,246,000
General Fund Total:	***$18,648,600***

At staff's recommendation and by City Council direction, the Budget includes an additional $2.0 million contribution toward the City's unfunded pension liability from Assigned Unfunded Liability Reserves. This contribution includes a 10-year Fresh Start re-amortization of the City's unfunded pension liability, which is intended to provide more stable annual payments, shorten the repayment period, and generate substantial interest savings.

The General Fund's main revenue sources are property taxes, sales tax, Measure K tax, and other taxes, which account for over half of its income. Additional revenue comes from licenses, permits, fees, intergovernmental funds, service charges, investment earnings, miscellaneous sources, and interfund transfers.

Table represents General Fund revenue by Source.

General Fund Revenue Source	*Amount*
Property Taxes	$1,695,000
Sales Tax	1,740,000
Measure K	2,750,000
Other Taxes	2,785,000
License, Permits & Fees	687,300
Intergovernmental Revenue	2,540,800
Charges for Services	636,500
Fines, Forfeitures & Penalties	39,000
Investment Earnings	469,000
Other Revenues	681,300
Interfund Transfers	2,798,200
General Fund Total:	*$16,822,100*

Overall, the General Fund budget reflects a balanced financial plan supported by current-year revenues and the planned use of Assigned Unfunded Liability Reserves for the City's pension liability. This approach maintains essential services, addresses long-term obligations, and supports a more stable fiscal outlook through controlled expenditure growth and steady revenue performance.

Enterprise: An Enterprise fund is a self-supporting government fund that operates like a business, providing goods or services to the public for a fee, and is primarily financed through user charges. The City owns and operates four funds: Water, Sewer, Sanitation, and the Golf Course. Water and Sewer are the City's second and third largest operating funds and fall under the purview of the Public Works Department with oversight of the City Manager's office.

The Water Fund is projected to have an estimated cash reserve balance of $2.0 million as of June 30, 2026. For fiscal year 2026-2027, appropriations are proposed at $10.3 million, supported by total revenues of $9.4 million, which incorporate a significant $4.6 million grant award. To cover the expenditure gap, $0.9 million in reserves will be allocated toward one-time expenditures, ensuring the fund remains balanced.

Key budget allocations include funding for ongoing maintenance and operations, as well as $4.6 million dedicated to Hidden Beaches water treatment improvements. An additional $1.0 million is proposed to address citywide water valve issues, with continued investment in well rehabilitation, hydrant replacement, and contingencies to manage unexpected needs. These targeted investments are designed to enhance water quality, reliability, and infrastructure resilience across the City, supporting both current operations and future growth.

The Sewer Fund is projected to have an estimated cash reserve balance of $6.5 million as of June 30, 2026. For fiscal year 2026-2027, the fund's budget is proposed at $5.6 million, supported by revenues of $3.9 million and a planned use of $1.6 million from reserves toward one-time expenditues.

Key allocations include funding for the purchase of a new Jet Vac, rehabilitation of sewer lift stations, WWTP clarifiers, and manhole repairs. The budget also supports the installation of an electronic gate and payment collection system at the WWTP for dump fees, along with contingency funding to address unexpected needs. These investments are aimed at improving system reliability, operational efficiency, and service delivery for Blythe residents.

Streets: For Fiscal Year 2026-2027, the City proposes $5.1 million for street maintenance and improvements, including $2.3 million from Measure A, $1.9 million from SB1, and $900,000 from the Gas Tax and General Fund. Major projects include $1.5 million for the rehabilitation of 7th Street and $1.5 million for the rehabilitation of 1st Street and Murphy. The Budget also funds design costs for resurfacing East Hobsonway from 7th Street to Olive Lake, a comprehensive traffic survey, updated street mapping, and ongoing street and road maintenance. These investments will help upgrade City infrastructure, improve road safety, and maintain accessibility.

Other Funds: In addition to the core operating funds, the City is prioritizing targeted investments to enhance operational capabilities and community amenities. For fiscal year 2026-2027, $1.5 million will be allocated to fleet and equipment upgrades, including the purchase of a Jet Vac, pursuit vehicle, recreation vehicle, fire quick response apparatus, and other essential public works equipment. These investments aim to improve service efficiency and response times across departments.

Further, Bommer Park will see significant playground improvements funded through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) resources, supporting accessible and modern recreational spaces for families. The City will also introduce new light pole banners throughout the downtown corridor, supported by Art in Public Places funding, to enhance the visual appeal and sense of community in the area.

Conclusion: Looking ahead, the City remains committed to ongoing fiscal discipline and strategic planning to address both immediate operational needs and future community priorities. As demographic and economic trends evolve, the City will continue to evaluate service demands and explore new funding opportunities, including grants and public-private partnerships, to maximize resources. This proactive approach ensures that Blythe can adapt to emerging challenges, maintain a high standard of service delivery, and invest in projects that foster long-term growth and sustainability for all residents.

Staff recommends the adoption of Resolution No. 2026-009 adopting the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating and Capital Budget Document, including all summaries and schedules attached and made a part of, including schedule of authorized positions and salary schedules. The draft Budget Document is available for view on the City's website at www.cityofblythe.ca.gov. Once adopted the final Budget Document will be distributed and posted prior to the start of the fiscal year.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 2026-009
2. Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Operating and Capital Budget Document at www.cityofblythe.ca.gov

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-009

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

The City Council of the City of Blythe hereby finds and declares as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1.10.013 of the Blythe Municipal Code, the City Council is required to adopt an annual budget prior to the first day of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a budget study session on June 2, 2026 to consider the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating and Capital Budget for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the proposed Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, as described in detail within the summaries and schedules of the Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, including appropriations for authorized positions and salary schedules, and desires to adopt the proposed Operating and Capital Budget as the Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, including all summaries and schedules detailed therein, is incorporated by this reference as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. The Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, including all summaries and schedules detailed therein, is hereby approved and adopted in the amount of $52,313,300.

SECTION 3. The City Council hereby approves the number and classification of positions in the respective functions and departments set forth in the Schedule of Authorized Positions. The City Manager is authorized to transfer positions within existing position classifications and reorganize departments under the City Manager's authority, if in the City Manager's judgment such actions will result in a higher degree of efficiency of overall operations of the City. No increase shall be made in the number of authorized positions without City Council approval.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the file of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Blythe at a regular meeting thereof held on this 16th day of June, 2026, by the following vote, to wit:

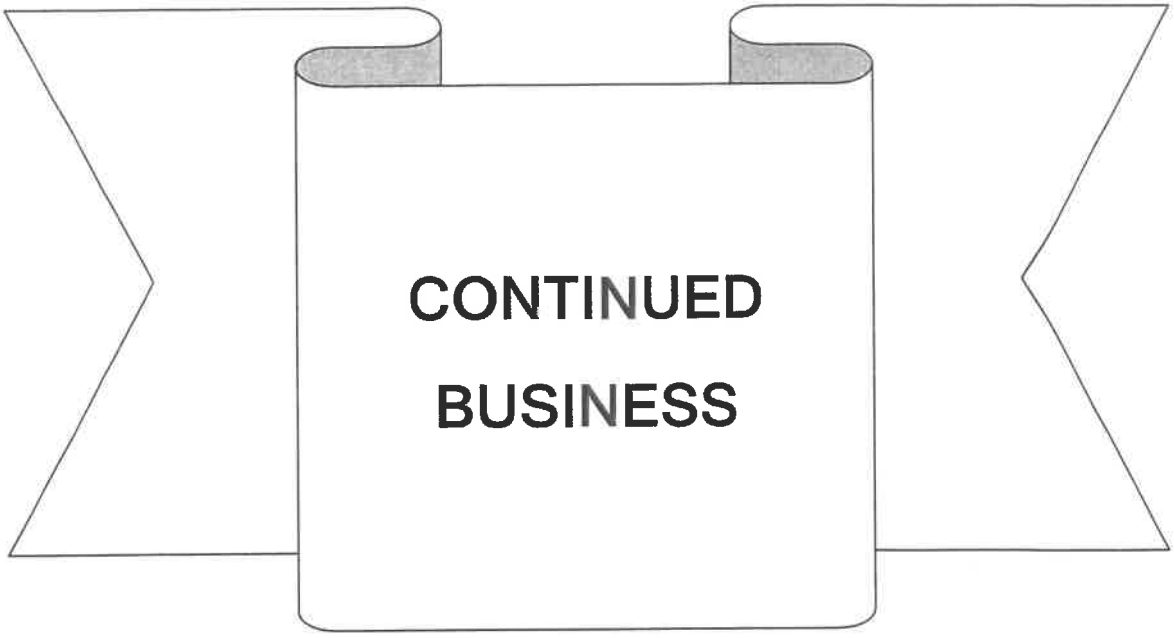
AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Joseph DeConinck, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mallory Crecelius, City Clerk

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CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Palo Verde Hospital Ad Hoc Committee Update

PRESENTED BY: Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager

PREPARED BY: Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended Council receive and file the report.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

BACKGROUND: After receiving information from concerned citizens related to the financial state of the Palo Verde Healthcare District, the City contacted Riverside County Supervisor V. Manual Perez's Office to offer assistance and requesting assistance in identifying the oversight body for the Palo Verde Healthcare District's Board of Directors.

After learning the hospital had shuttered operations except for the Emergency Room, Laboratory and Radiology, City officials contacted our State and Federal partners requesting assistance. In June, the City sent a letter to the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) requesting that LAFCO conduct a Municipal Service Review (MSR) of the Palo Verde Healthcare District. The item was placed on June 26, 2025, Agenda and the Commissioners unanimously voted to direct staff to proceed with the MSR.

On September 25, 2025 the MSR report was presented to the LAFCO Board of Directors. The LAFCO Commissioners requested a dissolution plan that includes establishing a successor agency. Once a plan is in place, LAFCO will move to dissolve the Palo Verde Healthcare District. The County of Riverside, in partnership with the City of Blythe, formed a joint working group to develop the succession plan. Later, the Palo Verde Health Care District Board of Directors field Chapter 9 Bankruptcy further complicating matters.

On January 7, 2026, the Palo Verde Health Care District Board of Directors posted an Emergency Meeting notice. The Staff report stated the hospital would close on Saturday, January 10, unless $2 million was obtained. In a Special Meeting on January 9, 2026, the City Council voted to provide Bridge Loan Funding in the amount of $330,000 to keep the hospital operational for another week to allow time for the County to come in and assist. The Loan was contingent upon the Board allowing the County to provide oversight and the day-to-day management of the hospital.

On January 27, 2026, the County Board of Supervisors ratified a $1 million loan to the PVHD and approved a strike force led by the Riverside University Heath System to independently stabilize and manage the Palo Verde Hospital Emergency Department for a period of 180 days.

STAFF REPORT: The Ad Hoc Committee will provide an update.

ATTACHMENTS: None

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New Emergency Department Physicians Begin Work at Palo Verde Hospital Through Agreement with RUHS Physician Provider

Interim Medical Director Reports Positive Community Feedback, Patient Experience

BLYTHE, CA (May 29, 2026) — Palo Verde Hospital has expanded emergency department physician coverage through a new partnership with Vituity, a physician group that serves Riverside University Health System. The emergency department now has access to 26 emergency medicine residency trained physicians.

Dr. Michael Mesisca, interim medical director at Palo Verde Hospital and chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Riverside University Health System - Medical Center and Clinics, reported on the transition during the May 27 meeting of the Palo Verde Healthcare District Board of Directors. He said the staff, physicians and community members have been "tremendously positive" with an "overwhelming sense of appreciation and gratitude."

Vituity began providing emergency medicine services at the hospital on May 1. Vituity supports 24/7 emergency department operations at Palo Verde Hospital, including patient triage, stabilization, trauma response, transfer coordination for critically ill patients and ongoing collaboration with hospital staff to maintain continuity of care.

"We recognize that hospitals are critical to the vibrancy and success of any community. When people have emergencies, they need to see a doctor and time matters," said Mesisca, who has personally cared for patients at Palo Verde Hospital. "We had physicians commit to coming to Palo Verde Hospital. They all share a belief in the standard we set of compassionate care and listening to nursing staff."

As a rural critical access hospital, Palo Verde Hospital plays a central role in delivering immediate care to residents of the Palo Verde Valley and in stabilizing and expediting transfers when a higher level of care is needed. In the weeks since the transition, hospital staff have observed measurable improvements in wait times and overall patient experience in the emergency department.

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"Access to emergency medical care is not optional for rural communities like the Palo Verde Valley," said Riverside County Fourth District Supervisor V. Manuel Perez. "This partnership strengthens the hospital's ability to provide timely, high-quality emergency services close to home and reflects the commitment of everyone working to stabilize and support Palo Verde Hospital for the long term."

Palo Verde Hospital is operating under a 180-day Management Services Agreement between the Palo Verde Healthcare District and the County of Riverside, approved by the District Board of Directors on Feb. 19, 2026. Under the agreement, Riverside University Health System - Medical Center and Clinics leadership provides temporary operational support for the Emergency Department, the clinic and all supporting departments.

The agreement with the Vituity physicians group is effective through June 30, 2027. Riverside University Health System amended its agreement with Vituity to allow for provision of emergency department services at Palo Verde Hospital in an expedited manner. The Palo Verde Healthcare District will have an opportunity to negotiate a direct successor agreement with Vituity for long-term continuity.

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Nuevos médicos comienzan a trabajar en el Departamento de Emergencias de Hospital Palo Verde mediante acuerdo con proveedor médico de RUHS

Director Médico Interino informa comentarios positivos de la comunidad y mejoras en la experiencia del paciente

BLYTHE, CA (28 de mayo de 2026) — Hospital Palo Verde ha ampliado la cobertura médica en su Departamento de Emergencias mediante una nueva alianza con Vituity, un grupo de médicos especialistas. El Departamento de Emergencias ahora cuenta con acceso a 26 médicos certificados en medicina de emergencias.

El Dr. Michael Mesisca, director médico interino de Hospital Palo Verde y jefe del Departamento de Medicina de Emergencias de Riverside University Health System - Medical Center and Clinics, informó sobre esta transición durante la reunión del 27 de mayo de la Junta Directiva del Distrito de Atención Médica de Palo Verde. Señaló que el personal, los médicos y los miembros de la comunidad han respondido de manera "tremendamente positiva" y con un "abrumador sentido de aprecio y gratitud."

Vituity comenzó a brindar servicios de medicina de emergencias en el hospital el 1 de mayo. Vituity apoya las operaciones del Departamento de Emergencias de Hospital Palo Verde las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana, incluyendo la clasificación de

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pacientes, estabilización, atención a casos de trauma, coordinación de traslados para pacientes en estado crítico y colaboración continua con el personal del hospital para garantizar la continuidad de la atención.

"Reconocemos que los hospitales son fundamentales para el bienestar y el desarrollo de cualquier comunidad. Cuando alguien tiene una emergencia, necesita ver a un médico de inmediato, porque cada minuto cuenta", dijo el Dr. Mesisca, quien ha atendido personalmente a pacientes en Hospital Palo Verde. "Contamos con médicos comprometidos con venir a Hospital Palo Verde. Todos comparten la convicción de brindar una atención compasiva y de escuchar al personal de enfermería."

Como hospital rural de acceso crítico, el Hospital Palo Verde cumple una función esencial al brindar atención inmediata a los residentes del Valle de Palo Verde, así como al estabilizar y agilizar los traslados cuando un paciente requiere un nivel de atención más especializado. En las semanas transcurridas desde la transición, el personal del hospital ha observado mejoras notables en los tiempos de espera y en la experiencia general de los pacientes en el Departamento de Emergencias.

"El acceso a la atención médica de emergencia no es un lujo para comunidades rurales como el Valle de Palo Verde, es una necesidad", dijo el Supervisor del Cuarto Distrito del Condado de Riverside, V. Manuel Perez. "Esta alianza fortalece la capacidad del hospital para ofrecer servicios de emergencia oportunos y de alta calidad cerca del hogar, y refleja el compromiso de quienes trabajan para estabilizar y apoyar al Hospital Palo Verde a largo plazo."

Hospital Palo Verde opera bajo un Acuerdo de Servicios de Administración de 180 días entre el Distrito de Atención Médica de Palo Verde y el Condado de Riverside, aprobado por la Junta Directiva del Distrito el 19 de febrero de 2026. Bajo este acuerdo, el liderazgo de Riverside University Health System - Medical Center and Clinics brinda apoyo operativo temporal al Departamento de Emergencias, la clínica y todos los departamentos de apoyo.

El acuerdo con el grupo médico Vituity tiene vigencia hasta el 30 de junio de 2027. Riverside University Health System modificó su acuerdo con Vituity para permitir la prestación de servicios en el Departamento de Emergencias del Hospital Palo Verde de manera expedita. El Distrito de Atención Médica de Palo Verde tendrá la oportunidad de negociar directamente un acuerdo sucesor con Vituity para garantizar la continuidad a largo plazo.

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Statement from Palo Verde Hospital on AB 108

Palo Verde Hospital has been awarded an emergency grant of $3 million through Assembly Bill 108, a recently passed bipartisan measure that established an emergency grant program administered by the California Department of Health Care Access and Information to support rural, financially distressed hospitals at immediate risk of closure like Palo Verde Hospital.

This grant gives the hospital the opportunity to continue strengthening services as we work toward long-term sustainability, and it is critical to the long-term survival of health care in the Palo Verde Valley and the surrounding region.

The hospital is grateful for the bipartisan efforts of state elected officials who recognize that, as a distressed hospital, legislative support is essential to rural hospital survival. Continued operation of this hospital is a lifeline for residents of the Palo Verde Valley, who depend on access to care close to home. Without it, they would be forced to travel more than 100 miles to the nearest California hospital.

"This emergency grant funding is a critical step toward preserving access to health care for the residents of the Palo Verde Valley and surrounding communities" said Carmela Garnica, president of the Palo Verde Healthcare District Board of Directors. "These resources will help strengthen our hospital's ability to deliver high-quality care and continue meeting the healthcare needs of the patients and families we serve."

Palo Verde Hospital extends its thanks to HCAI, the California Department of Health Care Access and Information, for its work on this critical program. The hospital is equally grateful for the local and regional partners who have supported the hospital through this period. The City of Blythe, the County of Riverside and Riverside University Health System - Medical Center and Clinics have each provided critical support, and that support is the reason our doors remain open today.

Palo Verde Hospital is currently operating under a 180-day Management Services Agreement between the Palo Verde Healthcare District and the County of Riverside, approved by the District Board of Directors on Feb. 19, 2026.

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Under the agreement, Riverside University Health System - Medical Center and Clinics leadership provides temporary operational support for the Emergency Department, the clinic and all supporting departments.

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NEW BUSINESS

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Adoption of Policy Regarding Disruption of Telephonic or Internet Service During Meetings

PRESENTED BY: Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager

PREPARED BY: Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended Council adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-018. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, APPROVING AND ADOPTING A POLICY REGARDING DISRUPTION OF TELEPHONIC OR INTERNET SERVICE DURING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

FISCAL IMPACT: Although this is an administrative item and there is no fiscal impact associated with the adoption of this policy, the City has incurred roughly $7,000 in costs to provide remote participation in City Council meetings. There will be an annual cost of $900 for a virtual meeting room to provide remote participation.

BACKGROUND: The Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code section 54950 et seq.) imposes open meeting requirements on local legislative bodies. In October 2025, Governor Newsom signed Senate Bill (SB) 707 into law. SB 707 updates various Brown Act provisions, including those governing teleconferencing, remote public participation and meeting procedures. SB 707 applies to all legislative bodies, but certain provisions apply only to "eligible legislative bodies". The City of Blythe qualifies as an "eligible legislative body" as the City is in Riverside County which has a population of more than 600,000 people.

SB 707 requires the City to provide remote access to public participants via a two-way audiovisual platform or a two-way telephone service beginning July 1, 2026.

STAFF REPORT: As outlined above, by July 1, 2026, the City is required to provide for public participation in City Council meetings. The City will meet this requirement using Zoom Webinar.

In addition to providing for remote public participation, the City Council is required to adopt a policy regarding disruption of telephonic or internet services occurring during meetings. The policy is required to address procedures for recessing and reconvening a meeting in the event of disruption and the efforts that the City Council will make to attempt to restore the service. Pursuant to SB 707, if a disruption of the telephone or internet access occurs during the meeting which prevents members of the public from attending a meeting remotely, the City Council is required to recess the open session for at least one hour and make a good faith effort to restore the service. The City Council cannot reconvene the open session until at least one hour following the disruption or until telephonic or internet service is restored, whichever is earlier.

SB 707 also amends the Brown Act to extend the authorization for a legislative body or its

presiding officer to remove or limit participation by persons who engage in disruptive behavior while participating in the meeting remotely. The proposed policy includes guidance for the City Council and staff in the event of an intentional disruption to a meeting caused by a remote participant or group of participants.

The proposed policy is included as Exhibit A to the attached Resolution.

Therefore, it is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution 2026-018 approving and adopting the proposed policy.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 2026-018
2. Exhibit A to Resolution No. 2026-018 – Disruption Policy

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-018

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING A POLICY REGARDING DISRUPTION OF TELEPHONIC OR INTERNET SERVICE DURING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The City Council of the City of Blythe hereby finds and declares as follows:

WHEREAS, the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code section 54950 et seq.) ensures that meetings of legislative bodies are conducted openly and that the public has the opportunity to participate in those meetings; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 707 (2025) amended the Brown Act to require that open and public meetings of eligible legislative bodies include an opportunity for members of the public to attend via a two-way telephonic service or a two-way audiovisual platform; and

WHEREAS, SB 707 also amended the Brown Act to require eligible legislative bodies to adopt, on or before July 1, 2026, a policy addressing how the agency will respond to disruptions in telephonic or internet service that prevent members of the public from participating remotely; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is an eligible legislative body; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to ensure transparency, maintain public participation, and establish clear procedures for responding to disruptions during meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby approves and adopts the Policy Regarding Disruption of Telephonic or Internet Service During City Council Meetings, attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the file of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 16th day of June, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Joseph DeConinck, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mallory Crecelius, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

POLICY

CITY OF BLYTHE
POLICY REGARDING DISRUPTION OF TELEPHONIC OR INTERNET SERVICE DURING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

(Adopted June 16, 2026)

1. Background

Senate Bill (SB) 707 (2025) amended the Brown Act to require that open and public meetings of eligible legislative bodies include an opportunity for members of the public to attend via a two-way telephonic service or a two-way audiovisual platform. SB 707 also amended the Brown Act to require eligible legislative bodies to adopt, on or before July 1, 2026, a policy addressing how the agency will respond to disruptions in telephonic or internet service that prevent members of the public from attending or observing a meeting remotely.

2. Purpose

This policy establishes procedures for responding to a disruption in the telephone or internet services that provide two-way remote public access to meetings of the City Council of the City of Blythe, as required by the Brown Act (California Government Code section 54953.4). The policy also establishes procedures for responding to a member of the public who is attending a meeting through remote access services and is disrupting the meeting. The policy ensures transparency, public participation, and the continuation of meetings during disruptions.

3. Definitions

"Disrupting" means engaging in behavior during a meeting of the City Council that actually disrupts, disturbs, impedes, or renders infeasible the orderly conduct of the meeting and includes, but is not limited to, a failure to comply with reasonable and lawful regulations adopted by the City Council.

"Remote access service(s)" means the two-way telephonic service and/or two-way audiovisual platform used to provide real-time remote public attendance and observation of meetings.

"Service disruption" means any failure, outage, or other interruption that prevents members of the public from attending or observing the meeting via the remote access services.

"Two-way audio visual platform" means an online platform that provides participants with the ability to participate in a meeting via both an interactive video conference and a two-way telephonic service.

"Two-way telephonic service" means a telephone service that does not require internet access and allows participants to dial a telephone number to listen and verbally participate in a meeting.

4. Applicability

This policy applies to all open and public meetings of the City Council of the City of Blythe at which remote public participation is required under the Brown Act. Consistent with the Brown Act, this policy shall not apply to the following meetings:

a. Meetings held to attend a judicial or administrative proceeding to which the City is a party.

b. Meetings held to inspect real or personal property provided that the topic of the meeting is limited to items directly related to the real or personal property.

c. Meetings held to meet with elected or appointed officials of the United States or the State of California, solely to discuss a legislative or regulatory issue affecting the City and over which the federal or state officials have jurisdiction.

d. Meetings held to meet in or nearby a facility owned by the City, provided that the topic of the meeting is limited to items directly related to the facility.

e. Meetings held in an emergency situation pursuant to California Government Code section 54956.5.

5. Procedures in the Event of a Service Disruption

If the Presiding Officer or City Clerk becomes aware of a service disruption:

a. The Presiding Officer or City Clerk shall immediately announce the service disruption to the public.

b. The Presiding Officer shall call for a recess of the open session and may convene the City Council in closed session, consistent with the Brown Act.

c. The recess shall last for one hour or until service is restored, whichever is sooner.

d. During the recess, City staff shall make a good faith effort to diagnose and restore the disrupted remote access services, which may include, but is not limited to:

   i. Troubleshooting platform or teleconferencing software;

   ii. Resetting or replacing audiovisual equipment;

   iii. Attempting alternative connection methods;

   iv. Contacting necessary support staff or service providers; and/or

   v. Switching to back-up equipment or platforms, if available.

6. Reconvening the Open Session

After the expiration of one hour, if service has not been restored, the Presiding Officer or City Clerk shall report on the status of staff's efforts to restore remote access services, and the City Council may reconvene to:

a. Adjourn the meeting;

b. Extend the recess to allow staff more time to make a good faith effort to restore remote access services; or

c. Continue the open session portion of the meeting by adopting, by a roll call vote, the following or a substantially similar finding:

"The City of Blythe has made good faith efforts to restore telephonic or internet service in accordance with its adopted policy, and the public interest in continuing the meeting outweighs the public interest in remote public access."

Upon adoption of the finding, the City Council may continue the open session portion of the meeting despite the fact that remote access services have not been restored.

7. Recordkeeping

If a service disruption occurs at a City Council meeting, the City Clerk shall enter a brief statement into the meeting minutes, including the following:

a. The nature and time of the service disruption;

b. A brief summary of the restoration efforts undertaken;

c. The time the meeting was reconvened (if applicable); and

d. Any finding adopted pursuant to Section 6.

8. Response to Members of the Public Disrupting a Meeting

If the Presiding Officer or City Clerk becomes aware of a member of the public who is attending the meeting through remote access services and is disrupting the meeting or otherwise preventing other members of the public from attending or observing the meeting remotely or in-person:

a. The Presiding Officer or City Clerk shall warn the person who is participating through remote access services that he or she is disrupting the meeting and his or her failure to cease that behavior may result in his or her removal.

b. If the person to whom the Presiding Officer gave the above warning persists in disrupting the meeting, the Presiding Officer may order staff to:

i. Mute or otherwise limit the individual's ability to disrupt the meeting, while allowing the individual to continue to observe and attend the meeting; or

ii. Remove the individual from the meeting if paragraph (i) does not address the disrupting behavior or is not available using the remote access service.

9. Preparation, Website, and Public Notice

a. Before each City Council meeting, City staff should check and verify remote/telephonic connection lines and internet connectivity.

b. The City's webpage dedicated to public meetings as required by the Brown Act shall describe how to alert City staff of access issues during remote participation.

c. Each meeting agenda shall include remote participation links and instructions, including how to alert City staff of access issues.

10. Review and Updates

This policy may be amended by the City Council at a noticed public meeting in open session in accordance with applicable Brown Act requirements.

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Calling the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election

PRESENTED BY: Mallory Crecelius, City Clerk

PREPARED BY: Mallory Crecelius, City Clerk

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended Council adopt the following resolutions related to the General Municipal Election to be held Tuesday, November 3, 2026:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-015. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, CALLING FOR THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026 FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS, AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RELATIVE TO GENERAL LAW CITIES

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-016. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TO CONSOLIDATE A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026 WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THAT DATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 10403 OF THE CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-017. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026

FISCAL IMPACT: It is estimated the election will cost approximately $20,000.

BACKGROUND: The City of Blythe is scheduled to have a General Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. The purpose of the election is to fill three seats on the City Council and the Offices of City Clerk and City Treasurer, each for a four-year term. It is the responsibility of the City Council to call the election and request consolidation. It is the City Clerk's responsibility to ensure the election is held by working with the County Registrar of Voters, which will conduct the election for the City.

STAFF REPORT: Elections are held in accordance with the provisions of the California Elections Code. To comply with requirements set forth in the California Elections Code and by the Riverside County Registrar of Voters' Office for conducting a General Municipal Election, the following resolutions must be adopted and submitted to the Registrar of Voters:

1. Resolution No. 2026-015, calling for the holding of a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 for the election of certain officers as required by the provisions of the laws of the State of California relative to general law cities.

2. Resolution No. 2026-016, requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside to consolidate a General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2026 with the Statewide General Election to be held on that date pursuant to Section 10403 of the California Elections Code.

3. Resolution No. 2026-017, adopting regulations for candidates for elective office pertaining to candidates' statements submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 3, 2026.

Resolution No. 2026-017, among other things, provides that candidate statements shall not exceed 200 words. However, pursuant to California Elections Code section 13007, the City Council may authorize an increase in the limitation on words for the candidate statements from 200 to 400 words.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 2026-015
2. Resolution No. 2026-016
3. Resolution No. 2026-017

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-015

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, CALLING FOR THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026 FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS, AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RELATIVE TO GENERAL LAW CITIES

The City Council of the City of Blythe hereby finds and declares as follows:

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the laws relating to general law cities in the State of California, a General Municipal Election will be held on November 3, 2026 for the election of municipal officers.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the requirements of the laws of the State of California relating to general law cities, there is called and ordered to be held in the City of Blythe, California, on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, a General Municipal Election for the purpose of electing three (3) Members of the City Council and the Offices of the City Clerk and City Treasurer, each for the full term of four (4) years.

SECTION 2. The ballots to be used at the election shall be in form and content as required by law.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to coordinate with the Riverside County Registrar of Voters to procure and furnish any and all official ballots, notices, printed material and all supplies, equipment and paraphernalia that may be necessary in order to properly and lawfully conduct the election.

SECTION 4. The polls/vote centers for the election shall be open at 7:00 a.m. on the day of the election and shall remain open continuously from that time until 8:00 p.m. of the same day when the polls/vote centers shall be closed, except as provided in California Elections Code section 14401. The vote centers shall be open any other dates and times as specified by the Riverside County Registrar of Voters.

SECTION 5. In all particulars not recited in this Resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections.

SECTION 6. Notice of the time and place of holding the election is given and the City Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to give further or additional notice of the election, in the time, form and manner required by law.

SECTION 7. The City Council authorizes the City Clerk to administer said election and authorizes all reasonable and actual election expenses to be paid by the City upon presentation of a properly submitted bill.

SECTION 8. The City Clerk shall certify the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 16th day of June, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

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Joseph DeConinck, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mallory Crecelius, City Clerk

(S E A L)

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-016

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TO CONSOLIDATE A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026 WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THAT DATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 10403 OF THE CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE

The City Council of the City of Blythe hereby finds and declares as follows:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Blythe has called a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the purpose of electing three (3) Members of the City Council and the Offices of City Clerk and City Treasurer, each for a full term of four years; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the General Municipal Election be consolidated with the Statewide General Election to be held on the same date, that, within the City, the precincts, vote centers and election officers of the two elections be the same, that the Riverside County Registrar of Voters canvass the returns of the General Municipal Election and that the election be held in all respects as if there were only one election.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Section 10403 of the California Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside is hereby requested to consent and agree to the consolidation of the General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the purpose of the electing three (3) Members of the City Council and the Offices of the City Clerk and City Treasurer, each for the full term of four years.

SECTION 2. The Riverside County Board of Supervisors is requested to issue instructions to the Riverside County Registrar of Voters to take any and all steps necessary for the holding of the consolidated election.

SECTION 3. The Riverside County Registrar of Voters is authorized to canvass the returns of the General Municipal Election. The election shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election, and only one form of ballot shall be used. The election will be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of law regulating the statewide election.

SECTION 4. The City of Blythe acknowledges that the consolidated election will be held and conducted in the manner prescribed in Section 10418 of the California Elections Code. The election shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election, and only one form of ballot shall be used. The election will be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of law regulating the statewide election.

SECTION 5. The City of Blythe recognizes that additional costs will be incurred by the County of Riverside by reason of this consolidation and agrees to reimburse the County for costs incurred upon the presentation of a properly submitted bill.

SECTION 6. The City Clerk is directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Riverside County Board of Supervisors and the Riverside County Registrar of Voters.

SECTION 7. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and shall enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 16th day of June, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

_____
Joseph DeConinck, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Mallory Crecelius, City Clerk

(SEAL)

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-017

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026

The City Council of the City of Blythe hereby finds and declares as follows:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Blythe has called a General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2026, for the purpose of electing three (3) Members of the City Council and the Offices of the City Clerk and City Treasurer, each for the full term of four years; and

WHEREAS, Section 13307 of the California Elections Code provides that the governing body of any local agency may adopt certain regulations pertaining to materials prepared by any candidate for a municipal election, including costs of the candidate's statement; and

WHEREAS, Section 13307(c)(1) of the California Elections Code provides that if the elections official who is conducting the election or the county elections official who is conducting a local agency's election, including a local election that is consolidated with the county election, permits electronic distribution of a candidate's statement, each candidate for nonpartisan elective office in the local agency may prepare a candidate's statement for the purpose of electronic distribution; and

WHEREAS, Section 13307(c)(2) of the California Elections Code provides that a candidate's statement prepared pursuant to subdivision (c) shall be posted on the internet website of the elections official, and may be included in a voter's pamphlet that is electronically distributed by the elections official, but shall not be included in a voter's pamphlet that is printed and mailed to voters; and

WHEREAS, Section 13307(d) of the California Elections Code authorizes the local agency to estimate the total cost of printing, handling, translating, mailing, and electronically distributing candidate's statements and to require each candidate filing a candidate's statement to pay in advance to the local agency his or her estimated pro rata share as a condition to having his or her statement included in the voter's pamphlet; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to adopt regulations applicable to candidate statements for the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. General Provisions.

A. Pursuant to Section 13307 of the California Elections Code, each candidate for elective office to be voted for at the election to be held in the City of Blythe on November 3, 2026 may prepare a candidate's statement on an appropriate form provided by the City Clerk.

B. The statement may include the name, age and occupation of the candidate and a brief description of no more than 200 words of the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate himself or herself. Words will be counted in accordance with the word count standards set forth in Section 9 of the California Elections Code. The statement shall not include the party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations.

C. The statement shall be filed in typewritten (hard copy) and electronic format in the Office of the City Clerk at the time the candidate's nomination papers are filed. The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.

D. The statement shall comply with all provisions of law, including, but not limited to, Sections 13307 and 13308 of the California Elections Code.

SECTION 2. Payment. The City Clerk shall work with the Riverside County Registrar of Voters to estimate the total cost of printing, handling, translating, mailing, and electronically distributing the candidate statements filed, including the costs incurred as a result of complying with the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, and require each candidate filing a statement to pay in advance to the City of Blythe his or her estimated pro rata share as a condition of having his or her statement included in the voter information guide or electronically distributed. The estimate is just an approximation of the actual cost that varies from one election to another election and may be significantly more or less than the estimate, depending on the actual number of candidates filing statements. Accordingly, the City of Blythe is not bound by the estimate and the City Clerk may, on a pro rata basis, bill the candidate for additional actual expenses or refund any excess paid depending on the final actual cost. In the event of underpayment, the City Clerk shall require the candidate to pay the balance of the cost incurred. In the event of overpayment, the City Clerk shall prorate the excess amount among the candidates and refund the excess amount paid within 30 days of the election. The City Clerk shall include on the receipt for payment the information required pursuant to Section 13307(d) of the California Elections Code regarding the estimated payment.

SECTION 3. No Additional Materials. No candidate will be permitted to include additional materials in the sample ballot booklet/voter information guide.

SECTION 4. Copy of Resolution. The City Clerk shall provide each candidate or the candidate's representative a copy of this Resolution at the time the nomination papers are issued.

SECTION 5. Repeal of Prior Resolutions. All previous resolutions establishing City Council policy on payment for candidates' statements are repealed.

SECTION 6. Applicability. This Resolution shall apply only to the election to be held on November 3, 2026, and shall then be repealed.

SECTION 7. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 16th day of June, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

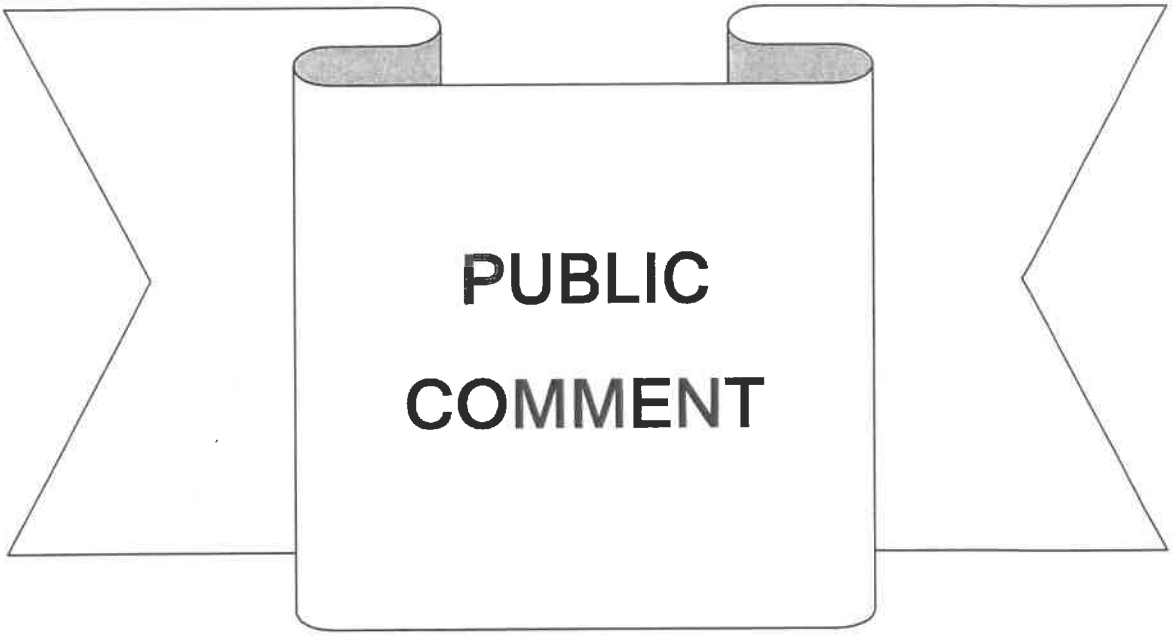
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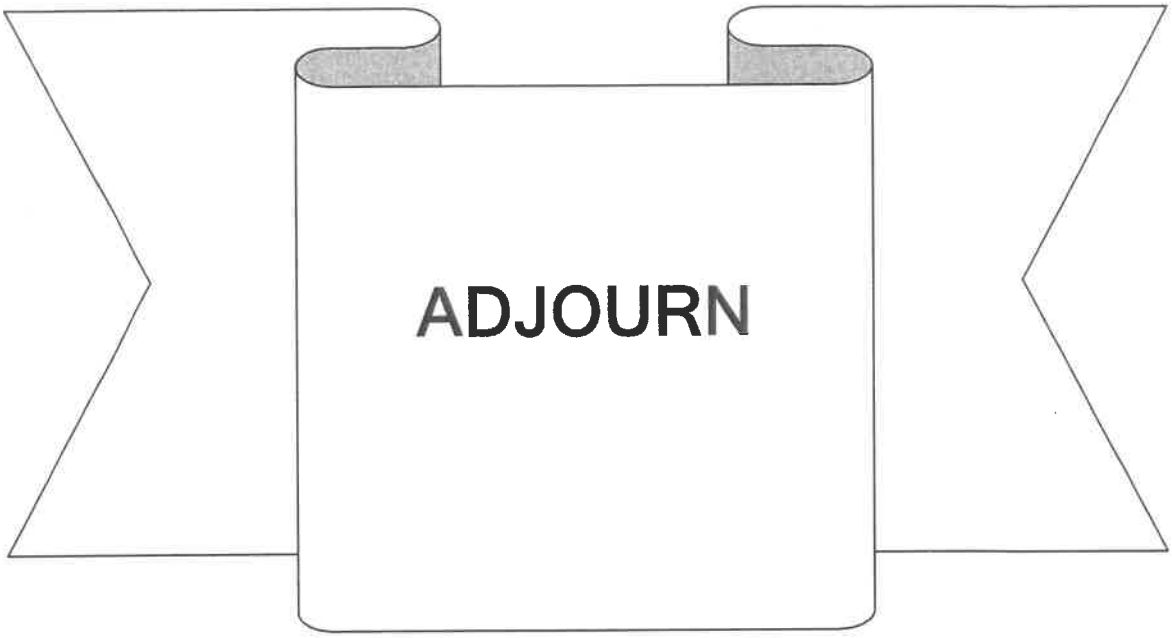
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