BLYTHE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

August 11, 2026

Closed Session: 4:45 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 LABOR NEGOTIATORS.** Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency Designated Representative: Mallory Crecelius. Employee Organization: Non-Sworn Unit.

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

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Members of the public may participate in the City Council meeting in person or virtually using the Zoom Webinar platform. Please click the link below to join the meeting via Zoom:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bLePJyOSR8WpPphX-VG11A

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

In-Person Comments. Members of the public can provide public comment in-person at the podium in the Council Chambers. Those wanting to address the City Council can do so during the designated public comment period.

Remote Comments via Webinar. Members of the public can provide public comment via the Zoom Webinar. To be recognized to speak during the designated public comment period, the speaker must email the City Clerk's Office at msutterfield@cityofblythe.ca.gov and provide their name and telephone number and indicate (1) whether the speaker wishes to address the City Council on a specific agenda item or during general public comment and, if wishing to address the Council on a specific item or items, which item(s). The speaker must send such email by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. This allows City staff to locate and prompt the speaker during the applicable public comment period. Participation in the meeting may be recorded as part of the City Council meeting. By making public comment during the City Council meeting, you agree to have your voice recorded.

Written Public Comment. Members of the public can submit comments electronically for City Council consideration by sending them to msutterfield@cityofblythe.ca.gov. To ensure distribution to the City Council prior to consideration of the agenda, the City encourages the public to submit comments by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Otherwise, they will be included as late correspondence on the following day. Comments will be distributed to the City Council and made part of the official public record of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ADDED STARTER: The City Council may add an item to the Agenda after making a finding that there is a need to take immediate action on the item and that the item came to the attention of the City Council and/or staff subsequent to the posting of the Agenda. An action adding an item to the Agenda requires a 2/3 vote of the City Council (4 of 5 Council Members). If less than 2/3 of the City Council is present, adding an item to the Agenda requires a unanimous vote.

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REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION:

CONSENT CALENDAR: (Items 1 - 11)

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.

1. **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, August 7, 2026.

2. **Approval of the Warrant Register.**
   Recommendation: Approve **8/11/26,** Utility Billing Refund warrants numbered 81228 through 81241; in the amount of $2,310.99; **8/11/26,** warrants numbered 11586 through 11600 in the amount of $6,654,018.32; **8/11/26,** warrants numbered 11601 through 11614 and 81285 through 81307 in the amount of $389,525.26; **8/11/26,** warrants numbered 11615 through 11618 and 81308 through 81332 in the amount of $108,943.91 and **8/11/26,** warrants numbered 11619 through 11623 and 81333 through 81344 in the amount of $166,025.18.

3. **Approval of the Payroll Register.**
   Recommendation: Approve **8/14/26,** warrants numbered 55867 through 55881 and Direct Deposit warrants numbered 65873 through 65949 in the amount of $292,500.24; **8/11/26,** warrant numbered 55882 and Direct Deposit warrants numbered 65950 through 65951 in the amount of $3,249.84; **8/11/26,** warrant numbered 55883 and Direct Deposit warrant 65952 in the amount of $13,301.38; **8/11/2026,** warrants numbered 55884 through 55897 and Direct Deposit warrants numbered 65953 through 66027 in the amount of $291,350.70 and **8/11/26,** warrants numbered 55898 through 55909 and Direct Deposit warrants numbered 66028 through 66118 in the amount of $96,789.13.

4. **Minutes of the July 14, 2026 Special City Council Meeting.**
   Recommendation: Approve the Minutes of the July 14, 2026 Councill Meeting.

5. **City of Blythe Permits Issued in the Month of July 2026.**
   Recommendation: Receive the monthly report.

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

7. **City of Blythe Police Department Monthly Incident and Activity Report for July 2026.**
   Recommendation: Receive the monthly report.

8. **Acceptance of Community Enhancement Collaborative Grant Award for a Blythe Christmas.**
   Recommendation: Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute any and all grant related documents, including an agreement between the City and the Community Enhancement Collaborative once reviewed and approved by the City Attorney, for the acceptance of a grant in the amount of $110,000 for the purchase of Christmas decorations.

9. **Acceptance of Work - Barnard/Lovekin Storm Lift #11 Rehabilitation Project.**
   Recommendation: Accept the work performed by AZCA Drilling & Pump, Inc. for the Barnard/Lovekin Strom Lift #11 Rehabilitation Project and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and file the Notice of Completion for the project and authorize the Interim City Manager to release project bonds once applicable.

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10. **Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of CHP Cannabis Tax Fund Grant.**
Recommendation: Adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-027. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT F CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL CANNABIS TAX FUND GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL GRANT DOCUMENTS.

11. **Adoption of Ordinance No. 946-26 Prohibiting the Sale and Distribution of Kratom Products in the City of Blythe.**
Recommendation: Adopt Ordinance No. 946-26:

ORDINANCE NO. 946-26. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 9.96 PROHIBITION ON SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF KRATOM PRODUCTS) TO ARTICLE IX (MISCELLANEOUS) OF TITLE 9 (PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS AND WELFARE) OF THE BLYTHE MUNICIPAL CODE AND FINDING THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15061(b)(3) (COMMON SENSE EXEMPTION).

PUBLIC HEARING: (Item 12)

12. **Request for Conditional Use Permit (CUP 2607-001) to Operate a Sales Office for new Utility Sheds With On-Site Storage for Display Purposes at 1354 E Hobsonway (Sunset Sheds of California).**
Recommendation: Subsequent to the Public Hearing, adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-026. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, CLASSIFYING THE SALES AND STORAGE OF PREFABRICATED SHEDS USE AS A USE SIMILAR TO CONSTRUCTION SALES AND SERVICES, APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 2607-001 TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF SUCH USE AT 1354 E. HOBSONWAY (APNS: 854-040-016, 854-040-018, 854-040-019 AND 854-040-020), AND MAKING THE DETERMINATION THAT THE PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 15302 (REPLACEMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION), 15303 (NEW CONSTRUCTION OR CONVERSION OF SMALL STRUCTURES) AND 15061(b)(3) (COMMON SENSE EXEMPTION) OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES.

CONTINUED BUSINESS: (Item 13)

13. **Palo Verde Hospital Ad Hoc Committee Update.**
Recommendation: Receive a report from the Hospital Ad Hoc Committee.

NEW BUSINESS: (Items 14)

14. **Ordinance Adopting Amended Military Equipment Policy Pursuant to Assembly Bill 481.**
Recommendation: Introduce Ordinance No. 947-26:

ORDINANCE NO. 947-26. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN AMENDED MILITARY EQUIPMENT POLICY AND FINDING THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15061(b)(3) (COMMON SENSE EXEMPTION)

ORAL REPORTS: (Staff members may make a brief announcement or report on department activities.)

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.)

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ADJOURNMENT: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 235 N. Broadway, Blythe, California.

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CONSENT
CALENDAR

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Voucher	Date	Vendor	Invoice	PO #	Description/Account		Amount
81228	7/14/2026	008758 ALVARADO KING, DARIUS	Ref000227007		UB Refund Cst #028516		114.92
						Total :	114.92
81229	7/14/2026	008755 BUSH, LEAH	Ref000227003		UB Refund Cst #027694		176.02
						Total :	176.02
81230	7/14/2026	007847 CURIEL, FELIPE	Ref000227008		UB Refund Cst #028554		82.57
						Total :	82.57
81231	7/14/2026	008754 CURRIER, KATCHYA	Ref000227002		UB Refund Cst #027441		52.04
						Total :	52.04
81232	7/14/2026	006501 GRANITE CONSTRUCTION	Ref000227005		UB Refund Cst #028464		288.28
						Total :	288.28
81233	7/14/2026	007125 INNOVATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL	Ref000227010		UB Refund Cst #028682		433.64
						Total :	433.64
81234	7/14/2026	008760 MERCY AIR SERVICES	Ref000227011		UB Refund Cst #028743		69.89
						Total :	69.89
81235	7/14/2026	008756 OSBORNE, BRANDY	Ref000227004		UB Refund Cst #027970		107.39
						Total :	107.39
81236	7/14/2026	008757 ROBERTSON, VIRGINIA	Ref000227006		UB Refund Cst #028482		319.46
						Total :	319.46
81237	7/14/2026	008686 ROBINS, KRISTINA	Ref000227001		UB Refund Cst #026897		100.00
						Total :	100.00
81238	7/14/2026	008761 SANCHEZ, CATHIA	Ref000227012		UB Refund Cst #023599		413.11
						Total :	413.11
81239	7/14/2026	008753 SEVILLA, GABRIEL	Ref000227000		UB Refund Cst #026859		59.48
						Total :	59.48
81240	7/14/2026	008667 WEBER, WILLIAM	Ref000226999		UB Refund Cst #026737		79.00

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81240	7/14/2026	008667 008667 WEBER, WILLIAM	(Continued)		Total :	79.00
81241	7/14/2026	008759 YOON, CHARLES	Ref000227009		UB Refund Cst #028581	15.19
					Total :	15.19

14 Vouchers for bank code : union — **Bank total : 2,310.99**

14 Vouchers in this report — **Total vouchers : 2,310.99**

CLAIMS VOUCHER APPROVAL

I hereby certify that the Utility Billing Refund warrants numbered 81228-81241 in the amount of $2,310.99 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 August 11, 2026.

Christa Elms
Director of Finance

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11586	7/1/2026	005923	CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'	000018330996		HEALTH PREMIUMS 7/1-7/31/2026	4,298.87
						Total :	**4,298.87**
11587	7/1/2026	005923	CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'	000018330995		HEALTH PREMIUMS 7/1-7/31/2026	119,086.29
						Total :	**119,086.29**
11588	7/1/2026	006924	SUN LIFE	923380-0002		PREMIUM/FEES 7/1-7/31/2026	5,327.87
						Total :	**5,327.87**
11589	7/17/2026	005923	CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'	000018344478		UNFUNDED ACCRUED LIABILITY/S,	1,000,000.00
						Total :	**1,000,000.00**
11590	7/17/2026	005923	CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'	000018344477		UNFUNDED ACCRUED LIABILITY/M	1,000,000.00
						Total :	**1,000,000.00**
11591	7/22/2026	005923	CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'	000018342323		UNFUNDED ACCRUED LIABILITY/PI	1,157,427.00
						Total :	**1,157,427.00**
11592	7/22/2026	005923	CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'	000018342334		UNFUNDED ACCRUED LIABILITY/PI	1,444,255.00
						Total :	**1,444,255.00**
11593	7/28/2026	005998	CA BLDG STANDARDS COMMISSION	063026		SB1473 GREEN FEES (COUNTY)	2.00
						Total :	**2.00**
11594	7/28/2026	005998	CA BLDG STANDARDS COMMISSION	063026		SB1473 GREEN FEES	96.30
						Total :	**96.30**
11595	7/28/2026	004804	CITY OF BLYTHE	JUNE 2026		AMOUNT BILLED TO CUSTOMERS (	33,624.00
						Total :	**33,624.00**
11596	7/28/2026	000646	COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE	IN1086661	026195	ACCOUNT #AR0024182 RECORD #I	693.00
						Total :	**693.00**
11597	7/28/2026	000646	COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE	IN1087002	026195	ACCOUNT #AR0023918 RECORD #I	1,052.00
						Total :	**1,052.00**
11598	7/28/2026	000646	COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE	IN1086083	026195	ACCOUNT #AR0024183 RECORD #I	1,948.00

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11598	7/28/2026	000646	000646 COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE	(Continued)			Total :	1,948.00
11599	7/28/2026	000150	INLAND BUILDERS SUPPLY INC	J35844	026099	PARTS/SUPPLIES		363.23
				J43680	026026	PARTS/SUPPLIES		15.16
				J43726	026026	PARTS/SUPPLIES		15.20
				J48137	026142	UNITED PARCEL CHARGES		22.06
				J49229	026102	PARTS/SUPPLIES		273.46
				J49439	026102	PARTS/SUPPLIES		15.76
				J49499	026104	PARTS/SUPPLIES		15.31
					026104			
				J51798	026106	PARTS/SUPPLIES		119.61
				J53210	026112	PARTS/SUPPLIES		239.10
				J53313	026113	PARTS/SUPPLIES		108.37
				W86871	026027	PARTS/SUPPLIES		220.66
				W86944	026026	PARTS/SUPPLIES		4.33
				W87068	026029	PARTS/SUPPLIES		809.25
				W87678	026094	PARTS/SUPPLIES		27.36
				W88389	026102	PARTS/SUPPLIES		38.01
				W88844	026102	PARTS/SUPPLIES		99.72
				W89030	026202	PARTS/SUPPLIES		64.26
				W89316	026209	PARTS/SUPPLIES		64.98
				W89358	026209	PARTS/SUPPLIES		14.22
							Total :	2,530.05
11600	7/28/2026	000241	SMART & FINAL IRIS CORP	430510019301	026198	SUPPLIES		404.37
				430510019501	026197	SUPPLIES		18.57
				430510084601	026198	SUPPLIES		222.96
				430510086601	026197	SUPPLIES		33.53
				430510112601	026217	SUPPLIES		27.16
				430510114601	026198	SUPPLIES		76.33
				430510118302	026197	SUPPLIES		155.06
				430510124601	026197	SUPPLIES		156.36
				430510125601	026198	SUPPLIES		26.16
				430510144502	026218	SUPPLIES		158.29
				430510191602	026197	SUPPLIES		44.76
				430511113602	026197	SUPPLIES		36.24

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11600	7/28/2026	000241	000241 SMART & FINAL IRIS CORP	(Continued)		Total :	1,359.79
						Bank total :	4,771,700.17

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81242	7/15/2026	001634 CA DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	5700038337	026185	CERTIFICATION RENEWAL FEES	200.00
					Total :	**200.00**
81243	7/15/2026	000199 PALO VERDE IRRIGATION DISTRICT	611535	026213	WATER TOLL-QUECHAN PARK APN	522.00
					Total :	**522.00**
81244	7/28/2026	002768 AIRWAVE BROADBAND WIRELESS	117443	026186	BUSINESS PHONE SERVICE 7/1-8/	121.60
			117567	026186	BUSINESS PHONE SERVICE 8/1-9/	126.60
					Total :	**248.20**
81245	7/28/2026	006366 ALARM PROTECTION SERVICES	065388	026187	SECURITY ALARM MONITORING 7/	173.85
					Total :	**173.85**
81246	7/28/2026	007560 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	17FCRWD7MRG3	026123	PARTS/SUPPLIES	496.85
					Total :	**496.85**
81247	7/28/2026	005289 AYRES SUITES	337339038	026190	LODGING - SMITH 8/2-8/7/2026	512.70
			337339048	026190	LODGING - SMITH 8/9-8/14/2026	512.70
			337339053	026190	LODGING - SMITH 8/16-8/21/2026	512.70
			337339062	026190	LODGING - SMITH 8/23-8/28/2026	512.70
					Total :	**2,050.80**
81248	7/28/2026	005289 AYRES SUITES	337339122	026253	LODGING - CURL 9/20-9/25/2026	537.70
			337339133	026253	LODGING - CURL 9/27-10/2/2026	537.70
			337339285	026253	LODGING - CURL 9/13-9/18/2026	537.70
			337339305	026253	LODGING - CURL 10/4-10/9/2026	537.70
					Total :	**2,150.80**
81249	7/28/2026	008762 BLYTHE POLICE	1	026216	POOL DAY EVENT	300.00
					Total :	**300.00**
81250	7/28/2026	005399 BNB GOLF MANAGEMENT INC	GOLFCOURSE2027	026273	MANAGEMENT SERVICES	60,000.00
					Total :	**60,000.00**
81251	7/28/2026	006243 BRUCE BOWER INVESTIGATIONS	26-013	026206	PERSONNEL SERVICES	1,524.70
					Total :	**1,524.70**
81252	7/28/2026	000048 BURTRONICS BUSINESS SYSTEMS	AR126565	026040	EQUIPMENT	11,960.86

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81252	7/28/2026	000048 000048 BURTRONICS BUSINESS SYSTEMS (Continued)			**Total :**	**11,960.86**
81253	7/28/2026	000048 BURTRONICS BUSINESS SYSTEMS	AR126566	026039	EQUIPMENT	11,960.86
					Total :	**11,960.86**
81254	7/28/2026	000896 CITY OF BLYTHE	063026		GOVERNMENT RETAINER - STRON	9.46
			063026		GOVERNMENT RETAINER - SB1473	10.70
			B2509-022		ADMINISTRATIVE FEE	216.00
			B2509-022		ADMINISTRATIVE FEE	24.00
					Total :	**260.16**
81255	7/28/2026	000667 CITY OF BLYTHE	072826		DELINQUENT UTILITY - COUNTY AS	2,989.86
					Total :	**2,989.86**
81256	7/28/2026	003841 CIVICPLUS LLC	371674	026192	WEBSITE HOSTING & SUPPORT	3,088.16
					Total :	**3,088.16**
81257	7/28/2026	003481 COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE	AC0000002235	026188	LAFCO FEES 2026/2027	2,811.93
					Total :	**2,811.93**
81258	7/28/2026	005603 CR&R INCORPORATED	000169343	026200	DISPOSAL SERVICES 7/1-7/31/2026	397.03
					Total :	**397.03**
81259	7/28/2026	000037 CULLIGAN SOFT WATER SERVICE	0647520	026193	WATER SERVICE 6/13-7/10/2026	75.63
			647557,647522	026194	WATER SERVICE 6/13-7/10/2026	106.23
			647606,647642	026193	WATER SERVICE 7/11-8/7/2026	76.67
			647608,647643	026194	WATER SERVICE 7/11-8/7/2026	106.23
					Total :	**364.76**
81260	7/28/2026	007631 CURL, TIA LISA	091326	026254	PER DIEM 9/13-9/18/2026	245.00
			092026	026254	PER DIEM 9/20-9/25/2026	245.00
			092726	026254	PER DIEM 9/27-10/2/2026	245.00
			100426	026254	PER DIEM 10/4-10/9/2026	980.00
					Total :	**1,715.00**
81261	7/28/2026	000156 CYLE JOHNSON ELECTRIC INC	56534	026268	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	261.42
					Total :	**261.42**

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81262	7/28/2026	000084	D & L AUTO PARTS INC	228437	026095	PARTS/SUPPLIES	73.88
						Total :	**73.88**
81263	7/28/2026	005997	DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION	063026		STRONG MOTION FEES (COUNTY)	1.76
				063026		STRONG MOTION FEES	179.81
						Total :	**181.57**
81264	7/28/2026	005645	EVERON	161082283	026196	FIRE/SECURITY ALARM MONITORII	226.45
				161082284	026196	FIRE/SECURITY ALARM MONITORII	241.74
				161082285	026196	FIRE/SECURITY ALARM MONITORII	226.36
				161082286	026196	FIRE/SECURITY ALARM MONITORII	300.07
						Total :	**994.62**
81265	7/28/2026	002396	FERNANDO'S AFFORDABLE FURNITUR	B2607-006		REFUND PERMIT FEES	191.50
						Total :	**191.50**
81266	7/28/2026	000318	GLENN JOHNSON COOLING/HEATING	39248	026184	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	210.00
						Total :	**210.00**
81267	7/28/2026	008067	JOE A. GONSALVES & SON	164451	026054	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	4,160.00
						Total :	**4,160.00**
81268	7/28/2026	008284	JUST 4 FUN POWERSPORTS, LLC	31149	026208	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	525.96
						Total :	**525.96**
81269	7/28/2026	008733	LENSLOCK INC	583963269	026048	BWC EQUIPMENT/SOFTWARE	29,096.96
						Total :	**29,096.96**
81270	7/28/2026	008201	OPTIMUM	0771510132602	026222	INTERNET SERVICE 7/4-8/3/2026	236.32
				0771549180002	026223	COMMUNICATIONS 7/2-8/1/2026	268.31
						Total :	**504.63**
81271	7/28/2026	008201	OPTIMUM	101636081	026221	INTERNET SERVICE 7/1-7/31/2026	650.00
						Total :	**650.00**
81272	7/28/2026	003498	PORTER LEE CORPORATION	33486	026033	ANNUAL SOFTWARE SUPPORT	1,085.00
						Total :	**1,085.00**

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81273	7/28/2026	000073 PUBLIC ENTITY RISK MGMNT AUTHO	INV548	026127	PREMIUMS 2026/2027	1,372,500.00
					Total :	**1,372,500.00**
81274	7/28/2026	000429 QUADRANT SYSTEMS INC	26011604	026224	SOFTWARE SUPPORT 7/1/2026-6/3	2,470.00
					Total :	**2,470.00**
81275	7/28/2026	000213 QUILL LLC	49493225	026269	SUPPLIES	89.45
					Total :	**89.45**
81276	7/28/2026	003567 SCMAF	26-MEM-BLYTHE	026128	MEMBERSHIP	100.00
					Total :	**100.00**
81277	7/28/2026	008543 SMITH, REBEKAH	080226	026191	PER DIEM 8/2-8/7/2026	245.00
			080926	026191	PER DIEM 8/9-8/14/2026	245.00
			081626	026191	PER DIEM 8/16-8/21/2026	245.00
			082326	026191	PER DIEM 8/23-8/28/2026	245.00
					Total :	**980.00**
81278	7/28/2026	004289 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	SCAGFY270019	026225	DUES ASSESSMENT FY2026/2027	2,386.00
					Total :	**2,386.00**
81279	7/28/2026	006110 SOUTHWEST NETWORKS, INC	26-6009SC	026226	SERVICE CONTRACT 7/1/2026-6/30	5,400.00
			26-6010SC	026226	SERVICE CONTRACT 7/1/2026-6/30	4,500.00
					Total :	**9,900.00**
81280	7/28/2026	008763 SUBS N SIPS	B2509-022		PLAN CHECK DEPOSIT REFUND	100.05
					Total :	**100.05**
81281	7/28/2026	002783 THATCHER COMPANY	2026400102851	026227	CHEMICALS	15,720.77
					Total :	**15,720.77**
81282	7/28/2026	007841 TRIPLE H PARTS SUPPLY, INC	541129	026097	PARTS/SUPPLIES	198.59
			541199	026100	PARTS/SUPPLIES	230.19
			541347	026270	PARTS/SUPPLIES	48.96
			541372	026115	PARTS/SUPPLIES	99.65
			541378	026115	PARTS/SUPPLIES	127.51
			541401	026115	PARTS/SUPPLIES	1,597.01
			541420	026116	PARTS/SUPPLIES	329.07

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Voucher	Date	Vendor		Invoice	PO #	Description/Account	Amount
81282	7/28/2026	007841	007841 TRIPLE H PARTS SUPPLY, INC (Continued)			**Total :**	**2,630.98**
81283	8/1/2026	002392	US BANK	3298264		CITY HALL/COUNTY COURTHOUSE	332,737.50
						Total :	**332,737.50**
81284	7/28/2026	006873	VESTIS	5881273752	026255	UNIFORM SERVICE/MATS & TOWEI	492.41
				5881279353	026255	UNIFORM SERVICE/MATS & TOWEI	514.24
				5881284477	026255	UNIFORM SERVICE/MATS & TOWEI	545.39
						Total :	**1,552.04**

43 Vouchers for bank code : union — **Bank total :** **1,882,318.15**

58 Vouchers in this report — **Total vouchers :** **6,654,018.32**

CLAIMS VOUCHER APPROVAL

I hereby certify that warrants numbered 11586-11600 and 81242-81284 in the amount of $6,654,018.32 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 August 11, 2026.

Christa Elms
Director of Finance

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Voucher	Date	Vendor	Invoice	PO #	Description/Account	Amount
11601	7/28/2026	000247 SOCALGAS	13422599004	026305	NATURAL GAS 5/26-6/24/2026	14.30
					Total :	**14.30**
11602	7/28/2026	000247 SOCALGAS	16017775541	026305	NATURAL GAS 5/26-6/24/2026	14.30
					Total :	**14.30**
11603	7/28/2026	000247 SOCALGAS	06912600076	026305	NATURAL GAS 5/26-6/24/2026	22.55
					Total :	**22.55**
11604	7/28/2026	000247 SOCALGAS	16242635007	026305	NATURAL GAS 5/26-6/24/2026	26.66
					Total :	**26.66**
11605	7/28/2026	000247 SOCALGAS	11185732804	026305	NATURAL GAS 5/6-6/8/2026	20.26
			11185732804	026305	NATURAL GAS 6/8-7/8/2026	17.02
				026305		
					Total :	**37.28**
11606	7/28/2026	000247 SOCALGAS	07632638008	026305	NATURAL GAS 5/6-6/8/2026	170.06
			07632638008	026305	NATURAL GAS 6/8-7/8/2026	181.45
				026305		
					Total :	**351.51**
11607	7/28/2026	000283 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON CO	700240317342	026308	ELECTRICITY 6/1-6/30/2026	59.71
					Total :	**59.71**
11608	7/28/2026	000283 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON CO	700475898313	026311	ELECTRICITY 5/26-6/23/2026	169.78
					Total :	**169.78**
11609	7/28/2026	000283 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON CO	700350079007	026309	ELECTRICITY 5/29-6/28/2026	11,219.06
					Total :	**11,219.06**
11610	7/28/2026	000283 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON CO	700350166610	026310	ELECTRICITY 5/29-6/28/2026	13,686.78
					Total :	**13,686.78**
11611	7/28/2026	000283 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON CO	700466637136	026306	ELECTRICITY 6/1-6/30/2026	16,169.48
					Total :	**16,169.48**

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11612	7/28/2026	000283 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON CO	600001510681	026307	ELECTRICITY 6/1-6/30/2026	59,437.53
					Total :	**59,437.53**
11613	7/28/2026	000323 STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION	023-300030	026312	USE TAX 6/2026	427.28
					Total :	**427.28**
11614	7/28/2026	004501 US BANK CORP	JUNE 2026	026313	CREDIT CARD CHARGES 6/2026	4,857.75
					Total :	**4,857.75**

14 Vouchers for bank code : ap-dir **Bank total :** **106,493.97**

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81285	7/28/2026	007560	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	13KX69D4YJDW	026050	PARTS/SUPPLIES	188.84
				16LPG9QRTJ3R	026003	PARTS/SUPPLIES	6,783.23
				16MY9GYM1MW1	026003	PARTS/SUPPLIES	102.04
					026003		
				1967LYRWXR7X	026274	PARTS/SUPPLIES	9.04
				1KDGQQFJ6FF1	026003	PARTS/SUPPLIES	4,560.96
				1PV9VFWDCN7V	026088	PARTS/SUPPLIES	561.09
						Total :	**12,205.20**
81286	7/28/2026	004729	ANIMAL CARE EQUIPMENT/SVCS INC	140959	025606	SUPPLIES	743.85
				141039	025606	SUPPLIES	324.94
				141130	025606	SUPPLIES	585.00
						Total :	**1,653.79**
81287	7/28/2026	000385	BIO-TOX LABORATORIES	49225	026204	LAB SERVICES	496.00
						Total :	**496.00**
81288	7/28/2026	000035	BLYTHE POLICE RESERVE	530385	026205	REIMBURSEMENT - PORAC	12.00
						Total :	**12.00**
81289	7/28/2026	003295	CALLAN OIL DIST. INC	063026	026276	FUEL 6/1-6/30/2026	3,624.73
						Total :	**3,624.73**
81290	7/28/2026	007935	CLINICAS DE SALUD DEL PUEBLO	EM006060	026124	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	90.00
						Total :	**90.00**
81291	7/28/2026	000227	COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE	AN0000003352	026214	ANIMAL SHELTER SERVICES 4/202	48,429.00
						Total :	**48,429.00**
81292	7/28/2026	002723	COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE	SH0000050833	026210	RMS/CLETS 7/1/2025-6/30/2026	3,439.18
						Total :	**3,439.18**
81293	7/28/2026	005603	CR&R INCORPORATED	JUNE 2026	026120	FRANCHISE CONTRACT 6/2026	120,490.72
						Total :	**120,490.72**
81294	7/28/2026	002173	DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	055672	026207	BLOOD ALCOHOL ANALYSIS 5/202	70.00
				055722	026207	BLOOD ALCOHOL ANALYSIS 2/202	35.00

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Voucher	Date	Vendor		Invoice	PO #	Description/Account	Amount
81294	7/28/2026	002173	002173 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	(Continued)		**Total :**	**105.00**
81295	7/28/2026	000094	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	SL261063	026277	SIGNALS & LIGHTING (I10) 4/2026-I	5,242.58
						Total :	**5,242.58**
81296	7/28/2026	006133	DIV OF THE STATE ARCHITECT	SB1186	026125	DISABILITY ACCESS & EDUCATION	22.00
						Total :	**22.00**
81297	7/28/2026	000770	ENTENMANN-ROVIN CO	0187404-IN	026189	BADGES	329.22
						Total :	**329.22**
81298	7/28/2026	000318	GLENN JOHNSON COOLING/HEATING	39173	026052	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	140.00
						Total :	**140.00**
81299	7/28/2026	002150	JONES MAYER	026203	026203	LEGAL SERVICES 6/2026	20,697.45
						Total :	**20,697.45**
81300	7/28/2026	002871	NELSON, JON KEVIN	MAY 2026	026212	INSPECTION SERVICES 5/2026	10,880.00
						Total :	**10,880.00**
81301	7/28/2026	001136	STANDAGE TIRE & AUTOMOTIVE	1-35640	026278	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	450.00
				1-35663	026278	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	392.66
				1-35748	026278	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	136.66
				1-35843	026278	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	195.67
				1-35941	026278	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	169.87
				1-35965	026278	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	124.80
				1-35971	026278	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	25.00
				1-35972	026278	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	113.38
				1-35988	026278	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	2,067.79
				1-36004	026278	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	278.29
				1-36110	026278	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	1,143.36
				1-36111	026278	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	932.88
				1-36112	026278	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	661.82
				1-36145	026278	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	1,286.24
				1-36146	026278	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	124.80
				1-36155	026278	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	1,455.84
				1-36156	026278	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	882.88
				1-36164	026278	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	199.80

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81301	7/28/2026	001136 STANDAGE TIRE & AUTOMOTIVE	(Continued)			
			1-36230	026278	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	25.00
			1-36232	026278	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	229.35
			1-36238	026278	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	64.00
			1-36247	026278	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	25.00
			1-36252	026278	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	492.57
			1-36271	026278	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	225.00
			1-36300	026278	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	50.00
			1-36301	026278	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	553.90
			1-36308	026278	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	25.00
			1-36322	026278	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	25.00
			1-36333	026278	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	1,487.68
			1-36351	026278	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	49.24
			1-36352	026278	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	25.00
			1-36355	026278	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	25.00
			1-36357	026278	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	25.00
					Total :	**13,968.48**
81302	7/28/2026	000141 THE HOLT GROUP INC	B26-06-200	026283	ENGINEERING SERVICES	18,000.00
					Total :	**18,000.00**
81303	7/28/2026	008069 TRIPEPI SMITH & ASSOCIATES INC	MAY 2026	025957	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	3,545.00
					Total :	**3,545.00**
81304	7/28/2026	000266 UNDERGROUND SERVICE ALERT/SC	320260090	026258	DIG ALERT TICKETS 3/2026	147.60
			520260088	026258	DIG ALERT TICKETS 5/2026	156.20
			620260087	026258	DIG ALERT TICKETS 6/2026	147.60
					Total :	**451.40**
81305	7/28/2026	006873 VESTIS	5881251212	026279	UNIFORM SERVICE/MATS & TOWE	483.71
			5881256859	026279	UNIFORM SERVICE/MATS & TOWE	483.71
			5881262487	026279	UNIFORM SERVICE/MATS & TOWE	503.92
			5881268105	026279	UNIFORM SERVICE/MATS & TOWE	491.20
					Total :	**1,962.54**
81306	7/28/2026	008310 VIA ACTUARIAL SOLUTIONS	BLY-2026-06	026280	GASB 75 ACTUARIAL VALUATION F	6,800.00
					Total :	**6,800.00**

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81307	7/28/2026	005011 WILLDAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	010-66299	025420	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	3,500.00
			010-66764	025420	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	1,950.00
			010-66774	025845	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	4,997.00
					Total :	**10,447.00**

23 Vouchers for bank code : union — **Bank total :** **283,031.29**

37 Vouchers in this report — **Total vouchers :** **389,525.26**

CLAIMS VOUCHER APPROVAL

I hereby certify that warrants numbered 11601-11614 and 81285-81307 in the amount of $389,525.26 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 August 11, 2026.

Christa Elms
Director of Finance

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Voucher	Date	Vendor	Invoice	PO #	Description/Account	Amount
11615	8/3/2026	003035 VERIZON WIRELESS	6146077600	026354	WIRELESS SERVICE 5/14-6/13/2026	196.14
					Total :	**196.14**
11616	8/3/2026	003035 VERIZON WIRELESS	6146077601	026355	WIRELESS SERVICE 5/14-6/13/2026	230.16
					Total :	**230.16**
11617	8/3/2026	003035 VERIZON WIRELESS	6146077599	026356	WIRELESS SERVICE 5/14-6/13/2026	802.71
					Total :	**802.71**
11618	8/11/2026	000064 EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPT	L1933130032		EMPLOYMENT TAX	7,249.00
					Total :	**7,249.00**

4 Vouchers for bank code : ap-dir **Bank total :** **8,478.01**

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Voucher	Date	Vendor	Invoice	PO #	Description/Account	Amount
81308	8/11/2026	000016 BABCOCK LABORATORIES, INC	CE61062-0040	026324	TESTING SERVICES	57.00
			CE61063-0040	026324	TESTING SERVICES	76.00
			CE61104-0040	026324	TESTING SERVICES	57.00
			CE61105-0040	026324	TESTING SERVICES	57.00
			CE61327-0040	026324	TESTING SERVICES	245.85
			CF60026-0040	026324	TESTING SERVICES	252.25
			CF60027-0040	026324	TESTING SERVICES	72.12
			CF60030-0040	026324	TESTING SERVICES	95.00
			CF60078-0040	026324	TESTING SERVICES	76.00
			CF60497-0040	026324	TESTING SERVICES	317.31
			CF60897-0040	026324	TESTING SERVICES	55.00
			CF60899-0040	026324	TESTING SERVICES	27.50
			CF60901-0040	026324	TESTING SERVICES	82.50
			CF60905-0040	026324	TESTING SERVICES	223.10
			CF60907-0040	026324	TESTING SERVICES	19.00
			CF60908-0040	026324	TESTING SERVICES	89.24
			CF60917-0040	026324	TESTING SERVICES	35.70
			CF60918-0040	026324	TESTING SERVICES	35.70
			CF60919-0040	026324	TESTING SERVICES	35.70
			CF61051-0040	026324	TESTING SERVICES	98.75
			CF61053-0040	026324	TESTING SERVICES	27.50
			CF61293-0040	026324	TESTING SERVICES	57.00
			CF61371-0040	026324	TESTING SERVICES	317.31
			CF61653-0040	026324	TESTING SERVICES	2,233.75
			CF61654-0040	026324	TESTING SERVICES	57.00
			CF61655-0040	026324	TESTING SERVICES	95.00
			SINV115634	026324	FINANCE CHARGE	13.45
					Total :	**4,808.73**
81309	8/11/2026	008764 BERRY DUNN MCNEIL & PARKER LLC	488951	026325	ERP SYSTEM CONSULTING SERVICES	5,673.41
					Total :	**5,673.41**
81310	8/11/2026	006547 BLYTHE EXPRESS LUBE	1508469	026326	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	101.93
					Total :	**101.93**
81311	8/11/2026	008658 BLYTHE FORD	6101340	026005	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	938.18

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81311	8/11/2026	008658 008658 BLYTHE FORD	(Continued)		Total :	938.18
81312	8/11/2026	000437 CO OF RIV AUDITOR-CONTROLLER	JUNE 2026	026327	PARKING CITATIONS 6/2026	101.00
					Total :	101.00
81313	8/11/2026	002331 COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE	PE0000003501	026323	PSEC AGREEMENT 4/1-4/30/2026	11,080.16
					Total :	11,080.16
81314	8/11/2026	001757 DATA TICKET INC	196067	026328	CITATION PROCESSING 6/2026	428.00
			196783	026328	CITATION PROCESSING 6/2026	169.05
					Total :	597.05
81315	8/11/2026	003556 DAVID TAUSSIG & ASSOC., INC.	2606159	026329	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	1,398.23
					Total :	1,398.23
81316	8/11/2026	002173 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	062953	026338	BLOOD ALCOHOL ANALYSIS 6/2026	70.00
					Total :	70.00
81317	8/11/2026	003378 EMPIRE SOUTHWEST, LLC	EMPC1067504	025153	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES [RE	-156.60
			EMPS7481659	025965	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	1,546.67
			EMPS7517636	026018	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	107.07
			EMWK4319316	025965	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	1,732.69
			EMWK4332841	025971	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	1,312.74
			EMWK4332842	025971	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	2,019.42
			EMWK4332843	025971	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	1,126.04
			EMWK4337709	025971	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	1,113.56
			EMWK4337710	025971	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	3,755.13
			EMWK4337711	025971	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	1,097.16
			EMWK4337712	025971	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	1,879.98
			EMWK4338738	025971	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	3,701.70
			EPPS0894951	026008	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	51.94
					Total :	19,287.50
81318	8/11/2026	000869 GRAINGER	865850804	024297	PARTS/SUPPLIES	2,658.39
			9930698270	024297	PARTS/SUPPLIES	308.34
			9970416542	025869	PARTS/SUPPLIES	314.78
			9970771144	026025	PARTS/SUPPLIES	1,666.23
			9970815123	025869	PARTS/SUPPLIES	93.41

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Voucher	Date	Vendor	Invoice	PO #	Description/Account	Amount
81318	8/11/2026	000869 GRAINGER	(Continued)			
			9971004057	026092	PARTS/SUPPLIES	11,458.48
					Total :	**16,499.63**
81319	8/11/2026	008592 GS MARINE INC	8198	026085	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	1,126.95
					Total :	**1,126.95**
81320	8/11/2026	000132 HACH COMPANY	15049422	026010	SUPPLIES	1,381.24
					Total :	**1,381.24**
81321	8/11/2026	000135 HELENA AGRI-ENTERPRISES LLC	32166062	026333	CHEMICALS	2,658.94
			32166063	026333	CHEMICALS	2,572.90
					Total :	**5,231.84**
81322	8/11/2026	003377 KIMBALL-MIDWEST	104600519	026334	PARTS/SUPPLIES	677.49
					Total :	**677.49**
81323	8/11/2026	005295 KONICA MINOLTA	9010930946	026341	MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT 6/1-6/30/2	477.12
					Total :	**477.12**
81324	8/11/2026	001460 LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	9313502787	026342	PARTS/SUPPLIES	780.10
			9313587591	026342	PARTS/SUPPLIES	1,451.69
					Total :	**2,231.79**
81325	8/11/2026	002871 NELSON, JON KEVIN	JUNE 2026	026343	INSPECTION SERVICES 6/2026	10,880.00
					Total :	**10,880.00**
81326	8/11/2026	008635 PC LAW GROUP	12653	026344	LEGAL SERVICES 6/2026	405.00
					Total :	**405.00**
81327	8/11/2026	007152 PLUMBERS DEPOT INC	PD-61494	026345	PARTS/SUPPLIES	883.86
			PD-61635	026345	PARTS/SUPPLIES	402.06
					Total :	**1,285.92**
81328	8/11/2026	000315 RDO EQUIPMENT CO	P4032542	026016	PARTS/SUPPLIES	280.39
					Total :	**280.39**
81329	8/11/2026	006511 SHAWN COPELAND ELECTRIC	2998	026351	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	1,156.19

Bank code : union

Voucher	Date	Vendor	Invoice	PO #	Description/Account	Amount
81329	8/11/2026	006511 SHAWN COPELAND ELECTRIC	(Continued)			
			3039	026351	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	1,135.94
					Total :	**2,292.13**
81330	8/11/2026	006110 SOUTHWEST NETWORKS, INC	26-4089	026352	IT MAINTENANCE SERVICES 4/2026	3,705.00
			26-4507	026352	REIMBURSEMENT - TRAVEL	964.85
			26-5088	026352	IT MAINTENANCE SERVICES 5/2026	237.50
			26-6065	026352	IT MAINTENANCE SERVICES 6/2026	855.00
					Total :	**5,762.35**
81331	8/11/2026	007841 TRIPLE H PARTS SUPPLY, INC	540408	025875	PARTS/SUPPLIES	511.02
			540446	025877	PARTS/SUPPLIES	30.99
			540613	026012	PARTS/SUPPLIES	328.02
				026012		
			540710	026017	PARTS/SUPPLIES	20.75
			540775	026021	PARTS/SUPPLIES	168.87
					Total :	**1,059.65**
81332	8/11/2026	000991 USA BLUEBOOK	INV01033944	025693	PARTS/SUPPLIES	1,407.23
			INV01034214	025693	PARTS/SUPPLIES	321.69
			INV01053052	025859	PARTS/SUPPLIES	100.99
			INV01059626	025863	PARTS/SUPPLIES	1,123.65
				025863		
			INV01074463	025859	PARTS/SUPPLIES	322.93
			INV01077746	025870	PARTS/SUPPLIES	2,838.46
			INV01077762	025870	PARTS/SUPPLIES	530.59
			INV01085903	025870	PARTS/SUPPLIES	133.60
			SC49717	025693	PARTS/SUPPLIES	39.07
					Total :	**6,818.21**

25 Vouchers for bank code : union **Bank total :** **100,465.90**

29 Vouchers in this report **Total vouchers :** **108,943.91**

Bank code : union

Voucher	Date	Vendor	Invoice	PO #	Description/Account	Amount

CLAIMS VOUCHER APPROVAL

I hereby certify that warrants numbered 11615-11618 and 81308-81332 in the amount of $108,943.91 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 August 11, 2026.

Christa Elms
Director of Finance

Bank code : ap-dir

Voucher	Date	Vendor		Invoice	PO #	Description/Account	Amount
11619	8/3/2026	005923	CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'	000018361787		HEALTH PREMIUMS 8/1-8/31/2026	4,298.87
						Total :	**4,298.87**
11620	8/3/2026	005923	CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'	000018361785		HEALTH PREMIUMS 8/1-8/31/2026	118,370.81
						Total :	**118,370.81**
11621	8/3/2026	000115	FEDEX	9-375-32450	026357	SERVICE CHARGE	9.00
				9-384-77045	026357	GROUND SHIPPING	222.53
						Total :	**231.53**
11622	8/3/2026	006924	SUN LIFE	923380-0002		PREMIUM/FEES 8/1-8/31/2026	5,294.99
						Total :	**5,294.99**
11623	8/11/2026	000150	INLAND BUILDERS SUPPLY INC	J55620	026228	PARTS/SUPPLIES	64.05
				J55635	026229	PARTS/SUPPLIES	51.26
				J56599	026229	PARTS/SUPPLIES	78.55
				W89749	026117	PARTS/SUPPLIES	48.88
				W90258	026233	PARTS/SUPPLIES	61.37
						Total :	**304.11**

5 Vouchers for bank code : ap-dir **Bank total :** **128,500.31**

Bank code : union

Voucher	Date	Vendor		Invoice	PO #	Description/Account	Amount
81333	8/11/2026	007560	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	1CDV3TQ1LNWJ	026271	SUPPLIES	98.85
				1FQXNQWCKNVW	026267	PARTS/SUPPLIES	228.38
				1HWFV4DTJGNQ	026220	SUPPLIES	504.11
						Total :	**831.34**
81334	8/11/2026	008765	CARDENAS, JOSIE	072526		COMMUNITY CENTER DEPOSIT RE	150.00
						Total :	**150.00**
81335	8/11/2026	000156	CYLE JOHNSON ELECTRIC INC	56537	026298	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	250.00
				56542	026299	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	125.00
						Total :	**375.00**
81336	8/11/2026	003447	EXTREME AUTO BODY & CUSTOMS	9673	026215	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	5,159.78
				9680	026263	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	12,367.08
						Total :	**17,526.86**
81337	8/11/2026	000318	GLENN JOHNSON COOLING/HEATING	00580	026293	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	898.79
						Total :	**898.79**
81338	8/11/2026	000869	GRAINGER	9008726995	026114	PARTS/SUPPLIES	1,903.34
						Total :	**1,903.34**
81339	8/11/2026	008067	JOE A. GONSALVES & SON	164529	026294	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	4,160.00
						Total :	**4,160.00**
81340	8/11/2026	004417	PACIFIC COAST ENVELOPE, INC	262302	026172	SUPPLIES/STOCK	5,755.30
						Total :	**5,755.30**
81341	8/11/2026	000213	QUILL LLC	49723252	026272	SUPPLIES	83.57
						Total :	**83.57**
81342	8/11/2026	003606	RODRIGUEZ, GUSTAVO	149	026288	WATER TREATMENT SERVICES 7/2	2,000.00
						Total :	**2,000.00**
81343	8/11/2026	000241	SMART & FINAL IRIS CORP	430510077601	026197	SUPPLIES	42.84
				430510078601	026198	SUPPLIES	109.76
				430510085601	026296	SUPPLIES	27.16
				430510160602	026287	SUPPLIES	53.35

Bank code : union

Voucher	Date	Vendor	Invoice	PO #	Description/Account	Amount
81343	8/11/2026	000241 SMART & FINAL IRIS CORP	(Continued)			
			430511177102	026295	SUPPLIES	62.56
					Total :	**295.67**
81344	8/11/2026	008069 TRIPEPI SMITH & ASSOCIATES INC	17624	026297	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	3,545.00
					Total :	**3,545.00**

12 Vouchers for bank code : union **Bank total :** **37,524.87**

17 Vouchers in this report **Total vouchers :** **166,025.18**

CLAIMS VOUCHER APPROVAL

I hereby certify that warrants numbered 11619-11623 and 81333-81344 in the amount of $166,025.18 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 August 11, 2026.

Christa Elms
Director of Finance

CITY OF BLYTHE

PAYROLL LISTING

Pay period 06/19/2026 to 07/02/2026
Payday 07/10/2026

I hereby certify that payroll warrants numbered 55867 to 55881, and direct deposits warrants numbered 65873 to 65949 in the amount of $292,500.24 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 August 11th, 2026.

Director of Finance

CITY OF BLYTHE

PAYROLL LISTING

Pay period 07/10/2026
Payday 07/10/2026

I hereby certify that payroll warrants numbered 55882, and direct deposits warrants numbered 65950 to 65951 in the amount of $3,249.84 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 August 11th, 2026.

Director of Finance

CITY OF BLYTHE

PAYROLL LISTING

Pay period 07/03/2026 to 07/11/2026
Payday 07/15/2026

I hereby certify that payroll warrant numbered 55883, and direct deposit warrant numbered 65952 in the amount of $13,301.38 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 August 11th, 2026.

Director of Finance

CITY OF BLYTHE

PAYROLL LISTING

Pay period 07/03/2026 to 07/16/2026
Payday 07/24/2026

I hereby certify that payroll warrants numbered 55884 to 55897, and direct deposits warrants numbered 65953 to 66027 in the amount of $291,350.70 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 August 11th, 2026.

Director of Finance

CITY OF BLYTHE

PAYROLL LISTING

Pay period 07/01/2026 to 07/31/2026
Payday 08/05/2026

I hereby certify that payroll warrants numbered 55898 to 55909, and direct deposits warrants numbered 66028 to 66118 in the amount of $96,789.13 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 August 11th, 2026.

Director of Finance

Minutes of the Blythe City Council Meeting
July 14, 2026

The July 14, 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, 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.

Councilman Burton asked for a moment of silence for City employee Jando Navarro who passed away recently.

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.*

1. **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, July 10, 2026.
2. **Approval of the Warrant Register.**
   Recommendation: Approve **7/14/26,** warrants numbered 11567 through 11572 and 81127 through 81170 in the amount of $317,407.36; **7/14/26,** warrants numbered 11573 through 11585 in the amount of $94,724.52; **7/14/26,** Utility Billing Refund warrants numbered 81171 through 81175 in the amount of $5,318.93 and **7/14/26,** warrants numbered 81176 through 81227 in the amount of $216,882.34.
3. **Approval of the Payroll Register.**
   Recommendation: Approve **7/14/26,** warrants numbered 55815 through 55830 and Direct Deposit warrants numbered 65542 through 65618 in the amount of $303,818.30; **7/14/26,** warrants numbered 55831 through 55844 and direct deposit warrants numbered 65619 through 65695 in the amount of $300,115.55; **7/14/26,** warrants numbered 55845 through 55847 and Direct Deposit warrants numbered 65696 through 65732 in the amount of $122,487.53; **7/14/2026,** warrant numbered 55848 and Direct Deposit warrant numbered 65733 in the amount of $4,330.94; **7/14/26,** warrants numbered 55849 through 55853 and Direct Deposit warrants numbered 65734 through 65779 in the amount of $120,016.65; **7/14/26,** warrants numbered 55854 through 55865 and direct deposit warrants numbered 65780 through 65871 in the amount of $91,820.02 and 7/14/26, warrant numbered 55866 and direct deposit warrant 65872 in the amount of $43,585.71.
4. **Minutes of the June 16, 2026 Special City Council Meeting.**
   Recommendation: Approve the Minutes of the June 16, 2026 Special Meeting.
5. **City of Blythe Permits Issued in the Month of June 2026.**
   Recommendation: Receive the monthly report.
6. **City of Blythe Fire Department Monthly Activity Report for June 2026.**
   Recommendation: Receive the monthly report.
7. **City of Blythe Police Department Monthly Incident and Activity Report for June 2026.**
   Recommendation: Receive the monthly report.

8. **Investment Report for Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2025-2026.**
Recommendation: Accept the Quarterly Investment Report.

9. **Acceptance of Community Enhancement Collaborative Grant Award for a Marine Enforcement Vessel.**
Recommendation: Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute any and all grant related documents, including any agreements between the City and MWD/PVID for the acceptance of a grant in an amount not to exceed $185,000 and authorize the Interim City Manager to accept the grant funds and approve the purchase of a new marine enforcement vessel in an amount not to exceed $185,000, including executing any agreements required in connection with such purchase.

10. **Annual Management Fee for BNB Golf Management, Inc.'s Management and Operation of the Blythe Municipal Golf Course.**
Recommendation: Authorize staff to issue payment to BNB in the amount of $60,000 for the annual Management Fee for the period of September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027 in accordance with the Lease Agreement.

11. **Amendment No. 1 to the Third Amendment and Restatement of the Joint Powers Agreement of the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG).**
Recommendation: Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Third Amendment and Restatement of the CVAG Joint Powers Authority and direct the Mayor to execute the Amendment.

12. **First Amendment to License Agreement for Riverside County Office on Aging's Use of the Doris Morgan Blythe Community Center for its Senior Nutrition Program.**
Recommendation: Authorize the Mayor to execute the First Amendment to the License Agreement for use of a City Building located at 445 N. Broadway.

13. **Levy of Special Taxes Within Community Facilities District No. 2004-1.**
Recommendation: Council, in their capacity as acting legislative body for Community Facilities District 2004-1 (Hidden Beaches), adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-021. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL ACTING AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2004-1 (HIDDEN BEACHES) OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE AUTHORING THE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES WITHIN COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2004-1 (HIDDEN BEACHES) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027.

14. **Special Assessment for Prior Year Delinquent Utility Charges.**
Recommendation: Council adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-024. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE ADOPTING THE REPORT OF THE DELINQUENT UTILITY ACCOUNTS AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO FILE SAID REPORT WITH THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AUDITOR AND REQUEST THE AUDITOR PLACE THE DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS ON THE TAX ROLE.

15. **Cooperation Agreement with the County of Riverside for the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership Program and Emergency Solutions Grant for Federal Fiscal Years 2027, 2028, and 2029 (October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2029).**
Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-025 confirming participation in the County of Riverside's Urban County Programs and authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the Cooperation Agreement and any future amendments to the Cooperation Agreement once approved by the City Attorney.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-025. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE'S URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2027, 2028, AND 2029 AND AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY AND ANY FUTURE AMENDMENTS TO THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT

No public comment.

City Clerk Crecelius stated per the webinar instructions for those wishing to participate in the meeting virtually via the zoom webinar platform, were asked to email public comments to the City Clerk prior to the meeting. I received no requests to make Public Comment.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez moved approval of the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burton with a unanimous aye vote.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Annual Assessments for Lighting District's No. 1 and 2. Interim City Manager Crecelius stated City of Blythe Lighting and Landscape District's No. 1 and 2 were established pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972. To fund the maintenance and servicing of the District's, the City annually levy's an assessment against real property. The City conducts proceedings to levy these assessments within the Districts. On May 12th the City Council directed Willdan, by Resolution, to prepare and file the 2026-2027 Engineer's Annual Levy Reports. After filing the reports, Council Adopted Resolutions declaring its intent to levy and collect assessments within the Districts and set a public hearing regarding the assessments for today, July 14, 2026, as the date and time to take public testimony on whether or not the assessments should be approved. At today's hearing Council must hear and consider all oral and written statements, protests, objections or other communications made or filed with respect to the levy and collection of the annual assessments for FY 2026/27. After the public hearing us closed, it is recommended Council adopt Resolution NO. 2026-022 and 2026-023, approving the Engineer's report and confirming the assessments for Lighting Districts No.1 and No. 2. We are asking you to adopt the Resolutions. The reports are attached to the Agenda however they are not part of the Resolutions.

No public comment. Councilman Burton moved approval of staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Rodriguez with unanimous aye vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-022. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT AND CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 FOR THE CITY OF BLYTHE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-023. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT AND CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 FOR THE CITY OF BLYTHE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 2.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

Palo Verde Hospital Ad Hoc Committee Update. Interim City Manager Crecelius reported on the 180-day Scoop event being hosted by PVH on July 30th. The City will have a booth at the event. About one month is left on the initial 180-day MSA between the Healthcare District and County of Riverside.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez reported that the Committee has a meeting with County representatives scheduled for later this week.

No public comment The item was received.

NEW BUSINESS:

Issuance of a Commercial Cannabis Business Cultivation Permit to Edelweiss Expansion, LLC at 1455 W. Hobsonway. Interim City Manager Crecelius stated on September 12, 2023, Edelweiss Enterprises, LLC was awarded a Commercial Cannabis Business Permit for 1455 W. Hobsonway. On March 24, 2025, Edelweiss was issued a business license for a cultivation operation at that site. Earlier this year, representatives of Edelweiss contacted the City about expanding their operation at their current location. They are currently operating under a State License which allows for a cultivation site with up to 22,000 square feet of canopy. Edelweiss wished to add an additional 13,000 square feet of canopy to their existing operation. To expand, the State is requiring Edelweiss to establish a separate "premises" at their location and apply for an additional cannabis license. Edelweiss provided information necessary to complete the Commercial Cannabis Cultivation Application process and staff recommends Council approve the issuance of an additional commercial cannabis cultivation permit to Edelweiss for the expansion of their operation at 1455 W. Hobsonway.

No Public comment.

Councilman Halby appreciates them moving forward and sorry you had to go through another licensing process due to State requirements.

Introduction of Ordinance No. 946-26 Prohibiting the Sale and Distribution of Kratom Products in the City of Blythe. Interim City Manager Crecelius stated Kratom is a tropical tree native to Southeast Asia with opioid effects due to active compounds of mitrahynine and 7-OH. Kratom is not approved by the Food and Drug Administration; but is often found in found in energy drinks and pills at gas stations, smoke shops and other retail venues. Several counties and cities in California have adopted ordinances to regulate or ban kratom products, recognizing the need to protect public health and safety, especially among vulnerable populations. Earlier this year, Council directed staff to prepare an ordinance regulating the sale of kratom products modeled after the Riverside County Ordinance. The attached proposed Ordinance largely mirrors the Riverside County Ordinance related to the prohibition on the sale and distribution of kratom and 7-OH products. The main substantive difference between the proposed City Ordinance and the Riverside County Ordinance is that the County Ordinance prohibits the sale of products with a level of 7-OH greater than 2%. After further discussion with the Blythe Police Department, staff believes enforcement of a 2% 7-OH level in kratom products would not be practical, in that vendors would intentionally misrepresent the true concentration of 7-OH in their products and laboratory testing of suspect products would be time consuming and expensive. Other local law enforcement agencies in the County of Riverside, including the City of Riverside, have taken a similar position. Instead, the City's Ordinance, as presented, limits the sale of kratom and 7-OH products to those 21 years of age or older. Therefore, it is recommended that the City Council introduce Ordinance No. 946-26.

No public comment.

Council Member Halby stated we are not banning anything; you just have to be 21 to purchase. The synthetic stuff which is the ire of all of this will still be sold.

Interim City Manager Crecelius stated yes, the Riverside County Ordinance allows products with 2% or less of 7-OH products to be sold. But because that is difficult to enforce, we restricted sales to those 21 years of age or older like alcohol, cannabis, etc. There are also provisions related to marketing of these products to keep them out of the hands of minors.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez moved to introduce the Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Burton with a unanimous aye vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 946-26. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 9.96 PROHIBITION ON SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF KRATOM PRODUCTS) TO ARTICLE IX (MISCELLANEOUS) OF TITLE 9 (PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS AND WELFARE) OF THE BLYTHE MUNICIPAL CODE AND FINDING THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15061(b)(3) (COMMON SENSE EXEMPTION)

ORAL REPORTS: None

MEMBER COMMENT:
Councilmember Spraggins made a motion to direct the Interim City Manager to schedule a Closed Session as soon as possible but no later than 7 days from today. The Agenda item for this Closed Session will be Public Employee Contract Performance Evaluation City Attorney and RFP request for bids for legal services for the City.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Council Member Spraggins stated recently I asked for a Closed Session and ran into a problem. There is no clear path for a City Council person to schedule a meeting or have an agenda item added unless we wait for the regular Council Meeting. I suggest we fix this issue. The policy should explicitly outline three pathways for regular agenda placement, administrative initiative by the City Manager and a written request by two Council Members or a seconded floor motion of a future agenda item in an open session. To ensure legislative efficiency and strict Brown Act compliance the policy will explicitly direct the City Clerk to schedule a Closed Session or Special meeting under Government Code Section 54956 eliminating the requirement of a prior majority vote in open session just to schedule a meeting. This is just common-sense Mayor.

Mayor DeConinck asked the City Attorney for the policy. City Attorney Roberto reported its consistent with the prior motion that was made. You would need a majority. Similar to the last request that Council Member Spraggins made she is requesting staff to bring back a policy. She is making that motion. You will need a second; and if a majority votes in favor of the motion staff can bring a policy back to Council for Council's consideration. It's my understanding the City's policy and historical practice has been to require three Council members to agendize something. It varies city to city, so staff could, at Council's direction bring back an item to present along with what other cities do.

Interim City Manager Crecelius stated it's defined by the Municipal Code under Chapter Two City Manager. In the City Manager Council form of Government, the City Manager is directed by the Council at a duly noticed Public Meeting. You would need to amend the Municipal Code

or adopt a policy if you would like to change that. In similar items when Council asks for something, I bring a staff report to the Council and ask for direction.

The motion died for lack of second.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Shelly Soto of 251 Mariposa Trail stated I am speaking as a citizen of Blythe. At a recent meeting Council Member Spraggins stated violent crime is rising in Blythe. She asked for crime statistics to support that statement. Councilman Spraggins asked others to provide statistics and factual information, and the public deserves the same standard from its elected officials. Statements should be made on facts as that is what shapes how residents view our community. If the statement was based on official crime statistics, I ask that it be shared with the public. On May 12th Council Member Spraggins made statements about staffing, morale, leadership and retaliation. What were those statements based upon? As an employee I have never been asked my opinion. Had I been asked, my answer would have been different. From my perspective morale has improved. Leadership is fair and employees are supported. Favoritism is no longer an issue and there is no longer a fear of retaliation for doing what is right. We are no longer asked to do things we believe are unethical. Acting Chief Walnoha has created an environment where employes are expected to act professionally, follow policy and do what is right. That is not a leadership problem. That is leadership working as it should. These statements appear to be personal attacks rather than fact-based concerns. Reports that have been accepted for years suddenly, after November 2025, were labeled as inaccurate or unacceptable. After months of criticism a Study Session was held yet the only recommendation came from Vice Mayor Rodriguez. Council Member Spraggins identified no inaccurate information, no missing data and offered no recommendation for improvement. The criticism was less about improving the reports and more about creating another personal attack against Acting Chief Walnoha. The employees who remain are not responsible for the actions of former employees. Current employees deserve to be judged on their actions, not on the actions of former employees or unsupported accusations. Public Officials should make statements based on facts. When they are not, they become personal attacks that undermine confidence in local government and damage the reputation of employees who continue to serve this community. How long are we going to let these personal attacks continue? We deserve fairness and the residents of Blythe deserve facts. The Council deserves public trust built on honesty, accountability and evidence, not on assumption and speculation.

Pam Bush of 724 Olice Lake Blvd. stated I reviewed Meeting minutes from December 2024 when Council Member Spraggins was sworn in until now. Council Member Spraggins never questioned the Police Department stats from December 2024 to February 2026 during which time there were shootings and other violent crimes. Spraggins started questioning these stats claiming they were inaccurate or incomplete despite the same data being provided. This behavior started after an individual chose to retire due to issues he created. Because this started after his retirement, I question Council Member Spraggins' motives behind her attacks during City Council meetings using a written script. Attacks she can't back up when questioned because she is unknowledgeable about what she is disputing. During the May 2026 meeting, Council Member Spraggins made a blanket statement "we are losing officers faster than we can hire. Any that get hired elsewhere are applying out. Some are considering retiring early. This is a morale

issue caused by lack of leadership. Officers say they no longer feel supported by administration due to fear of retaliation". Officers of Blythe PD are the lowest paid across the state. That is the main reason they apply out. Some officers do not live locally and apply to other agencies to be closer to home. This is not unique to Blythe. In almost every training session I have attended they discuss the lack of staffing and retention at all agencies. The Officer that did retire is of age and has been considering retiring for years. The Blythe Police department does not lack leadership. Instead, we continue to move forward in positive directions and heal from the traumatic past we were forced to endure by admin. Unless Council Member Spraggins has facts that back up these statements it's extremely inappropriate that she made a false statement such as this. It is not a true representation of all department employes. Retaliation was a big concern with the previous administration. This was a concern that was voiced to the City investigator as we were questioned. I was told we would be protected but we had to speak up when there was a problem I am speaking up. Council Woman Spraggins is actively participating in retaliation against City Employees and other individuals on behalf of her friend and former employee. She is creating a hostile work environment for me as well as many other people with her continued attacks, false statements and behind the scenes retaliation. Council Members who sit back and do nothing or are actively participate behind the scenes with her are part of the problem. Each employee plays a vital role. We all have skills, experience and knowledge that benefit our department and City. We swore an oath to the City and community. If we are not doing things with integrity or ethically correct, we are responsible for our actions. The retaliation on social media, in these City Council meetings, in the form of anonymous written complaints, actively seeking people to file complaints behind the scenes by Council Members will not be tolerated any longer.

Rick Daniels stated he most recently lived in Needles. I have lived and worked in the eastern parts of Riverside and San Bernardino Counites for 35-40 years. I was first introduced to Blythe when working on the Eagle Mountain Landfill project. I was the Executive Director of the Salton Sea Authority; I have been City Manager in Desert Hot Springs and Needles. I have watched the painful wrong done to the community with the closure of Chuckawalla prison. I was motivated to help. It's obvious the solution is to replace those jobs which were year-round and well-paid jobs. It's had a ripple effect across the community. We have seen a loss of sales tax dollars and students. You now have an existential healthcare issue. I took this to County Supervisor Manuel Perez. There are six public agencies in Blythe. There needs to be a concentrated effort on what do we do. I am not looking for a job; I am doing this as a volunteer. There is no action plan on how to address this problem. The future of Blythe needs to be proactively managed. I told the Supervisor that I would spend time in the community to possibly create a common song sheet, so you are all saying the same thing. Its urgent agenda and action oriented creating consensus among the community and its elected leadership.

Jerome Williams stated he has been in the community for over 30 years. I am president of the Food Pantry and own properties. At one of my properties I fell because the City was working on a fire hydrant. In my absent mind while picking up branches fell, because I forgot. They flew me out by helicopter. I am less than 20% of the man I used to be. I brought this to the attention of a Council person recently, and he said he knew nothing about it. Now they are building a property next to my house, and they are not requiring handicapped development, but my house next door has been required for handicapped development and I can't afford to upgrade. I want you to

know that I fell and I am hurt. There is a report. I love Blythe, I don't want to bring Shipiro and Shipiro here. I don't want that for our city. Nobody has acknowledged my injury and that I was almost crippled. Please look into this.

Chris Peters of 371 Tesoro Ln thanked Chief Walnoha for his help with an officer who was working on my mother's home invasion. After speaking with Mr. Walnoha, she has gotten calls. I see more officers roving around on duty vs. sitting at Starbucks or the Shell. I am here for the bathrooms at the parks. I understand why the Appleby restroom is shut down, but we have kids in the community going to the parks and the bathrooms close after 3pm. Back in the day, officers locked the bathrooms at 10pm. The park restrooms in Parker have an electronic lock. We need to get back to having the restrooms open.

Mayor DeConinck thanked the Blythe Volunteer Fire Department and Jason Brown for the 4th of July Fireworks Show.

ADJOURN: The City Council meeting was adjourned at 6:52pm.

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Joseph DeConinck, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mallory Crecelius, City Clerk

City of Blythe
PERMITS ISSUED
For the Period 7/1/2026 thru 7/31/2026

Permit No./Issued Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
B2606-033 7/1/2026 6/30/2026 6/30/2026	DEMO-INT ISSUED	1130 WEST HOBSONWAY 836122001 Permit Name Interior Demolition	ALONSO & GARCIA OWNER	4,200.00	181.00	181.00
Total for:	**DEMO-INT**			**4,200.00**	**181.00**	**181.00**

Permit No./Issued Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
SAB2607-002 7/16/2026 7/16/2026 7/16/2026	ELEC FINALED	3600 QUAIL RUN ROAD 821170083 Permit Name PV + ST	NASCA FAMILY TRUST & DAN OPTION ONE CORPORATION	30,000.00	831.90	831.90
B2606-029 7/7/2026 6/29/2026 7/1/2026	ELEC ISSUED	453 & 463 NORTH THIRD STRE 845063013 Permit Name Install separate elec meter	ELAM ET AL JOHNSON CYLE ELECTRIC INC	5,400.00	434.00	434.00
SAB2607-001 7/10/2026 7/10/2026 7/10/2026	ELEC ISSUED	1231 NORTH EUCALYPTUS AVI 839010012 Permit Name PV + ST	MOUSSA & JOAN SABBARA GREEN CHOICE ENERGY INC	65,000.00	591.45	591.45
B2607-020 7/31/2026 7/30/2026 7/31/2026	ELEC ISSUED	481 NORTH LOVEKIN BOULEV 836071002 Permit Name Replace old meter w/New	BLYTHE CHURCH OF CHRIST SHAWN COPELAND	10,000.00	326.00	326.00
SAB2607-003 7/22/2026 7/22/2026 7/22/2026	ELEC SOLAR ISSUED	851 AURORA WAY 842221015 Permit Name PV+ST	KARLA PEREZ SUN CAPITAL ENERGY	12,000.00	690.56	690.56
SAB2607-005 7/24/2026 7/24/2026 7/24/2026	ELEC ISSUED	470 NORTH LOVEKIN BOULEV 845022023 Permit Name PV + ST	AMY PALMA PACIFIC COAST GENERATION	10,000.00	691.30	0.00
Total for:	**ELEC**			**132,400.00**	**3,565.21**	**2,873.91**

Permit No./Issued Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
B2512-023 7/6/2026 12/15/2025 12/23/2025	ENCROACHMENT ISSUED	657 BELL LANE Permit Name Leak #2503479, Repair Gas Leak	CITY OF BLYTHE THE GAS COMPANY	1,000.00	687.00	687.00
B2601-014 7/6/2026 1/21/2026 1/30/2026	ENCROACHMENT ISSUED	309 SOUTH BROADWAY Permit Name Leak #2501010, Repair Gas Leak	CITY OF BLYTHE GUZMAN GRADING AND PAVI	0.00	687.00	687.00
Total for:	**ENCROACHMENT**			**1,000.00**	**1,374.00**	**1,374.00**

Permit No./Issued Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
B2607-005 7/22/2026 7/10/2026 7/22/2026	EVC APPROVED	1297 WEST HOBSONWAY 836180045 Permit Name	ROBERT & LUCIA RAMOS STAN DUNCAN	15,000.00	922.79	922.79

Total for: EVC	**15,000.00**	**922.79**	**922.79**

Permit No./Issued Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
B2603-008 7/6/2026	EXCAV	RIGHT OF WAYS (SEE CUT SHI	CITY OF BLYTHE THE GAS COMPANY	0.00	423.00	423.00
3/4/2026 3/4/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name MARCH 2026 BLANKET				
B2606-003 7/6/2026	EXCAV	RIGHT OF WAYS (SEE CUT SHI	CITY OF BLYTHE THE GAS COMPANY	0.00	423.00	423.00
6/8/2026 6/8/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name June 2026 BLANKET				
Total for: EXCAV				**0.00**	**846.00**	**846.00**

Permit No./Issued Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
B2606-032 7/10/2026	GARAGE	967 EAST MURPHY STREET 851063008	YESENIA DORAME OWNER	28,680.00	917.42	917.42
6/30/2026 7/10/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name				
Total for: GARAGE				**28,680.00**	**917.42**	**917.42**

Permit No./Issued Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
B2606-006 7/24/2026	OTHER	180 WEST FOURTEENTH AVEN 869060013	P V I D ALAMON TELCO INC	30,000.00	1,238.70	1,238.70
6/15/2026 6/17/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name Tower Modifications				
B2607-014 7/31/2026	OTHER	498 NORTH CARLTON AVENUE 836062001	ALEX CORDOVA M S CONSTRUCTION	20,000.00	659.00	659.00
7/22/2026 7/24/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name Repair vehicle damage				
B2606-028 7/2/2026	OTHER	590 SEVILLE LANE 842021010	ARTHUR B WILSON III JOHN HARRISON CONTRACTI	5,000.00	306.00	306.00
6/25/2026 6/29/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name WH & Replace 3.5 ton gas package unit				
B2606-011 7/1/2026	OTHER	591 PARKER PLACE 842025016	RUBEN & NORMA CASTILLO LUSK PLUMBING	1,000.00	213.64	213.64
6/18/2026 6/23/2026	FINALED	Permit Name DRYWALL REPAIRS & PAINT				
B2607-006 7/13/2026	OTHER	141 WEST CHAPARRAL DRIVE 842144013	CYNTHIA SILVAS FERNANDOS AFFORDABLE FU	7,800.00	191.50	191.50
7/13/2026 7/13/2026	CANCELLED	Permit Name Reroof & drywall repair				
Total for: OTHER				**63,800.00**	**2,608.84**	**2,608.84**

Permit No./Issued Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
B2607-003 7/9/2026	PLUMB SEWER	120 SOUTH LOVEKIN BOULEV 848021066	CORTNEY A BUCKS, TRUSTEE BLACK SHEEP PLUMBING	5,000.00	262.00	262.00
7/9/2026 7/9/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name REPLACE 20 FEET OF SEWER LINE				

B2607-002	PLUMB	939 EAST HOBSONWAY	US REAL ESTATE HOLDING LL	500.00	147.00	147.00
7/27/2026	BACKFLOW	851054020	PALO VERDE PLUMBING COM			
7/9/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name BACKFLOW				
7/9/2026						
B2606-026	PLUMB	700 NORTH BROADWAY	CORP OF PRES BISHOP CH JESI	7,700.00	234.00	234.00
7/30/2026	WATER	842090009	BLACK SHEEP PLUMBING			
6/26/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name Replacing (2) 6" shut off valves				
7/30/2026						
B2606-027	PLUMB	321 WEST HOBSONWAY STE C	BLYTHE 321 LLC	900.00	38.00	38.00
7/9/2026	WATER HEATER	845131015	BLACK SHEEP PLUMBING			
6/25/2026	FINALED	Permit Name WATER HEATER				
6/25/2026						
Total for:	**PLUMB**			**14,100.00**	**681.00**	**681.00**

Permit No./Issued Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
RC2607-003	RIVCOUNTY	6496 4TH AVENUE	B & D EXCELLENT RIVER BAR	0.00	326.00	326.00
7/30/2026		833030019	RECEIPT FOR PAYMENT ONLY			
7/30/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name Grading verification inspection				
7/30/2026						
RC2607-002	RIVCOUNTY	6508 4th AVENUE	B & D EXCELLENT RIVER BAR	0.00	326.00	326.00
7/30/2026		833030018	RECEIPT FOR PAYMENT ONLY			
7/30/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name Grading verification inspection				
7/30/2026						
Total for:	**RIVCOUNTY**			**0.00**	**652.00**	**652.00**

Permit No./Issued Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
SAB2607-004	SAB	1085 LA PALMA STREET	SHAD WHEATLAND	40,000.00	912.20	912.20
7/23/2026		839033004	AXIA SOLAR CORP			
7/23/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name PV + ST & MPU				
7/23/2026						
Total for:	**SAB**			**40,000.00**	**912.20**	**912.20**

Permit No./Issued Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
B2607-011	TANKS	761 EAST HOBSONWAY	N 7TH STREET PLAZA LLC	600,000.00	8,657.11	8,657.11
7/29/2026		845170005	RICK'S STATION MAINTENANC			
7/17/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name New U Tanks & Fuel Dispensers				
7/24/2026						
Total for:	**TANKS**			**600,000.00**	**8,657.11**	**8,657.11**

26 Permits Issued from 7/1/2026 Thru 7/31/2026

Total Valuation:	**$899,180.00**
Total Fees:	**$21,317.57**
Total Fees Paid:	**$20,626.27**

City of Blythe
Permits Applications Received
For the Period 7/1/2026 thru 7/31/2026

Permit No.	Applied	Type	Subtype	Status	Site Address/Parcel No.	Applicant/Owner/Contractor
F2607-001	7/1/2026	ANNLFIRE		APPLIED	1426 EAST HOBSONWAY	TORO LLC
Permit Name					854040035	TORO
Description:						
F2607-002	7/6/2026	ANNLFIRE		APPLIED	250 NORTH FIRST STREET	
Permit Name					845142021	PALO VERDE HEALTHCARE DIST
Description:						

2 Permit Applications from 7/1/2026 Thru 7/31/2026

City of Blythe
Permits Applications Received
For the Period 7/1/2026 thru 7/31/2026

Permit No.	Applied	Type	Subtype	Status	Site Address/Parcel No.	Applicant/Owner/Contractor
BP2607-001	7/2/2026	BURNPERMIT		FINALED	425 WEST CHANSLORWAY	
Permit Name	TUMBLEWEEDS				842133009	VERONICA GUTIERREZ
Description:						
BP2607-002	7/24/2026	BURNPERMIT		FINALED	910 WEST FOURTEENTH AVENUE	TIMOTHY GOSE
Permit Name	Tumbleweeds				869032001	GOSE & WOLFSWINKEL
Description:						
BP2607-003	7/31/2026	BURNPERMIT		APPLIED	217 WEST CHANSLORWAY	NOLAN SMITH
Permit Name	Tumbleweeds & Piled Wood Waste/Brush				842070005	DERANGEL, ANGELES, GUZMAN
Description:						

3 Permit Applications from 7/1/2026 Thru 7/31/2026

City of Blythe
Permits Applications Received
For the Period 7/1/2026 thru 7/31/2026

Permit No.	Applied	Type	Subtype	Status	Site Address/Parcel No.	Applicant/Owner/Contractor
L2607-001	7/9/2026	BUSINESSLICENS		APPLIED	127 WEST HOBSONWAY	ALVAREZ BEAUTY & GIFTS
Permit Name					845133022	GRANT & CHERRY MAYFIELD
Description:						
L2607-002	7/10/2026	BUSINESSLICENS		APPLIED	616 EAST HOBSONWAY	WALGREEN CO
Permit Name					848083002	THRIFY PAYLESS INC & CHURCHILL
Description:						
L2607-003	7/17/2026	BUSINESSLICENS		FINALED	220 SOUTH LOVEKIN BOULEVARD	E & R UNIQUE ENTERPRISES INC
Permit Name					848031033	HWY 10 FUEL
Description:						
L2607-004	7/29/2026	BUSINESSLICENS		APPLIED	1251 EAST FOURTEENTH AVENUE I-	LARRY'S LANDSCAPING
Permit Name					854060021	VILLA MONTEREY LP
Description:						

4 Permit Applications from 7/1/2026 Thru 7/31/2026

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
G2607-001	GRAFFITI JOSEPH MICHAEL HALBY 202 EAST HOBSONWAY	covered graffiti	7/1/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2607-002	GRAFFITI FERNANDO GUERRA 230 EAST HOBSONWAY	covered graffiti	7/1/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2607-003	GRAFFITI 100 block of S 1ST ST	stop sign	7/1/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2607-004	GRAFFITI CITY OF BLYTHE 500 SOUTH LOVEKIN BOULEVARD	bathroom stalls	7/1/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2607-005	GRAFFITI 300 block of TESORO LN	stop sign	7/1/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2607-006	GRAFFITI 400 block of EL DORADO	stop sign	7/1/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2607-007	GRAFFITI JERRY & IMAN GRAIR 300 EAST HOBSONWAY	covered graffiti	7/1/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2607-008	GRAFFITI 100 block of S 3RD ST	fire hydren	7/1/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2607-009	GRAFFITI BLYTHE LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS IN 170 SOUTH THIRD STREET	covered graffiti	7/1/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				

G2607-010	GRAFFITI	bus stop bench	7/8/2026	COMPLETED
	200 block of N CARLTON AVE			
Comments:				
G2607-011	GRAFFITI	covered graffiti	7/8/2026	COMPLETED
	NEW COMMUNICATIONS OF THE SOUT 400 EAST RICE STREET			
Comments:				
G2607-012	GRAFFITI	speed limit sign	7/8/2026	COMPLETED
	1700 block of E 14TH AVE			
Comments:				
G2607-013	GRAFFITI	old well	7/8/2026	COMPLETED
	700 block of N 10TH ST			
Comments:				
G2607-014	GRAFFITI	covered graffiti	7/8/2026	COMPLETED
	NATHAN MUMME, TRUSTEE 316 WEST HOBSONWAY			
Comments:				
G2607-015	GRAFFITI	fire hydren	7/8/2026	COMPLETED
	300 block of N 8TH ST			
Comments:				
G2607-016	GRAFFITI	freeway entrance sign	7/8/2026	COMPLETED
	200 block of S INTAKE BLVD			
Comments:				
G2607-017	GRAFFITI	stop sign	7/8/2026	COMPLETED
	2100 block of E 14TH AVE			
Comments:				
G2607-018	GRAFFITI	covered graffiti	7/8/2026	COMPLETED
	ROBERT W STANDAGE 420 WEST HOBSONWAY			
Comments:				
G2607-019	GRAFFITI	cat walk	7/14/2026	COMPLETED
	300 block of E DEKEMA ST			
Comments:				

G2607-020	GRAFFITI	speed limit sign	7/14/2026	COMPLETED
	300 block of E DEKEMA ST			
Comments:				
G2607-021	GRAFFITI	street sign	7/14/2026	COMPLETED
	800 block of W BARNARD ST			
Comments:				
G2607-022	GRAFFITI	stop sign	7/14/2026	COMPLETED
	1000 alley way of W BARNARD ST			
Comments:				
G2607-023	GRAFFITI	street sign pole	7/14/2026	COMPLETED
	1300 block of W BARNARD ST			
Comments:				
G2607-024	GRAFFITI	covered graffiti	7/21/2026	COMPLETED
	ABDULLAH & NAYER HASHEMI LIVIN 691 WEST HOBSONWAY			
Comments:				
G2607-025	GRAFFITI	restrooms	7/21/2026	COMPLETED
	CITY OF BLYTHE 500 SOUTH LOVEKIN BOULEVARD			
Comments:				
G2607-026	GRAFFITI	stop sign	7/21/2026	COMPLETED
	1300 block of BRUCE CT			
Comments:				
G2607-027	GRAFFITI	stop sign	7/21/2026	COMPLETED
	400 block of SAN LUIS WAY			
Comments:				
G2607-028	GRAFFITI	covered graffiti	7/21/2026	COMPLETED
	NATHAN MUMME, TRUSTEE 316 WEST HOBSONWAY			
Comments:				
G2607-029	GRAFFITI	covered graffiti	7/21/2026	COMPLETED
	TINA M BLACK 455 NORTH SECOND STREET			
Comments:				

G2607-030	GRAFFITI	FIRE HYDREANT	7/21/2026	COMPLETED
	100 block of N SOLANO ST			
Comments:				
G2607-031	GRAFFITI	playground	7/21/2026	COMPLETED
	CITY OF BLYTHE			
	375 EAST DONLON STREET			
Comments:				
G2607-032	GRAFFITI	covered graffiti	7/22/2026	COMPLETED
	OPPORTUNITY ENTERPRISES SD LLC			
	945 EAST HOBSONWAY			
Comments:				
G2607-033	GRAFFITI	covered graffiti	7/22/2026	COMPLETED
	ROGER SLATER			
	941 EAST HOBSONWAY			
Comments:				
G2607-034	GRAFFITI	covered graffiti	7/22/2026	COMPLETED
	US REAL ESTATE HOLDING LLC			
	939 EAST HOBSONWAY			
Comments:				
G2607-035	GRAFFITI	covered graffiti	7/22/2026	COMPLETED
	RENOVA PROPERTIES			
	1020 EAST BARNARD STREET			
Comments:				
G2607-036	GRAFFITI	stop sign	7/22/2026	COMPLETED
	100 block of S PALM DR			
Comments:				
G2607-037	GRAFFITI	covered graffiti	7/22/2026	COMPLETED
	SYLVIA MARCOTTE CLOUTIER			
	129 SOUTH PALM DRIVE			
Comments:				
G2607-038	GRAFFITI	fire hydrant	7/22/2026	COMPLETED
	100 block of S PALM DR			
Comments:				
G2607-039	GRAFFITI	P.V.I.D CANAL	7/28/2026	COMPLETED
	3400 block of E DONLON ST			
Comments:				

G2607-040	GRAFFITI	speed limit sign	7/28/2026	COMPLETED
	100 block of W CHANSLORWAY			
Comments:				
G2607-041	GRAFFITI	covered graffiti	7/28/2026	COMPLETED
	JOYCE A WONG LIVING TRUST DTD 1588 EAST HOBSONWAY			
Comments:				
G2607-042	GRAFFITI	covered graffiti	7/28/2026	COMPLETED
	NEW COMMUNICATIONS OF THE SOUT 400 EAST RICE STREET			
Comments:				
G2607-043	GRAFFITI	street sign	7/28/2026	COMPLETED
	800 block of W RICE ST			
Comments:				
G2607-044	GRAFFITI	fire hydrant	7/28/2026	COMPLETED
	700 block of N LOVEKIN BLVD			
Comments:				
G2607-045	GRAFFITI	stop sign	7/28/2026	COMPLETED
	600 block of W PARKER PL			
Comments:				
G2607-046	GRAFFITI	speed limit sign	7/28/2026	COMPLETED
	800 block of N BROADWAY			
Comments:				

Total Projects for RICKY AGUILAR For the Period 7/1/2026 thru 7/31/2026: 46

City of Blythe
Projects by Type, Status and Date
For the Period 7/1/2026 thru 7/31/2026

PLANNER NAME: MALLORY CRECELIUS

Project Number	Project Type Owner Name Site Address	Project Name	Date Applied Date Expired	Status of Project Date Approved Date Closed
CUP2607-001	CUP NOVATT FAMILY TRUST 1354 EAST HOBSONWAY		7/23/2026	RECIEVED

Comments:

Total Projects for MALLORY CRECELIUS For the Period 7/1/2026 thru 7/31/2026: 1

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City of Blythe
Cases Opened (By Type)
For the Period 7/1/2026 thru 7/31/2026

Type of Case	Number opened
BLDG	9
COMPLAINT	2
NO BUSINESS LICENSE	1
WEED	11

Total Cases Opened: 23

Cases closed in July: 21

Remaining active cases: 285

CITY OF BLYTHE FIRE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY INCIDENT AND ACTIVITY REPORT

July 2026

Incident	Total
Public Assist / Rescue / Medical Aid	49
Structure	3
Vehicle Fire	2
Brush, Grass, Leaves	8
Trash, Rubbish, Dumpster	5
Other	3
Total # of Incidents	**70**

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

Respectfully Submitted

Ronald Hasler, Fire Chief

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 11, 2026

SUBJECT: Blythe Police Department Monthly Incident and Activity Report for the Month of July

PRESENTED BY: Keith Walnoha, Acting Chief of Police

PREPARED BY: Pamela Bush, Dispatch Records Supervisor

RECOMMENDATION: Receive the Blythe Police Department's Monthly Incident and Activity Report for the month of July.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

BACKGROUND: The Blythe Police Department provides statistics to the public and City Council upon request.

STAFF REPORT: This information provides a clear and transparent overview of Blythe PD Activities, as well as crime within the City of Blythe. This data is documented locally in the Blythe PD Records Management System, as well as crime data that is reported to the California Department of Justice California Incident Based Reporting System (CIBRS) and FBI's National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS).

Statistics are collected and organized to provide an overall analysis about crime and social issues requiring Police assistance. This overall presentation provides information about increases and decreases in specific categories. This report could reveal a need for additional resources for public safety purposes.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. BPD Monthly Incident and Activity Report for July 2026
2. BPD Quality of Life Program Report for July 2026
3. NIBRS Group A Offense Report from June 2026 - *California DOJ CIBRS Report*

BLYTHE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

Monthly Incident and Activity Report
JULY 2026

	Total	YTD
Total Incidents for Month	**1520**	**10,973**
Total Documented Police Reports for Month	**122**	**899**
Total Felony Arrests	**15**	**109**
Total Misdemeanor Arrests	**13**	**163**
Incidents		
Homicide	0	0
Attempt Homicide	0	5
Shoot at inhabited dwelling/vehicle/etc - Penal Code 246	0	5
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	10	39
Battery	3	15
Residential Burglary	2	7
Occupied Residence: 0		
Unoccupied Residence: 2		
Commercial Burglary	2	17
Vehicle Burglary	1	7
Petty Theft	2	17
Grand Theft	1	17
Shoplifting	2	8
Vandalism	11	54
Driving Under the Influence	1	15
Prowlers	0	0
Public Intoxication	1	29
Trespassing	1	7
Traffic Collision - Injury	2	14
Traffic Collision - Non Injury	3	22
Traffic Collision - Hit and Run	7	15
Alarm	16	185
Abandoned Vehicle Abatement	7	29
AVA Vehicle Tows	1	2
Vehicle Red Tags	4	26
Hospital Helicopter Landing Zones	18	108

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Monthly Incident and Activity Report
JUNE 2026

Location information for the below charges as noted on page 1 of the Monthly Incident and Activity Report

Shoot at inhabited dwelling/vehicle/etc - Penal Code 246
None for July
Willful discharge of a firearm in a grossly negligent manner - Penal Code 246.3
None for July
Willful discharge of a firearm from vehicle - Penal Code 26100©
None for July

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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 July 2026.

Quality of Life Detail:	**July**	**Year to Date**
People contacted.	120	828
People given bus tickets and left town to seek resources elsewhere.	2	14
People assisted with obtaining their ID or Social Security Cards to register for housing and assistance.	4	24
People transported to or referred to DPSS/Mental Health.	54	512
People detained under 5150 Welfare and institutions Code and transported for treatment.	20	68
People sent to rehab.	1	6
People sent for substance abuse.	15	31
People assisted with means to get out of town	0	1
Patrol assisted	0	5
Enforcement action taken(Arrests and Warrants)	0	1
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

Group A Offense Report

Beginning Date: 06/01/2026 **Ending Date: 06/30/2026**

Agency: All

Offense	Reported in 2026	Reported in 2025	Percent Change	Offenses Cleared	Percent Cleared	Percent Of Category	Rate Per 100,000*
Murder	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Justifiable Homicide	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Non-consensual Sex Offenses:							
Rape	1	0	NA	0	0.00%	5.00%	5.39
Sodomy	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Sexual Assault with Object	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Fondling	1	2	-50.00%	0	0.00%	5.00%	5.39
Aggravated Assault	4	10	-60.00%	2	50.00%	20.00%	21.54
Simple Assault	9	9	0.00%	5	55.56%	45.00%	48.48
Intimidation	3	0	NA	2	66.67%	15.00%	16.16
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	0	NA	1	100.00%	5.00%	5.39
Consensual Sex Offenses:							
Incest	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Statutory Rape	1	0	NA	1	100.00%	5.00%	5.39
Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Crimes Against Persons Total	**20**	**21**	**-4.76%**	**11**	**55%**	**26.32%**	**107.72**
Robbery	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	7	0	NA	0	0.00%	16.67%	37.7
Larceny/Theft Offenses	14	10	40.00%	0	0.00%	33.33%	75.41
Motor Vehicle Theft	3	2	50.00%	0	0.00%	7.14%	16.16
Arson	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Destruction Of Property	15	6	150.00%	1	6.67%	35.71%	80.79
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Fraud Offense	1	2	-50.00%	0	0.00%	2.38%	5.39
Embezzlement	1	2	-50.00%	0	0.00%	2.38%	5.39
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Bribery	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Stolen Property Offenses	1	1	0.00%	0	0.00%	2.38%	5.39
Crimes Against Property Total	**42**	**23**	**82.61%**	**1**	**2.38%**	**55.26%**	**226.22**
Drug/Narcotic Violations	5	6	-16.67%	5	100.00%	35.71%	26.93
Drug Equipment Violations	4	6	-33.33%	4	100.00%	28.57%	21.54
Gambling Offenses	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Prostitution	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Weapons Law Violation	5	3	66.67%	2	40.00%	35.71%	26.93
Animal Cruelty	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Crimes Against Society Total	**14**	**15**	**-6.67%**	**11**	**78.57%**	**18.42%**	**75.41**
Total Group "A" Offenses	**76**	**59**	**28.81%**	**23**	**30.26%**	**100%**	**409.35**

Note: *The Rate per 100,000 will be 'NA' when the Adjusted Population Base is Zero.*

* Adjusted population base: 18,566

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 11, 2026

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Community Enhancement Collaborative Grant Award for a Blythe Christmas

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 any and all grant related documents, including an agreement between the City of Blythe and the Community Enhancement Collaborative once reviewed and approved by the City Attorney, for the acceptance of a grant in the amount of $110,000 for the purchase of Christmas decorations.

FISCAL IMPACT: Grant award of $110,000.

BACKGROUND: The Palo Verde Irrigation District (PVID)/Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) Community Enhancement Collaborative (CEC) is intended to provide funds to generate short- and long-term economic impacts and social benefits within our community. Over $8 million dollars in funding is available for direct investment in the Palo Verde Valley.

In October 2025, staff submitted a grant for the purchase of new Christmas decorations for the downtown including a 30-foot Christmas tree with 4-foot topper, light pole decorations in 6 different festive designs and two over the street skyline decorations.

The effort was spearheaded by local residents Dan and Betty Lazenby who partnered with City staff and the Art in Public Places Committee to submit a grant application to the CEC. Dan and Betty were instrumental in researching vendors, gathering community input and preparing documentation for project implementation.

STAFF REPORT: In July, the City was notified that the CEC had awarded the City's grant application for A Blythe Christmas which includes the purchase of festive Christmas decorations for the downtown area in an amount not to exceed $110,000. The award letter states the City's proposal strongly aligns with the mission of the CEC as established by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) and the Palo Verde Irrigation District (PVID): "Accelerating the future of the Palo Verde Vally, now; building a collaborative and sustainable community with targeted investments".

Staff is hopefully that the decorations will arrive in time for this holiday season. When not in use, the decorations will be stored in a cool, dry place at Public Works. The vendors have promised that the decorations can withstand Blythe's heat and come in

durable, LED based or solar compatible offerings which align with sustainability and reduce long-term maintenance and costs.

Staff is hopeful that we can build on these decorations and community events such as the Christmas Parade and Winterfest to foster community connection, enhance family traditions and make Blythe a destination during the holiday season.

This grant award will cover the purchase of a Christmas Tree with topper, eighty-two (82) pole decorations in various festive decorations and two skyline decorations Staff envisions using future art in public places funds add to the decorations with amenities at City Hall and other public places in conjunction with community-based holiday events.

ATTACHMENTS: None

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 11, 2026

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Work – Barnard/Lovekin Storm Lift #11 Rehabilitation Project

PRESENTED BY: Mirasol Elegores, Public Works Director

PREPARED BY: Mirasol Elegores, Public Works Director

RECOMMENDATION: Council accept the work performed by AZCA Drilling & Pump, Inc. for the Barnard/Lovekin Storm Lift #11 Rehabilitation Project and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and file the Notice of Completion for the project. It is further recommended Council authorize the Interim City Manager to release project bonds once the Notice of Completion is recorded.

FISCAL IMPACT: Total project cost $201,750.00.

BACKGROUND: The City entered into an agreement with AZCA Drilling & Pump, Inc. on May 22, 2026 for the rehabilitation of the Storm Lift #11. The two (2) existing submersible pumps were replaced with brand new pumps of the same capacity and new control panel board. All electrical wirings, pipes inside the wet wells and the access doors were also replaced. The affected sidewalk, curb and gutter were restored back to their original condition.

STAFF REPORT: The Barnard/Lovekin Storm Lift #11 Rehabilitation Project was completed to the satisfaction of the Public Works Department on August 6, 2026. The project was inspected by the Public Works Staff and found it to be satisfactory.

The project was completed with a total project cost of $201,750. This is within the established project budget of $235,000. One change order in the amount of $5,000 was issued during construction for the installation of emergency bypass access which was not included in the original scope. The emergency bypass will be utilized for easy access to dump storm water when there is power outage, or the pumps shut down during storm or flash floods.

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Notice of Completion

RECORDING REQUESTED BY AND WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO: City Clerk City of Blythe 235 North Broadway Blythe, CA 92225	

SPACE ABOVE LINE FOR RECORDER'S USE ONLY
EXEMPT FROM RECORDING FEES – GOVERNMENT CODE §§ 6103, 27383

NOTICE OF COMPLETION
(California Civil Code § 9204)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 11, 2026, the City Council of the City of Blythe accepted the public work of improvement ("Project") described herein and the Project was deemed completed on such date.

1. Name and Address of Owner: The City of Blythe, 235 North Broadway, Blythe, CA 92225.

2. Description of Project: The Project is known as: Barnard/Lovekin Storm Lift Rehabilitation Project. The Project generally consisted of supplying and replacing two (2) pumps and existing pipes and installing a new control panel at the City's Storm Lift #11.

3. Location of Project: 303 N. Lovekin, Blythe, CA 92225.

4. Name and Address of Contractor: AZCA Drilling & Pump, Inc., P.O. Box 570, Ehrenberg, AZ 85334.

5. Date of Agreement: May 22, 2026.

6. Name of Surety: SureTec Insurance Company.

Dated: _____

_____
Joseph DeConinck
Mayor, City of Blythe

VERIFICATION

I, the undersigned, say: I am the City Clerk of the City of Blythe, the declarant of the foregoing Notice of Completion; I have read said Notice of Completion and know the contents thereof; the same is true of my own knowledge. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____, at Blythe, California.

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Mallory Crecelius
City Clerk, City of Blythe

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 11, 2026

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of California Highway Patrol Cannabis Tax Fund Grant

PRESENTED BY: Keith Walnoha, Acting Chief of Police

PREPARED BY: Keith Walnoha, Acting Chief of Police

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-027 authorizing the acceptance of grant funds from the California Highway Patrol Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program and authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all grant documents and accept and administer the grant.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-027. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL CANNABIS TAX FUND GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL GRANT DOCUMENTS

FISCAL IMPACT: $183,497.00 in grant funding from the California Highway Patrol Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program. The grant fully funds eligible equipment, officer training, and personnel costs associated with impaired driving education and enforcement activities. Acceptance of this grant will not require any General Fund contribution.

BACKGROUND: The California Highway Patrol Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program provides financial assistance to local law enforcement agencies to improve traffic safety through education, prevention, and enforcement efforts targeting impaired driving involving alcohol, cannabis, and other drugs. The program is designed to reduce traffic collisions, injuries, and fatalities by supporting specialized enforcement, officer training, public education, and innovative policing strategies.

In FY25/26, the Blythe Police Department was awarded funding through the California Highway Patrol Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program. The grant funded personnel costs and specialized equipment that enhanced the Department's DUI enforcement efforts. Based on the success of that program and the ongoing need to combat impaired driving, the Department reapplied in 2026 and was again awarded grant funding. The FY26/27 award will be used to purchase additional specialized equipment, personnel cost, and provide advanced officer training, further enhancing the Department's ability to identify, investigate, and deter impaired driving.

STAFF REPORT: The California Highway Patrol has awarded the Blythe Police Department $183,497.00 through the Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program. Grant funds will be used to support specialized DUI enforcement operations, purchase equipment

used in impaired driving investigations, provide advanced officer training, and fund personnel costs directly related to grant activities.

Impaired driving continues to pose a significant threat to public safety throughout California and within our community. This grant provides the Blythe Police Department with additional resources to proactively address that threat through increased enforcement, enhanced investigative capabilities, and public education efforts designed to discourage impaired driving before it results in injury or loss of life.

Acceptance of this funding represents a significant investment in the safety of our community. By leveraging state grant funds, the City can enhance public safety services without placing additional demands on the General Fund. The grant will strengthen the Department's ability to identify and remove impaired drivers from our roadways, reduce alcohol- and drug-related traffic collisions, and continue providing a safer environment for residents and visitors alike.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 2026-027
2. California Highway Patrol Grant Intent to Award Letter
3. Detailed Budget Estimate

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-027

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL CANNABIS TAX FUND GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL GRANT DOCUMENTS

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

WHEREAS, the Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program ("Grant Program") is made available and administered through the Department of California Highway Patrol (CHP) to support local efforts for education, prevention, and enforcement of laws related to driving under the influence of alcohol and other drugs, including cannabis and cannabis products; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the grant funding is to help agencies reduce and mitigate the impacts of impaired driving within their communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Blythe Police Department submitted an application for grant funds through the Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the CHP has awarded the City $183,497.00 in grant funds for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to submit a City Council resolution providing approval to receive grant funding from the Grant Program.

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

SECTION 1. The City Council authorizes the City of Blythe's acceptance of grant funds in the amount of $183,497.00 from the California Highway Patrol Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

SECTION 2. The City Council authorizes the Interim City Manager or her designee to execute all grant documents, including, but not limited to, the grant agreement, including any extensions or amendments thereof, to accept and administer the grant, and to take all steps necessary to implement this authorization and the Grant Program requirements and objectives.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 11th day of August, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Joseph DeConinck, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mallory Crecelius, City Clerk

(SEAL)

State of California-Transportation Agency GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL
601 North 7th Street
Sacramento, CA 95811
(916) 843-4360
(800) 735-2929 (TT/TDD)
(800) 735-2922 (Voice)

June 30, 2026

File No.: 060.17344.19741

Shelly Soto
City of Blythe Police Department
240 North Spring Street
Blythe, CA 92225

Dear Ms. Soto:

On behalf of the California Highway Patrol (CHP), it is my pleasure to inform you, the City of Blythe Police Department, is conditionally approved for Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program (CTFGP) funding in the amount of $183,497.00. The purpose of this grant funding is to help your agency reduce and mitigate the impacts of impaired driving in your community.

All grant awards, including any adjustments to requested funding, were made by the Department based on the merits of the Grant Application, scale of operation, and in accordance with the Request for Application (RFA) requirements and associated regulations.

The official Grant Agreement for signature is forthcoming. In order to execute your Grant Agreement, please provide documentation from a local governing body, authorizing your organization to receive this grant funding, to the Cannabis Grants Unit, by email at CGUGrants@chp.ca.gov, as soon as possible. Refer to California Code of Regulations Title 13, Division 2, Chapter 13, Section 1890.13(g) for additional information.

The CHP looks forward to partnering with you and your agency on this project in an effort to make California's roadways a safer place to travel. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Cannabis Grants Unit at (916) 843-4360.

Sincerely,

For/

M. W. HEADRICK, Chief
Enforcement and Planning Division

Schedule B

Detailed Budget Estimate

Award Number	Organization/Agency	Total Amount
30896	City of Blythe	$183,497.00

Cost Category	Line Item Name	Total Cost to Grant
Other Direct Costs		
	DUI Checkpoint Materials & Supplies	$1,973.00
Category Sub-Total		**$1,973.00**
Personnel		
	DUI Saturation Patrols	$152,676.00
	DUI Checkpoints	$12,623.00
Category Sub-Total		**$165,299.00**
Travel		
	DRE Training - Attend Travel	$3,580.00
	ARIDE Training – Attend Travel	$1,840.00
	SFST Training - Attend Travel	$4,585.00
	Conference Travel	$6,220.00
Category Sub-Total		**$16,225.00**

Grant Total	$183,497.00

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 11, 2026

SUBJECT: Adoption of Ordinance No. 946-26 Prohibiting the Sale and Distribution of Kratom Products in the City of Blythe

PRESENTED BY: Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager

PREPARED BY: Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager
Brittany Roberto, City Attorney

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 946-26:

ORDINANCE NO. 946-26. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 9.96 (PROHIBITION ON SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF KRATOM PRODUCTS) TO ARTICLE IX (MISCELLANEOUS) OF TITLE 9 (PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS AND WELFARE) OF THE BLYTHE MUNICIPAL CODE AND FINDING THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15061(b)(3) (COMMON SENSE EXEMPTION)

FISCAL IMPACT: None

BACKGROUND: Kratom is a tropical tree (mitragyna speciosa) native to Southeast Asia with opioid effects due to its active compounds of mitragynine and 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH). According to the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), consumption of its leaves produces both stimulant effects (in low doses) and sedative effects (in high doses), and can lead to psychotic symptoms, and psychological and physiological dependence. Kratom and 7-OH are not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as a food, drug, or dietary supplement. Kratom is often found in energy drinks and pills at gas stations, smoke shops and other retail and online venues. Narcotics experts believe that high concentrate 7-OH can have similar effects as opioids, creating withdrawal, dependency and, in some cases, overdose.

Kratom is largely unregulated in the United States, but rising concerns and health risks including addiction, overdose, liver injury and death have prompted new federal and state regulation efforts. In July 2025, the FDA issued warning letters to companies for illegally marketing products containing 7-OH and recommended that the DEA place 7-OH products on the controlled substances list. In October 2025, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued a statewide consumer warning declaring that foods, dietary supplements, and medical drugs containing kratom or 7-OH are dangerous and illegal to sell in California. As of March 2026, CDPH had seized more than $5 million worth of kratom and 7-OH products under its authority pursuant to the Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. Several counties and cities in California have adopted ordinances to regulate or ban kratom products, recognizing the need to protect public health and safety, especially among vulnerable populations. In October 2025, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 1004 to prohibit the sale

or distribution of any kratom product or 7-OH product to a person under 21 years of age, and to prohibit the sale or distribution of any kratom product or 7-OH product with a level of 7-OH that is greater than 2% of the total kratom alkaloids in the product.

Earlier this year, Council directed staff to prepare an ordinance regulating the sale of kratom products modeled after the Riverside County Ordinance.

STAFF REPORT: The proposed Ordinance largely mirrors the Riverside County Ordinance related to the prohibition on the sale and distribution of kratom and 7-OH products. The main substantive difference between the proposed City Ordinance and the Riverside County Ordinance is that the County Ordinance prohibits the sale of products with a level of 7-OH greater than 2% while the City's Ordinance, as proposed, limits the sale of kratom and 7-OH products to those 21 years of age or older.

At the July 14, 2026 Council meeting, the City Council introduced Ordinance No. 946-26.

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 946-26.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ordinance No. 946-26

ORDINANCE NO. 946-26

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

WHEREAS, the City of Blythe, pursuant to its police power, may enact regulations for the public peace, morals, and welfare of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is further authorized under California Health and Safety Code section 101450 to take measures necessary to preserve and protect public health, including by adopting ordinances, regulations, and orders that are not in conflict with general laws; and

WHEREAS, kratom is a tropical tree (mitragyna speciosa) native to Southeast Asia. According to the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), consumption of its leaves produces both stimulant effects (in low doses) and sedative effects (in high doses), and can lead to psychotic symptoms, and psychological and physiological dependence; and

WHEREAS, 7-hydroxymitragynine, commonly known as 7-OH, is a potent opioid derived from kratom; and

WHEREAS, 7-OH and other kratom ingredients may lead to addiction, serious harm, overdose, and/or death; and

WHEREAS, kratom and 7-OH are not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as a food, drug, or dietary supplement; and

WHEREAS, in July 2025, the FDA issued warning letters to companies for illegally marketing products containing 7-OH and recommended that the DEA place 7-OH products on the controlled substances list; and

WHEREAS, health advisories have consistently raised concerns regarding kratom products with higher concentrations of 7-OH, which increase the potential for abuse and harm to public health; and

WHEREAS, the State of California does not currently regulate kratom or kratom products; and

WHEREAS, in October 2025, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued a statewide consumer warning declaring that foods, dietary supplements, and medical drugs containing kratom or 7-OH are dangerous and illegal to sell in California. As of March 2026, CDPH had seized more than $5 million worth of kratom and 7-OH products under its authority pursuant to the Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; and

WHEREAS, several counties and cities in California have adopted ordinances to regulate or ban kratom products, recognizing the need to protect public health and safety, especially among vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, in October 2025, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside adopted Ordinance No. 1004 to prohibit the sale or distribution of any kratom product or 7-OH product to a person under 21 years of age, and to prohibit the sale or distribution of any kratom product or 7-OH product with a level of 7-OH that is greater than 2 percent of the total kratom alkaloids in the product; and

WHEREAS, the Blythe Police Department does not believe that enforcement of a 2 percent 7-OH level in kratom products is practical, in that vendors would intentionally misrepresent the true concentration of 7-OH in their products, and laboratory testing of suspect products would be time consuming and expensive; and

WHEREAS, restricting the sale and distribution of kratom and kratom products within the City of Blythe will promote the health, safety, and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, all legal requirements prior to the adoption of this Ordinance have occurred.

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

SECTION 1. Recitals. The City Council finds that the recitals set forth above are true and correct.

SECTION 2. Amendment to Title 9. Article IX (Miscellaneous) of Title 9 (Public Peace, Morals and Welfare) of the Blythe Municipal Code is hereby amended to add a new Chapter 9.96 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 9.96 - PROHIBITION ON SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF KRATOM PRODUCTS

9.96.010 - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases when used in this chapter shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

A. "7-OH product" means a product containing 7-hydroxymitragynine.

B. "Attractive to children" means any of the following:

1. Use of images that are attractive to children, including, but not limited to, images of any of the following, except as part of required health warnings:

   a. Cartoons, toys, or robots.

   b. Any real or fictional humans.

   c. Fictional animals or creatures.

   d. Fruits or vegetables, except when used to accurately describe ingredients or flavors contained in a product.

2. Likeness to images, characters, or phrases that are popularly used to advertise to children.

3. Imitation of candy packaging or labeling, or other packaging and labeling of cereals, sweets, chips, or other food products typically marketed to children.

4. The terms "candy" or "candies" or variants in spelling such as "kandy" or "kandee."

5. Brand names or close imitations of brand names of candies, cereals, sweets, chips, or other food products typically marketed to children.

6. Any other image or packaging that is easily confused with commercially available foods that do not contain kratom and are typically marketed to children.

7. Any other packaging used that is attractive to children considering all relevant facts and circumstances.

C. "Kratom alkaloid" means any detectable amount of mitragynine, speciociliatine, speciogynine, paynantheine, 7-OH, or any natural, synthetic, or semi-synthetic

alkaloid, derivative, isolate, metabolite, or structurally related constituent of mitragyna speciosa.

D. "Kratom leaf" means the leaf of the kratom plant, also known as mitragyna speciosa, in any form.

E. "Kratom leaf extract" means the material obtained by extraction of kratom leaves by any means.

F. "Kratom product" means a product consisting of kratom leaf, kratom leaf extract, or both; any part of a leaf of the plant mitragyna speciosa in fresh, dehydrated or dried form, a kratom extract, or any product that contains any kratom alkaloid or metabolite.

G. "Sell" or "sale" means any transaction where, for any consideration, ownership of a product is transferred from one person to another, including, but not limited to, any transfer of title or possession for consideration, exchange, or barter, in any manner or by any means. "Attempt to sell" means to offer, provide, or distribute, with the intent of completing a sale.

H. "Synthesized" means an alkaloid or alkaloid derivative that has been created by chemical synthesis or biosynthetic means, including, but not limited to, fermentation, recombinant techniques, and yeast derived enzymatic techniques, rather than food preparation techniques such as heating or extracting. It also includes alkaloids that have been further exposed to chemicals or processes that would confer a structural change in the alkaloids contained within the extract.

9.96.020 - Prohibition on sale and distribution of kratom and 7-OH products.

A. Except as otherwise authorized by law, an individual, business, or other entity shall not sell, attempt to sell, offer, provide, or distribute a kratom product or 7-OH product to a person under 21 years of age.

B. Except as otherwise authorized by law, an individual, business, or other entity shall not sell, attempt to sell, offer, provide, or distribute a kratom product or 7-OH product that is attractive to children.

C. An individual, business, or other entity shall not sell, attempt to sell, offer, provide, or distribute a kratom product or 7-OH product without first verifying by means of government-issued photographic identification that the recipient is at least 21 years of age.

D. An individual, business, or other entity shall not sell, attempt to sell, offer, provide, or distribute any kratom product that contains or is adulterated with synthesized or semi-synthesized kratom alkaloids.

9.96.030 - Violations and penalties.

A. Misdemeanor penalty. Any person who violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not exceeding one year, or by both.

B. Administrative penalties. Violation of this chapter may be punishable as a criminal offense or by the issuance of an administrative citation in accordance with Chapter 1.26 of this code.

C. Non-exclusive remedies and penalties. All remedies and penalties for violations of the prohibitions in this chapter shall be cumulative and not exclusive. Enforcement by use of any administrative, criminal, or civil action, citation, or administrative proceeding or abatement remedy does not preclude the use of additional citations or other remedies as authorized by this code or law. Enforcement remedies may be employed concurrently or consecutively. Conviction and punishment of or enforcement against any person hereunder shall not relieve such person from the responsibility of correcting, removing, or abating a violation, nor prevent the enforced correction, removal, or abatement thereof.

SECTION 3. Environmental Compliance. The City Council hereby finds that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption and implementation of this Ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment. The Ordinance is therefore exempt from the environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption) of the CEQA Guidelines.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council of the City of Blythe hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases or portions be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 5. Inconsistencies. Any provision of the Blythe Municipal Code or appendices thereto inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, to the extent of such inconsistencies and no further, is hereby repealed or modified to that extent necessary to affect the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its final passage.

SECTION 7. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published or posted in the manner required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of August, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

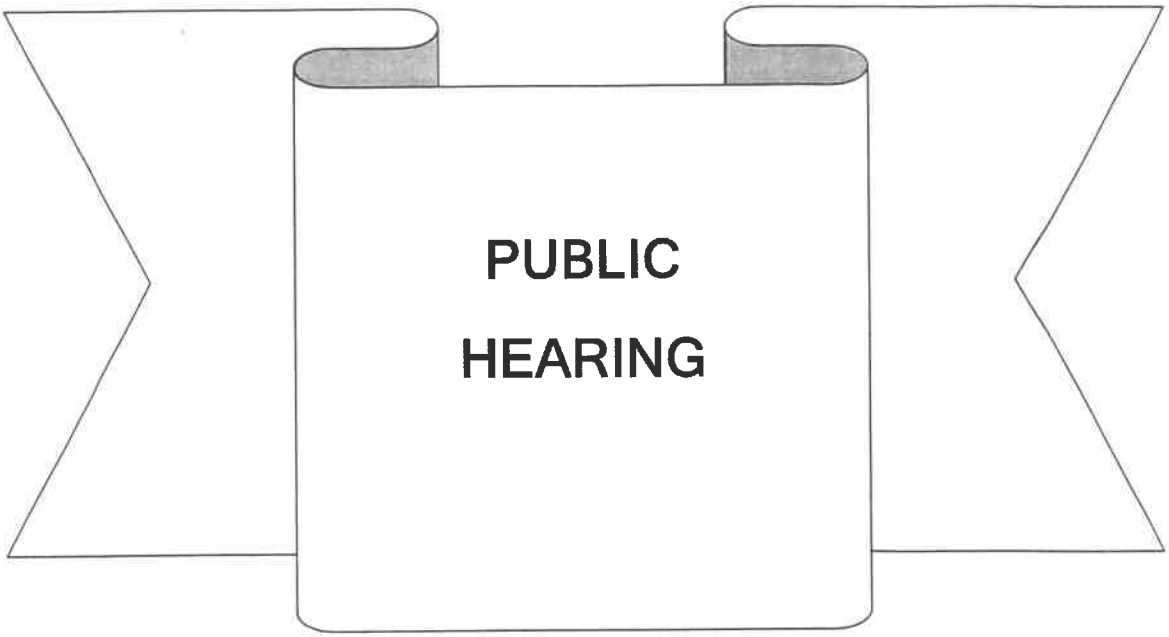
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Joseph DeConinck, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mallory Crecelius, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Brittany E. Roberto, City Attorney


PUBLIC
HEARING

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 11, 2026

SUBJECT: Request for Conditional Use Permit (CUP 2607-001) to Operate a Sales Office for New Utility Sheds with On-Site Storage for Display Purposes at 1354 E. Hobsonway (Sunset Sheds of California)

PRESENTED BY: Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager

PREPARED BY: Brittany Roberto, City Attorney
Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended, subsequent to the public hearing, the City Council adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-026. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, CLASSIFYING THE SALES AND STORAGE OF PREFABRICATED SHEDS USE AS A USE SIMILAR TO CONSTRUCTION SALES AND SERVICES, APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 2607-001 TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF SUCH USE AT 1354 E. HOBSONWAY (APNS: 854-040-016, 854-040-018, 854-040-019 AND 854-040-020), AND MAKING THE DETERMINATION THAT THE PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 15302 (REPLACEMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION), 15303 (NEW CONSTRUCTION OR CONVERSION OF SMALL STRUCTURES) AND 15061(b)(3) (COMMON SENSE EXEMPTION) OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES

FISCAL IMPACT: None

BACKGROUND: The applicant, Watkins Enterprises, LLC, is requesting a conditional use permit (CUP 2607-001) to operate a sales office for new prefabricated utility sheds with on-site storage for display purposes (the "Project") for the business known as Sunset Sheds of California at 1354 E. Hobsonway (the "Project Site"). Sunset Sheds of California intends to offer new prefabricated sheds for sale, with manufacturing occurring off site. The site consists of four parcels, legally described as APNs: 854-040-016, 854-040-018, 854-040-019 and 854-040-020. The Project Site is designated by the General Plan for General Commercial land use. The Project Site is located within the General Commercial (C-G) Zone, which implements the General Commercial land use designation. The site has not been occupied for approximately seven (7) months. Most recently, the site was in use as a septic pumping service business, which had heavy equipment and construction related equipment stored on site. The Project Site is level and has very little vegetation. The site is surrounded by commercial uses to the east and west, a vacant lot to the north and land in agricultural production to the south. Nearby uses include a commercial cannabis cultivation facility, various retail and professional services and auto repair shops.

A modular office building that is approximately 784 square feet in size is currently located on the site and will be removed as part of the Project. Sunset Sheds of California intends to install an approximately 392-square-foot pre-manufactured building on the Project Site and operate a sales office and store and display

approximately ten (10) model sheds in various sizes and characteristics on site. Once ordered by a customer, the sheds will be fabricated off site and shipped directly to the customer for installation. As such, the use is expected to be quiet in nature with no increase in traffic, noise, or pollution than would be created by similar uses permitted in the General Commercial Zone.

STAFF REPORT: Chapter 17 (Zoning) of the Blythe Municipal Code classifies, designates and regulates the use of buildings, structures and land in the City. Section 17.08.010 outlines the use types permitted in each zone. Pursuant to Section 17.08.030, other use types which are similar to and not more obnoxious or detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the community than the use types permitted in any zone may be allowed in such zone by resolution of the City Council.

Staff believes the sale and storage of prefabricated sheds is similar to a construction sales and services use. Section 17.04.010(C) defines "construction sales and services" as "places of business primarily engaged in construction activities and incidental storage on lots other than construction sites, as well as the retail or wholesale sale, from the premises, of materials used in the construction of buildings or structures other than retail sale of paint, fixtures and hardware. Typical uses include building materials stores, tool and equipment rentals or sales, or building contractors." Although the proposed use is not for construction materials, it will operate in the same manner. There will be sales from the existing building and there will be display sheds on site. The actual construction of the sheds will occur off site. Construction sales and services are permitted with a conditional use permit in the General Commercial Zone. Staff believes that the sale and storage of prefabricated sheds is not more obnoxious or detrimental to the health and safety of the community than construction sales and services. Therefore, staff recommends that the City Council classify the sales and storage of prefabricated sheds use as a use similar to construction sales and services.

Conditional Use Permit

Pursuant to Section 17.68.070 of Chapter 17 of the Blythe Municipal Code, before the City Council approves a conditional use permit, the City Council is required to make the findings outlined below. Staff has provided justification in support of each of the findings.

1. *That the proposed location of the conditional use is in accord with the objectives of this title and the purpose of the zone in which the site is located.*

   As outlined above, staff is recommending that the City Council classify the sales and storage of prefabricated sheds use as a use similar to construction sales and services. Construction sales and services are permitted in the General Commercial Zone with a conditional use permit. Therefore, the proposed use is in accord with the objectives of Title 17 and the purpose of the zone in which the site is located.

2. *That the proposed location in which the conditional use and the conditions under which it would be operated or maintained will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare, or materially injurious to properties or improvements in the vicinity.*

The Project Site is located in a commercial area of the City with multiple uses and similar business types in the vicinity including commercial cannabis cultivation, auto repair, retail and professional services. Interstate 10 is directly south of the property. The proposed sales and storage of prefabricated sheds use is expected to include a sales office and store and display approximately ten (10) model sheds in various sizes and characteristics. Once ordered by a customer, the sheds will be fabricated off site and shipped directly to the customer for installation. As such, the use is expected to be quiet in nature with no increase in traffic, noise, or pollution than would be created by similar uses permitted in the General Commercial Zone. Additionally, the site has not been occupied for approximately seven (7) months. Approving the proposed use at this site would provide for the maintenance of the site and enhance this area of East Hobsonway. Finally, the Conditions of Approval ensure that the use will be operated in a manner that is not detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare, or materially injurious to properties or improvements in the vicinity. Therefore, the proposed location in which the conditional use and the conditions under which it would be operated or maintained will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare, or materially injurious to properties or improvements in the vicinity.

Environmental Assessment

The Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) of the CEQA Guidelines. Class 2 consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. The Project consists of the removal of an existing 784-square-foot modular office building and replacement of such building with a 392-square-foot premanufactured office building.

The Project is also categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) of the CEQA Guidelines. Class 3 consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. Examples of this exemption include a store, motel, office, restaurant or similar structure not involving the use of significant amounts of hazardous substances, and not exceeding 2,500 square feet in floor area. The Project consists of the installation of a premanufactured office building that is 392 square feet and prefabricated sheds for display purposes. The structures do not use any hazardous substances.

The Project is also exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption) of the CEQA Guidelines. Pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3), where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. The Project consists of the installation of a premanufactured office building and prefabricated sheds for display purposes. There will be no construction on the Project Site. Therefore, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment.

The Project would not be subject to any of the exceptions to the exemptions under Section 15300.2 of CEQA.

(a) **Location.** The Project has no potential to impact on an environmental resource or hazardous or critical concern designated, mapped or adopted by any federal, state or local agencies. Therefore, this exclusion does not apply to the proposed Project.

(b) **Cumulative Impact.** The proposed Project is not related to any successive projects of the same type in the City of Blythe that could result in an adverse cumulative effect. Therefore, this exclusion does not apply to the proposed Project.

(c) **Significant Effect.** The proposed use consists of the sale and storage of prefabricated sheds. There are no unusual circumstances associated with the proposed use that could result in a reasonable possibility of having significant adverse effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality or water quality. The Project Site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species. Therefore, this exclusion does not apply to the proposed Project.

(d) **Scenic Highways.** No designated highway is in proximity to the proposed Project Site. Therefore, this exclusion does not apply to the proposed Project.

(e) **Hazardous Waste Sites.** This site is not identified on the EnviroStor list maintained by the Department of Toxic Substances Control. Therefore, this exclusion does not apply to the proposed Project.

(f) **Historical Resources.** There are no historical resources on the site. Therefore, this exclusion does not apply to the proposed Project.

Noticing

Notice of the public hearing regarding the proposed CUP was published in the Palo Verde Times and sent to surrounding property owners on July 29, 2026. No comments were received regarding the proposed CUP as of the publishing of this staff report.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 2026-026

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-026

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, CLASSIFYING THE SALES AND STORAGE OF PREFABRICATED SHEDS USE AS A USE SIMILAR TO CONSTRUCTION SALES AND SERVICES, APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 2607-001 TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF SUCH USE AT 1354 E. HOBSONWAY (APNS: 854-040-016, 854-040-018, 854-040-019 AND 854-040-020), AND MAKING THE DETERMINATION THAT THE PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 15302 (REPLACEMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION), 15303 (NEW CONSTRUCTION OR CONVERSION OF SMALL STRUCTURES) AND 15061(b)(3) (COMMON SENSE EXEMPTION) OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES

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

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2026, the applicant, Watkins Enterprises, LLC, submitted an application requesting approval of a conditional use permit (CUP 2607-001) to operate a sales office for new prefabricated utility sheds with on-site storage for display purposes (the "Project") for the business known as Sunset Sheds at 1354 E. Hobsonway (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the General Plan land use designation for the Property is General Commercial (CG), and the zoning is General Commercial (C-G); and

WHEREAS, Section 17.08.010 of the Blythe Municipal Code outlines the use types permitted in each zone. Pursuant to Section 17.08.030 of the Blythe Municipal Code, the City Council may, by resolution, classify other use types which are similar to and not more obnoxious or detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the community than the use types permitted in any zone; and

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2026, the City Council held a duly noticed public hearing to consider the applicant's request for CUP 2607-001; and

WHEREAS, in making the various findings set forth in this Resolution, the City Council has considered all of the evidence presented by staff, the applicant, and the public, whether written or oral, and has considered the procedures and standards required by the Blythe Municipal Code.

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

SECTION 1. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT.

A. Determination. The City Council finds and determines that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) and 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the CEQA pursuant to Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) of the CEQA Guidelines. Class 2 consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. The Project consists of the removal of an existing 784-square-foot modular office building and replacement of such building with a 392-square-foot premanufactured office building.

The Project is also categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) of the CEQA Guidelines. Class 3 consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. Examples of this exemption include a store, motel, office, restaurant or similar structure not involving the use of significant amounts of hazardous substances, and not exceeding 2,500 square feet in floor area. The Project consists of the installation of a premanufactured office building that is 392 square feet and prefabricated sheds for display purposes. The structures do not use any hazardous substances.

The Project is also exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption) of the CEQA Guidelines. Pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3), where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. The Project consists of the installation of a premanufactured office building and prefabricated sheds for display purposes. There will be no construction on the Project Site. Therefore, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment.

The Project is not subject to any of the exceptions to the exemptions under Section 15300.2 of CEQA. The location of the Project is predominantly urban and not considered a sensitive environment; therefore, the Project will not result in any significant impacts that may otherwise occur in a sensitive environmental area. The cumulative impact of the Project, and the

approval of similar projects in the vicinity, is not expected to have any significant environmental impacts. There are no unusual circumstances on or around this existing commercial building that could result in a reasonable possibility of having significant effect on the environment. There are no designated highways in proximity to the proposed project site and the site is not identified on the EnviroStor list maintained by the Department of Toxic Substances Control. There are no historical resources on the site.

B. Notice of Exemption. The City Council directs staff to file a Notice of Exemption.

SECTION 2. SIMILAR USE. The proposed use is not listed in the Blythe Municipal Code. Section 17.08.010 of the Blythe Municipal Code provides that construction sales and services are allowed in the C-G Zone with a conditional use permit. "Construction sales and services" is defined as a business that primarily engages in construction activities and incidental storage on lots other than construction sites, as well as the retail or wholesale sale, from the premises, of materials used in construction. Although the proposed use is not for construction materials, it will operate in the same manner. There will be sales from the existing building and there will be display sheds on site. The actual construction of the sheds will occur off site. Pursuant to Section 17.08.030 of the Blythe Municipal Code, the City Council finds and determines that the proposed sales and storage of prefabricated sheds use is similar to a construction sales and services use that is conditionally permitted in the General Commercial (C-G) Zone, due to the fact that the proposed use includes incidental storage (display) on a lot other than where sheds will ultimately be built and will include retail sales from the premises.

SECTION 3. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 2607-001. The City Council hereby approves Conditional Use Permit 2607-001 based on the following findings required by Section 17.68.070 of the Blythe Municipal Code and subject to the conditions attached hereto as **Exhibit A.**

A. That the proposed location of the conditional use is in accord with the objectives of this title and the purpose of the zone in which the site is located.

As outlined above, staff is recommending that the City Council classify the sales and storage of prefabricated sheds use as a use similar to construction sales and services. Construction sales and services are permitted in the General Commercial Zone with a conditional use permit. Therefore, the proposed use is in accord with the objectives of Title 17 and the purpose of the zone in which the site is located.

B. The subject site is physically suitable for the type of land use being proposed.

The Project site is located in a commercial area of the City with multiple

uses and similar business types in the vicinity including commercial cannabis cultivation, auto repair, retail and professional services. Interstate 10 is directly south of the Property. The proposed sales and storage of prefabricated sheds use is expected to include a sales office and store approximately ten (10) model sheds in various sizes and characteristics. Once ordered by a customer, the sheds will be fabricated off site and shipped directly to the customer for installation. As such, the use is expected to be quiet in nature with no increase in traffic, noise, or pollution than would be created by similar uses permitted in the General Commercial Zone. Additionally, the site has been vacant for approximately seven (7) months. Approving the proposed use at this site would provide for the maintenance of the site and enhance this area of East Hobsonway. Finally, the Conditions of Approval ensure that the use will be operated in a manner that is not detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare, or materially injurious to properties or improvements in the vicinity. Therefore, the proposed location in which the conditional use and the conditions under which it would be operated or maintained will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare, or materially injurious to properties or improvements in the vicinity.

SECTION 4. RECORD. Each and every one of the findings and determinations in this Resolution are based on the competent and substantial evidence, both oral and written, contained in the entire record relating to the Project. All summaries of information in the findings which precede this section are based on the entire record. The absence of any particular fact from any such summary is not an indication that a particular finding is not based in part on that fact.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

SECTION 6. CERTIFICATION. 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 11th day of August, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

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Joseph DeConinck, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____

Mallory Crecelius, City Clerk

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A

CITY OF BLYTHE

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 2607-001

1. The applicant accepts all of the Conditions of Approval set forth herein and shall sign the acknowledgement.

2. The applicant shall comply with all written policies, resolutions, ordinances, and all applicable laws in effect at time of approval. The Conditions of Approval shall supersede all conflicting notations, specifications, and dimensions which may be shown on the project development plans.

3. To the maximum extent permitted by law, the applicant and any successor in interest shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Blythe and its elected and appointed officials, officers, agents and employees from and against any and all actions, claims, damages, liabilities and/or proceedings (collectively referred to as "action") arising out of or in any way relating to the applicant's project or any approvals granted by the City related to the applicant's project, including, but not limited to, any action to attack, challenge, set aside, void, or otherwise modify or annul the approval of any entitlement or permit relating to the project or the environmental review of any entitlement relating to the project. The indemnification and hold harmless shall include, but not be limited to, any and all costs incurred by the City in defense of any action arising out of or relating to the applicant's project or any approvals granted by the City related to the applicant's project, including, but not limited to, payment of all court costs and attorneys' fees, costs of any judgements or awards against the City (including any award of attorneys' fees), damages, and/or settlement costs. The City shall have the right to choose its own legal counsel to represent the City's interests, and the applicant shall indemnify City for such costs incurred by the City.

4. In the event that the applicant/developer/successor in interest violates or fails to comply with any of the Conditions of Approval of this permit, the City may take measures to cure such violations, including but not limited to, administrative citation and full reimbursement of the City for its costs and expenses, including but not limited to, attorney's fees, in undertaking such corrective action. Reimbursement of enforcement costs shall constitute a civil debt and may be collected by any means permitted by law. In the event that violations of this permit occur, the City may refrain from issuing further permits, licenses or other approvals until such violations have been fully remedied.

5. Pursuant to Blythe Municipal Code section 17.68.110, CUP 2607-001 shall lapse if no improvements to the property concerned have been made, and the holder of

the permit has not utilized it within one (1) year from the date upon which the permit was granted.

6. The project shall comply with all applicable portions of the City adopted version of the California Building Code (Title 24, California Code of Regulations).

7. For all private improvements, the applicant or successor in interest shall submit a completed building permit application (with valuation of work) and three (3) complete sets of construction/installation plans to the City Building Department.

8. The applicant/developer/successor in interest shall provide the City Building Department with a list of all contractors and/or subcontractors for the project, when such information becomes available.

9. The applicant/developer/successor in interest shall ensure that all contractors and/or subcontractors for the project hold a current and active California State Contractor License and provide to City verification of workers' compensation insurance prior to commencement of work on the project.

10. The applicant/developer/successor in interest shall ensure that all contractors and/or subcontractors for the project obtain a City Business License before commencing work on the project.

11. The applicant/developer/successor in interest shall provide and maintain landscaping as required by Chapter 17.22 of the Blythe Municipal Code. The applicant/developer/successor in interest shall submit a detailed landscape plan to the Development Services Department showing areas to be landscaped, with a list of all trees and shrubs to be used and the proposed automatic controlled irrigation system. The applicant/developer/successor in interest is encouraged to use native type vegetation. The applicant/developer/successor in interest shall install landscaping in accordance with the plans approved by the Development Services Department.

12. The applicant/developer/successor in interest shall maintain landscaping in a healthy and well-kept manner at all times including the public right-of-way. Dead or damaged landscape material/vegetation shall be replaced immediately. The irrigation system shall be maintained at all times.

13. The applicant/developer/successor in interest shall post the street address for the property at a location clearly visible from East Hobsonway.

14. The applicant/developer/successor in interest shall comply with the City's sign regulations set forth in Chapter 17.26 of the Blythe Municipal Code, including, but not limited to, regulations regarding temporary banners.

15. The applicant/developer/successor in interest shall install a permanent sign identifying the business operating at the project site. Such sign shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 17.26 of the Blythe Municipal Code.

16. The applicant/developer/successor in interest shall maintain the property in a clean and orderly condition at all times and remove any graffiti from the site within forty-eight (48) hours of its discovery in matching colors to the existing improvements.

17. The applicant/developer/successor in interest shall obtain approval from the United States Postal Services regarding mailbox type and location.

18. Pursuant to Section 17.24.020 of the Blythe Municipal Code, all exterior mechanical equipment shall be screened from public view. Plain boxes and/or lattice screening are not acceptable. Screening details shall incorporate "capping" elements, and the same exterior trim details and materials found elsewhere on the site.

19. The applicant/developer/successor in interest shall comply with Chapter 17.20 of the Blythe Municipal Code regarding trash enclosures. The applicant/developer/successor in interest shall obtain approval from the City and the City's contracted waste hauler of the location of the trash enclosure(s).

20. The applicant/developer/successor in interest shall accommodate access and entry to the property and all buildings and structures on the property for any fire inspector, building official, emergency service personnel or any other official charged with carrying out the laws of the City, state, or federal government.

18. All parking areas shall be surfaced or paved with asphalt or concrete of at least two and one-half (2.5) inch thickness over suitable base materials. The parking lot shall be striped and signed, with car stops/bumpers, and shall thereafter be maintained in good condition. The site plan submitted with the building permit application shall comply with and reflect the parking requirements outlined in Chapter 17.16 of the Blythe Municipal Code, including, but not limited to:
    a. Spaces Required – one space for each 500 square feet of gross floor area of the building.
    b. Accessible Parking Requirements – Two percent (2%) of the total required spaces shall be accessible parking. The accessible parking stall ramp shall comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.
    c. Electric Vehicle (EV) Capable Spaces – EV capable spaces as required by Section 5.106.5.3 of the 2026 California Green Building Standards Code.

19. The applicant/developer/successor in interest shall comply with Chapter 17.27 of the Blythe Municipal Code regarding arts in public places, including, but not limited to, including public arts amenities or making a payment of one percent (1%) of the project costs in lieu of including public arts amenities.

The applicant certifies that it has read, understands and agrees to comply with the Conditions of Approval for Conditional Use Permit 2607-001 listed herein.

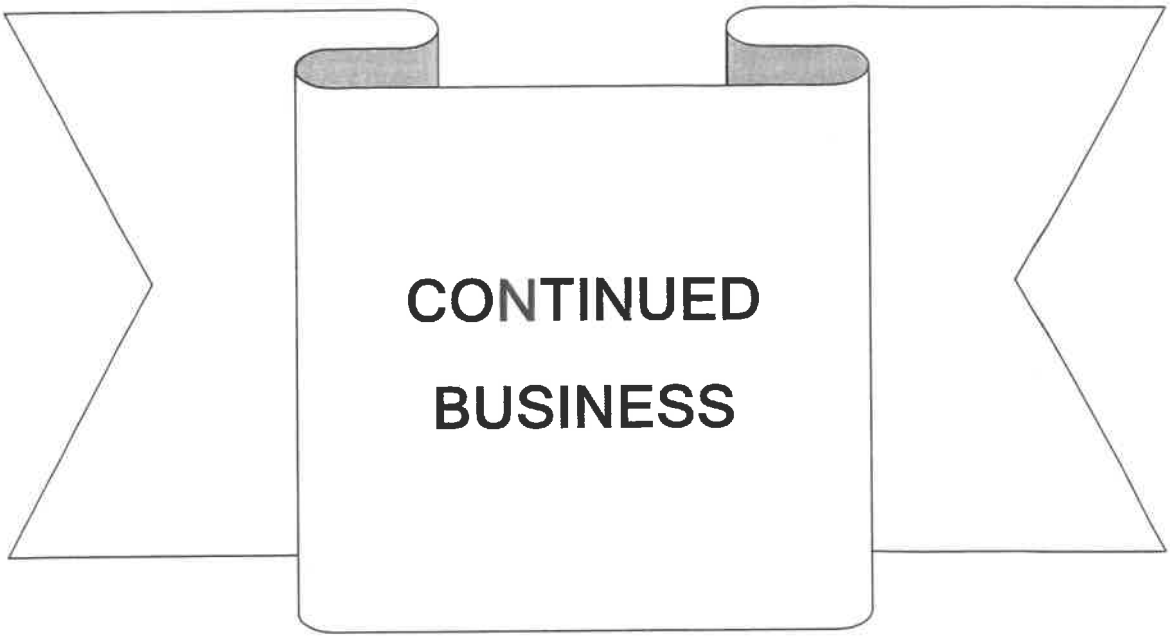
Applicant: Watkin Enterprises, LLC

_____ _____

Signature Date

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Name and Title


CONTINUED
BUSINESS

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 11, 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 request assistance in identifying an oversight body for the Palo Verde Healthcare District.

After learning the hospital had shuttered operations except for the Emergency Room, Laboratory and Radiology, City officials contacted State and Federal officials requesting assistance. 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 successor 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 a 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


NEW BUSINESS

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 11, 2026

SUBJECT: Ordinance Adopting Amended Military Equipment Policy 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 introduce Ordinance No. 947-26:

ORDINANCE NO. 947-26 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN AMENDED MILITARY EQUIPMENT POLICY AND FINDING THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15061(b)(3) (COMMON SENSE EXEMPTION)

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, 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.

On May 10, 2022, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 915-22, adopting a Military Equipment Use 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, adopting an amended Military Equipment Use Policy. On July 9, 2024, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 930-24, adopting an amended Military Equipment Use Policy. On June 10, 2025, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 941-25, adopting an amended Military Equipment Policy. 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.

STAFF REPORT: On June 16, 2026, the Police Department presented the Annual Military Equipment Report to the City Council. On June 24, 2026, the Police Department held a community engagement meeting 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 is proposing to amend the policy to include additional equipment. The policy continues to contemplate use of military equipment owned by other law enforcement agencies. The proposed amended policy is included as Exhibit A to the proposed ordinance.

To comply with AB 481, the Police Department is recommending that the City Council introduce Ordinance No. 947-26 to adopt an amended Military Equipment Policy.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ordinance No. 947-26

ORDINANCE NO. 947-26

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN AMENDED MILITARY EQUIPMENT POLICY AND FINDING THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15061(b)(3) (COMMON SENSE EXEMPTION)

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

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 481 ("AB 481"), relating to the use of military equipment by California law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, AB 481 became effective January 1, 2022 and is codified at Sections 7070 through 7057 of Chapter 12.8 of Division 7 of Title 1 of the California Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the term "military equipment" is defined in California Government Code Section 7070; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, AB 481 requires, among other things, that a law enforcement agency obtain approval from the governing body, by an ordinance adopting a military equipment use policy that includes a description of the equipment, quantity, capabilities, expected lifespan, purposes and authorized uses, fiscal impact, legal and procedural rules governing authorized uses, required training, mechanisms to ensure compliance with the agency's use policy, and procedures by which members of the public may register complaints or concerns or submit questions about the use of each type of equipment, prior to taking certain actions relating to the funding, acquisition or use of military equipment, including military equipment acquired prior to January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2022, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 914-22, adopting a Military Equipment Use Policy; and

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2023, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 922-23, adopting an amended Military Equipment Use Policy; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2024, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 930-24, adopting an amended Military Equipment Use Policy; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2025, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 941-25, adopting an amended Military Equipment Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Blythe Police Department is in possession of certain items of equipment that qualify as "military equipment" under AB 481 and further intends to acquire other items of military equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Blythe Police Department has prepared a proposed amended Military Equipment Policy, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the Blythe Police Department submitted the proposed amended Military Equipment Policy to the City Council and made the proposed amended Military Equipment Policy available on the City's website for at least 30 days prior to the first public meeting concerning the proposed Military Equipment Policy on August 11, 2026; and

WHEREAS, as required by AB 481, the City Council determines as follows:

(a) the military equipment is necessary because there is no reasonable alternative that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety; and

(b) the proposed military equipment use policy will safeguard the public's health, welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties; and

(c) the equipment is reasonably cost effective compared to available alternatives that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety; and

(d) prior military equipment use complied with the military equipment use policy that was in effect at the time, or if prior uses did not comply with the accompanying military equipment use policy, corrective action has been taken to remedy nonconforming uses and ensure future compliance; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Military Equipment Policy satisfies the requirements of California Government Code Section 7070(d); and

WHEREAS, all legal prerequisites prior to the adoption of this Ordinance have occurred.

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

SECTION 1. Recitals. The City Council finds that all the recitals, facts, findings, and conclusions set forth above in the preamble of this Ordinance are true and correct.

SECTION 2. Approval of Military Equipment Policy. The City Council, having received the information required under AB 481 regarding the Blythe Police Department's use of military equipment as defined in said law, deems it to be in the best interest of the City to and hereby approves the amended Military Equipment Policy attached hereto as Exhibit "A." The Military Equipment Policy shall govern the approval, acquisition, use and reporting of military equipment by the Blythe Police Department.

SECTION 3. Environmental Compliance. The City Council hereby finds that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption and implementation of this Ordinance, which relates to the funding, acquisition, and use of items that meet the definition of "military equipment" under AB 481, will have a significant effect on the environment. The Ordinance is therefore exempt from the environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption) of the CEQA Guidelines.

SECTION 4. Uncodified Ordinance. This Ordinance shall not be codified in the Blythe Municipal Code unless and until the City Council so ordains.

SECTION 5. Inconsistencies. Any provision of the Blythe Municipal Code or appendices thereto inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, to the extent of such inconsistencies and no further, is hereby repealed or modified to that extent necessary to affect the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council of the City of Blythe hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases or portions be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its final passage.

SECTION 8. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published or posted in the manner required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

_____
Joseph DeConinck
Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Mallory Crecelius
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_____
Brittany E. Roberto
City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

MILITARY EQUIPMENT POLICY

Military Equipment

706.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the approval, acquisition, and reporting requirements of military equipment (Government Code § 7070; Government Code § 7071; Government Code § 7072).

706.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include (Government Code § 7070):

Governing body – means the elected or appointed body that oversees the Department.

Military equipment – has the meaning set forth in Government Code § 7070(c), as amended from time to time, and includes the following:

- Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles.
- Mine-resistant ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicles or armored personnel carriers.
- High mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles (HMMWV), commonly referred to as Humvees, two-and-one-half-ton trucks, five-ton trucks, or wheeled vehicles that have a breaching or entry apparatus attached.
- Tracked armored vehicles that provide ballistic protection to their occupants and utilize a tracked system instead of wheels for forward motion.
- Command and control vehicles that are either built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units.
- Weaponized aircraft, vessels, or vehicles of any kind.
- Battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature. Items designed to remove a lock, such as bolt cutters, or a handheld ram designed to be operated by one person, are specifically excluded.
- Firearms of .50 caliber or greater, excluding standard-issue shotguns.
- Ammunition of.50 caliber or greater, excluding standard issue shotgun ammunition.
- Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber, including assault weapons as defined in Sections 30510 and 30515 of the Penal Code, with the exception of standard issue service weapons and ammunition.
- Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles.
- "Flashbang" grenades and explosive breaching tools, "tear gas," and "pepper balls," excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray.
- TASER® Shockwave, microwave weapons, water cannons, and the Long-Range Acoustic Devices (LRAD).
- The following projectile launch platforms and their associated munitions: 40mm projectile launchers, "bean bag," rubber bullet, and specialty impact munition (SIM) weapons.

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- Any other equipment as determined by a governing body or a state agency to require additional oversight.
- Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) through (o), "military equipment" does not include general equipment not designated as prohibited or controlled by the federal Defense Logistics Agency.

706.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Blythe Police Department that members of this department comply with the provisions of Government Code § 7071-7072 with respect to military equipment.

706.3 MILITARY EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR

The Chief of Policeor his/her designee shall be the military equipment coordinator. The responsibilities of the military equipment coordinator include, but are not limited to:

(a) Acting as liaison to the governing body for matters related to the requirements of this policy.

(b) Identifying department equipment that qualifies as military equipment in the current possession of the Department, or the equipment the Department intends to acquire that requires approval by the governing body.

(c) Conducting an inventory of all military equipment annually.

(d) Collaborating with any allied agency that may use military equipment within the jurisdiction of Blythe Police Department (Government Code § 7071).

(e) Preparing for, scheduling, and coordinating the annual community engagement meeting to include:

1. Coordinating with the City Clerk's Office to publicize the details of the meeting.
2. Preparing for public questions regarding the department's funding, acquisition, and use of equipment.

(f) Preparing the annual military equipment report for submission to the governing body and ensuring that the report is made available on the Department's website (Government Code § 7072).

(g) Establishing the procedure for a person to register a complaint or concern, or how that person may submit a question about the use of a type of military equipment, and how the Department will respond in a timely manner.

706.4 MILITARY EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

The following constitutes a list of qualifying equipment for the Department:

See Attachment A (Military Equipment List).

706.5 APPROVAL

The Chief of Police or his/her authorized designee shall obtain approval from the governing body by way of an ordinance adopting the military equipment policy. As part of the approval process,

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the Chief of Police or his/her authorized designee shall ensure the proposed military equipment policy is submitted to the governing body and is available on the department website at least 30 days prior to any public hearing concerning the military equipment at issue (Government Code § 7071). The military equipment policy must be approved by the governing body prior to engaging in any of the activities outlined in Government Code § 7071.

706.6 COORDINATION WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS

As established through past practice and mutual aid agreements, any jurisdiction through contract, mutual aid agreement or request must accept the Department's policies and procedures governing the deployment of equipment utilized by Blythe Police Department employees. This is reciprocal to other law enforcement agencies.

Through the Association of Riverside County Chiefs of Police and Sheriff (ARCCOPS) mutual aid agreement, all cities within Riverside County have agreed to accept the use of each law enforcement agency's military equipment policy related to any enforcement action throughout Riverside County.

Military equipment used by any member of this Department shall be approved for use and in accordance with this Department policy. Military equipment used by other jurisdictions that are providing mutual aid to this jurisdiction shall comply with their respective military equipment use policies in rendering mutual aid. Situations may arise where the Blythe Police Department may deploy or use military equipment owned by other law enforcement agencies. The following constitutes a non-exhaustive list of such equipment the Blythe Police Department is authorized to deploy or use:

See Attachment B (Military Equipment List-Equipment Owned by Other Agencies).

The Blythe Police Department hereby adopts the military equipment use policy as is approved, and may be amended from time to time, under Government Code § 7070 et seq., for jurisdictions that the Blythe Police Department may engage with to provide mutual aid. This section is in no way a limitation to the ability of the Blythe Police Department to deploy or use the military equipment of another jurisdiction.

706.7 ANNUAL REPORT

Upon approval of a military equipment policy, the Chief of Police or his/her authorized designee should submit a military equipment report to the governing body for each type of military equipment approved within one year of approval, and annually thereafter for as long as the military equipment is available for use (Government Code § 7072).

The Chief of Police or his/her authorized designee shall also make each annual military equipment report publicly available on the department website for as long as the military equipment is available for use. The report shall include all information required by Government Code § 7072 for the preceding calendar year for each type of military equipment in department inventory.

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706.8 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Within 30 days of submitting and publicly releasing the annual report, the Department shall hold at least one well-publicized and conveniently located community engagement meeting, at which the Department should discuss the report and respond to public questions regarding the funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment.

706.9 COMPLIANCE PROCEDURE

This procedure is to ensure compliance with the military equipment use policy. All complaints, concerns, or questions submitted regarding this policy will be handled pursuant to the Department's normal complaint process and be handled in a timely manner.

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Attachments

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A. Military Equipment List.pdf

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MILITARY EQUIPMENT LIST

1. **Armored Vehicles**
   a. Description, quantity, and capabilities
      (i) 2000 Dodge PeaceKeeper Armored Rescue truck. Quantity not to exceed 1. This vehicle has been replaced by the vehicle listed below and is awaiting transfer to the federal government.
      (ii) 2010 Oshkosh Defense Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) All-Terrain Vehicle (M-ATV) on loan from the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO). Quantity not to exceed 1.

      Capabilities: The capabilities of armored vehicles are similar to a 4x4 SUV and can protect occupants from handgun and rifle fire of a caliber typically found in the State of California and used against law enforcement. Armored vehicles provide safety for law enforcement personnel and victims being evacuated from dangerous situations.
   b. Purpose
      Used during high-risk tactical enforcement operations, officer rescues, and vehicle borne interventions. Additional deployments are used during criminal unrest and riots. Rescue vehicles provide ballistic safety during containment and apprehension of armed violent suspects.
   c. Authorized Use
      Only assigned operators who have completed the required training shall be permitted to operate Armored Vehicles.
   d. Expected Life Span
      4 to 6 years.
   e. Fiscal Impact; Cost
      The MRAP vehicle was obtained from LESO at no cost to the general fund. Annual maintenance cost is approximately $1,000.
   f. Training:
      In-house training is required to operate the armored vehicle.
   g. Legal and Procedural Rules
      This armored vehicle is utilized in accordance with the California Vehicle Code.

2. **Command and Control Vehicles**
   a. Description, quantity, and capabilities
      2009 36' Eagle Command Post, equipped with shelving, mounted generator power source, workstations and related equipment for responding and handling large and small incidents. Quantity not to exceed 1.
   b. Purpose
      Used in fire emergencies, search and rescue operations, extended crime scenes, large public events and for extended remote projects or trainings.
   c. Authorized Use
      Only assigned operators who have completed the required training shall be permitted to operate the Mobile Command Post.

d. Expected Life Span
5 to 7 years.

e. Fiscal Impact; Cost
The Riverside County Sheriff's Department donated the Mobile Command Post. Initial costs included approximately $3,000 for decals, supplies and safety inspection. Annual maintenance cost is approximately $2,000.

f. Training
All authorized operators will complete in-house training on the operation of the Mobile Command Post.

g. Legal and Procedural Rules
The Mobile Command Post is utilized in accordance with the California Vehicle Code.

3. Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS)

a. Description, quantity, and capabilities
(i) DJI Mavic 2 Enterprise Advanced. Quantity not to exceed 6.
(ii) DJI Mavic 3 Enterprise Advanced. Quantity not to exceed 4.
(iii) DJI Matrice 30T. Quantity not to exceed 4.
(iv) DJI Matrice 4. Quantity not to exceed 2.
(v) DJI Avata. Quantity not to exceed 4.
Capabilities: UAS can provide aerial views above an area to be searched or an incident in progress. UAS can be used to collect evidence in the form photos and/or videos to support investigations, look for missing persons, and provide overwatch for personnel on the ground.

b. Purpose
A UAS is deployed when its view would assist officers or incident commanders with the following situations, which include but are not limited to:
(i) major collision investigations,
(ii) search for missing persons,
(iii) natural disaster management,
(iv) crime scene photography,
(v) SWAT, tactical or other public safety and life preservation missions, and
(vi) in response to specific requests from local, state or federal fire authorities for fire response and/or prevention.

c. Authorized Use
Only assigned operators who have completed the required training shall be permitted to operate any UAS during approved missions.

d. Expected Life Span
Approximately 3 to 5 years.

e. Fiscal Impact; Cost
(i) DJI Mavic 2 Enterprise Advanced – Initial cost of approximately $10,000 per unit.
(ii) DJI Mavic 3 Enterprise Advanced – Initial cost of approximately $12,000 per unit.

(iii) DJI Matrice 30T – Initial cost of approximately $21,000 per unit.
(iv) DJI Matrice 4 – Initial cost of approximately $13,500 per unit.
(v) DJI Avata – Initial cost of approximately $1,450 per unit.
Annual maintenance and battery replacement cost is approximately $1,000 to $2,200 per unit.

f. Training
All Blythe Police Department UAS operators are licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration for UAS operation. In addition, each operator must attend a 40-hour Department training and ongoing quarterly training.

g. Legal and Procedural Rules
FAA Regulation 14 CFR Part 107 and the Blythe Police Department's UAS Policy. UAS are used only for official law enforcement purposes, and in a manner that respects the privacy of our community, pursuant to State and Federal law.

4. Firearms

a. Description, quantity, and capabilities
(i) Colt Commando M4 Carbine enhanced patrol rifles. Quantity not to exceed 35. These rifles are capable of both long distance and close defensive fire, and are only used to preserve life.
(ii) B&T 9mm select fire rifles. Quantity not to exceed 8. These firearms are used for close defensive fire, and are only used to preserve life.
(iii) 9mm Glock 18 pistols. Quantity not to exceed 4. These firearms are used for close defensive fire, and are only used to preserve life.
(iv) Remington 870 shotguns, converted to less lethal with green stocks for identification purposes. Quantity not to exceed 15. Beanbag rounds are used in these converted shotguns and may be deployed to impact subjects who demonstrate assaultive or life-threatening behavior. Beanbag rounds may also be used to control an actively resistive subject reasonably believed to possess or have immediate access to a deadly weapon. The main objectives that officers attempt to achieve in using a beanbag round on a subject exhibiting any of the criteria mentioned above are to effect investigative detention or arrest; control a subject who is in lawful custody; prevent an escape; or protect the officer, the subject, or another person from injury or death.
(v) H&K 9mm/55.6 cal MP5 style select fire rifles. Quantity not to exceed 8. These firearms are used for close defensive fire and are only used to preserve life.
(vi) Ruger Mini 14 AC-556 select fire rifle. Quantity not to exceed 1. This rifle is capable of both long distance and close defensive fire and is only used to preserve life.

b. Purpose
Deployed by patrol officers in tactical or other public safety and life preservation missions.

c. Authorized Use
Only assigned peace officers who have completed the required training shall be permitted to deploy these firearms.

d. Expected Life Span
8 to 15 years.

e. Fiscal Impact; Cost
The Colt rifles were obtained with trade-in credit at no cost to the City's general fund. The 9mm rifles were obtained with trade-in credit, other law enforcement donations or asset forfeiture funds and had no cost to the City's general fund. The 9mm Glock 18 pistols were obtained through asset forfeiture funds. The Ruger Mini 14 was obtained through a trade with the Imperial Police Department and had no impact on the City's general fund. Annual maintenance cost for all firearms is approximately $2,500.

f. Training
All Blythe Police Department members assigned to deploy these firearms in the course of duty shall have completed a 16-hour training course presented by POST-certified Range Instructors who are currently employed by the Blythe Police Department.

g. Legal and Procedural Rules
The Blythe Police Department utilizes firearms only for official law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to State and Federal law, including laws regarding the use of force.

5. Ammunition

a. Description, quantity, and capabilities
CTS Model 2581 Super Sock Bean Bag Rounds or similar product. Quantity not to exceed 1,000 rounds. This round is fired from a 12 gauge shotgun as a less lethal munition with a maximum effective range of 75 feet.

b. Purpose
Beanbag rounds are used in converted shotguns and may be deployed to impact subjects who demonstrate assaultive or life-threatening behavior. Beanbag rounds may also be used to control an actively resistive subject reasonably believed to possess or have immediate access to a deadly weapon. The main objectives that officers attempt to achieve in using a beanbag round on a subject exhibiting any of the criteria mentioned above are to effect investigative detention or arrest; control a subject who is in lawful custody; prevent an escape; or protect the officer, the subject, or another person from injury or death.

c. Authorized Use
Only officers that have been trained by POST-certified, Less-Lethal instructors shall be permitted to use bean bag rounds.

d. Expected Life Span
2 years.

e. Fiscal Impact; Cost
Initial cost of $7 per round.

f. Training
Assigned officers are required to complete training provided by POST-certified, Less-Lethal instructors.

g. Legal and Procedural Rules
The Blythe Police Department utilizes less lethal beanbag rounds only for official law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to State and Federal law, including laws regarding the use of force.

6. Breaching Apparatuses

a. Description, quantity, and capabilities
(i) Remington 870 Shotgun with breaching type barrel. Quantity not to exceed 4. Provides option to gain forced entry during legal service of search warrant or exigent circumstances.
(ii) Defense Technology Breaching Rounds or similar product. Quantity not to exceed 100 rounds. Specialized tactical munition designed to defeat door locks, hinges, and deadbolts.

b. Purpose
Used for forced entry during the execution of a search warrant or in exigent circumstances.

c. Authorized Use
Operation of this device is only authorized in the service of a lawful search warrant or in other exigent circumstances by authorized operators.

d. Expected Life Span
10 years.

e. Fiscal Impact; Cost
Initial cost of $40 to convert existing inventory. Maintenance costs included among annual firearm maintenance costs.

f. Training
Authorized operators complete in-house training on the operation of the breaching apparatus.

g. Legal and Procedural Rules
The Blythe Police Department utilizes breaching tools only for official law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to State and Federal law.

7. Flash Bang Grenades

a. Description, quantity, and capabilities
Defense Technology Non-Reloadable Distraction Device. Quantity not to exceed 100. Flash bang grenades are a non-lethal diversionary devise intended to temporarily incapacitate threats by producing a brilliant flash of light and a deafening bang.

b. Purpose
Used to create a diversion to support high risk entries in police operations.

c. Authorized Use
Only assigned officers who have completed the required training shall be permitted to operate flash bang grenades.

d. Expected Life Span
2 years.

e. Fiscal Impact; Cost
Initial cost of approximately $100 per unit.

f. Training
Training on proper method of deployment is included as part of SWAT training.

g. Legal and Procedural Rules
ATF regulates the sale and storage of distraction devices. The Blythe Police Department utilizes flash bang grenades only for official law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to State and Federal law.

8. Pepper Ball Carbines and Pepper Balls

a. Description, quantity, and capabilities
(i) PepperBall carbines. Quantity not to exceed 4. Provide a non-lethal force option to reduce the need for lethal force.
(ii) PepperBall Live PAVA Capsaicin II projectiles. Quantity not to exceed 2,000. Pepper balls are filled with oleoresin capsicum (OC). The pepper ball delivery system combines chemical agent exposure with kinetic energy impact to aid in its effectiveness.

b. Purpose
Pepper ball carbines are one of the Department's non-lethal options when stopping violent persons, dispersing large crowds and stopping attacks by uncontrolled animals.

c. Authorized Use
Only assigned peace officers who have completed the required training shall be permitted to operate pepper ball carbines.

d. Expected Life Span
2 to 4 years.

e. Fiscal Impact; Cost
Initial cost is approximately $1,400 per unit for the pepper ball carbines and $800 for the pepper balls. Annual maintenance costs are approximately $1,500.

f. Training
Training on proper methods of deployment is provided to all peace officers employed by the Blythe Police Department.

g. Legal and Procedural Rules
Although no state laws restrict the use of pepper ball carbines for police service, the Blythe Police Department adheres to Department policies and proper methods of deployment.

9. Less Lethal Launcher and Chemical Agent Rounds

a. Description, quantity, and capabilities
(i) Penn Arms 40MM Multi Shot Less Lethal/Chemical Agent Launcher. Quantity not to exceed 1. Deploy less lethal chemical agent rounds.
(ii) B&T 40MM Single Shot Less Lethal/Chemical Agent Launcher. Quantity not to exceed 2. Deploy less lethal chemical agent rounds.

(iii) Mossberg 590 Shotgun with Chemical Agent Launching Cup, Chemical Agent Orange Stocks for identification purposes. Quantity not to exceed 2. This launcher is a modified shotgun that is used to launch non-lethal chemical agent canisters to disperse rioting suspects or barricaded suspects.

(iv) Combined Systems Inc. and AMTEC Less-Lethal Systems 40MM Foam Baton Rounds. Quantity not to exceed 50. Momentarily incapacitate violent and non-compliant subjects.

(v) Combined Systems Inc. and AMTEC Less-Lethal Systems Chemical Agent rounds are filled with oleoresin capsicum (OC) or Chlorobenzylidene Malononitrile (CS). Quantity not to exceed 250.

b. Purpose

Less lethal launchers and chemical agent rounds are one of the Department's non-lethal options when stopping violent persons, dispersing large crowds and clearing buildings of barricaded suspects.

c. Authorized Use

Only assigned peace officers who have completed the required training shall be permitted to operate less lethal launchers.

d. Expected Life Span

2 to 4 years.

e. Fiscal Impact; Cost

The initial cost for the multi shot less lethal chemical agent launcher is approximately $3,500 per unit. The initial cost for the single shot less lethal chemical agent launcher is approximately $3,000 per unit, The initial cost for the Mossberg 590 Shotgun with Chemical Agent Launching Cup is approximately $1,000 per unit and $45 per round for the chemical agents. The initial cost of the 40MM foam batons is approximately $32 per round. Annual maintenance costs are approximately $100.

f. Training

Training on the proper methods of deployment is provided to all peace officers employed by the Blythe Police Department.

g. Legal and Procedural Rules

The Blythe Police Department adheres to Department policies and proper methods of deployment.

B. Military Equipment List-Equipment Owned by Other Agencies.pdf

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MILITARY EQUIPMENT LIST-EQUIPMENT OWNED BY OTHER AGENCIES

- **Unmanned, remotely piloted powered aerial or ground vehicles**
  - Search and locate reported missing children or at-risk adults
  - Search and rescue operations to locate lost or injured hikers
  - A law enforcement specific application involving Aerial drones are used for open terrain or large field searches as a force-multiplier to assist in high-risk apprehensions of armed or violent suspects. Aerial drones can be used as an interior search tool to locate suspects barricaded inside a residence or commercial structure.
    A tracked armored vehicle remotely piloted for use in explosive ordinance disposal
  - Unmanned robotics have numerous applications and are used instead of personnel in high-risk environments to increase safety for law enforcement

- **Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Vehicle**
  - The MRAP is a large ballistic armored rescue vehicle which can be used for a number of critical situations. It can be deployed for aid during search warrant services as well as rescue missions to include civilians, officers, and hostage situations with seating for 10 adults
  - The MRAP is primarily used in open desert areas; however, it can be used in any dangerous weather condition with the ability of extreme off-road capabilities. The
  - MRAP is also used for large parcel outdoor illegal marijuana grow enforcement.
  - The MRAP has 4X4 capability and able to transport or evacuate victims in a flood, fire or other natural disaster. Operation requires a Class "B" driver's license

- **Armored vehicles**
  - Inventory includes four (4) LENCO Ballistic Engineered Armored Response Counter-Attack Trucks (BEAR-CATS). The BEAR-CATS, or rescue vehicles, are primarily used during high-risk tactical enforcement operations, officer rescues, and vehicle borne interventions. Additional deployments are used during criminal unrest and riots. Rescue vehicles provide ballistic safety during containment and apprehension of armed violent suspects
  - Rescue vehicle for on-campus active shooter incidents to rescue injured victims
  - 4X4 capability to transport or evacuate victims in a flood, fire or other natural disaster
  - BOMB-CAT bullet resistant rescue vehicle provisioned with a front mounted water cannon. BOMB-CAT use is for tactical operations and explosive ordinance mitigation and fire suppression
  - Rescue vehicles provide numerous safety capabilities for law enforcement, victim rescues, and overall community safety

- **Vehicles with breaching or entry apparatus attachable**
  - BEAR-CAT vehicles have attachable metal booms that can be used for breaching structures, fences, or ramming objects during high-risk incidents, to include active shooter incidents on school grounds or buildings
  - TAC-CAT vehicles have a tracked bullet resistant caterpillar tractor driven and deployed during high-risk and tactical operations with various hydraulic boom attachments including claw, chemical agent dispersal box and ram extension

- **Non-handheld battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature**
  - Explosive breaching tools
  - Avon frangible shotgun ammunition is used to breach doors and points of entry on fortified doors or structures. The rounds are used to impact door hinges, doorknobs and locks

- **Assault weapons defined under PC 30510 & PC 30515**
  - Inventory includes AR style rifles that function at full and semi-automatic capability (fully automatic rifles are only assigned to SWAT personnel)
  - Semi-automatic Benelli shotguns
  - Increased accuracy and precision at long range distances
  - Currently used by most law enforcement agencies across the nation

- **Flashbang grenades**
  - Light Sound Diversionary Device (LSDD-"Flashbangs") are used to minimize risk to all parties through the temporary distraction or disorientation of armed and violent suspects that pose significant danger to the deputies and community. The effects of the LSDD reduce a suspect's reactionary capabilities and allow for momentary disorientation which creates a tactical advantage. LSDD is a hand delivered device and generally deployed on the exterior of structures
  - Provides a humane fright to aggressive dogs that pose a threat to deputies
  - Explosive breaching tools are used to breach fortified structures to establish a point of entry. Explosive charges are fashioned to produce little to no fragmentation at the time of detonation. Explosive breaching effectively reduces the time spent overcoming a fortified door or structure. The reduction in time mitigating a hardened structure increases officer safety and the element of surprise. Blast injuries are reduced by using low yield explosives that mechanically overcome door frames and locking mechanisms. Explosive breaching mandates extensive schooling and certification processes

- **Tear gas**
  - Chemical agents are deployed through various means to include hand delivery and weapon launchable, such as pepper ball. Munitions are either 37mm or 40mm caliber, shotgun ferret rounds or cannister shotgun launched ordinance. Hand delivered chemical agents are placed in metal burn boxes to reduce fire hazards

- **Water cannon**
  - The BOMB-CAT bullet resistant rescue vehicle is provisioned with a front mounted water cannon. BOMB-CAT use is for tactical operations, explosive ordinance mitigation and fire suppression

- **Long Range Acoustic Device (LRAD)**
  - LRAD is an acoustic hailing device used for emitting amplified public announcements during search warrant services, barricaded suspects, or tactical operations. The loud audible technology ensures broadcasted announcements are loud and clear while offering advantages over less amplified patrol car PA systems. The LRAD can also be used for public announcements or safety advisements during natural disasters or evacuations
  - The larger LRAD 1000 system is portable and can be used for criminal unrest and rioting to provide clear dispersal orders for unlawful assembly

- **Command and control vehicles built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units**
  - Command vehicles are built in various platforms to include ½ ton pickup chassis, vans, trailers, and RV style configurations. Vehicles are built to better assist in command and control during law enforcement operations, natural disasters, and public safety issues. Vehicles are designed with additional communication abilities, computers, white boards, lighting, generators, and mission essential supplies

- **40mm projectile launchers**
  - Less lethal 40mm launchers and rubber projectile munitions are configured for high and low energy impact. Munitions have the additional benefit as a barrier round for breaking vehicle and residential glass so that chemical munitions can be deployed. 40mm less lethal has been effective in disarming violent suspects, armed suspects, and subjects who are suicidal with minimal injury and risk to the person, law enforcement or the public

- **Bean bag launchers**
  - Less lethal bean bags are utilized through a marked/orange colored easily identifiable less lethal shotgun. The bean bag round is a small led pellet filled munition made of high-density cloth. The bean bag is the predecessor to 40mm less lethal having similar benefits as other less lethal platforms

- **Rubber projectile launchers**
  - Sting ball grenade launches .38 caliber rubber projectiles and are hand delivered. Generalized use in a tactical operation is infrequent in use and deployment. Search warrants, violent combative subjects, or hostage rescue scenarios are criteria for consideration and use against suspects. Sting balls have a greater application in a Jail Corrections Environment.
  - 40mm and 37 mm launchers capable of deploying rubber projectile munitions. An effective less lethal tool used routinely with success

ORDINANCE NO. 947-26

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN AMENDED MILITARY EQUIPMENT POLICY AND FINDING THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15061(b)(3) (COMMON SENSE EXEMPTION)

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

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 481 ("AB 481"), relating to the use of military equipment by California law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, AB 481 became effective January 1, 2022 and is codified at Sections 7070 through 7057 of Chapter 12.8 of Division 7 of Title 1 of the California Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the term "military equipment" is defined in California Government Code Section 7070; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, AB 481 requires, among other things, that a law enforcement agency obtain approval from the governing body, by an ordinance adopting a military equipment use policy that includes a description of the equipment, quantity, capabilities, expected lifespan, purposes and authorized uses, fiscal impact, legal and procedural rules governing authorized uses, required training, mechanisms to ensure compliance with the agency's use policy, and procedures by which members of the public may register complaints or concerns or submit questions about the use of each type of equipment, prior to taking certain actions relating to the funding, acquisition or use of military equipment, including military equipment acquired prior to January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2022, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 914-22, adopting a Military Equipment Use Policy; and

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2023, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 922-23, adopting an amended Military Equipment Use Policy; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2024, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 930-24, adopting an amended Military Equipment Use Policy; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2025, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 941-25, adopting an amended Military Equipment Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Blythe Police Department is in possession of certain items of equipment that qualify as "military equipment" under AB 481 and further intends to acquire other items of military equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Blythe Police Department has prepared a proposed amended Military Equipment Policy, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the Blythe Police Department submitted the proposed amended Military Equipment Policy to the City Council and made the proposed amended Military Equipment Policy available on the City's website for at least 30 days prior to the first public meeting concerning the proposed Military Equipment Policy on August 11, 2026; and

WHEREAS, as required by AB 481, the City Council determines as follows:

(a) the military equipment is necessary because there is no reasonable alternative that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety; and

(b) the proposed military equipment use policy will safeguard the public's health, welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties; and

(c) the equipment is reasonably cost effective compared to available alternatives that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety; and

(d) prior military equipment use complied with the military equipment use policy that was in effect at the time, or if prior uses did not comply with the accompanying military equipment use policy, corrective action has been taken to remedy nonconforming uses and ensure future compliance; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Military Equipment Policy satisfies the requirements of California Government Code Section 7070(d); and

WHEREAS, all legal prerequisites prior to the adoption of this Ordinance have occurred.

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

SECTION 1. Recitals. The City Council finds that all the recitals, facts, findings, and conclusions set forth above in the preamble of this Ordinance are true and correct.

SECTION 2. Approval of Military Equipment Policy. The City Council, having received the information required under AB 481 regarding the Blythe Police Department's use of military equipment as defined in said law, deems it to be in the best interest of the City to and hereby approves the amended Military Equipment Policy attached hereto as Exhibit "A." The Military Equipment Policy shall govern the approval, acquisition, use and reporting of military equipment by the Blythe Police Department.

SECTION 3. Environmental Compliance. The City Council hereby finds that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption and implementation of this Ordinance, which relates to the funding, acquisition, and use of items that meet the definition of "military equipment" under AB 481, will have a significant effect on the environment. The Ordinance is therefore exempt from the environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption) of the CEQA Guidelines.

SECTION 4. Uncodified Ordinance. This Ordinance shall not be codified in the Blythe Municipal Code unless and until the City Council so ordains.

SECTION 5. Inconsistencies. Any provision of the Blythe Municipal Code or appendices thereto inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, to the extent of such inconsistencies and no further, is hereby repealed or modified to that extent necessary to affect the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council of the City of Blythe hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases or portions be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its final passage.

SECTION 8. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published or posted in the manner required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Joseph DeConinck
Mayor

ATTEST:

Mallory Crecelius
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Brittany E. Roberto
City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

MILITARY EQUIPMENT POLICY

Military Equipment

706.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the approval, acquisition, and reporting requirements of military equipment (Government Code § 7070; Government Code § 7071; Government Code § 7072).

706.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include (Government Code § 7070):

Governing body – means the elected or appointed body that oversees the Department.

Military equipment – has the meaning set forth in Government Code § 7070(c), as amended from time to time, and includes the following:

- Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles.
- Mine-resistant ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicles or armored personnel carriers.
- High mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles (HMMWV), commonly referred to as Humvees, two-and-one-half-ton trucks, five-ton trucks, or wheeled vehicles that have a breaching or entry apparatus attached.
- Tracked armored vehicles that provide ballistic protection to their occupants and utilize a tracked system instead of wheels for forward motion.
- Command and control vehicles that are either built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units.
- Weaponized aircraft, vessels, or vehicles of any kind.
- Battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature. Items designed to remove a lock, such as bolt cutters, or a handheld ram designed to be operated by one person, are specifically excluded.
- Firearms of .50 caliber or greater, excluding standard-issue shotguns.
- Ammunition of.50 caliber or greater, excluding standard issue shotgun ammunition.
- Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber, including assault weapons as defined in Sections 30510 and 30515 of the Penal Code, with the exception of standard issue service weapons and ammunition.
- Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles.
- "Flashbang" grenades and explosive breaching tools, "tear gas," and "pepper balls," excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray.
- TASER® Shockwave, microwave weapons, water cannons, and the Long-Range Acoustic Devices (LRAD).
- The following projectile launch platforms and their associated munitions: 40mm projectile launchers, "bean bag," rubber bullet, and specialty impact munition (SIM) weapons.

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- Any other equipment as determined by a governing body or a state agency to require additional oversight.
- Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) through (o), "military equipment" does not include general equipment not designated as prohibited or controlled by the federal Defense Logistics Agency.

706.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Blythe Police Department that members of this department comply with the provisions of Government Code § 7071-7072 with respect to military equipment.

706.3 MILITARY EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR

The Chief of Policeor his/her designee shall be the military equipment coordinator. The responsibilities of the military equipment coordinator include, but are not limited to:

(a) Acting as liaison to the governing body for matters related to the requirements of this policy.

(b) Identifying department equipment that qualifies as military equipment in the current possession of the Department, or the equipment the Department intends to acquire that requires approval by the governing body.

(c) Conducting an inventory of all military equipment annually.

(d) Collaborating with any allied agency that may use military equipment within the jurisdiction of Blythe Police Department (Government Code § 7071).

(e) Preparing for, scheduling, and coordinating the annual community engagement meeting to include:

1. Coordinating with the City Clerk's Office to publicize the details of the meeting.
2. Preparing for public questions regarding the department's funding, acquisition, and use of equipment.

(f) Preparing the annual military equipment report for submission to the governing body and ensuring that the report is made available on the Department's website (Government Code § 7072).

(g) Establishing the procedure for a person to register a complaint or concern, or how that person may submit a question about the use of a type of military equipment, and how the Department will respond in a timely manner.

706.4 MILITARY EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

The following constitutes a list of qualifying equipment for the Department:

See Attachment A (Military Equipment List).

706.5 APPROVAL

The Chief of Police or his/her authorized designee shall obtain approval from the governing body by way of an ordinance adopting the military equipment policy. As part of the approval process,

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the Chief of Police or his/her authorized designee shall ensure the proposed military equipment policy is submitted to the governing body and is available on the department website at least 30 days prior to any public hearing concerning the military equipment at issue (Government Code § 7071). The military equipment policy must be approved by the governing body prior to engaging in any of the activities outlined in Government Code § 7071.

706.6 COORDINATION WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS

As established through past practice and mutual aid agreements, any jurisdiction through contract, mutual aid agreement or request must accept the Department's policies and procedures governing the deployment of equipment utilized by Blythe Police Department employees. This is reciprocal to other law enforcement agencies.

Through the Association of Riverside County Chiefs of Police and Sheriff (ARCCOPS) mutual aid agreement, all cities within Riverside County have agreed to accept the use of each law enforcement agency's military equipment policy related to any enforcement action throughout Riverside County.

Military equipment used by any member of this Department shall be approved for use and in accordance with this Department policy. Military equipment used by other jurisdictions that are providing mutual aid to this jurisdiction shall comply with their respective military equipment use policies in rendering mutual aid. Situations may arise where the Blythe Police Department may deploy or use military equipment owned by other law enforcement agencies. The following constitutes a non-exhaustive list of such equipment the Blythe Police Department is authorized to deploy or use:

See Attachment B (Military Equipment List-Equipment Owned by Other Agencies).

The Blythe Police Department hereby adopts the military equipment use policy as is approved, and may be amended from time to time, under Government Code § 7070 et seq., for jurisdictions that the Blythe Police Department may engage with to provide mutual aid. This section is in no way a limitation to the ability of the Blythe Police Department to deploy or use the military equipment of another jurisdiction.

706.7 ANNUAL REPORT

Upon approval of a military equipment policy, the Chief of Police or his/her authorized designee should submit a military equipment report to the governing body for each type of military equipment approved within one year of approval, and annually thereafter for as long as the military equipment is available for use (Government Code § 7072).

The Chief of Police or his/her authorized designee shall also make each annual military equipment report publicly available on the department website for as long as the military equipment is available for use. The report shall include all information required by Government Code § 7072 for the preceding calendar year for each type of military equipment in department inventory.

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706.8 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Within 30 days of submitting and publicly releasing the annual report, the Department shall hold at least one well-publicized and conveniently located community engagement meeting, at which the Department should discuss the report and respond to public questions regarding the funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment.

706.9 COMPLIANCE PROCEDURE

This procedure is to ensure compliance with the military equipment use policy. All complaints, concerns, or questions submitted regarding this policy will be handled pursuant to the Department's normal complaint process and be handled in a timely manner.

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Attachments

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A. Military Equipment List.pdf

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MILITARY EQUIPMENT LIST

1. **Armored Vehicles**
   a. Description, quantity, and capabilities
      (i) 2000 Dodge PeaceKeeper Armored Rescue truck. Quantity not to exceed 1. This vehicle has been replaced by the vehicle listed below and is awaiting transfer to the federal government.
      (ii) 2010 Oshkosh Defense Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) All-Terrain Vehicle (M-ATV) on loan from the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO). Quantity not to exceed 1.

      Capabilities: The capabilities of armored vehicles are similar to a 4x4 SUV and can protect occupants from handgun and rifle fire of a caliber typically found in the State of California and used against law enforcement. Armored vehicles provide safety for law enforcement personnel and victims being evacuated from dangerous situations.
   b. Purpose
      Used during high-risk tactical enforcement operations, officer rescues, and vehicle borne interventions. Additional deployments are used during criminal unrest and riots. Rescue vehicles provide ballistic safety during containment and apprehension of armed violent suspects.
   c. Authorized Use
      Only assigned operators who have completed the required training shall be permitted to operate Armored Vehicles.
   d. Expected Life Span
      4 to 6 years.
   e. Fiscal Impact; Cost
      The MRAP vehicle was obtained from LESO at no cost to the general fund. Annual maintenance cost is approximately $1,000.
   f. Training:
      In-house training is required to operate the armored vehicle.
   g. Legal and Procedural Rules
      This armored vehicle is utilized in accordance with the California Vehicle Code.

2. **Command and Control Vehicles**
   a. Description, quantity, and capabilities
      2009 36' Eagle Command Post, equipped with shelving, mounted generator power source, workstations and related equipment for responding and handling large and small incidents. Quantity not to exceed 1.
   b. Purpose
      Used in fire emergencies, search and rescue operations, extended crime scenes, large public events and for extended remote projects or trainings.
   c. Authorized Use
      Only assigned operators who have completed the required training shall be permitted to operate the Mobile Command Post.

d. Expected Life Span
5 to 7 years.

e. Fiscal Impact; Cost
The Riverside County Sheriff's Department donated the Mobile Command Post. Initial costs included approximately $3,000 for decals, supplies and safety inspection. Annual maintenance cost is approximately $2,000.

f. Training
All authorized operators will complete in-house training on the operation of the Mobile Command Post.

g. Legal and Procedural Rules
The Mobile Command Post is utilized in accordance with the California Vehicle Code.

3. Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS)

a. Description, quantity, and capabilities
(i) DJI Mavic 2 Enterprise Advanced. Quantity not to exceed 6.
(ii) DJI Mavic 3 Enterprise Advanced. Quantity not to exceed 4.
(iii) DJI Matrice 30T. Quantity not to exceed 4.
(iv) DJI Matrice 4. Quantity not to exceed 2.
(v) DJI Avata. Quantity not to exceed 4.
Capabilities: UAS can provide aerial views above an area to be searched or an incident in progress. UAS can be used to collect evidence in the form photos and/or videos to support investigations, look for missing persons, and provide overwatch for personnel on the ground.

b. Purpose
A UAS is deployed when its view would assist officers or incident commanders with the following situations, which include but are not limited to:
(i) major collision investigations,
(ii) search for missing persons,
(iii) natural disaster management,
(iv) crime scene photography,
(v) SWAT, tactical or other public safety and life preservation missions, and
(vi) in response to specific requests from local, state or federal fire authorities for fire response and/or prevention.

c. Authorized Use
Only assigned operators who have completed the required training shall be permitted to operate any UAS during approved missions.

d. Expected Life Span
Approximately 3 to 5 years.

e. Fiscal Impact; Cost
(i) DJI Mavic 2 Enterprise Advanced – Initial cost of approximately $10,000 per unit.
(ii) DJI Mavic 3 Enterprise Advanced – Initial cost of approximately $12,000 per unit.

(iii) DJI Matrice 30T – Initial cost of approximately $21,000 per unit.
(iv) DJI Matrice 4 – Initial cost of approximately $13,500 per unit.
(v) DJI Avata – Initial cost of approximately $1,450 per unit.
Annual maintenance and battery replacement cost is approximately $1,000 to $2,200 per unit.

f. Training
All Blythe Police Department UAS operators are licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration for UAS operation. In addition, each operator must attend a 40-hour Department training and ongoing quarterly training.

g. Legal and Procedural Rules
FAA Regulation 14 CFR Part 107 and the Blythe Police Department's UAS Policy. UAS are used only for official law enforcement purposes, and in a manner that respects the privacy of our community, pursuant to State and Federal law.

4. Firearms

a. Description, quantity, and capabilities
(i) Colt Commando M4 Carbine enhanced patrol rifles. Quantity not to exceed 35. These rifles are capable of both long distance and close defensive fire, and are only used to preserve life.
(ii) B&T 9mm select fire rifles. Quantity not to exceed 8. These firearms are used for close defensive fire, and are only used to preserve life.
(iii) 9mm Glock 18 pistols. Quantity not to exceed 4. These firearms are used for close defensive fire, and are only used to preserve life.
(iv) Remington 870 shotguns, converted to less lethal with green stocks for identification purposes. Quantity not to exceed 15. Beanbag rounds are used in these converted shotguns and may be deployed to impact subjects who demonstrate assaultive or life-threatening behavior. Beanbag rounds may also be used to control an actively resistive subject reasonably believed to possess or have immediate access to a deadly weapon. The main objectives that officers attempt to achieve in using a beanbag round on a subject exhibiting any of the criteria mentioned above are to effect investigative detention or arrest; control a subject who is in lawful custody; prevent an escape; or protect the officer, the subject, or another person from injury or death.
(v) H&K 9mm/55.6 cal MP5 style select fire rifles. Quantity not to exceed 8. These firearms are used for close defensive fire and are only used to preserve life.
(vi) Ruger Mini 14 AC-556 select fire rifle. Quantity not to exceed 1. This rifle is capable of both long distance and close defensive fire and is only used to preserve life.

b. Purpose
Deployed by patrol officers in tactical or other public safety and life preservation missions.

c. Authorized Use
Only assigned peace officers who have completed the required training shall be permitted to deploy these firearms.

d. Expected Life Span
8 to 15 years.

e. Fiscal Impact; Cost
The Colt rifles were obtained with trade-in credit at no cost to the City's general fund. The 9mm rifles were obtained with trade-in credit, other law enforcement donations or asset forfeiture funds and had no cost to the City's general fund. The 9mm Glock 18 pistols were obtained through asset forfeiture funds. The Ruger Mini 14 was obtained through a trade with the Imperial Police Department and had no impact on the City's general fund. Annual maintenance cost for all firearms is approximately $2,500.

f. Training
All Blythe Police Department members assigned to deploy these firearms in the course of duty shall have completed a 16-hour training course presented by POST-certified Range Instructors who are currently employed by the Blythe Police Department.

g. Legal and Procedural Rules
The Blythe Police Department utilizes firearms only for official law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to State and Federal law, including laws regarding the use of force.

5. Ammunition

a. Description, quantity, and capabilities
CTS Model 2581 Super Sock Bean Bag Rounds or similar product. Quantity not to exceed 1,000 rounds. This round is fired from a 12 gauge shotgun as a less lethal munition with a maximum effective range of 75 feet.

b. Purpose
Beanbag rounds are used in converted shotguns and may be deployed to impact subjects who demonstrate assaultive or life-threatening behavior. Beanbag rounds may also be used to control an actively resistive subject reasonably believed to possess or have immediate access to a deadly weapon. The main objectives that officers attempt to achieve in using a beanbag round on a subject exhibiting any of the criteria mentioned above are to effect investigative detention or arrest; control a subject who is in lawful custody; prevent an escape; or protect the officer, the subject, or another person from injury or death.

c. Authorized Use
Only officers that have been trained by POST-certified, Less-Lethal instructors shall be permitted to use bean bag rounds.

d. Expected Life Span
2 years.

e. Fiscal Impact; Cost
Initial cost of $7 per round.

f. Training
Assigned officers are required to complete training provided by POST-certified, Less-Lethal instructors.

g. Legal and Procedural Rules
The Blythe Police Department utilizes less lethal beanbag rounds only for official law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to State and Federal law, including laws regarding the use of force.

6. Breaching Apparatuses

a. Description, quantity, and capabilities
(i) Remington 870 Shotgun with breaching type barrel. Quantity not to exceed 4. Provides option to gain forced entry during legal service of search warrant or exigent circumstances.
(ii) Defense Technology Breaching Rounds or similar product. Quantity not to exceed 100 rounds. Specialized tactical munition designed to defeat door locks, hinges, and deadbolts.

b. Purpose
Used for forced entry during the execution of a search warrant or in exigent circumstances.

c. Authorized Use
Operation of this device is only authorized in the service of a lawful search warrant or in other exigent circumstances by authorized operators.

d. Expected Life Span
10 years.

e. Fiscal Impact; Cost
Initial cost of $40 to convert existing inventory. Maintenance costs included among annual firearm maintenance costs.

f. Training
Authorized operators complete in-house training on the operation of the breaching apparatus.

g. Legal and Procedural Rules
The Blythe Police Department utilizes breaching tools only for official law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to State and Federal law.

7. Flash Bang Grenades

a. Description, quantity, and capabilities
Defense Technology Non-Reloadable Distraction Device. Quantity not to exceed 100. Flash bang grenades are a non-lethal diversionary devise intended to temporarily incapacitate threats by producing a brilliant flash of light and a deafening bang.

b. Purpose
Used to create a diversion to support high risk entries in police operations.

c. Authorized Use
Only assigned officers who have completed the required training shall be permitted to operate flash bang grenades.

d. Expected Life Span
2 years.

e. Fiscal Impact; Cost
Initial cost of approximately $100 per unit.

f. Training
Training on proper method of deployment is included as part of SWAT training.

g. Legal and Procedural Rules
ATF regulates the sale and storage of distraction devices. The Blythe Police Department utilizes flash bang grenades only for official law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to State and Federal law.

8. Pepper Ball Carbines and Pepper Balls

a. Description, quantity, and capabilities
(i) PepperBall carbines. Quantity not to exceed 4. Provide a non-lethal force option to reduce the need for lethal force.
(ii) PepperBall Live PAVA Capsaicin II projectiles. Quantity not to exceed 2,000. Pepper balls are filled with oleoresin capsicum (OC). The pepper ball delivery system combines chemical agent exposure with kinetic energy impact to aid in its effectiveness.

b. Purpose
Pepper ball carbines are one of the Department's non-lethal options when stopping violent persons, dispersing large crowds and stopping attacks by uncontrolled animals.

c. Authorized Use
Only assigned peace officers who have completed the required training shall be permitted to operate pepper ball carbines.

d. Expected Life Span
2 to 4 years.

e. Fiscal Impact; Cost
Initial cost is approximately $1,400 per unit for the pepper ball carbines and $800 for the pepper balls. Annual maintenance costs are approximately $1,500.

f. Training
Training on proper methods of deployment is provided to all peace officers employed by the Blythe Police Department.

g. Legal and Procedural Rules
Although no state laws restrict the use of pepper ball carbines for police service, the Blythe Police Department adheres to Department policies and proper methods of deployment.

9. Less Lethal Launcher and Chemical Agent Rounds

a. Description, quantity, and capabilities
(i) Penn Arms 40MM Multi Shot Less Lethal/Chemical Agent Launcher. Quantity not to exceed 1. Deploy less lethal chemical agent rounds.
(ii) B&T 40MM Single Shot Less Lethal/Chemical Agent Launcher. Quantity not to exceed 2. Deploy less lethal chemical agent rounds.

(iii) Mossberg 590 Shotgun with Chemical Agent Launching Cup, Chemical Agent Orange Stocks for identification purposes. Quantity not to exceed 2. This launcher is a modified shotgun that is used to launch non-lethal chemical agent canisters to disperse rioting suspects or barricaded suspects.

(iv) Combined Systems Inc. and AMTEC Less-Lethal Systems 40MM Foam Baton Rounds. Quantity not to exceed 50. Momentarily incapacitate violent and non-compliant subjects.

(v) Combined Systems Inc. and AMTEC Less-Lethal Systems Chemical Agent rounds are filled with oleoresin capsicum (OC) or Chlorobenzylidene Malononitrile (CS). Quantity not to exceed 250.

b. Purpose

Less lethal launchers and chemical agent rounds are one of the Department's non-lethal options when stopping violent persons, dispersing large crowds and clearing buildings of barricaded suspects.

c. Authorized Use

Only assigned peace officers who have completed the required training shall be permitted to operate less lethal launchers.

d. Expected Life Span

2 to 4 years.

e. Fiscal Impact; Cost

The initial cost for the multi shot less lethal chemical agent launcher is approximately $3,500 per unit. The initial cost for the single shot less lethal chemical agent launcher is approximately $3,000 per unit, The initial cost for the Mossberg 590 Shotgun with Chemical Agent Launching Cup is approximately $1,000 per unit and $45 per round for the chemical agents. The initial cost of the 40MM foam batons is approximately $32 per round. Annual maintenance costs are approximately $100.

f. Training

Training on the proper methods of deployment is provided to all peace officers employed by the Blythe Police Department.

g. Legal and Procedural Rules

The Blythe Police Department adheres to Department policies and proper methods of deployment.

B. Military Equipment List-Equipment Owned by Other Agencies.pdf

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MILITARY EQUIPMENT LIST-EQUIPMENT OWNED BY OTHER AGENCIES

- **Unmanned, remotely piloted powered aerial or ground vehicles**
  - Search and locate reported missing children or at-risk adults
  - Search and rescue operations to locate lost or injured hikers
  - A law enforcement specific application involving Aerial drones are used for open terrain or large field searches as a force-multiplier to assist in high-risk apprehensions of armed or violent suspects. Aerial drones can be used as an interior search tool to locate suspects barricaded inside a residence or commercial structure.
    A tracked armored vehicle remotely piloted for use in explosive ordinance disposal
  - Unmanned robotics have numerous applications and are used instead of personnel in high-risk environments to increase safety for law enforcement

- **Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Vehicle**
  - The MRAP is a large ballistic armored rescue vehicle which can be used for a number of critical situations. It can be deployed for aid during search warrant services as well as rescue missions to include civilians, officers, and hostage situations with seating for 10 adults
  - The MRAP is primarily used in open desert areas; however, it can be used in any dangerous weather condition with the ability of extreme off-road capabilities. The
  - MRAP is also used for large parcel outdoor illegal marijuana grow enforcement.
  - The MRAP has 4X4 capability and able to transport or evacuate victims in a flood, fire or other natural disaster. Operation requires a Class "B" driver's license

- **Armored vehicles**
  - Inventory includes four (4) LENCO Ballistic Engineered Armored Response Counter-Attack Trucks (BEAR-CATS). The BEAR-CATS, or rescue vehicles, are primarily used during high-risk tactical enforcement operations, officer rescues, and vehicle borne interventions. Additional deployments are used during criminal unrest and riots. Rescue vehicles provide ballistic safety during containment and apprehension of armed violent suspects
  - Rescue vehicle for on-campus active shooter incidents to rescue injured victims
  - 4X4 capability to transport or evacuate victims in a flood, fire or other natural disaster
  - BOMB-CAT bullet resistant rescue vehicle provisioned with a front mounted water cannon. BOMB-CAT use is for tactical operations and explosive ordinance mitigation and fire suppression
  - Rescue vehicles provide numerous safety capabilities for law enforcement, victim rescues, and overall community safety

- **Vehicles with breaching or entry apparatus attachable**
  - BEAR-CAT vehicles have attachable metal booms that can be used for breaching structures, fences, or ramming objects during high-risk incidents, to include active shooter incidents on school grounds or buildings
  - TAC-CAT vehicles have a tracked bullet resistant caterpillar tractor driven and deployed during high-risk and tactical operations with various hydraulic boom attachments including claw, chemical agent dispersal box and ram extension

- **Non-handheld battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature**
  - Explosive breaching tools
  - Avon frangible shotgun ammunition is used to breach doors and points of entry on fortified doors or structures. The rounds are used to impact door hinges, doorknobs and locks

- **Assault weapons defined under PC 30510 & PC 30515**
  - Inventory includes AR style rifles that function at full and semi-automatic capability (fully automatic rifles are only assigned to SWAT personnel)
  - Semi-automatic Benelli shotguns
  - Increased accuracy and precision at long range distances
  - Currently used by most law enforcement agencies across the nation

- **Flashbang grenades**
  - Light Sound Diversionary Device (LSDD-"Flashbangs") are used to minimize risk to all parties through the temporary distraction or disorientation of armed and violent suspects that pose significant danger to the deputies and community. The effects of the LSDD reduce a suspect's reactionary capabilities and allow for momentary disorientation which creates a tactical advantage. LSDD is a hand delivered device and generally deployed on the exterior of structures
  - Provides a humane fright to aggressive dogs that pose a threat to deputies
  - Explosive breaching tools are used to breach fortified structures to establish a point of entry. Explosive charges are fashioned to produce little to no fragmentation at the time of detonation. Explosive breaching effectively reduces the time spent overcoming a fortified door or structure. The reduction in time mitigating a hardened structure increases officer safety and the element of surprise. Blast injuries are reduced by using low yield explosives that mechanically overcome door frames and locking mechanisms. Explosive breaching mandates extensive schooling and certification processes

- **Tear gas**
  - Chemical agents are deployed through various means to include hand delivery and weapon launchable, such as pepper ball. Munitions are either 37mm or 40mm caliber, shotgun ferret rounds or cannister shotgun launched ordinance. Hand delivered chemical agents are placed in metal burn boxes to reduce fire hazards

- **Water cannon**
  - The BOMB-CAT bullet resistant rescue vehicle is provisioned with a front mounted water cannon. BOMB-CAT use is for tactical operations, explosive ordinance mitigation and fire suppression

- **Long Range Acoustic Device (LRAD)**
  - LRAD is an acoustic hailing device used for emitting amplified public announcements during search warrant services, barricaded suspects, or tactical operations. The loud audible technology ensures broadcasted announcements are loud and clear while offering advantages over less amplified patrol car PA systems. The LRAD can also be used for public announcements or safety advisements during natural disasters or evacuations
  - The larger LRAD 1000 system is portable and can be used for criminal unrest and rioting to provide clear dispersal orders for unlawful assembly

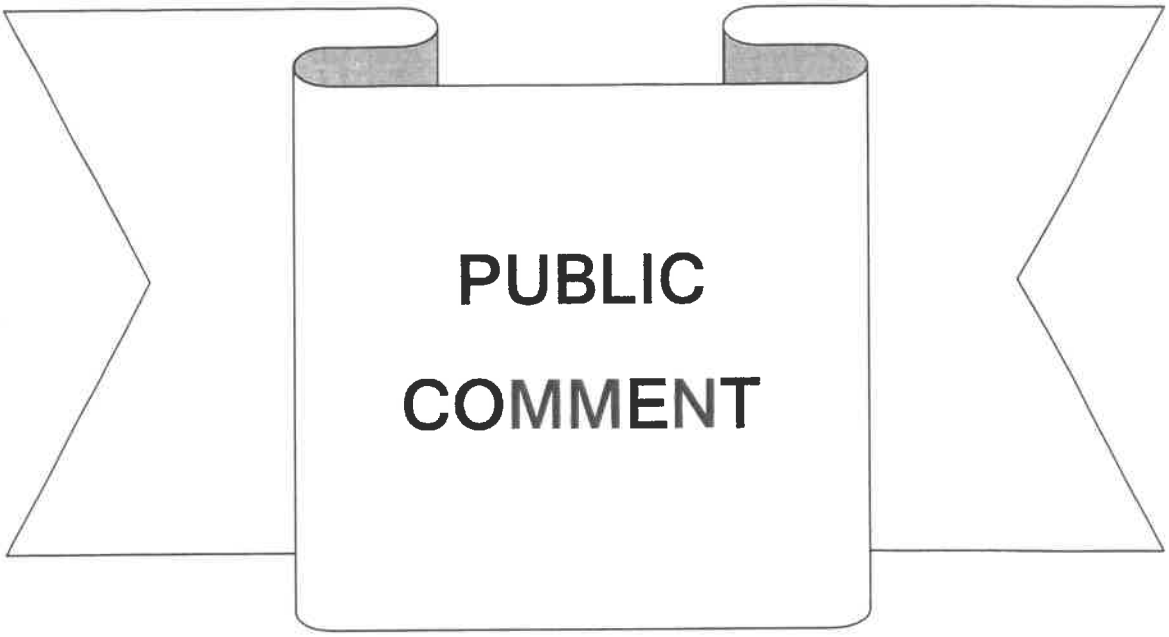
- **Command and control vehicles built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units**
  - Command vehicles are built in various platforms to include ½ ton pickup chassis, vans, trailers, and RV style configurations. Vehicles are built to better assist in command and control during law enforcement operations, natural disasters, and public safety issues. Vehicles are designed with additional communication abilities, computers, white boards, lighting, generators, and mission essential supplies

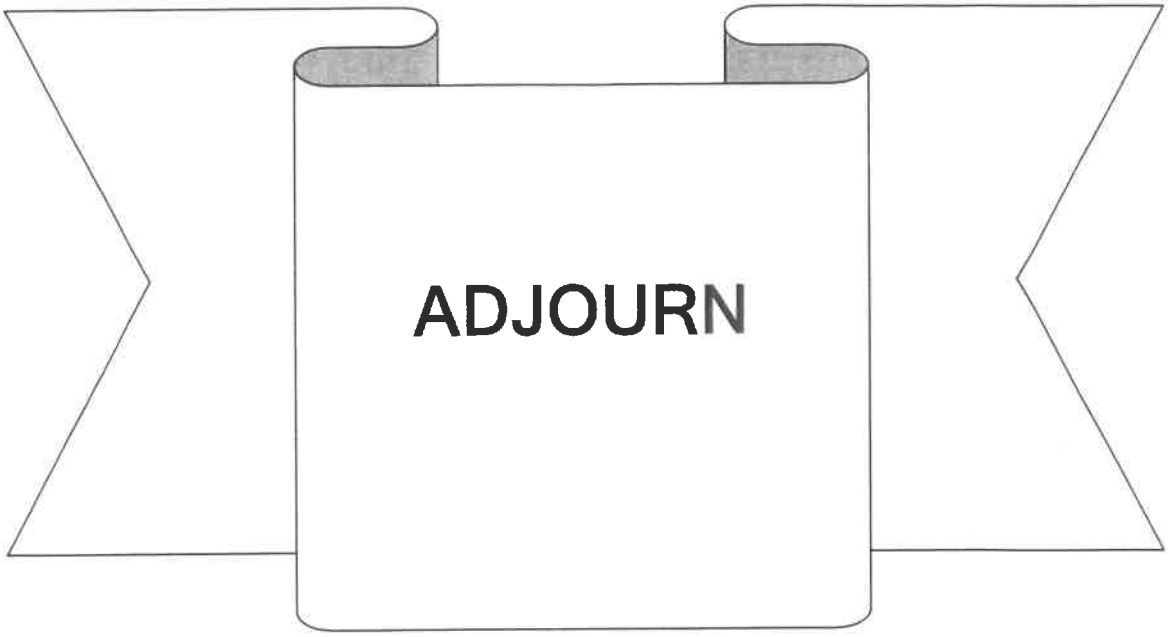
- **40mm projectile launchers**
  - Less lethal 40mm launchers and rubber projectile munitions are configured for high and low energy impact. Munitions have the additional benefit as a barrier round for breaking vehicle and residential glass so that chemical munitions can be deployed. 40mm less lethal has been effective in disarming violent suspects, armed suspects, and subjects who are suicidal with minimal injury and risk to the person, law enforcement or the public

- **Bean bag launchers**
  - Less lethal bean bags are utilized through a marked/orange colored easily identifiable less lethal shotgun. The bean bag round is a small led pellet filled munition made of high-density cloth. The bean bag is the predecessor to 40mm less lethal having similar benefits as other less lethal platforms

- **Rubber projectile launchers**
  - Sting ball grenade launches .38 caliber rubber projectiles and are hand delivered. Generalized use in a tactical operation is infrequent in use and deployment. Search warrants, violent combative subjects, or hostage rescue scenarios are criteria for consideration and use against suspects. Sting balls have a greater application in a Jail Corrections Environment.
  - 40mm and 37 mm launchers capable of deploying rubber projectile munitions. An effective less lethal tool used routinely with success


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