BLYTHE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

September 8, 2026

Closed Session: 5:00 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

CITY OF BLYTHE
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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. Members of the public may provide public comment in person or virtually using the Zoom Webinar platform. Please refer to https://www.cityofblythe.ca.gov/agendacenter for instructions regarding virtual participation.

CLOSED SESSION:

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS.** Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency Designated Representative: Mallory Crecelius. Unrepresented Employee: Fire Chief.

2. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE.** Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1).

NOTE TO THE PUBLIC:

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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.

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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.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION:

PROCLAMATION: (Item 1)

1. **National Suicide Prevention Month.**

CONSENT CALENDAR: (Items 2 - 19)

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

2. **Posting of the Agenda.**
   The agenda was posted on the bulletin boards on the outside of the public entrance to the Council Chamber and near the inside entrance of the Council Chamber and on the City's website on Friday, September 4, 2026.

3. **Approval of the Warrant Register.**
   Recommendation: Approve **9/8/26,** warrants numbered 81345 through 81358 in the amount of $145,421.96; **9/8/26,** warrants numbered 11626 through 11632 and 81359 through 81421 in the amount of $746,858.77; **9/8/26,** utility billing refund warrants numbered 81422 through 81431 in the amount of $1,182.94 and **9/8/26,** warrants numbered 11633 through 11637 and 81432 through 81469 in the amount of $240,128.03.

4. **Approval of the Payroll Register.**
   Recommendation: Approve **9/8/26,** warrants numbered 55910 through 55924 and Direct Deposit warrants numbered 66119 through 66193 in the amount of $291,823.50; **9/8/26,** warrants numbered 55925 through 55926 in the amount of $14.59, **9/8/26,** warrants numbered 55927 through 55928 and in the amount of $13,370.01; **9/8/26,** warrants numbered 55929 through 55942 and Direct Deposit warrants 66194 through 66267 in the amount of $288,291.35; **9/8/2026,** warrants numbered 55943 through 55955 and Direct Deposit warrants numbered 66268 through 66360 in the amount of $100,479.36 and **9/8/26,** warrants numbered 55956 through 55970 and Direct Deposit warrants numbered 66361 through 66434 in the amount of $297,995.84.

5. **Minutes of the August 11, 2026 City Council Meeting.**
   Recommendation: Approve the Minutes of the August 11, 2026 Council Meeting.

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

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

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

9. **Letter of Support for the Palo Verde Valley Transit Agency's Application for the FTB Buses and Bus Facilities Grant.**
   Recommendation: Retroactively approve submission of the support letter.

10. **Request to Waive Community Center Rental Fees for the Rec-N-Crew's Annual Homecoming Event.**
    Recommendation: Waive the Community Center Rental Fees, excluding deposit and labor.

11. **Funding Agreement between City and Chamber of Commerce for Tourism Activities and Business Support Services.**
    Recommendation: Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute a grant between the City and the Blythe Chamber of Commerce for tourism activities and business support services once reviewed and approved by the City Attorney.

12. **Agreement to Continue Providing Law Enforcement Services to the Palo Verde Unified School District.**
    Recommendation: Authorize the Interim City Manager to negotiate and execute the Law Enforcement Services Agreement with Palo Verde Unified School District to continue providing law enforcement services through June 30, 2028, in such final form as approved by the City Attorney.

13. **Biennial Review of the Conflict of Interest Code.**
    Recommendation: Receive the biennial report on the City's Conflict of Interest Code.

14. **Amendment Number Two to Peacemaker Lease Agreement between the City of Blythe and Syneco Systems, Inc.**
    Recommendation: Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute Amendment Number Two to the Lease Agreement between the City and Syneco Systems, Inc. for Peacemaker Odor Scrubbers for Sewer Lift Stations: #3, #5, #11, #13 and #14, extending the term of the Lease Agreement for three years, through September 30, 2029.

15. **Postponement of Commercial Cannabis Dispensary Application Process.**
    Recommendation: Postpone the commercial cannabis dispensary application process and authorize staff to issue refunds to the two current applicants.

16. **Finding Pursuant to California Public Contract Code Section 3400(c) for Specification of the Pureflow Filtration System for the Hidden Beaches Water System Treatment, Filtration, and Storage Project.**
    Recommendation: Council find that Pureflow Filtration Division of California Environmental Controls, Inc. manganese and iron removal filtration system is designed by brand for the Hidden Beaches Water System Treatment, Filtration, and Storage Project in order to match other products in use on another public improvement, at the City's Water Treatment Plant, in accordance with California Public Contract Code section 3400(c).

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17. **Adoption of Tentative Agreement Regarding Successor Memorandum of Understanding for the Non-Sworn Personnel Represented by the Blythe Police Officer's Association.**
Recommendation: Adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION: 2026-029. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT REGARDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SUCCESSOR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLYTHE AND THE NON-SWORN PERSONNEL REPRESENTED BY THE BLYTHE POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SUCCESSOR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

18. **Authorize Representative for Financial Assistance Application's with the State Water Resources Control Board.**
Recommendation: Adopt the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-030. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING THE CITY'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE BIRCH STREET MANGANESE TREATMENT PROJECT.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-031. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING THE CITY'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE HIDDEN BEACHES WATER SYSTEM TREATMENT, FILTRATION, AND STORAGE PROJECT.

19. **Ordinance Adopting Amended Military Equipment Policy Pursuant to Assembly Bill 481.**
Recommendation: Adopt 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).

PUBLIC HEARING: None

CONTINUED BUSINESS: (Item 20)

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

NEW BUSINESS: (Item 21)

21. **Master Tax-Exempt Lease/Purchase Agreement with U.S. Bancorp Government Leasing and Finance, Inc. for Equipment and Vehicles.**
Recommendation: Adopt Resolution 2026-028 and Authorize the Interim City Manager, or designated staff, to proceed with the procurement of the equipment and vehicles in accordance with the City's Purchasing Policy, including purchasing additional equipment or vehicles if funds available following the authorized purchases are significant enough to do so.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-028. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A MASTER TAX-EXEMPT LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH U.S. BANCORP GOVERNMENT LEASING AND FINANCE, INC. AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES FOR THE CITY, DESIGNATING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER AS THE CITY'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER THE LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS, AND AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THE LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT.

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, October 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 235 N. Broadway, Blythe, California.

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PROCLAMATION

CITY OF BLYTHE

Proclamation

National Suicide Prevention Month
September 2026

WHEREAS, September is known in the United States as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and is intended to help promote awareness; and

WHEREAS, Suicidal thoughts can affect anyone, regardless of age, gender, race, orientation, income level, religion, or background; and

WHEREAS, According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), each year, more than 49,000 people die by suicide; and

WHEREAS, Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death among adults in the US, and the 2nd leading cause of death among people aged 10-24; and

WHEREAS, Blythe is no different than any other community in the country, but chooses to publicly provide support in simply being available to one another; and

WHEREAS, local organization, Peace from Chaos 91 is on the front lines of a battle that many people still refuse to discuss in public, as suicide and mental illness remain a taboo topic; and

WHEREAS, every member of our community should understand that throughout life's struggles, we all need the occasional reminder that we are silently fighting our own battles; and

WHEREAS, all residents are encouraged to take the time to inquire as to the wellbeing of their family, friends, and neighbors and to genuinely convey their appreciation for their existence by any gesture they deem appropriate; and

WHEREAS, we, as a community can help prevent suicide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Blythe City Council that September 2026 is designated **"SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH"** in the City of Blythe.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Blythe, California, to be affixed this 8TH day of September 2026.

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Mayor Dated


CONSENT
CALENDAR

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Voucher	Date	Vendor	Invoice	PO #	Description/Account	Amount
11624	7/28/2026	000323 STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION	023-300030	026312	USE TAX 6/2026	428.00
					Total :	**428.00**
11625	8/11/2026	000150 INLAND BUILDERS SUPPLY INC	240521	024505	FINANCE CHARGE	116.14
			J10921	025920	PARTS/SUPPLIES	293.41
			J11926	025920	PARTS/SUPPLIES	121.58
			J20871	025920	PARTS/SUPPLIES	356.61
			J23392	025871	PARTS/SUPPLIES	33.69
			J24282	025872	PARTS/SUPPLIES	30.40
			J25170	025983	PARTS/SUPPLIES	64.08
			J25483	025873	PARTS/SUPPLIES	52.09
			J25673	025874	PARTS/SUPPLIES	137.20
			J26235	025866	PARTS/SUPPLIES	180.46
			J29118	025876	PARTS/SUPPLIES	56.53
			J29962	025878	PARTS/SUPPLIES	216.33
			J30123	025879	PARTS/SUPPLIES	364.49
			J30817	025498	PARTS/SUPPLIES	65.20
			J34335	026011	PARTS/SUPPLIES	24.94
			J35012	026013	PARTS/SUPPLIES	0.52
			J35206	026014	PARTS/SUPPLIES	207.45
			J35840	026051	PARTS/SUPPLIES	363.58
			J38337	026024	PARTS/SUPPLIES	756.50
			J39089	026071	PARTS/SUPPLIES	93.87
			J39224	026022	PARTS/SUPPLIES	218.99
			J40596	026013	PARTS/SUPPLIES	233.61
			J43088	026091	PARTS/SUPPLIES	77.58
			W82311	025983	PARTS/SUPPLIES	31.36
			W84272	025879	PARTS/SUPPLIES	152.66
			W84298	026007	PARTS/SUPPLIES	35.83
			W84390	026009	PARTS/SUPPLIES	380.59
			W84652	026011	PARTS/SUPPLIES	71.74
			W85553	026019	PARTS/SUPPLIES	137.24
			W85562	026020	PARTS/SUPPLIES	54.32
			W85769	026071	PARTS/SUPPLIES	93.87
			W85957	026041	PARTS/SUPPLIES	13.58
			W86635	026090	PARTS/SUPPLIES	116.23

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11625	8/11/2026	000150	000150 INLAND BUILDERS SUPPLY INC	(Continued)		**Total :**	**5,152.67**
	2 Vouchers for bank code :		ap-dir			**Bank total :**	**5,580.67**

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Voucher	Date	Vendor	Invoice	PO #	Description/Account	Amount
81345	8/12/2026	000141 THE HOLT GROUP INC	B26-06-208	025460	HIDDEN BEACHES WATER SYSTEM	89,760.00
					Total :	**89,760.00**
81346	8/18/2026	006126 DMV	YFE8VDWX6064	026249	FEES	1,881.00
					Total :	**1,881.00**
81347	8/25/2026	007560 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	16GCT1YTTYMQ	026042	PARTS/SUPPLIES	1,027.07
			16NNR4QKTQT	026043	PARTS/SUPPLIES	40.60
			17XLF3RVQP19	026405	PARTS/SUPPLIES	17.39
			1C461FT47JHT	026004	PARTS/SUPPLIES	717.72
			1D49CVLFVQL1	026405	PARTS/SUPPLIES	197.01
			1M6TQL73CFGH	026044	PARTS/SUPPLIES	438.53
			1T1VVGPPN66	026043	PARTS/SUPPLIES	581.83
					Total :	**3,020.15**
81348	8/25/2026	000385 BIO-TOX LABORATORIES	48574	026454	LAB SERVICES (CHP)	136.00
					Total :	**136.00**
81349	8/25/2026	005256 BUILDERS AUTOMATION &	14894	026084	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	306.00
					Total :	**306.00**
81350	8/25/2026	000048 BURTRONICS BUSINESS SYSTEMS	AR126009	026145	CONTRACT 24867-02 2/11-5/10/2026	698.03
					Total :	**698.03**
81351	8/25/2026	000051 CB PLUMBING	106376	026425	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	65.00
			106379	026425	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	65.00
			106380	026425	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	65.00
			106381	026425	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	65.00
			106382	026425	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	65.00
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			106389	026425	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	65.00
			106390	026425	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	65.00
			106391	026425	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	65.00

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81351	8/25/2026	000051 CB PLUMBING	(Continued)			
			106392	026425	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	65.00
			106393	026425	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	195.00
			106394	026425	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	65.00
			106395	026425	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	65.00
			106396	026425	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	65.00
			106398	026425	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	65.00
			106399	026425	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	65.00
			106401	026425	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	65.00
			106402	026425	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	65.00
			106403	026425	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	65.00
			106404	026425	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	65.00
			106405	026425	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	65.00
			106406	026425	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	65.00
			106407	026425	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	65.00
			106408	026425	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	65.00
					Total :	**2,015.00**
81352	8/25/2026	002173 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	043302	026424	LIVE SCAN SERVICES 4/2026	1,463.00
			043481	026424	LIVE SCAN SERVICES 4/2026	64.00
			050280	026424	LIVE SCAN SERVICES 5/2026	1,396.00
			050468	026424	LIVE SCAN SERVICES 5/2026	64.00
			057217	026424	LIVE SCAN SERVICES 6/2026	2,125.00
			057413	026424	LIVE SCAN SERVICES 6/2026	96.00
					Total :	**5,208.00**
81353	8/25/2026	008607 ENGINEERING RESOURCES	61985	024660	7TH STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT	7,675.00
			62529	024660	7TH STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT	4,482.50
			62868	024660	7TH STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT	10,957.50
					Total :	**23,115.00**
81354	8/25/2026	003222 EVIDENT	259636A	025922	SUPPLIES	144.53
					Total :	**144.53**
81355	8/25/2026	008774 MORENO CONSTRUCTION & BUILDING	1104	026438	PD ROOF REPAIRS PROJECT	11,238.31
					Total :	**11,238.31**

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Voucher	Date	Vendor	Invoice	PO #	Description/Account	Amount
81356	8/25/2026	000201 PALO VERDE VALLEY TIMES INC	042638816	024634	PUBLICATIONS 4/1-4/30/2026	318.75
			062638816	024634	PUBLICATIONS 6/1-6/30/2026	1,744.32
					Total :	**2,063.07**
81357	8/25/2026	000039 PETTY CASH	063026	024366	PETTY CASH	178.20
					Total :	**178.20**
81358	8/25/2026	006110 SOUTHWEST NETWORKS, INC	26-5068SC	026432	MICROSOFT BUSINESS LICENSES	150.00
			26-5070CR	026432	MICROSOFT BUSINESS LICENSES	-72.00
					Total :	**78.00**

14 Vouchers for bank code : union **Bank total :** **139,841.29**

16 Vouchers in this report **Total vouchers :** **145,421.96**

CLAIMS VOUCHER APPROVAL

I hereby certify that warrants numbered 11624-11625 and 81345-81358 in the amount of $145,421.96 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 September 8, 2026.

Christa Elms
Director of Finance

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Voucher	Date	Vendor		Invoice	PO #	Description/Account		Amount
11626	8/11/2026	003150	PITNEY BOWES	3107975651	026446	TERM RENTAL 5/2-8/1/2026		1,760.71
							Total :	**1,760.71**
11627	8/25/2026	007828	BECK OIL, INC	219794	026393	FUEL		862.35
				221748	026393	FUEL		540.59
				223628	026414	FUEL		632.11
							Total :	**2,035.05**
11628	8/25/2026	004804	CITY OF BLYTHE	JULY 2026		AMOUNT BILLED TO CUSTOMERS		33,525.00
							Total :	**33,525.00**
11629	8/25/2026	000150	INLAND BUILDERS SUPPLY INC	J48533	026264	PARTS/SUPPLIES		13.04
				J56469	026281	PARTS/SUPPLIES		137.32
				J62211	026286	PARTS/SUPPLIES		130.47
				J65863	026247	PARTS/SUPPLIES		154.35
				J66228	026320	PARTS/SUPPLIES		61.56
				J71722	026390	PARTS/SUPPLIES		117.41
				W87884	026096	PARTS/SUPPLIES		32.57
				W88884	026105	PARTS/SUPPLIES		42.58
				W90245	026281	PARTS/SUPPLIES		38.01
				W91218	026241	PARTS/SUPPLIES		134.14
							Total :	**861.45**
11630	8/25/2026	000213	QUILL LLC	49684913	026232	SUPPLIES		9.56
				49690536	026232	SUPPLIES		9.34
				49691595	026232	SUPPLIES		46.53
				49692173	026232	SUPPLIES		534.00
							Total :	**599.43**
11631	8/25/2026	003439	SHELL	114403503	026448	FUEL 7/6-8/6/2026		225.40
							Total :	**225.40**
11632	8/25/2026	000241	SMART & FINAL IRIS CORP	430510100401	026198	SUPPLIES		68.97
				430510109501	026198	SUPPLIES		291.57
				430510165601	026198	SUPPLIES		351.42
				430510173601	026198	SUPPLIES		23.40

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11632	8/25/2026	000241 SMART & FINAL IRIS CORP	(Continued)			
			430511136602	026198	SUPPLIES	179.63
					Total :	**914.99**

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Voucher	Date	Vendor		Invoice	PO #	Description/Account		Amount
81359	8/25/2026	007560	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	13V1Y1RRN3D4	026265	PARTS/SUPPLIES		56.24
				1CFFRL46X6FQ	026401	PARTS/SUPPLIES		1,674.63
				1DJNDFPF3YHP	026259	PARTS/SUPPLIES		474.24
				1GVQTPQ3DYNM	026318	PARTS/SUPPLIES		353.84
				1HXQ49MMLT6P	026314	PARTS/SUPPLIES		15.76
				1KNV7GWP1HJW	026314	PARTS/SUPPLIES		47.28
				1L119719XPMX	026314	PARTS/SUPPLIES		9.78
				1MWYKYLWHTY4	026259	PARTS/SUPPLIES		566.05
				1RY4P4K4HL1C	026367	PARTS/SUPPLIES		7.59
							Total :	**3,205.41**
81360	8/25/2026	002458	AQUA-METRIC SALES, CO	INV0115279	026103	PARTS/SUPPLIES		15,568.58
					026103			
				INV0115384	026383	PARTS/SUPPLIES		13,663.47
							Total :	**29,232.05**
81361	8/25/2026	007882	ARCCOPS	2026-03	026335	MEMBERSHIP DUES		300.00
							Total :	**300.00**
81362	8/25/2026	008772	AVITIA, JULIAN	29673		BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION		64.66
							Total :	**64.66**
81363	8/25/2026	001937	AZCA DRILLING & PUMP, INC.	18494	026410	BARNARD/LOVEKIN STORM LIFT R		191,662.50
							Total :	**191,662.50**
81364	8/25/2026	000016	BABCOCK LABORATORIES, INC	CG60082-0040	026392	TESTING SERVICES		152.75
				CG60326-0040	026392	TESTING SERVICES		289.81
				CG60328-0040	026392	TESTING SERVICES		57.00
				CG60329-0040	026392	TESTING SERVICES		192.32
				CG60668-0040	026392	TESTING SERVICES		35.70
				CG60669-0040	026392	TESTING SERVICES		35.70
				CG60670-0040	026392	TESTING SERVICES		35.70
				CG60673-0040	026392	TESTING SERVICES		55.00
				CG60674-0040	026392	TESTING SERVICES		27.50
				CG60675-0040	026392	TESTING SERVICES		110.00
				CG60676-0040	026392	TESTING SERVICES		89.24
				CG60677-0040	026392	TESTING SERVICES		19.00

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81364	8/25/2026	000016	BABCOCK LABORATORIES, INC	(Continued)			
				CG60678-0040	026392	TESTING SERVICES	152.75
				CG60679-0040	026392	TESTING SERVICES	27.50
				CG60680-0040	026392	TESTING SERVICES	223.10
				CG60681-0040	026392	TESTING SERVICES	289.81
				CG60701-0040	026392	TESTING SERVICES	57.00
				CG61307-0040	026392	TESTING SERVICES	57.00
				CG61310-0040	026392	TESTING SERVICES	317.31
				CG61312-0040	026392	TESTING SERVICES	1,254.55
				CG61317-0040	026392	TESTING SERVICES	223.10
				CG61318-0040	026392	TESTING SERVICES	44.62
				CG61319-0040	026392	TESTING SERVICES	89.24
				CG61440-0040	026392	TESTING SERVICES	76.00
				CG61441-0040	026392	TESTING SERVICES	57.00
				CG61442-0040	026392	TESTING SERVICES	1,156.00
				CG61923-0040	026392	TESTING SERVICES	27.50
				CG62027-0040	026392	TESTING SERVICES	57.00
				CG62028-0040	026392	TESTING SERVICES	95.00
				CG62036-0040	026392	TESTING SERVICES	850.04
						Total :	**6,154.24**
81365	8/25/2026	008764	BERRY DUNN MCNEIL & PARKER LLC	489626	026440	ERP SYSTEM CONSULTING SERVI	18,044.60
						Total :	**18,044.60**
81366	8/25/2026	000026	BLYTHE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	080226		COMMUNITY CENTER DEPOSIT RE	150.00
				080926		COMMUNITY CENTER DEPOSIT RE	150.00
				081626		COMMUNITY CENTER DEPOSIT RE	150.00
						Total :	**450.00**
81367	8/25/2026	006243	BRUCE BOWER INVESTIGATIONS	26-016	026336	PERSONNEL SERVICES	2,945.72
						Total :	**2,945.72**
81368	8/25/2026	000048	BURTRONICS BUSINESS SYSTEMS	AR126761	026374	CONTRACT CN10630-01 5/22-8/21/2	2,199.43
						Total :	**2,199.43**
81369	8/25/2026	003295	CALLAN OIL DIST. INC	073126	026400	FUEL 7/1-7/31/2026	3,431.62
						Total :	**3,431.62**

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81370	8/25/2026	000051 CB PLUMBING	106790	026284	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	574.41
					Total :	**574.41**
81371	8/25/2026	000667 CITY OF BLYTHE	JULY 2026	026441	UTILITY SERVICES/CITY FACILITIE	12,377.47
					Total :	**12,377.47**
81372	8/25/2026	007935 CLINICAS DE SALUD DEL PUEBLO	EM006245	026377	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	120.00
					Total :	**120.00**
81373	8/25/2026	002723 COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE	SH0000051062	026337	CAL-ID MEMBER ASSESSMENT 7/1	15,400.00
					Total :	**15,400.00**
81374	8/25/2026	005603 CR&R INCORPORATED	JULY 2026	026361	FRANCHISE CONTRACT 7/2026	124,342.96
					Total :	**124,342.96**
81375	8/25/2026	000037 CULLIGAN SOFT WATER SERVICE	0647694	026193	WATER SERVICE 8/8-9/4/2026	75.63
					Total :	**75.63**
81376	8/25/2026	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	245.00
					Total :	**980.00**
81377	8/25/2026	000156 CYLE JOHNSON ELECTRIC INC	18537	026375	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	125.00
			56550	026238	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	194.85
			56553	026394	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	1,296.88
					Total :	**1,616.73**
81378	8/25/2026	000084 D & L AUTO PARTS INC	228677	026107	PARTS/SUPPLIES	222.59
					Total :	**222.59**
81379	8/25/2026	008741 DELEON, LISA	080826		COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL FEE	750.00
					Total :	**750.00**
81380	8/25/2026	003378 EMPIRE SOUTHWEST, LLC	EMPS7593861	026036	PARTS/SUPPLIES	1,617.27
					Total :	**1,617.27**

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81381	8/25/2026	003447	EXTREME AUTO BODY & CUSTOMS	9683	026319	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	8,540.83
						Total :	**8,540.83**
81382	8/25/2026	005978	FULTON DISTRIBUTING - SO CAL	708825	026381	SUPPLIES	52.34
				708826	026379	SUPPLIES	567.00
				709379	026380	SUPPLIES	763.77
						Total :	**1,383.11**
81383	8/25/2026	008773	GARCIA, BELEN	080126		COMMUNITY CENTER DEPOSIT RE	150.00
						Total :	**150.00**
81384	8/25/2026	000318	GLENN JOHNSON COOLING/HEATING	00576	026256	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	140.00
				39283	026262	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	682.49
					026262		
				39288	026330	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	372.44
						Total :	**1,194.93**
81385	8/25/2026	000869	GRAINGER	9020389103	026240	PARTS/SUPPLIES	643.93
				9021438230	026240	PARTS/SUPPLIES	7,352.78
				9023053615	026240	PARTS/SUPPLIES	324.99
				9023053623	026240	PARTS/SUPPLIES	637.87
				9023053631	026240	PARTS/SUPPLIES	2,918.80
				9023274500	026240	PARTS/SUPPLIES	637.87
						Total :	**12,516.24**
81386	8/25/2026	007381	GREEN, MICHAEL	072526	026301	REIMBURSEMENT	216.81
						Total :	**216.81**
81387	8/25/2026	007601	HDL COREN & CONE	SIN065701	026442	CONTRACT SERVICES PROPERTY	3,676.02
						Total :	**3,676.02**
81388	8/25/2026	008634	JONATHAN DINCO ELECTRIC	20260204	026388	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	240.00
						Total :	**240.00**
81389	8/25/2026	002150	JONES MAYER	JULY 2026	026443	LEGAL SERVICES 7/2026	18,929.93
						Total :	**18,929.93**
81390	8/25/2026	003377	KIMBALL-MIDWEST	104726001	026396	PARTS/SUPPLIES	1,393.57

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81390	8/25/2026	003377	003377 KIMBALL-MIDWEST	(Continued)		**Total :**	**1,393.57**
81391	8/25/2026	005295	KONICA MINOLTA	509598256	026340	MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT 7/1-7/	254.65
				9010962742	026444	MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT 7/1-7/	642.66
						Total :	**897.31**
81392	8/25/2026	008440	LEDESMA, CYNTHIA	081526		COMMUNITY CENTER DEPOSIT RE	150.00
						Total :	**150.00**
81393	8/25/2026	003510	MCCALL'S METER SALES & SERVICE	38676	026304	PARTS/SUPPLIES	2,512.99
						Total :	**2,512.99**
81394	8/25/2026	008190	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC	8282363752	026166	RADIO EQUIPMENT	1,870.59
				8282364769	026166	RADIO EQUIPMENT	934.60
				9282363846	026166	RADIO EQUIPMENT	19,359.52
						Total :	**22,164.71**
81395	8/25/2026	002871	NELSON, JON KEVIN	JULY 2026	026391	INSPECTION SERVICES 7/2026	6,290.00
						Total :	**6,290.00**
81396	8/25/2026	001675	NRO ENGINEERING	08-26-011	026082	PLAN CHECK SERVICES - CROWN	6,375.00
				08-26-012	026332	PLAN CHECK SERVICES - WATT E\	5,625.00
						Total :	**12,000.00**
81397	8/25/2026	008029	PALO VERDE PLUMBING CO	2128	026119	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	250.00
						Total :	**250.00**
81398	8/25/2026	005009	PARKER OIL PRODUCTS, INC	147806	026398	DIESEL FUEL	3,478.24
				150541	026398	DIESEL FUEL	2,659.04
						Total :	**6,137.28**
81399	8/25/2026	000039	PETTY CASH	081426	026445	PETTY CASH	103.30
						Total :	**103.30**
81400	8/25/2026	001487	PITNEY BOWES BANK, INC	18696948	026447	POSTAGE 7/1-7/31/2026	4,695.24
						Total :	**4,695.24**
81401	8/25/2026	000073	PUBLIC ENTITY RISK MGMNT AUTHO	INV580	026371	TRUST ACCOUNT DEPOSIT Q1	42,500.00

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81401	8/25/2026	000073 000073 PUBLIC ENTITY RISK MGMNT AUTH	(Continued)		**Total :**	**42,500.00**
81402	8/25/2026	008248 RAMIREZ, ADRIAN	091126	026364	TRAVEL - PER DIEM 9/11-9/13/2026	110.00
					Total :	**110.00**
81403	8/25/2026	008248 RAMIREZ, ADRIAN	101526	026364	TRAVEL - PER DIEM 10/15-10/18/20	155.00
					Total :	**155.00**
81404	8/25/2026	008248 RAMIREZ, ADRIAN	111226	026364	TRAVEL - PER DIEM 11/12-11/15/20	155.00
					Total :	**155.00**
81405	8/25/2026	008248 RAMIREZ, ADRIAN	120926	026364	TRAVEL - PER DIEM 12/9-12/13/202	200.00
					Total :	**200.00**
81406	8/25/2026	005451 RAY, LAUREN	091126	026363	TRAVEL - PER DIEM 9/11-9/13/2026	110.00
					Total :	**110.00**
81407	8/25/2026	005451 RAY, LAUREN	101526	026363	TRAVEL - PER DIEM 10/15-10/18/20	155.00
					Total :	**155.00**
81408	8/25/2026	005451 RAY, LAUREN	111226	026363	TRAVEL - PER DIEM 11/12-11/15/20	155.00
					Total :	**155.00**
81409	8/25/2026	005451 RAY, LAUREN	120926	026363	TRAVEL - PER DIEM 12/9-12/13/202	200.00
					Total :	**200.00**
81410	8/25/2026	000315 RDO EQUIPMENT CO	P4071442	026028	PARTS/SUPPLIES	29.93
					Total :	**29.93**
81411	8/25/2026	006110 SOUTHWEST NETWORKS, INC	26-6053SC	026358	SERVICE CONTRACT 7/1/2026-6/30	93,600.00
					Total :	**93,600.00**
81412	8/25/2026	001136 STANDAGE TIRE & AUTOMOTIVE	1-36366	026346	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	787.38
			1-36402	026346	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	2,418.19
			1-36495	026346	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	218.99
			1-36532	026346	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	3,286.99
			1-36635	026346	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	132.34
			1-36650	026346	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	124.80

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81412	8/25/2026	001136 STANDAGE TIRE & AUTOMOTIVE	(Continued)			
			1-36679	026346	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	100.05
			1-36757	026346	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	448.50
			1-36856	026346	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	609.52
			1-36903	026346	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	160.53
			1-36907	026346	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	39.00
			1-36908	026346	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	78.00
			1-36913	026346	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	195.00
			1-37065	026346	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	1,340.62
			1-37089	026346	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES,	592.03
					Total :	**10,531.94**
81413	8/25/2026	002783 THATCHER COMPANY	2026400103628	026399	CHEMICALS	13,574.65
					Total :	**13,574.65**
81414	8/25/2026	000350 THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	853992301	026362	BOOKS/UPDATES - TITLE 25 SUBS	432.61
					Total :	**432.61**
81415	8/25/2026	002730 TRULY NOLEN OF AMERICA, INC	63138480	026449	RENEWAL 8/1/2026-7/31/2027	813.00
					Total :	**813.00**
81416	8/25/2026	003324 ULINE	211312283	026237	EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES	639.22
					Total :	**639.22**
81417	8/25/2026	000266 UNDERGROUND SERVICE ALERT/SC	26-270108	026049	CALIFORNIA STATE FEE FOR REGI	60.19
			720260087	026049	DIG ALERT TICKETS 7/2026	119.75
					Total :	**179.94**
81418	8/25/2026	007841 VANS AUTO PART	541608	026239	PARTS/SUPPLIES	1,242.27
					Total :	**1,242.27**
81419	8/25/2026	006873 VESTIS	5881290590	026291	UNIFORM SERVICE/MATS & TOWE	488.08
			5881296281	026386	UNIFORM SERVICE/MATS & TOWE	537.59
			5881302370	026386	UNIFORM SERVICE/MATS & TOWE	518.81
					Total :	**1,544.48**
81420	8/25/2026	007073 WEST & ASSOCIATES	1026.07.22	026302	TECHNICAL SERVICES	950.00

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81420	8/25/2026	007073	007073 WEST & ASSOCIATES	(Continued)		**Total :**	**950.00**
81421	8/25/2026	005011	WILLDAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	010-66784	026450	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	11,101.14
				010-67032	025845	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	9,348.00
						Total :	**20,449.14**

63 Vouchers for bank code : union — **Bank total :** **706,936.74**

70 Vouchers in this report — **Total vouchers :** **746,858.77**

CLAIMS VOUCHER APPROVAL

I hereby certify that warrants numbered 11626-11632 and 81359-81421 in the amount of $746,858.77 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 September 8, 2026.

Christa Elms
Director of Finance

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Voucher	Date	Vendor	Invoice	PO #	Description/Account	Amount
81422	8/25/2026	008770 CARPINTERI, MONICA	Ref000227393		UB Refund Cst #027865	263.08
					Total :	**263.08**
81423	8/25/2026	008769 DUFFY, LISA	Ref000227391		UB Refund Cst #026183	27.25
					Total :	**27.25**
81424	8/25/2026	006501 GRANITE CONSTRUCTION	Ref000227394		UB Refund Cst #028464	66.39
					Total :	**66.39**
81425	8/25/2026	008335 MACIAS, LIBERTY	Ref000227389		UB Refund Cst #025441	210.02
					Total :	**210.02**
81426	8/25/2026	008547 MADARIAGA, TRINIDAD	Ref000227386		UB Refund Cst #001479	22.22
					Total :	**22.22**
81427	8/25/2026	008771 MAGANA, GABRIEL	Ref000227395		UB Refund Cst #028490	118.35
					Total :	**118.35**
81428	8/25/2026	008768 MONCRIEFFE, NADIA	Ref000227390		UB Refund Cst #025849	133.14
					Total :	**133.14**
81429	8/25/2026	008767 PHIPPS, JEFF	Ref000227388		UB Refund Cst #022974	148.17
					Total :	**148.17**
81430	8/25/2026	008505 REESE, ZACHARY	Ref000227392		UB Refund Cst #027337	191.64
					Total :	**191.64**
81431	8/25/2026	006921 ROSE, CORTNEY	Ref000227387		UB Refund Cst #019801	2.68
					Total :	**2.68**

10 Vouchers for bank code : union **Bank total :** **1,182.94**

10 Vouchers in this report **Total vouchers :** **1,182.94**

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CLAIMS VOUCHER APPROVAL

I hereby certify that the Utility Billing Refund warrants numbered 81422-81431 in the amount of $1,182.94 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 September 8, 2026.

Christa Elms
Director of Finance

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11633	8/31/2026	000323 STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION	023-300030	026504	USE TAX 7/2026	145.00
					Total :	**145.00**
11634	9/1/2026	005923 CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'	000018397050		HEALTH PREMIUMS 9/1-9/30/2026	4,298.87
					Total :	**4,298.87**
11635	9/1/2026	005923 CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'	000018397046		HEALTH PREMIUMS 9/1-9/30/2026	117,594.75
					Total :	**117,594.75**
11636	9/1/2026	006924 SUN LIFE	923380-0002		PREMIUM/FEES 9/1-9/30/2026	5,106.38
					Total :	**5,106.38**
11637	9/8/2026	000150 INLAND BUILDERS SUPPLY INC	J67706	026347	PARTS/SUPPLIES	363.77
			J70052	026370	PARTS/SUPPLIES	24.05
			J75461	026406	PARTS/SUPPLIES	212.43
			W94565	026407	PARTS/SUPPLIES	254.20
			W95716	026430	PARTS/SUPPLIES	146.43
					Total :	**1,000.88**

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81432	9/8/2026	004315	ALLSTAR FIRE EQUIPMENT	274678	026373	EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES	2,152.12
						Total :	**2,152.12**
81433	9/8/2026	007560	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	1FK1NV1NR31D	026318	PARTS/SUPPLIES	324.47
				1LXF4J6PRXCR	026317	PARTS/SUPPLIES	2,353.38
				1NKTNQQHKLLY	026359	PARTS/SUPPLIES	380.61
				1TT44M6RDHYPN	026368	PARTS/SUPPLIES	7,350.00
				1YQRM3QJ1CFR	026359	PARTS/SUPPLIES	182.60
						Total :	**10,591.06**
81434	9/8/2026	002458	AQUA-METRIC SALES, CO	INV0115551	026411	PARTS/SUPPLIES	1,055.00
						Total :	**1,055.00**
81435	9/8/2026	004498	BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	86295646	026490	EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES	15.78
				86297427	026490	EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES	1,101.78
						Total :	**1,117.56**
81436	9/8/2026	000048	BURTRONICS BUSINESS SYSTEMS	AR126908	026491	CONTRACT CN11231-01 8/22-9/21/2	427.95
						Total :	**427.95**
81437	9/8/2026	007802	CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY INC	26-0102CALB	026492	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	907.00
				26-360CALB	026492	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	2,691.56
						Total :	**3,598.56**
81438	9/8/2026	000667	CITY OF BLYTHE	AUG 2026	026489	UTILITY SERVICES/CITY FACILITIE	11,589.85
						Total :	**11,589.85**
81439	9/8/2026	008358	CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP	L261510262	026493	AUDIT SERVICES	6,825.00
						Total :	**6,825.00**
81440	9/8/2026	000437	CO OF RIV AUDITOR-CONTROLLER	JULY 2026	026495	PARKING CITATIONS 7/2026	62.50
						Total :	**62.50**
81441	9/8/2026	000646	COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE	IN1094277	026436	ACCOUNT # AR0030990	1,374.00
						Total :	**1,374.00**
81442	9/8/2026	002331	COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE	PE0000003722	026494	PSEC AGREEMENT 7/1-7/31/2026	9,859.85

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81442	9/8/2026	002331	002331 COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE	(Continued)		**Total :**	**9,859.85**
81443	9/8/2026	005603	CR&R INCORPORATED	000170229	026200	DISPOSAL SERVICES 8/1-8/31/2026	397.03
						Total :	**397.03**
81444	9/8/2026	001757	DATA TICKET INC	197663	026496	CITATION PROCESSING 7/2026	665.27
				198627	026496	CITATION PROCESSING 7/2026	100.00
						Total :	**765.27**
81445	9/8/2026	003556	DAVID TAUSSIG & ASSOC., INC.	2607025	026497	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	1,206.13
						Total :	**1,206.13**
81446	9/8/2026	003378	EMPIRE SOUTHWEST, LLC	EMWK4375057	026289	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	5,258.24
				EMWK4382155	026378	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	4,251.08
						Total :	**9,509.32**
81447	9/8/2026	000770	ENTENMANN-ROVIN CO	0196807-IN	026339	BADGES	625.93
				0196843-IN	026290	BADGES	453.80
						Total :	**1,079.73**
81448	9/8/2026	002791	FISHER WIRELESS SERVICES INC	236320	026500	SERVICE/EQUIPMENT	2,145.63
						Total :	**2,145.63**
81449	9/8/2026	000318	GLENN JOHNSON COOLING/HEATING	32358	026415	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	199.81
				32365	026376	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	561.38
				39264	026245	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	324.19
				39287	026257	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	357.68
				39291	026285	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	140.00
				39295	026303	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	232.44
						Total :	**1,815.50**
81450	9/8/2026	000869	GRAINGER	9037709822	026369	PARTS/SUPPLIES	3,328.06
					026369		
				9049465678	026413	PARTS/SUPPLIES	549.14
						Total :	**3,877.20**
81451	9/8/2026	001995	KELLER ELECTRICAL INDUSTRIES	0243778-IN	026395	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	13,178.16

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81451	9/8/2026	001995 001995 KELLER ELECTRICAL INDUSTRIES (Continued)			**Total :**	**13,178.16**
81452	9/8/2026	001460 LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	9313663130	026421	PARTS/SUPPLIES	86.11
					Total :	**86.11**
81453	9/8/2026	008591 MAIN STREET PRINTING BY DESIGN	000037	026465	PRINTING/CUSTOM SERVICES	139.20
					Total :	**139.20**
81454	9/8/2026	000697 MOJAVE DESERT AQMD	MD24949	026435	CO/FACILITY #0746/01542	2,646.32
			MD24951	026435	CO/FACILITY #0746/01566 PERMIT	445.70
			MD24952	026435	CO/FACILITY #0746/01567 PERMIT	445.70
			MD24953	026435	CO/FACILITY #0746/01569	2,925.00
			MD24963	026435	CO/FACILITY #0746/02212 PERMIT	445.70
			MD24980	026435	CO/FACILITY #0746/02829 PERMIT	445.70
					Total :	**7,354.12**
81455	9/8/2026	008190 MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC	8282385004	026350	EQUIPMENT ACCESSORIES	1,708.79
			8282385351	026350	EQUIPMENT ACCESSORIES	963.98
					Total :	**2,672.77**
81456	9/8/2026	004417 PACIFIC COAST ENVELOPE, INC	262313	026282	SUPPLIES/STOCK	565.50
					Total :	**565.50**
81457	9/8/2026	005264 RADWELL INTERNATIONAL, INC	36770976	026181	PARTS/SUPPLIES	130.85
					Total :	**130.85**
81458	9/8/2026	000216 RAMSEY TOWING	26-0629-3290	026463	TOW SERVICES	600.00
			26-0713-3361	026463	TOW SERVICES (AVA)	200.00
					Total :	**800.00**
81459	9/8/2026	000315 RDO EQUIPMENT CO	P4123042	026118	PARTS/SUPPLIES	77.56
					Total :	**77.56**
81460	9/8/2026	005035 RODRIGUEZ, JOHNNY	091426	026488	TRAVEL - PER DIEM 9/14-9/16/2026	110.00
					Total :	**110.00**
81461	9/8/2026	001790 SIGNS UNLIMITED	081426	026397	DECALS	54.37

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81461	9/8/2026	001790	001790 SIGNS UNLIMITED	(Continued)		**Total :**	**54.37**
81462	9/8/2026	006110	SOUTHWEST NETWORKS, INC	26-7104	026502	IT MAINTENANCE SERVICES 7/202	593.75
				26-7507	026502	IT MAINTENANCE SERVICES	5.00
						Total :	**598.75**
81463	9/8/2026	007578	SPRAGGINS, SUMMER	091426	026487	TRAVEL - PER DIEM 9/14-9/16/2026	110.00
						Total :	**110.00**
81464	9/8/2026	002455	THE COUNSELING TEAM INT'L	INV107811	026464	PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT	367.50
						Total :	**367.50**
81465	9/8/2026	000141	THE HOLT GROUP INC	B26-08-201	026503	CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES	3,000.00
						Total :	**3,000.00**
81466	9/8/2026	002392	US BANK	3321235		WATER REVENUE REFUNDING BO	3,187.50
						Total :	**3,187.50**
81467	9/8/2026	002392	US BANK	3321234		WASTEWATER REVENUE REFUND	9,137.50
						Total :	**9,137.50**
81468	9/8/2026	007841	VANS AUTO PART	541822	026248	PARTS/SUPPLIES	43.02
				542118	026403	PARTS/SUPPLIES	407.37
						Total :	**450.39**
81469	9/8/2026	006873	VESTIS	5881307513	026423	UNIFORM SERVICE/MATS & TOWE	512.61
						Total :	**512.61**

38 Vouchers for bank code : union — **Bank total :** **111,982.15**

43 Vouchers in this report — **Total vouchers :** **240,128.03**

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CLAIMS VOUCHER APPROVAL

I hereby certify that warrants numbered 11633-11637 and 81432-81469 in the amount of $240,128.03 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 September 8, 2026.

Christa Elms
Director of Finance

CITY OF BLYTHE

PAYROLL LISTING

Pay period 07/17/2026 to 07/30/2026
Payday 08/07/2026

I hereby certify that payroll warrants numbered 55910 to 55924, and direct deposits warrants numbered 66119 to 66193 in the amount of $291,823.50 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 September 8th, 2026.

Director of Finance

CITY OF BLYTHE

PAYROLL LISTING

Pay period 08/19/2026 to 08/19/2026
Payday 08/19/2026

I hereby certify that payroll warrants numbered 55925 to 55926 in the amount of $14.59 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 September 8th, 2026.

Director of Finance

CITY OF BLYTHE

PAYROLL LISTING

Pay period 07/31/2026 to 08/19/2026
Payday 08/19/2026

I hereby certify that payroll warrants numbered 55927 to 55928 in the amount of $13,370.01 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 September 8th, 2026.

Director of Finance

CITY OF BLYTHE

PAYROLL LISTING

Pay period 07/31/2026 to 08/13/2026
Payday 08/21/2026

I hereby certify that payroll warrants numbered 55929 to 55942, and direct deposits warrants numbered 66194 to 66267 in the amount of $288,291.35 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 September 8th, 2026.

Director of Finance

CITY OF BLYTHE

PAYROLL LISTING

Pay period 08/01/2026 to 08/31/2026
Payday 09/04/2026

I hereby certify that payroll warrants numbered 55943 to 55955, and direct deposits warrants numbered 66268 to 66360 in the amount of $100,479.36 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 September 8th, 2026.

Director of Finance

CITY OF BLYTHE

PAYROLL LISTING

Pay period 08/14/2026 to 08/27/2026
Payday 09/04/2026

I hereby certify that payroll warrants numbered 55956 to 55970, and direct deposits warrants numbered 66361 to 66434 in the amount of $297,995.84 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 September 8th, 2026.

Director of Finance

Minutes of the Blythe City Council Meeting
August 11, 2026

The August 11, 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, Finance Director and City Treasurer Elms, Public Works Director Elegores, Chief Building Official Brown, Acting Police Chief Walnoha and Fire Chief Hasler.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor DeConinck.

The Invocation was led by Council Member Burton.

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

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, 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.

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 comment:

Sharon Lee made comments on natural leaf Kratom and urged Council to consider it.

City Clerk Crecelius stated other comments were received related to the Kratom Ordinance that will be made part of the record.

Mayor DeConinck thanked the Lazenby's for their work on the Christmas Decoration grant.

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

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). Interim City Manager Crecelius stated The applicant, Watkins Enterprises, LLC, is requesting a conditional use permit to operate a sales office for new prefabricated utility sheds with on-site storage for display purposes for Sunset Sheds of California at 1354 E. Hobsonway. Sunset Sheds of California intends to offer new prefabricated sheds for sale, with manufacturing occurring off site. The site consists of four parcels and is designated by the General Plan for General Commercial land use. Most recently, the site was in use as a septic pumping service business, which had heavy equipment and construction related equipment stored on site. Nearby uses include a commercial cannabis cultivation facility, various

retail and professional services and auto repair shops. Sunset Sheds of California intends to install an approximately 392-square-foot pre-manufactured building for use as a sales office and store and display approximately ten model sheds in various sizes and characteristics on site. Chapter 17 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 construction sales and services use. Although the proposed use is not for construction materials, it will operate in the same manner. Staff recommends that the City Council classify the sales and storage of prefabricated sheds use as a use similar to construction sales and services. Pursuant to Section 17.68.070 of the Blythe Municipal Code, before Council approves a conditional use permit, the Council is required to make the following findings: 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. 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. 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 . The proposed sales and storage of prefabricated sheds use is expected to include a sales office and store and display approximately ten 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 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. 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. The Project is also categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) of the CEQA Guidelines. 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 would not be subject to any of the exceptions to the exemptions under Section 15300.2 of CEQA. 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. It is recommended, subsequent to the public hearing, the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-026.

Public comment:

Leslie Jessop-Watkins of Watkins Enterprises, LLC is excited for this project. When we started talking about the sale of these types of products in our community, I think it goes hand in hand with the ideals that we have with regard to offering different types of businesses in our community and having clean looking businesses and protecting local sales tax. This will be the premier outfit in California if approved. We think this is a perfect fit for our town, for east Blythe and for this site. She thanked staff for their assistance.

Kurt Giebler of Sunset Sheds of Arizona stated we hold four Arizona locations. Our main office is in Quartzsite. We run several millions of dollars through that location. We are also the largest American steel dealer in Arizona. Blythe is the largest population near Quartzsite, but I couldn't go in business here because Graceland told me we will never be in California. I have fought this for a long time as I also have a location in Fort Mojave. We had to make a few changes to the nail patter to meet California requirements. We are a rent to own company. In California you can't rent to own, so it has to be leased to own. It has taken us three years to get this done. We are very involved in our communities. We are huge sponsors.

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

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:

Palo Verde Hospital Ad Hoc Committee Update. Interim City Manager Crecelius reported on the 180-day Scoop. The MSA is set to expire and the County and PVHD are working on an amendment to extend services through November 21, 2026, with options for additional extensions through February 19, 2027. The Clinic is currently closed while they look for a new medical provider. They issued a Press Release which the City shared on social media.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez said they do still provide a lot of service such as labs, x-rays, MRI's check with them first vs. going out of town.

Mayor DeConinck stated the building was painted and all they had to do was pay for the paint. Volunteers painted the building. They did a good job. They came from the other hospital and have been doing a lot of work. All PVH had to do was buy the supplies. It's amazing what's been accomplished.

No public comment The item was received.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance Adopting Amended Military Equipment Policy Pursuant to Assembly Bill 481. Acting Chief Walnoha stated AB 481 requires law enforcement agencies to obtain annual governing body approval on the funding, acquisition and use of equipment defined by the State as military equipment. The City has remained in compliance since the adoption of AB 481. The policy has been revised annually, with the latest policy adopted in June 2025. The annual Miliary Equipment Report was presented to Council on June 16, 2026. A public meeting was held on June 24, 2026. It is recommended Council introduce Ordinance No. 947-26 which renews the Military Use Policy and incorporates additional pieces of equipment into the policy.

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

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:

Interim City Manager Crecelius reported on an application submitted for an Extreme Heat Grant, provided an update on ELOP program sign-ups for TK-2nd graders and the fall sports sign ups at the Joe Wine Blythe Recreation Center.

MEMBER COMMENT:

Vice Mayor Rodriguez reported on the grand opening of Walgreens.

Mayor DeConinck wished the District the best of luck on the school year.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cecilia Navarro addressed Council regarding the property located at 401 S. Third Street. She stated staff and the Police Department have spent a significant amount of time addressing issues at the property. She was unsure whether Council had authority to act but suggested that Development Services or Public Works may be able to assist. She noted that people light fireworks there year-round and that a fire on the Second Street side may have been caused by fireworks. She asked whether efforts could be made to require the owner to clean the property, stating that it is a fire hazard.

Debra Powels of 413 W. Hobsonway stated she feels ignored by the Government that is supposed to serve its people. Every year small businesses are asked to pay more, bills go up, fees go up and regulations increase. Yet many families and small business owners are struggling to afford the basics. I am treated like a corporation, and my business is listed as a department store. I don't have the resources of a department store. When I try to advertise my business with my flags or canopy, I am told to spend more money on permits and engineers and compliances to put a cloth banner over my sign on the building. Others are allowed to do the same thing without

consequence. Small Businesses are not the problem. I ask you to remember who pays these bills and the families who choose between expenses and a community where the people are oppressed and the residents feel they have no voice. I am asking for fairness, consistency and accountability. Put the citizens before bureaucracy.

Christopher Peters of 371 Tesoro Ln. stated with football and volleyball coming up I would like to again bring up the restrooms at Miller and Todd Parks. Locking these restrooms at 3pm is not going to work. I would like to see if you can do something about keeping the restrooms open until 8-10pm. We still have realtors with signs in City planters. They have been there and haven't been taken down. I agree with Ms. Powels that it should be fair.

Council Member Spraggins requested a future Study Session for sign regulations. The lager concern I am hearing is the cost of obtaining compliance for professional signage. I think it would be beneficial to review the current ordinance and hear from our business community.

Council Member Halby would like to take a look at different signs. There are signs that shouldn't have made the cut. We can do it one way or the other, but we have to be consistent. I am only down to do this if we do a tour.

City Clerk Crecelius cited Brown Act issues with a bus tour.

Council Member Halby stated its very important we take a ride and see it.

Mayor DeConinck stated some of this is for safety. I would like to see how we can get those restrooms open.

Council Member Burton thank staff for their open-door policy and always being available to us.

Mayor DeConinck asked about the Lovekin sinkhole.

ADJOURN: The City Council meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

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Joseph DeConinck, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mallory Crecelius, City Clerk

City of Blythe
PERMITS ISSUED
For the Period 8/1/2026 thru 8/31/2026

Permit No./Issued Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
B2607-004	COM-ADD	1130 WEST HOBSONWAY	ALONSO & GARCIA	29,000.00	3,018.81	3,018.81
8/18/2026		836122001	FERNANDOS AFFORDABLE FU			
7/10/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name: Interior Remodel				
8/5/2026						
Total for:	**COM-ADD**			**29,000.00**	**3,018.81**	**3,018.81**

Permit No./Issued Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
B2607-021	ELEC	214 WEST HOBSONWAY	RAFAEL & MAYRA ROBLES	2,500.00	297.00	297.00
8/11/2026		848042008	SHAWN COPELAND			
7/30/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name: Replace old meter w/New				
8/5/2026						
B2607-012	ELEC	380 SOUTH FIFTH STREET	LULE & DELULE	7,650.00	435.00	435.00
8/5/2026		848172029	ENERGIZED ELECTRIC LLC			
7/17/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name: Service Panel Upgrade				
7/21/2026						
B2607-013	ELEC	481 SOUTH FIFTH STREET	CASTRO & HERNANDEZ	7,450.00	435.00	435.00
8/5/2026		848173019	ENERGIZED ELECTRIC LLC			
7/21/2026	FINALED	Permit Name: Service Panel Upgrade				
7/21/2026						
B2608-015	ELEC	285 NORTH THIRD STREET	19TH HOLE REVOCABLE FAMI	2,000.00	297.00	297.00
8/24/2026		845143014	SHAWN COPELAND			
8/24/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name: new 200 amp				
8/24/2026						
B2608-001	ELEC	331 MARIPOSA TRAIL	LIND LIVING TRUST ET AL	0.00	297.00	297.00
8/6/2026		842142004	JONATHAN DINCO ELECTRIC			
8/6/2026	FINALED	Permit Name: Inspection of Panel only				
8/6/2026						
SAB2608-002	ELEC	565 NORTH BROADWAY	HALI ARMSTEAD & LAMBERT	10,000.00	740.30	740.30
8/10/2026		842070020	PACIFIC COAST GENERATION			
8/10/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name: PV + ST				
8/10/2026						
Total for:	**ELEC**			**29,600.00**	**2,501.30**	**2,501.30**

Permit No./Issued Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
B2607-022	ENCROACHMENT	VARIOUS (see cut sheet)	CITY RIGHT OF WAY	0.00	423.00	423.00
8/6/2026			SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDIS			
7/30/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name: August BLANKET PERMIT				
7/30/2026						
Total for:	**ENCROACHMENT**			**0.00**	**423.00**	**423.00**

Permit No./Issued Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
B2608-007	GARAGE	434 EAST MURPHY STREET	DAVID & PAMELA DAGNINO	9,177.60	405.57	405.57
8/19/2026	CARPORT	845163008	OWNER			
8/12/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name: METAL CARPORT				
8/19/2026						
Total for:	**GARAGE**			**9,177.60**	**405.57**	**405.57**

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

B2603-014	OTHER	925 WEST WELLS STREET	RUBEN & FLOREAM FLORES	8,000.00	610.70	610.70
8/31/2026		836143011	OWNER			
3/5/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name: Interior Repairs				
3/25/2026						
B2606-002	OTHER	301 SOUTH SEVENTH STREET	NAJAH HAWARA	9,000.00	3,110.79	3,110.79
8/5/2026		848171037	NEW PARADISE CONSTRUCTI(			
6/8/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name: INTERIOR WORK				
7/22/2026						
Total for:	**OTHER**			**17,000.00**	**3,721.49**	**3,721.49**

Permit No./Issued

Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
B2608-002	PATIO	389 NORTH CARLTON AVENUE	SERGIO FLORES & MARIA LUI	18,355.20	660.23	660.23
8/21/2026		836172010	JUAN CARLOS SALAZAR			
8/7/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name: COVERED PATIO 40' X 12'				
8/17/2026						
Total for:	**PATIO**			**18,355.20**	**660.23**	**660.23**

Permit No./Issued

Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
B2607-018	PLUMB	700 WEST DONLON STREET	J DADA DONLON INC	5,000.00	112.00	112.00
8/3/2026	WATER HEATER	848100039	CRECELIUS INC			
7/22/2026	FINALED	Permit Name: WATER HEATERS [3]				
7/23/2026						
B2608-008	PLUMB	761 EAST HOBSONWAY	N 7TH STREET PLAZA LLC	1,200.00	262.00	262.00
8/17/2026	REPAIR	845170005	CRECELIUS INC			
8/12/2026	FINALED	Permit Name: Relocate Floor Sink				
8/17/2026						
B2608-019	PLUMB	3610 WEST HOBSONWAY	ARON & TERESA QUIST	9,000.00	262.00	262.00
8/28/2026	LEACH LINES	824142023	CRECELIUS INC			
8/25/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name: Install new 45' leach line				
8/26/2026						
Total for:	**PLUMB**			**15,200.00**	**636.00**	**636.00**

Permit No./Issued

Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
B2608-003	RERF	1251 NORTH EUCALYPTUS AVI	EVELYN J ALFARO	5,000.00	182.65	182.65
8/10/2026	TEAR OFF	839010010	M S CONSTRUCTION			
8/10/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name: TO & Reinstall Solar				
8/10/2026						
B2608-017	RERF	334 SAN LUIS WAY	RICKY G LULE	8,000.00	191.53	191.53
8/25/2026	TEAR OFF	836155003	OWNER			
8/25/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name: TEAR OFF, 1700 sf				
8/25/2026						
Total for:	**RERF**			**13,000.00**	**374.18**	**374.18**

Permit No./Issued

Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
B2606-013	RES-ADD	307 NORTH FIRST STREET	ALYSSA BRIANNE DE LA ROSA	6,000.00	1,184.32	1,184.32
8/6/2026		845071021	OWNER			
6/18/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name: Convert Duplex to SFR				
7/7/2026						
Total for:	**RES-ADD**			**6,000.00**	**1,184.32**	**1,184.32**

City of Blythe
PERMITS ISSUED
For the Period 8/1/2026 thru 8/31/2026

Permit No./Issued

Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
RC2606-003	RIVCOUNTY	11536 18TH AVENUE	MICHAEL CALABRESE	10,000.00	766.98	766.98
8/11/2026		869270005	BIG DOG CONSTRUCTION INC			
6/25/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name: Freestanding Patio				
7/10/2026						
Total for:	**RIVCOUNTY**			**10,000.00**	**766.98**	**766.98**

Permit No./Issued

Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
SAB2608-001	SAB	415 NORTH ACACIA STREET	JESUS M MARTINEZ	8,000.00	581.04	581.04
8/7/2026		851141007	STADA ENERGY			
8/7/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name:				
8/7/2026						
Total for:	**SAB**			**8,000.00**	**581.04**	**581.04**

Permit No./Issued

Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
B2608-009	SIGN	890 EAST HOBSONWAY	890 HOBSON LLC	4,000.00	496.53	496.53
8/21/2026		854020017	JONATHAN DINCO ELECTRIC			
8/13/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name: Installed on facade in 2 places				
8/19/2026						
Total for:	**SIGN**			**4,000.00**	**496.53**	**496.53**

Permit No./Issued

Applied/Approved	Type/Sub-Type/Status	Site Address and Parcel No.	Owner and Contractor	Valuation	Fees	Paid
B2608-014	SOLAR	433 EAST MURPHY STREET	STROSCHEIN & TORRES	22,000.00	740.06	740.06
8/31/2026	BATTERY	845162018	SOLARMAX RENEWABLE ENE			
8/20/2026	APPROVED	Permit Name: & BATTERY				
8/26/2026						
B2608-011	SOLAR	350 SOUTH FOURTH STREET	LAVINA ROSE PAINE	20,208.35	730.03	730.03
8/27/2026	BATTERY	848162026	GRID ALTERNATIVES			
8/18/2026	APPROVED	Permit Name: ROOF MOUNT w/BATTERY				
8/26/2026						
B2607-009	SOLAR	633 WILLIAMS ROAD	GALLEGOS, RUIZ & COX et al	65,500.00	1,357.52	1,357.52
8/28/2026	BATTERY	869160066	AXIA SOLAR CORP			
7/16/2026	ISSUED	Permit Name: PV + ST				
7/22/2026						
B2607-010	SOLAR	380 SOUTH FIFTH STREET	LULE & DELULE	14,543.25	678.59	678.59
8/4/2026	BATTERY	848172029	GRID ALTERNATIVES			
7/16/2026	APPROVED	Permit Name: PV + ST				
7/24/2026						
Total for:	**SOLAR**			**122,251.60**	**3,506.20**	**3,506.20**

25 Permits Issued from 8/1/2026 Thru 8/31/2026

Total Valuation:	**$281,584.40**
Total Fees:	**$18,275.65**
Total Fees Paid:	**$18,275.65**

City of Blythe
Projects by Type, Status and Date
For the Period 8/1/2026 thru 8/31/2026

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
PRC2608-001	PRC DENG JIAN 1790 WEST HOBSONWAY	OLD BOWLING ALLEY 8/5/2026	RECIEVED

Comments:

Total Projects for MALLORY CRECELIUS For the Period 8/1/2026 thru 8/31/2026: 1

City of Blythe
Projects by Type, Status and Date
For the Period 8/1/2026 thru 8/31/2026

PLANNER NAME: MICHELLE VAN DYKE

Project Number	Project Type / Owner Name / Site Address	Project Name / Date Applied / Date Expired	Status of Project / Date Approved / Date Closed
ZV2608-001	ZONING VERIFICATION CVP-BLYTHE CMG LLC 100 SOUTH LOVEKIN BOULEVARD	8/11/2026	RECIEVED

Comments:

Total Projects for MICHELLE VAN DYKE For the Period 8/1/2026 thru 8/31/2026: 1

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
G2608-001	GRAFFITI JOSEPH MICHAEL HALBY III 135 NORTH COMMERCIAL STREET	covered graffiti	8/4/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2608-003	GRAFFITI LA CASITA CAFE INC 830 WEST RICE STREET	covered graffiti	8/4/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2608-004	GRAFFITI PERKINS BLYTHE LLC 1101 WEST HOBSONWAY	covered graffiti	8/4/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2608-005	GRAFFITI 1300 block of E 14TH AVE	bus stop sign	8/4/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2608-006	GRAFFITI CITY OF BLYTHE 250 SOUTH COLORADO RIVER ROAD	restroom stalls	8/4/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2608-007	GRAFFITI CITY OF BLYTHE 375 EAST DONLON STREET	playground	8/5/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2608-008	GRAFFITI 300 block of E DONLON ST	cat walk	8/5/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2608-009	GRAFFITI 2200 block of E DONLON ST	P.V.I.D canal	8/5/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2608-010	GRAFFITI 600 block of W WELLS ST	bus stop bench	8/5/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				

G2608-011	GRAFFITI 300 block of S INTAKE BLVD	sewer lift	8/5/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2608-012	GRAFFITI CITY OF BLYTHE 500 SOUTH LOVEKIN BOULEVARD	restrooms	8/5/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2608-013	GRAFFITI TRUST OF WARD DONALD RAY DTD 1937 EAST HOBSONWAY	covered graffiti	8/12/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2608-014	GRAFFITI HOBSON HOSPITALITY 1689 EAST HOBSONWAY	covered graffiti	8/12/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2608-015	GRAFFITI ALVIN T DICKENS 121 SOUTH SOLANO AVENUE	covered graffiti	8/12/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2608-016	GRAFFITI 500 block of N 7TH ST	sewer lift	8/12/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2608-017	GRAFFITI 100 block of N 9TH ST	stop sign	8/12/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2608-018	GRAFFITI 200 block of N 9TH ST	stop sign	8/12/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2608-019	GRAFFITI 600 block of W DONLON ST	one way sign	8/12/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2608-020	GRAFFITI HAMID R SALMASI 1147 WEST HOBSONWAY	covered graffiti	8/12/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2608-021	GRAFFITI 200 block of N CARLTON AVE	speed limit sign	8/12/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				

G2608-022	GRAFFITI	children playing sign	8/12/2026	COMPLETED
	200 block of N CARLTON AVE			
Comments:				
G2608-023	GRAFFITI VIRGIL & RASAMEE JAYCOX 1936 EAST HOBSONWAY	covered graffiti	8/18/2026	COMPLETED
Comments:				
G2608-024	GRAFFITI	bus stop bench	8/18/2026	COMPLETED
	200 block of N PALM DR			
Comments:				
G2608-025	GRAFFITI	fire hydrant	8/18/2026	COMPLETED
	800 block of E CHANSLORWAY			
Comments:				
G2608-026	GRAFFITI	stop sign	8/18/2026	COMPLETED
	500 block of N SOLA AVE			
Comments:				
G2608-027	GRAFFITI	P.V.I.D Canal	8/18/2026	COMPLETED
	1600 block of E CHANSLORWAY			
Comments:				

Total Projects for RICKY AGUILAR For the Period 8/1/2026 thru 8/31/2026: 26

City of Blythe
Cases Opened (By Type)
For the Period 8/1/2026 thru 8/31/2026

Type of Case	Number opened
ANIMAL	0
AVA	0
BLDG	1
COMPLAINT	6
DEBRIS	0
DUMPING	2
FAULTY SEWER	0
FIRE	0
GRAFFITI	0
HAZMAT	0
LITTER	1
NO BUSINESS LICENSE	0
SHOPPING CARTS	0
SIDEWALK	0
TRANSIENTS	0
TRASH	0
VERMIN	0
WATER	1
WEED	0
WITNESS IN FIELD	1
ZONING	0

Total Cases Opened: 12

Open Code Cases Total: 271
Closed Case for the month: 24

CITY OF BLYTHE FIRE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY INCIDENT AND ACTIVITY REPORT
August 2026

Incident	Total
Public Assist / Rescue / Medical Aid	62
Structure	5
Vehicle Fire	2
Brush, Grass, Leaves	3
Trash, Rubbish, Dumpster	2
Arching Electric Equip./Power Line Down	2
Other	6
Total # of Incidents	**82**

Activity	
Drills	4
Staff Meeting	1
Training	1
Total Activities	**6**

Respectfully Submitted

Ronald Hasler, Fire Chief

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Blythe Police Department August Monthly Incident and Activity Report, August QOL Report, and July DOJ Group A Offense Report.

PRESENTED BY: Keith Walnoha, Acting Chief of Police

PREPARED BY: Pamela Bush, Dispatch Records Supervisor

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and File the Blythe Police Department's August Monthly Incident and Activity Report, August QOL Report, and July DOJ Group A Offense Report.

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 the need for additional resources for public safety purposes.

ATTACHMENTS:

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

BLYTHE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Keith Walnoha, Acting Chief of Police

Monthly Incident and Activity Report
AUGUST 2026

	Total	YTD
Total Incidents for Month	**1694**	**12,622**
Total Documented Police Reports for Month	**105**	**1,004**
Total Felony Arrests	**11**	**120**
Total Misdemeanor Arrests	**17**	**180**
Incidents		
Homicide	0	0
Attempt Homicide	1	6
Shoot at inhabited dwelling/vehicle/etc - Penal Code 246	1	6
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	3	42
Battery	2	17
Residential Burglary	1	8
Occupied Residence: 0		
Unoccupied Residence: 1		
Commercial Burglary	0	17
Vehicle Burglary	3	10
Petty Theft	4	21
Grand Theft	1	18
Shoplifting	1	9
Vandalism	6	60
Driving Under the Influence	0	15
Prowlers	0	0
Public Intoxication	0	29
Trespassing	1	8
Traffic Collision - Injury	2	16
Traffic Collision - Non Injury	2	24
Traffic Collision - Hit and Run	2	17
Alarm	0	185
Abandoned Vehicle Abatement	7	36
AVA Vehicle Tows	0	2
Vehicle Red Tags	3	29
Hospital Helicopter Landing Zones	29	137

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Monthly Incident and Activity Report
AUGUST 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
400 Block S 7th Street
Willful discharge of a firearm in a grossly negligent manner - Penal Code 246.3
Willful discharge of a firearm from vehicle - Penal Code 26100(C)
Other shooting incidents/cases
400 Block N Palm Dr
551 S 3rd Street
W Barnard between N Palm Dr & N Willow Ave

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Quality of Life Program

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

Quality of Life Detail:	**August**	**Year to Date**
People contacted.	**92**	**920**
People given bus tickets and left town to seek resources elsewhere.	**4**	**18**
People assisted with obtaining their ID or Social Security Cards to register for housing and assistance.	**2**	**26**
People transported to or referred to DPSS/Mental Health.	**72**	**584**
People detained under 5150 Welfare and institutions Code and transported for treatment.	**15**	**83**
People sent to rehab.	**0**	**6**
People sent for substance abuse.	**5**	**36**
People assisted with means to get out of town	**20**	**21**
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

Printed On: 09/03/2026

Beginning Date: 07/01/2026 **Ending Date:** 07/31/2026

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	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
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	1	0.00%	0	0.00%	5.56%	5.39
Aggravated Assault	5	4	25.00%	2	40.00%	27.78%	26.93
Simple Assault	11	10	10.00%	6	54.55%	61.11%	59.25
Intimidation	1	3	-66.67%	0	0.00%	5.56%	5.39
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	1	-100.00%	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Consensual Sex Offenses:							
Incest	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Statutory Rape	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
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	**18**	**19**	**-5.26%**	**8**	**44.44%**	**26.87%**	**96.95**
Robbery	0	1	-100.00%	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	4	1	300.00%	0	0.00%	11.76%	21.54
Larceny/Theft Offenses	5	6	-16.67%	1	20.00%	14.71%	26.93
Motor Vehicle Theft	4	7	-42.86%	0	0.00%	11.76%	21.54
Arson	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Destruction Of Property	15	8	87.50%	1	6.67%	44.12%	80.79
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1	0	NA	0	0.00%	2.94%	5.39
Fraud Offense	3	3	0.00%	0	0.00%	8.82%	16.16
Embezzlement	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Extortion/Blackmail	1	0	NA	0	0.00%	2.94%	5.39
Bribery	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Stolen Property Offenses	1	0	NA	0	0.00%	2.94%	5.39
Crimes Against Property Total	**34**	**26**	**30.77%**	**2**	**5.88%**	**50.75%**	**183.13**
Drug/Narcotic Violations	4	5	-20.00%	4	100.00%	26.67%	21.54
Drug Equipment Violations	7	4	75.00%	7	100.00%	46.67%	37.70
Gambling Offenses	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	1	-100.00%	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Prostitution	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Weapons Law Violation	4	7	-42.86%	2	50.00%	26.67%	21.54
Animal Cruelty	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Crimes Against Society Total	**15**	**17**	**-11.76%**	**13**	**86.67%**	**22.39%**	**80.79**
Total Group "A" Offenses	**67**	**62**	**8.06%**	**23**	**34.33%**	**100%**	**360.87**

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Group A Offense Report

Beginning Date: 07/01/2026 **Ending Date: 07/31/2026**

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	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
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	1	0.00%	0	0.00%	5.56%	5.39
Aggravated Assault	5	4	25.00%	2	40.00%	27.78%	26.93
Simple Assault	11	10	10.00%	6	54.55%	61.11%	59.25
Intimidation	1	3	-66.67%	0	0.00%	5.56%	5.39
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	1	-100.00%	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Consensual Sex Offenses:							
Incest	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Statutory Rape	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
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	**18**	**19**	**-5.26%**	**8**	**44.44%**	**26.87%**	**96.95**
Robbery	0	1	-100.00%	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	4	1	300.00%	0	0.00%	11.76%	21.54
Larceny/Theft Offenses	5	6	-16.67%	1	20.00%	14.71%	26.93
Motor Vehicle Theft	4	7	-42.86%	0	0.00%	11.76%	21.54
Arson	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Destruction Of Property	15	8	87.50%	1	6.67%	44.12%	80.79
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1	0	NA	0	0.00%	2.94%	5.39
Fraud Offense	3	3	0.00%	0	0.00%	8.82%	16.16
Embezzlement	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Extortion/Blackmail	1	0	NA	0	0.00%	2.94%	5.39
Bribery	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Stolen Property Offenses	1	0	NA	0	0.00%	2.94%	5.39
Crimes Against Property Total	**34**	**26**	**30.77%**	**2**	**5.88%**	**50.75%**	**183.13**
Drug/Narcotic Violations	4	5	-20.00%	4	100.00%	26.67%	21.54
Drug Equipment Violations	7	4	75.00%	7	100.00%	46.67%	37.70
Gambling Offenses	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	1	-100.00%	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Prostitution	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
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CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for Palo Verde Valley Transit Agency's Application for the FTA Buses and Bus Facilities Grant

PRESENTED BY: Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager

PREPARED BY: Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended Council retroactively approve the submission of a support letter on behalf of the Palo Verde Transit Agency's application for the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Grants for Busses and Bus Facilities Program.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

BACKGROUND: PVVTA operates a fleet of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) vehicles. The grant will support the purchase of six (6) CNG replacement buses and construction costs associated with PVVTA's bus maintenance facility.

STAFF REPORT: The Palo Verde Valley Transit Agency applied for funding through the Federal Transit Administration's Grants for Busses and Bus Facilities Program. If awarded, the funding will address two critical and interconnected needs: replacing aging transit vehicles that have reached the end of their useful life and providing PVVTA's maintenance staff with an appropriate facility to safely and efficiently maintain the fleet. Replacing these vehicles will help improve fleet reliability, reduce the maintenance demands associated with aging buses and support the continued delivery of dependable transit service.

The Palo Verde Valley Transit Agency requested that the City provide a letter of support for their FTA grant application. Last year, the City submitted a similar support letter for PVVTA's FTA Grant application.

The request for a letter of support was received on August 11th. The grant application was due no later than September 7th. These dates are outside of the regular Council meeting and Agenda schedule. Based on the City's past support of PVVTA Grant applications, and that the Council issued a support letter for this grant submission last year, staff was comfortable submitting a letter of support with the intent of seeking retroactive approval at the next Council meeting

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter of Support

CITY OF BLYTHE

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

August 28, 2026

Federal Transit Administration
Office of Program Management
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for Palo Verde Valley Transit Agency's – FTA Buses and Bus Facilities Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express support for the Palo Verde Valley Transit Agency's (PVVTA) application for funding through the Federal Transit Administration's Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities program. The funds requested will support the purchase of six compressed natural gas (CNG) replacement buses and construction costs associated with PVVTA's new bus maintenance facility.

PVVTA provides essential transit services throughout the Palo Verde Valley, connecting residents to employment, education, medical care, essential services and other critical destinations. For many residents in this rural region, public transportation provides an important connection to opportunities and services that may otherwise be difficult to access.

This funding will address two critical and interconnected needs: replacing aging transit vehicles that have reached the end of their useful life and providing PVVTA's maintenance staff with an appropriate facility to safely and efficiently maintain the fleet. Replacing these vehicles will help improve fleet reliability, reduce the maintenance demands associated with aging buses and support the continued delivery of dependable transit service.

The new bus maintenance facility is equally important to PVVTA's long-term operations. Palo Verde Valley experiences extreme desert temperatures, creating challenging working conditions for employees responsible for conducting the daily inspections, preventative maintenance and repairs necessary to keep buses safely in service. A modern, purpose-built maintenance facility will provide staff with a protected and appropriate working environment while strengthening PVVTA's ability to proactively maintain its fleet, minimizing vehicle downtime and respond to maintenance needs.

This project represents an important investment in the safety, reliability and long-term resiliency of public transportation in the Palo Verde Valley. For these reasons the City of

Blythe supports PVVTA's application and urges the Federal Transit Administration to give it the strongest possible consideration.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (760) 922-6161.

Sincerely,

Joseph DeConinck
Mayor
City of Blythe

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Request to Waive Community Center Rental Fees for the Rec-N-Crew's Annual Homecoming Event

PRESENTED BY: Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager

PREPARED BY: Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended Council waive the Community Center Rental Fee, excluding the $150 Deposit and $100 Labor fee for the Rec-N-Crew's Homecoming event at Todd Park on Friday, October 30, 2026.

FISCAL IMPACT: Revenue loss of $500.00

BACKGROUND: For years the Rec-N-Crew has hosted a fundraiser in conjunction with the Homecoming Parade in front of the Community Center in Todd Park. The Community Center is used for the restroom facilities and to store event equipment.

STAFF REPORT: The Rec-N-Crew was formed to support the Joe Wine Blythe Recreation Center. As the Homecoming event is one of their annual fundraisers, it is requested that the City Council waive the $500 Community Center Rental Fee for their use of the Community Center on Friday, October 30, 2026. The Rec-N-Crew will pay the $100 labor fee and refundable deposit of $150.00. As the labor fee is a direct cost to the City, Council has not previously waved the labor fee. The deposit will be returned to the Rec-N-Crew after the event.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. None

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Funding Agreement between City and Chamber of Commerce for Tourism Activities and Business Support Services

PRESENTED BY: Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager

PREPARED BY: Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended Council authorize the Interim City Manager to execute a grant agreement between the City and Blythe Chamber of Commerce relating to the Chamber's use of City funding for tourism activities and business support services once the agreement has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney.

FISCAL IMPACT: $30,000 was allocated in the FY 2026/27 General Fund Budget to support the Chamber of Commerce's tourism activities.

BACKGROUND: Since the 2022/23 Fiscal year, Council has allocated $30,000 per year in funding received through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to assist the Chamber with tourism-related activities.

In August of 2023, the City and Chamber entered a Grant Agreement outlining the terms and conditions for use of those funds. The agreement contemplated grants of $30,000 for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 fiscal years. The ARPA funding was allocated to support the Chamber in their efforts to enhance tourism in the City. The funds were to be used for tourism-related activities, excluding payroll expenses. The Chamber was asked to provide quarterly reports to the City on tourism activities performed during the prior quarter.

Although allocated, no funds were requested or dispersed to the Chamber during the last Fiscal Year (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026).

STAFF REPORT: City staff recently met with representatives of the Blythe Chamber to discuss City funding available for the Chamber. The FY 2026/27 Operating and Capital Budget adopted by Council in June included a $30,000 allocation for the Blythe Area Chamber of Commerce. However, the funding agreement for use of these funds has since expired. A new agreement is necessary to release funding to the Chamber for tourism efforts this fiscal year.

Relevant terms of the previous agreement, which will be included in the new agreement, included:

- The funding is to be used for tourism-related activities only and will not be used for personnel and/or payroll expenses.
- Submission of quarterly reports.

- Future installments will be paid on a quarterly basis, once the City has received the quarterly report from the previous quarter.

During the meeting, Chamber representatives asked if the funds could also be used for business support services such as customer service training and other support that would benefit the local business community. They wish to include use of the funds for both tourism and business support initiatives.

Therefore, It is recommended Council authorize the Interim City Manager to execute a grant agreement between the City and Blythe Chamber of Commerce relating to the Chamber's use of City funding for tourism activities and business support services once the agreement has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft Grant Agreement

GRANT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
CITY OF BLYTHE
AND
BLYTHE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

THIS GRANT AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into as of September 8, 2026 ("Effective Date"), by and between the CITY OF BLYTHE, a municipal corporation ("City"), and the BLYTHE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, a California nonprofit corporation ("Chamber").

RECITALS

A. Chamber is a nonprofit organization with a mission of promoting the Blythe area as a destination site by spreading the word about the rich diversity of the area and its history.

B. The stated purpose of the Chamber is to advance the general welfare and prosperity of the Palo Verde Valley area so that its citizens and all areas of its business community will prosper.

C. Chamber's efforts to promote tourism to Blythe benefit the City by encouraging visitors to shop, dine, stay, and patronize Blythe businesses, which support the City's economy.

D. Chamber's business support activities also support the City's economy.

E. The City Council allocated funding in the Fiscal Year 2026-27 General Fund Budget to support the Chamber in enhancing tourism to the City.

F. City desires to provide a grant to Chamber to support Chamber in its efforts to promote tourism in Blythe and provide business support activities to the Blythe community.

G. Chamber represents that it possesses the professional skills, qualifications, experience, and resources necessary to perform the services described in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained herein, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1.0. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to provide Chamber with grant funds to support the Chamber's efforts to promote tourism to the City of Blythe and provide business support services to the community.

2.0. SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

Chamber shall promote tourism to the City. Promote tourism means activities and expenditures designed to increase tourism to the City. Tourism promotion activities may include, but are not limited to, advertising, publicizing, or otherwise distributing information for the purpose of attracting and welcoming visitors to the City. Additionally, Chamber may provide business support services to the Blythe community, including, but not limited to, customer service training. Chamber

acknowledges and agrees that Chamber shall not be entitled to reimbursement by the City for personnel and/or payroll expenses in connection with this Agreement.

3.0. QUARTERLY REPORTS; ALLOWABLE COSTS

Chamber shall provide quarterly reports to the City detailing tourism promotion activities provided and expenses incurred in the prior quarter in such form and with such content as required by City. Chamber shall submit quarterly reports on or before July 15, October 15, January 15, and April 15 each year that this Agreement remains in effect. Each quarterly report must include documentation of expenses by receipts, invoices, canceled checks, or other appropriate documentation that fully and completely discloses the amount(s) and nature(s) of the expenditures. Chamber acknowledges and agrees that Chamber's quarterly disbursement of funds is contingent upon City's receipt and approval of the required quarterly report.

Chamber may only seek reimbursement for tourism promotion activities and business support activities as outlined in Section 2.0 of this Agreement. An expenditure that does not comply with this Agreement will constitute a disallowed cost and will not be subject to reimbursement by the City.

4.0. AMOUNT OF GRANT; DISBURSEMENTS

City agrees to grant to Chamber up to Thirty Thousand Dollars ($30,000.00) for the 2026-27 Fiscal Year, subject to the availability of funds. City will issue quarterly payments, which will not exceed Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($7,500.00) per quarter, within thirty (30) days from City's receipt and approval of the quarterly reports required herein.

Chamber acknowledges and agrees that Chamber's quarterly reports are due no later than the dates set forth in Section 3.0. If Chamber fails to submit an invoice the date specified, City will not be responsible for issuing a disbursement to Chamber.

5.0. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The period of performance for this Agreement, meaning the time during which Chamber may incur new obligations to carry out activities under this Agreement, is July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 ("Period of Performance"). This Agreement shall cover all obligations incurred during the Period of Performance irrespective of the date on which this Agreement is executed. Chamber shall be obligated to perform such duties as would normally extend beyond the Period of Performance, including but not limited to, obligations with respect to indemnification, audits, reporting, data retention/data reporting, and accounting.

6.0. TERM AND TERMINATION

6.1. Term. This Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and continue through July 15, 2027, unless previously terminated as provided herein or as otherwise agreed to in writing by the parties.

6.2. Termination. This Agreement may be terminated with or without cause by either City or Chamber with thirty (30) days' written notice of termination. In the event of a breach of the Agreement, City may elect to provide Chamber written notice of such breach and a reasonable time period in which Chamber must cure the

breach. If Chamber fails to cure the breach in accordance with said notice, City may terminate this Agreement for cause.

7.0. ACCOUNTING

Chamber shall at all times maintain an accounting system that comports with generally accepted accounting principles.

8.0. FINANCIAL RECORDS

Chamber shall maintain satisfactory financial accounts, books, records, documents, and other evidence sufficient to properly reflect the activities funded pursuant to this Agreement.

9.0. RECORD RETENTION

Chamber shall preserve and make available all records related to performance of this Agreement for a period of five (5) years from the date of City's final quarterly disbursement to Chamber.

10.0. AUDIT AND EXAMINATION

City and its representatives shall have access, for purposes of monitoring, auditing, and examining Chamber's activities and performance, to books, records, reports, documents, and papers relating to this Agreement. Failure to comply with the request for audit, or a lack of documentation and records, is cause for termination of this Agreement.

11.0. INSURANCE

Chamber shall procure and maintain for the duration of this Agreement insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Chamber, its agents, representatives, employees, or volunteers.

11.1. Minimum Scope and Limits of Insurance. Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

(a) Commercial General Liability (CGL): Insurance Services Office Form CG 00 01 covering CGL on an "occurrence" basis, including products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury and personal and advertising injury with limits of no less than $1,000,000 per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location (ISO CG 25 03 or 25 04) or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.

(b) Automobile Liability: Insurance Services Office Form CA 0001 covering Code 1 (any auto), or, if Chamber has no owned autos, Code 8 (hired) and 9 (non-owned), with limits of no less than $1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage. If Chamber does not carry automobile liability insurance, Chamber shall ensure that each employee, agent, and subcontractor performing activities in connection with this Agreement using a personal vehicle carries automobile liability coverage with following coverages: bodily injury coverage of at least One Hundred Thousand

Dollars ($100,000.00) per person, and Three Hundred ($300,000.00) per accident, and property damage coverage of at least Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00), or a minimum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($300,000.00) on a single limit policy.

(c) Workers' Compensation: As required by the State of California, with Statutory Limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance with limit of no less than $1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease.

11.2. Endorsements. The insurance policies shall contain or be endorsed to contain the following provisions:

(a) Additional Insured Status: The City, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of Chamber, including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to Chamber's insurance (at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or, if not available, through the addition of both CG 20 10, CG 20 26, CG 20 33, or CG 20 38; and CG 20 37).

(b) Primary Coverage: For any claims related to this Agreement, Chamber's insurance coverage shall be primary and non-contributory and at least as broad as ISO CG 20 01 12 19 as respects the City, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the City, its officers, officials, employees, or volunteers shall be excess of Chamber's insurance and shall not contribute with it. This requirement shall also apply to any Excess or Umbrella liability policies.

(c) Umbrella or Excess Policies: Chamber may use Umbrella or Excess policies to provide the liability limits as required in this Agreement. The policies shall be provided on a true "following form" coverage basis, with coverage at least as broad as provided on the underlying Commercial General Liability insurance.

(d) Notice of Cancellation: Chamber shall require that each policy required by this Agreement shall provide that coverage shall not be canceled, except with thirty (30) days' notice to the City of cancellation (except for nonpayment, for which a ten (10) day notice is required) or nonrenewal or coverage.

(e) Waiver of Subrogation: Chamber hereby grants to City a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer of Chamber may acquire against the City by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. Chamber agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to affect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not the City has received an endorsement from the insurer.

(f) Self-Insured Retentions: Self-insured retentions must be declared to and

approved by the City. The City may require Chamber to purchase coverage with a lower retention or provide proof of ability to pay losses and related expenses within the retention. The policy language shall provide, or be endorsed to provide, that the self-insured retention may be satisfied by either the named insured or City.

(g) Coverage Not Affected: Any failure to comply with the reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to the City of Blythe, its officers, officials, agents, employees, and volunteers.

(h) Coverage Applies Separately: Chamber's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.

11.3. Acceptability of Insurers. Insurance is to be placed with insurers authorized to conduct business in the state with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A:VII, unless otherwise approved by City.

11.4. Verification of Coverage. Chamber shall furnish the City with original certificates and amendatory endorsements or copies of the applicable policy language effecting coverage required by this Section. The City reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements, at any time.

11.5. Non-Limiting. Nothing in this Section shall be construed as limiting in any way, the indemnification provision contained in this Agreement, or the extent to which Chamber may be held responsible for payments of damages to persons or property.

12.0. INDEMNIFICATION

Chamber shall indemnify, defend, with counsel of City's choosing, and hold harmless City, its elected officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, suits or other legal proceedings brought against City, its elected officials, officers, employees, agents and volunteers, arising out of or relating to the performance of this Agreement by Chamber, its officers, employees, agents, volunteers and/or subcontractors.

Chamber shall further indemnify, defend, and hold harmless City, its elected officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, actions or proceedings arising from or relating to any failure of Chamber to comply with any applicable laws or regulations.

13.0. RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES

Nothing contained in the Agreement shall be construed as creating any agency, partnership, or other form of joint enterprise between City and Chamber. The relationship between the City and Chamber shall at all times be that of independent contractors. Chamber shall not have any authority to contract for or bind the City in any manner whatsoever. The Agreement confers no rights upon the parties except those expressly granted herein.

14.0. ASSIGNMENT

Chamber shall not assign this Agreement without City's prior written authorization. Any unauthorized assignment shall be void and shall be considered a material breach of this Agreement.

15.0. COMPLIANCE WITH ALL LAWS

Chamber shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, ordinances, regulations, rules, orders, and requirements in the performance of this Agreement.

16.0. ATTORNEYS' FEES

In the event of a dispute in connection with this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the opposing party all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by the prevailing party in the exercise of any of its rights or remedies hereunder or the enforcement of any of the terms, conditions, or provisions hereof.

17.0. GOVERNING LAW; VENUE

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of California without giving effect to that body of laws pertaining to conflict of laws. In the event of any legal action to enforce or interpret this Agreement, the parties hereto agree that the sole and exclusive venue shall be a court of competent jurisdiction located in Riverside County, California.

18.0. NOTICES

Unless otherwise indicated, all notices, including change of address notices, requests, approvals, and communications concerning this Agreement, shall be given in writing and may be provided by personal delivery or by U.S. mail, with postage properly prepaid and addressed as set forth below. Such communication shall be deemed served or delivered: (a) at the time of delivery if such communication is sent by personal delivery; and (b) on the earlier of the date actually received or on the third day after the postmark if such communication is sent through regular United States mail.

To City:	City of Blythe 235 N. Main St. Blythe, CA 92225 Attn: Mallory Crecelius
To Chamber:	Blythe Chamber of Commerce 101 E. Hobsonway Blythe, CA 92225 Attn: President

19.0. HEADINGS

Paragraphs and subparagraph headings contained in this Agreement are included solely for convenience and are not intended to modify, explain or to be a full or accurate description of the content thereof and shall not in any way affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

20.0. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Agreement is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable in any circumstance, such determination shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining terms and provisions hereof or of the offending provision in any other circumstance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the value of this Agreement, based upon the substantial benefit of the bargain for any party, is materially impaired, which determination made by the presiding court or arbitrator of competent jurisdiction shall be binding, then both parties agree to substitute such provision(s) through good faith negotiations.

21.0. CONSTRUCTION

The parties have participated jointly in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement and have had an adequate opportunity to review each and every provision of the Agreement and submit the same to counsel or other consultants for review and comment. In the event an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises with respect to this Agreement, this Agreement shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the parties and in accordance with its fair meaning. There shall be no presumption or burden of proof favoring or disfavoring any party by virtue of the authorship of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

22.0. WAIVER

The delay or failure of any party at any time to require performance or compliance by another party of any of its obligations or agreements shall in no way be deemed a waiver of those rights to require such performance or compliance. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative of the party against whom enforcement of a waiver is sought. The waiver of any right or remedy in respect to any occurrence or event shall not be deemed a waiver of any right or remedy in respect to any other occurrence or event, nor shall any waiver constitute a continuing waiver.

23.0. BINDING EFFECT

This Agreement binds and benefits the parties and their respective permitted successors and assigns.

24.0. ENTIRE AGREEMENT; MODIFICATIONS

This Agreement represents the entire integrated agreement between City and Chamber, and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. Only a written instrument signed by the parties may amend this Agreement.

25.0. AUTHORITY TO ENTER AGREEMENT

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

26.0. COUNTERPARTS; ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts and may be executed by electronic signatures. Delivery of an executed counterpart of this Agreement by a .pdf data file or other scanned executed counterpart by email shall be equally as effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement. Each duplicate and counterpart shall be equally admissible in evidence, and each shall fully bind each party who has executed it. The parties waive all right to challenge the admissibility or authenticity of this Agreement in a court of law based solely on the absence of an original signature.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed on the dates written below.

CHAMBER

_____ Date: _____

Maria Gonzalez
President

CITY OF BLYTHE

_____ Date: _____

Mallory Crecelius
Interim City Manager

ATTEST:

_____

Mallory Crecelius
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_____

Brittany E. Roberto
City Attorney

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Agreement to Continue Providing Law Enforcement Services to the Palo Verde Unified School District

PRESENTED BY: Keith Walnoha, Acting Chief of Police

PREPARED BY: Keith Walnoha, Acting Chief of Police

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the City Council authorize the Interim City Manager to negotiate and execute the Law Enforcement Services Agreement with the Palo Verde Unified School District ("PVUSD" or "District") to continue providing law enforcement services to the District through June 30, 2028, in such final form as approved by the City Attorney.

FISCAL IMPACT: PVUSD will reimburse the City at a rate of $108.00 per hour until the City completes its cost allocation plan and user fee study. Once the City completes the cost allocation and user fee study, PVUSD will reimburse the City at the newly established fully burdened hourly rate of a police officer, which includes salary, benefits, patrol vehicle usage, mileage, and applicable overhead costs. The hourly rate will be adjusted annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Services will be provided for 11 months of each fiscal year. There is no direct fiscal impact to the City's General Fund, as all costs associated with this assignment are fully reimbursed by PVUSD.

BACKGROUND: For the past several school years, the Blythe Police Department has provided law enforcement services to PVUSD under an agreement approved by the City Council on August 23, 2022. This partnership has contributed to enhanced safety and security within district schools and strengthened coordination between the District and the Police Department.

STAFF REPORT: PVUSD desires to extend its partnership with the Blythe Police Department and enter into a new Law Enforcement Services Agreement for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years.

This agreement will not impact current sworn staffing levels or negatively affect service delivery to the broader community. The assigned School District Tactical Officer (STO) position is funded entirely by PVUSD and is considered a special assignment outside of standard patrol staffing levels.

Should funding for the PVUSD position cease at any time, the assigned officer would be removed from the special assignment, and the position would be eliminated, preferably

through attrition or reassignment.

This continued partnership supports proactive policing, strengthens community relationships, and enhances the safety of students, staff, and school campuses within the district.

The City has provided the District with its proposed revisions to the agreement, which memorialize provisions agreed upon during discussions between the City and the District. Therefore, staff recommends that the City Council authorize the Interim City Manager to negotiate and execute the Law Enforcement Services Agreement with the District to continue providing law enforcement services to the District through June 30, 2028, in such final form as approved by the City Attorney.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Law Enforcement Services Agreement between the City of Blythe and Palo Verde Unified School District (PVUSD)

LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE PALO VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (PVUSD) AND
THE CITY OF BLYTHE
FOR THE PROVISION OF A PVUSD SCHOOL TACTICAL OFFICER (STO)

THIS LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and between the CITY OF BLYTHE ("CITY"), a California municipal corporation, and the PALO VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, a California public school district, located in Riverside County, in the City of Blythe ("DISTRICT"), sometimes collectively referred to as the "parties" and individually as a "party".

WHEREAS, CITY and DISTRICT have identified a need to provide additional law enforcement presence, services, and prevention among DISTRICT's school sites; and

WHEREAS, CITY and DISTRICT share common goals that include providing support for the education process by implementing a school community policing approach within DISTRICT's jurisdiction that addresses school crime, safety, security, violence suppression, response preparation and planning for active shooter prevention; and

WHEREAS, CITY and DISTRICT desire to work cooperatively in the school community policing approach by entering into this Agreement to place Blythe Police Officer(s) as School District School Tactical Officer(s), hereinafter referred to as STO(s) on DISTRICT campuses as needed to be a visual deterrent to aberrant behavior and thereby enhance DISTRICT's campus control and student protection; and

WHEREAS, DISTRICT acknowledges that CITY is hiring an officer to serve as the STO.

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. TERM; TERMINATION.

a. Term. This Agreement shall be effective from August 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028 ("Initial Term"), unless sooner terminated as provided below. This Agreement may be extended beyond the Initial Term upon mutual written agreement of CITY and DISTRICT. If DISTRICT does not intend to extend the term of this Agreement beyond the Initial Term, DISTRICT shall notify CITY in writing of such intent not to extend at least six (6) months prior to expiration of the Initial Term.

b. Termination. Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving written notice to the other party of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least one hundred eighty (180) days before the effective date of such termination. In the event of termination, DISTRICT shall pay for services actually rendered through the termination date only.

2. PERIODS OF PERFORMANCE. CITY and DISTRICT agree that the periods of performance will be as follows:

a. 2026-2027 Academic Year: August 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027

b. 2027-2028 Academic Year: August 1, 2027 through June 30, 2028

3. SCOPE OF SERVICES.

a. CITY agrees to provide one (1) STO, who will be assigned to all DISTRICT campuses as a patrol officer, provide backup assistance to the School Resource Officer (SRO) at Palo Verde High School and respond to schools within the DISTRICT for law enforcement matters occurring on school grounds during school hours. The duties of the STO shall include patrol of school campuses, investigation of crimes, maintenance of order on campuses, responding to safety and security needs, preparing response plans, conducting threat assessments, conducting active shooter deterrent planning, providing training support to PVUSD staff, and serving as the primary officer for law enforcement services at elementary and middle school sites in the DISTRICT. The STO will be responsible for establishing an incident command post during a law enforcement emergency and form an immediate response to an active or potential threat to the safety of staff and students. The STO will maintain essential information to gain immediate access to school entry and maintain appropriate contacts for DISTRICT and law enforcement coordination. The STO will conduct training drills with first responders and attend active shooter classes, tactical planning and other emergency response classes as deemed appropriate by CITY and DISTRICT. It is understood that the STO will be assigned to the DISTRICT on a full-time basis throughout the calendar year. CITY and DISTRICT will agree upon a schedule of services for the STO.

b. DISTRICT agrees to comply with all reasonable requests of CITY necessary to the performance of the STO's duties under this Agreement. DISTRICT agrees to furnish office space for use by the STO while performing the above-described services.

c. DISTRICT may request in writing that CITY provide additional services beyond those provided by the STO during regular school hours, for events such as Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) meetings, Back-to-School Night(s), Open House(s), sporting event(s), dance(s), or other DISTRICT-sponsored events. CITY will use its best efforts to provide the requested services. If DISTRICT requests and CITY provides additional services as set forth herein, DISTRICT shall compensate CITY for such additional services as Overtime Hours in accordance with Section 5 of this Agreement.

4. MODIFICATION OF SERVICES. No portion of the services or responsibilities of either party described in this Agreement may be eliminated, reduced, or appreciably changed without the mutual written agreement of both parties, which shall be memorialized in an amendment to this Agreement.

5. COMPENSATION.

a. Regular Hours; Maximum Compensation. As used herein, "Regular Hours" refers to hours worked by the STO as part of a 2080 schedule, consisting of 40 hours per week. DISTRICT acknowledges that the hourly rate set forth herein is CITY's Fully

Burdened Hourly Rate (FBHR) for a Police Officer, inclusive of salary, benefits, a patrol vehicle and mileage, and overhead costs, adjusted annually for changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The maximum annual cost for Regular Hours will be calculated by multiplying the CITY's FBHR by 2080.

i. For the period commencing August 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, DISTRICT shall pay CITY at a rate of $108.00 per hour as reimbursement for services rendered pursuant to this Agreement during Regular Hours. Except as otherwise set forth herein, the total cost to DISTRICT for such period will not exceed $224,640.00 for Regular Hours.

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

iii. DISTRICT agrees that CITY may increase the FBHR and maximum annual cost set forth herein effective July 1 of each year based upon an increase to the CPI for all Urban Consumer for the Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario area and/or any increases to the CITY's salary schedule. On or before July 1 of each year that this Agreement remains in effect, CITY will provide written notice to DISTRICT of the FBHR and maximum cost for Regular Hours for the upcoming year.

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

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

6. VACATION AND HOLIDAY TIME. The STO's vacation time shall not conflict

with the schedule of services mutually developed by DISTRICT and CITY. Because DISTRICT and CITY holidays may not correspond, holiday time will be taken by the STO in accordance with DISTRICT holidays during the term of this Agreement. The excess days shall be taken with reasonable notice to DISTRICT but shall not conflict with the schedule of services mutually developed by DISTRICT and CITY.

7. ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION. The CITY Chief of Police or his/her designee shall oversee this Agreement and the day shift CITY Watch Commander shall be the direct supervisor of the STO. The Superintendent of DISTRICT (or designee) shall administer this Agreement on behalf of DISTRICT.

8. CITY EMPLOYEE. The STO shall remain an employee of CITY on special assignment to DISTRICT for the purposes set forth in this Agreement, and shall not be considered an agent, employee, or deputy of DISTRICT.

9. HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION.

a. DISTRICT shall indemnify and hold harmless the CITY, its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees, agents and representatives from any liability, claim, damage or action whatsoever, based or asserted upon any negligent act or omission or willful misconduct of DISTRICT, its officers, employees, contractors, agents or representatives arising out of or in any way relating to this Agreement, including but not limited to property damage, bodily injury, or death. DISTRICT shall defend, at its sole cost and expense, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, costs of investigation, defense and settlements or awards, the CITY, its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees, agents and representatives in any such action or claim. With respect to any action or claim subject to indemnification herein by DISTRICT, DISTRICT shall, at its sole cost, have the right to use counsel of its own choice and shall have the right to adjust, settle, or compromise any such action or claim without the prior consent of CITY; provided, however, that any such adjustment, settlement or compromise in no manner whatsoever limits or circumscribes DISTRICT's indemnification of CITY. DISTRICT's obligations hereunder shall be satisfied when DISTRICT has provided to CITY the appropriate form of dismissal (or similar document) relieving the CITY from any liability for the action or claim involved. Any insurance coverage shall in no way limit or circumscribe DISTRICT's obligations to indemnify and hold harmless the CITY.

b. CITY shall indemnify and hold harmless the DISTRICT, its directors, officers, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and representatives from any liability, claim, damage or action whatsoever, based or asserted upon any negligent act or omission or willful misconduct of CITY, its officers, employees, contractors, agents or representatives arising out of or in any way relating to this Agreement, including but not limited to property damage, bodily injury, or death. CITY shall defend, at its sole cost and expense, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, costs of investigation, defense and settlements or awards, the DISTRICT, its directors, officers, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and representatives in any such action or claim. With respect to any action or claim subject to indemnification herein by CITY, CITY shall, at its sole cost, have the right to use counsel of its own choice and shall have the right to adjust, settle, or compromise any such action or claim without the prior consent of DISTRICT; provided, however, that any such adjustment, settlement or compromise in no manner

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10. ASSIGNMENT. Neither this Agreement nor any duties or obligations under this Agreement may be assigned by DISTRICT without prior written consent of CITY.

11. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement supersedes any and all agreements, either oral or written, between the parties, and contains all of the covenants and agreements between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. Each party acknowledges that no other agreement, understanding or promise, oral or otherwise, relative to this subject matter exists between the parties at the time of execution of this Agreement. Any modification of this Agreement shall be effective only if it is in writing and signed by both parties.

12. NOTICES. Any notice required or desired to be served by either party upon the other shall be addressed to the respective parties as set forth below:

CITY	DISTRICT
City of Blythe	Palo Verde Unified School District
235 N. Broadway	825 N. Lovekin Blvd
Blythe, CA 92225	Blythe, CA 92225
Attn: Mallory Crecelius	Attn: Superintendent

13. WAIVER. Any waiver by a party of any breach of any one or more of the terms of this Agreement shall not be construed to be a waiver of any subsequent or other breach of the same or of any other term thereof. Failure on the part of a party to require exact, full, and complete compliance with any term of this Agreement shall not be construed in any manner as changing the terms hereof, or estopping a party from enforcement hereof. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative of the party against whom enforcement of the waiver is sought.

14. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nevertheless continue in full force without being impaired or invalidated in any way.

15. ELECTRONIC/DIGITAL SIGNATURES. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which will be an original, but all of which together will constitute one instrument. Each party of this Agreement agrees to the use of electronic signatures, such as digital signatures that meet the requirements of the California Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (("CUETA") Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1633.1 to 1633.17), for executing this Agreement. The parties further agree that the electronic signatures of the parties included in this Agreement are intended to authenticate this writing and to have the same force and effect as manual signatures. Electronic signature means an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with an electronic record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent

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

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representatives of the parties hereto have signed in confirmation of this Agreement on the dates indicated below.

PALO VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

_____ Date: _____

April Smith
Superintendent

CITY OF BLYTHE

_____ Date: _____

Mallory Crecelius
Interim City Manager

ATTEST:

_____

Mallory Crecelius
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_____

Brittany E. Roberto
City Attorney

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Biennial Review of the Conflict of Interest Code

PRESENTED BY: Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager and City Clerk

PREPARED BY: Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager and City Clerk

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council receive and file this biennial report on the City's Conflict of Interest Code.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

BACKGROUND: The Political Reform Act (California Government Code Section 81000 et seq.) requires every local agency to adopt a Conflict of Interest Code. The Conflict of Interest Code identifies positions that involve the making or participation in making of decisions that may foreseeably have a material effect on any financial interest; assigns disclosure categories to these positions; and indicates the types of economic interest which must be reported, such as investments, business positions, interests in real estate, sources of income or gifts.

The Political Reform Act requires every local government agency to review its Conflict of Interest Code every two years (in even numbered years) to determine if the Code needs to be amended. For example, a Conflict of Interest Code may require amendments if any positions have been eliminated or re-named, if new positions have been added, or if there have been substantial changes in duties or responsibilities for existing positions since the last Code was approved.

The Political Reform Act requires the code reviewing body to direct review of the agency's Conflict of Interest Code(s) no later than July 1st of each even-numbered year. By October 1st of the same year, upon review of the Code(s), if no changes to the Code(s) are required, the local agency head is required to submit a written statement to that effect to the code reviewing body.

The City Council last amended the City's Conflict of Interest Code on September 27, 2022 through the adoption of Resolution No. 2022-031.

STAFF REPORT: On May 12, 2026, the City Council, as the code reviewing body for the City and City agencies, directed the review of the City's Conflict of Interest Code. Staff has completed their review of the City's Conflict of Interest Code and determined that no amendments are required. The City's Conflict of Interest Code is attached to this report.

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Conflict of Interest Code
2. Local Biennial Notice 2026

CITY OF BLYTHE
CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

SECTION 1. STANDARDIZED CODE ADOPTED. The Political Reform Act (California Government Code Section 81000 *et seq.*) requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes. The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation (2 California Code of Regulations Section 18730) that contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code, which can be incorporated by reference in an agency's code. After public notice and hearing, the standard code may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission to conform to amendments in the Political Reform Act. Therefore, the terms of 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18730 and any amendments to it duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission are hereby incorporated by reference. This regulation and the attached Appendices, designating positions and establishing disclosure categories, shall constitute the Conflict of Interest Code of the City of Blythe (City).

SECTION 2. STATEMENTS. Individuals holding designated positions shall file their statements of economic interest with the City Clerk, who shall be and will perform the duties of filing officer for the City of Blythe. The City Clerk will make statements available for public inspection and reproduction (California Government Code Section 81008). Upon receipt of statements from individuals holding positions identified in California Government Code Section 87200, the City Clerk shall make and retain copies and forward original statements to the Fair Political Practices Commission. The City Clerk shall retain all other statements.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Conflict of Interest Code shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the City Council of the City of Blythe.

APPENDIX A
DESIGNATED POSITIONS

DESIGNATED POSITION	DISCLOSURE CATEGORY/IES
City Manager's Office	
Assistant City Manager	1
Human Resources Manager	1
City Clerk's Office	
City Clerk	1
Deputy City Clerk	2, 4
Development Services Department	
Development Services Director	1
Senior Planner	2, 4, 5, 6, 7
Associate Planner	2, 4, 5, 6, 7
Chief Building Official	1
Building Inspector	2, 4, 5, 6, 7
Finance Department	
Finance Director	1
Deputy Finance Director	2, 3, 5, 6, 7
Fire Department	
Fire Chief	2, 4, 5, 6
Police Department	
Police Chief	1
Police Captain	2, 4, 5, 6, 7
Public Works Department	
Public Works Director	1
Assistant Public Works Director	2, 4, 5, 6
City Engineer	2, 4, 5, 6
Consultants/New Positions	*

*Consultants/New Positions are included in the list of designated positions and shall disclose pursuant to the broadest disclosure category in the code, subject to the following limitation:

The City Manager or his/her designee may determine in writing that a particular consultant or new position, although a "designated position," is hired to perform a range of duties that is limited in scope and thus is not required to fully comply with the disclosure requirements in this section. Such written determination shall include a description of the consultant's or new position's duties and, based upon that description, a statement of the extent of disclosure requirements. The City Manager's or his/her designee's determination is a public record and shall be retained for public inspection in the same manner and location as this Conflict of Interest Code. (California Government Code Section 81008.)

GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 87200 FILERS

City Council
City Council Candidates
City Manager
City Attorney
City Treasurer

These positions file in accordance with the requirements contained in California Government Code Section 87200 et seq.

APPENDIX B
DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES

CATEGORY 1	All designated positions in this category shall disclose all sources of income, all investments and management positions with business entities, and all interest in real property located in the City of Blythe.
CATEGORY 2	All designated positions in this category shall disclose all interests in real property located in the City of Blythe.
CATEGORY 3	All designated positions in this category shall disclose investments, management positions with business entities and sources of income from business entities which provide services, supplies, materials, machinery or equipment of the type utilized by the City of Blythe.
CATEGORY 4	All designated positions in this category shall disclose investments, management positions with business entities and sources of income from business entities which provide services, supplies, materials, machinery or equipment of the type utilized by the designated position's department or division.
CATEGORY 5	All designated positions in this category shall disclose all investments, management positions with business entities and sources of income from business entities, and interests in real property which are subject to the regulatory, permit or licensing authority of the City of Blythe.
CATEGORY 6	All designated positions in this category shall disclose all investments, management positions with business entities and sources of income from business entities which engage in land development, construction or the acquisition or sale of real property, and all interests in real property in the City of Blythe.
CATEGORY 7	All designated positions in this category shall disclose all investments, management positions with business entities and sources of income (including gifts, loans, travel payments, or income from a nonprofit organization) if the source is of the type to receive grants or other monies from or through the City of Blythe.

2026 Local Agency Biennial Notice

Name of Agency: City of Blythe

Mailing Address: 235 N. Broadway Blythe, CA 92225

Contact Person: Mallory Crecelius Phone No. 760-922-6161

Email: msutterfield@cityofblythe.ca.gov Alternate Email: _____

Accurate disclosure is essential to monitor whether officials have conflicts of interest and to help ensure public trust in government. The biennial review examines current programs to ensure that the agency's code includes disclosure by those agency officials who make or participate in making governmental decisions.

This agency has reviewed its conflict of interest code and has determined that *(check one BOX):*

☐ **An amendment is required. The following amendments are necessary:**

(Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Include new positions
- ☐ Revise disclosure categories
- ☐ Revise the titles of existing positions
- ☐ Delete titles of positions that have been abolished and/or positions that no longer make or participate in making governmental decisions
- ☐ Other *(describe)* _____

☐ **The code is currently under review by the code reviewing body.**

☑ **No amendment is required.** (If your code is over five years old, amendments may be necessary.)

Verification **(to be completed if no amendment is required)**

This agency's code accurately designates all positions that make or participate in the making of governmental decisions. The disclosure assigned to those positions accurately requires that all investments, business positions, interests in real property, and sources of income that may foreseeably be affected materially by the decisions made by those holding designated positions are reported. The code includes all other provisions required by Government Code Section 87302.

Mary Cruz
Signature of Chief Executive Officer

9/4/2026
Date

All agencies must complete and return this notice regardless of how recently your code was approved or amended. Please return this notice no later than **October 1, 2026**, or by the date specified by your agency, if earlier, to:

(PLACE RETURN ADDRESS OF CODE REVIEWING BODY HERE)

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM TO THE FPPC.

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Amendment Number Two to Peacemaker Lease Agreement between the City of Blythe and Syneco Systems, Inc.

PRESENTED BY: Mirasol Elegores, Public Works Director

PREPARED BY: Mirasol Elegores, Public Works Director

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that Council authorize the Interim City Manager to execute Amendment Number Two to the Lease Agreement between the City and Syneco Systems, Inc. for Peacemaker® Odor Scrubbers for Sewer Lift Stations: #3, #5, #11, #13 and #14, extending the term of the Lease Agreement for three years, through September 30, 2029.

FISCAL IMPACT: $249,530.74 from the Sewer Utility Fund.

BACKGROUND: The City first entered into a lease agreement with Syneco Systems, Inc. in May 2008. Since 2008, Syneco has provided a filtration system that uses media and positive flow fans to capture gasses emitted from the sewer lift stations.

In 2014, staff released a Request for Proposals for Lift Station Odor Control in which Syneco Systems, Inc. was the sole bidder. In 2019, the City entered a pilot program with ATS Innova for wastewater bioaugmentation to further reduce smells emitted from the City's sewer lift stations. The trial program concluded and was found to be ineffective in reducing solid build up in the sewer system.

In 2014, the City performed system upgrades which increased the mitigation of sewer gasses in comparison to previous years.

The current Lease Agreement was entered into as of September 10, 2020, for a term commencing October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2023. On September 12, 2023, the City Council approved a three-year extension, extending the term through September 30, 2026.

STAFF REPORT: The sewer lift stations included in the odor scrubber program include: #3 (Del Taco), #5 (Public Works Yard), #11 (Intake – South of I 10), #13 (Sparkling Lagoon), and #14 (Defrain).

Terms of the amendment include the equipment and media filters replaced as necessary to control sewer gas emissions over the term of the lease, which is proposed to be extended for three years, from October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2029.

Pursuant to Blythe Municipal Code section 2.65.070(D), commodities or services that can be obtained by only one vendor, or when only one vendor is able to supply a

commodity or service within the timeframe or under terms and conditions which meet the needs of the City, are exempt from the City's competitive procurement requirements (known as sole source). Syneco Systems meets this exception as they are the only vendor that can provide the equipment.

The total cost of the three-year extension is $249,530.74. The cost for each three-year lease period has remained the same since 2017.

As Syneco Systems' odor filtration system continues to be the most effective process in reducing odors escaping the City's sewer lift stations, it is recommended the City Council authorize Amendment Number Two to the Lease Agreement with Syneco Systems, extending the term by three years.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Amendment Number Two to Lease Agreement

AMENDMENT NUMBER TWO TO
PEACEMAKER® LEASE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
CITY OF BLYTHE
AND
SYNECO SYSTEMS, INC.

THIS AMENDMENT NUMBER TWO TO PEACEMAKER® LEASE AGREEMENT ("Amendment") is made and entered into as of September 8, 2026 ("Effective Date") by and between the CITY OF BLYTHE, a municipal corporation ("Lessee") and SYNECO SYSTEMS, INC., a Minnesota corporation ("Lessor").

WHEREAS, Lessor and Lessee entered into a Peacemaker® Lease Agreement effective September 10, 2020 for Lessee to lease Equipment from Lessor ("Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides for a term of thirty-six (36) months, commencing October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Section 5(a) of the Agreement provides that Lessee or Lessor may, at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the Agreement, offer to renew the Agreement for an additional term; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5(a), Lessor and Lessee renewed the Agreement by extending the term for a thirty-six (36) month period, commencing October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2026, through Amendment Number One to the Agreement, dated September 12, 2023 ("Amendment One"); and

WHEREAS, Lessor has offered to renew the Agreement for an additional term as authorized by Section 5(a), and Lessee has accepted the offer; and

WHEREAS, Lessor and Lessee desire to renew the Agreement by extending the term for an additional thirty-six (36) month period.

NOW, THEREFORE, for valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. Section 4(a) of the Agreement shall be amended to read as follows:

   a. The term of this Agreement is 36 months, from 10/1/2026 – 9/30/2029.

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

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

4. This Amendment may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and may be executed by electronic signatures. All counterparts shall be construed together and shall constitute one agreement. Delivery of an executed counterpart of this Amendment by a .pdf data file or other scanned executed counterpart by email shall be equally as effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Amendment. Each duplicate and counterpart shall be equally admissible in evidence, and each shall fully bind each party who has executed it. The parties waive all right to challenge the admissibility or authenticity of this Amendment in a court of law based solely on the absence of an original signature.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed by and through their respective authorized officers, as of the date first above written.

LESSEE:

CITY OF BLYTHE

Mallory Crecelius
Interim City Manager

LESSOR:

SYNECO SYSTEMS, INC.

Dan Falkman
President

ATTEST:

Mallory Crecelius
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Brittany E. Roberto
City Attorney

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WHEREAS, Lessor has offered to renew the Agreement for an additional term as authorized by Section 5(a), and Lessee has accepted the offer; and

WHEREAS, Lessor and Lessee desire to renew the Agreement by extending the term for an additional thirty-six (36) month period.

NOW, THEREFORE, for valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. Section 4(a) of the Agreement shall be amended to read as follows:

   a. The term of this Agreement is 36 months, from 10/1/2026 – 9/30/2029.

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

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

4. This Amendment may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and may be executed by electronic signatures. All counterparts shall be construed together and shall constitute one agreement. Delivery of an executed counterpart of this Amendment by a .pdf data file or other scanned executed counterpart by email shall be equally as effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Amendment. Each duplicate and counterpart shall be equally admissible in evidence, and each shall fully bind each party who has executed it. The parties waive all right to challenge the admissibility or authenticity of this Amendment in a court of law based solely on the absence of an original signature.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed by and through their respective authorized officers, as of the date first above written.

LESSEE:

CITY OF BLYTHE

Mallory Crecelius
Interim City Manager

LESSOR:

SYNECO SYSTEMS, INC.

Dan Falkman
President

ATTEST:

Mallory Crecelius
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Brittany E. Roberto
City Attorney

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Postponement of Commercial Cannabis Dispensary Application Process

PRESENTED BY: Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the City Council postpone the commercial cannabis dispensary application process and authorize staff to issue refunds to the two current applicants.

FISCAL IMPACT: Should the applicant(s) request a refund of application fees paid for their Cannabis Dispensary Application, direct costs to the City include a $2,500 application review fee, $2,200 per owner background investigation conducted and a $49 DOJ Fingerprint Rolling Fee.

BACKGROUND: The City's regulations for commercial cannabis business activities within the City are codified in Chapter 5.10 of the Blythe Municipal Code (BMC). The City last amended Chapter 5.10 in 2023. Pursuant to Chapter 5.10, a maximum of two commercial cannabis retail – storefront licenses are permitted to operate within the City, and the procedures that govern the application process are adopted by resolution of the City Council. In 2018, the City Council issued two dispensary (now referred to as "storefront") licenses – one to The Prime Leaf and one conditional license to HAH 1, LLC (known as "High Times"). High Times received its Certificate of Occupancy in November 2021. High Times closed in approximately March 2024.

In July 2025, the City released the application documents for one storefront/dispensary license. The application deadline was initially October 23, 2025, which was extended to November 7, 2025. The City received two applications.

STAFF REPORT: The City's Application Procedure to Operate a Commercial Cannabis Dispensary Business in Blythe provides the following under "The City's Reservation of Rights":

The City reserves the right to reject any and/or all applications, with or without any cause or reason. The City may also modify, postpone, or cancel the request for permit applications without liability, obligation, or commitment to any party, firm, or organization. In addition, the City reserves the right to request and obtain additional information from any applicant submitting an application. Late and incomplete applications WILL BE REJECTED. Furthermore, the City may reject an application if it contains excess or extraneous material not called for in the application.

During the current application process, staff identified the need to conduct analysis regarding potential revisions to both Chapter 5.10 and the application process. Therefore, staff recommends that the City Council postpone the process until such time as the City amends Chapter 5.10 and the application process. Additionally, staff recommends that the City Council authorize staff to issue refunds to the two current applicants in the event they do not want to leave their applications on hold pending the City's revisions to the BMC and the permit application process.

ATTACHMENTS: None.

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Finding Pursuant to California Public Contract Code Section 3400(c) for Specification of the Pureflow Filtration System for the Hidden Beaches Water System Treatment, Filtration, and Storage Project

PRESENTED BY: Mirasol Elegores, Public Works Director

PREPARED BY: Mirasol Elegores, Public Works Director

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the City Council find that the Pureflow Filtration Division of California Environmental Controls, Inc. manganese and iron removal filtration system is designated by brand for the Hidden Beaches Water System Treatment, Filtration, and Storage Project in order to match other products in use on another public improvement, at the City's Water Treatment Plant, in accordance with California Public Contract Code section 3400(c).

FISCAL IMPACT: Specification of the Pureflow filtration system does not increase the approved project budget. The selected filtration technology was incorporated into the design and cost estimates used for the project development.

BACKGROUND: In August 2023, the State Water Resources Control Board ("State Water Board") issued a Compliance Order to the City due to manganese secondary maximum contaminant level (MCL). The City is required to have a new water filtration system operational by November 30, 2027. The City applied for and was awarded $4.6 million from the State Water Board for the Hidden Beaches Water System Treatment, Filtration, and Storage Project (the "Project"), which includes installation of a new water filtration system, a new booster pump station, a new drinking water well, and a new water storage tank.

The City is preparing to solicit bids for the Project. During the planning and design phase, Pureflow Filtration Division of California Environmental Controls, Inc. ("Pureflow") conducted a pilot study and submitted performance reports demonstrating the suitability of its filtration system for the City's treatment requirements.

Pureflow also provided design criteria, engineering data, and equipment information used in the development of the treatment plant design. The Project plans and specifications were prepared utilizing the Pureflow filtration technology and have been approved by the State Water Board.

The City currently operates a Pureflow filtration system at the Water Treatment Plant that was installed in 2005. The system has provided reliable and efficient performance

for over twenty years and continues to operate effectively using the original filtration media. City operators and maintenance personnel have extensive experience with the operation and maintenance of this system.

STAFF REPORT: Pursuant to California Public Contract Code section 3400(b), the City is generally prohibited from calling for a designated material, product, thing or service by specific brand or trade name unless the specification includes "or equal." However, pursuant to Public Contract Code section 3400(c), the City is able to require a specific product by brand or trade name if the City Council makes a finding that a particular material, product, thing, or service is designated by specific brand or trade name for one of the purposes outlined, including: (a) in order that a field test or experiment may be made to determine the product's suitability for future use; (b) in order to match other products in use on a particular public improvement either completed or in the course of completion; and (c) in order to obtain a necessary item that is only available from one source

As outlined above, the City currently operates a Pureflow filtration system at the Water Treatment Plant with a proven twenty-year operating history. Installation of a similar system at the Hidden Beaches facility will provide consistency between City treatment facilities and will allow operators to utilize their existing knowledge and experience. On the other hand, using two separate filtration technologies would require the City's personnel to learn two systems, and would hinder the City's ability to quickly and efficiently obtain replacement parts and/or technical services as needed.

Additionally, use of the Pureflow filtration system will provide the following benefits:

1. Standardization of filtration equipment between City facilities.
2. Improved operational efficiency through use of familiar equipment.
3. Reduced operator training requirements.
4. Simplified maintenance procedures.
5. Consistency in spare parts inventory and procurement.
6. Proven reliability based on the City's successful long-term experience with the existing Pureflow system.

Therefore, staff recommends that the City Council find that the Pureflow manganese and iron removal filtration system is designated by brand for the Hidden Beaches Water System Treatment, Filtration, and Storage Project in order to match other products in use on another public improvement.

ATTACHMENTS: None.

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 8, 2026

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

PRESENTED BY: Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager

PREPARED BY: Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-029:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-029. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT REGARDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SUCCESSOR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLYTHE AND THE NON-SWORN PERSONNEL REPRESENTED BY THE BLYTHE POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SUCCESSSOR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

FISCAL IMPACT: Terms of the two-year agreement include a 5% Cost of Living Adjustment in both years of the agreement, a $1,500 signing bonus for every member of the unit in the pay period following ratification of the agreement, and, on July 1, 2027, reclassification of Public Safety Dispatcher/Records Supervisor I and II and Forensic Technician, an adjustment in Longevity Pay for employees with 5-9 years of service, changes in banked holiday hours to recognize a 12-hour work period and changes in the employer/employee match contribution for health premiums.

BACKGROUND: The MOU between the City and the Non-Sworn Personnel represented by the Blythe Police Officers' Association ("Unit") expired on June 30, 2026. Unit representatives and the City's negotiator, Interim City Manager Crecelius, have met and conferred regarding wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment for a successor MOU in accordance with the provisions of the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act (California Government Code section 3500 et seq.).

STAFF REPORT: The City and Unit have reached a tentative agreement. The terms of the tentative agreement are outlined in the Deal Points Memo (Exhibit A to the proposed Resolution). It is recommended Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-029, approving and adopting the tentative agreement regarding the successor MOU for the Non-Sworn Personnel represented by the Blythe Police Officers' Association for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028.

In accordance with the requirements of the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act, if the Council adopts the tentative agreement, the City and the Unit will jointly prepare the successor Memorandum of Understanding. The proposed Resolution provides authorization for the Interim City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding and to enter

into any cost neutral amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 2026-029
2. Exhibit A - Deal Points for the Two-Year Agreement

RESOLUTION 2026-029

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT REGARDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SUCCESSOR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLYTHE AND THE NON-SWORN PERSONNEL REPRESENTED BY THE BLYTHE POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SUCCESSOR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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

WHEREAS, in 2024, the City Council of the City of Blythe ("City") approved a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") between the City and the Non-Sworn Personnel represented by the Blythe Police Officers' Association ("Unit") for the period covering July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026; and

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

WHEREAS, the City and the Unit have reached a tentative agreement regarding the terms and conditions of the successor MOU, which will cover the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of September, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

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Joseph DeConinck, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Mallory Crecelius, City Clerk

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A

TENTATIVE AGREEMENT

MEMO

To: Non-Sworn Unit

From: Mallory Crecelius, Interim City Manager

Date: September 3, 2026

Re: Deal Points for Two-Year Agreement- July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028

Pursuant to the meet and confer process which concluded on September 3, 2026, the Non-Sworn Unit Represented by the Blythe Police Officer's Association and the City's negotiator agreed to the following deal points which will amend the Unit's Memorandum of Understanding as follows:

1. A two-year Agreement, to become effective July 1, 2026, and remain in full force and effect through June 30, 2028.

2. A 5% COLA for every member of this unit effective July 1, 2026. An additional 5% COLA will be effective for every member of this unit on July 1, 2027.

3. A $1,500 signing bonus to be paid to every full-time member of this unit on payroll, in the first pay period following Council adoption of the Successor MOU. A $1,500 signing bonus will be paid to every full-time member of this unit on July 1, 2027.

4. Effective July 1, 2026, the following changes will be made to the Base Salary Rate Classification under Article 3- Regular Compensation, Section 1- Base Salary Rate:

Public Safety Dispatcher/Records Supervisor I	Range 38
Public Safety Dispatcher/Records Supervisor II	Range 40
Forensic Technician	Range 40

5. Effective following Council ratification of the Successor MOU, Agreement Article 5 Wage Supplemental Benefits -Section 4- Holidays Sub Section C. will be amended as follows:

   C. Employees in this Unit shall accrue Holidays worked and banked based on the employee's work schedule. Employees on an eight (8) hour work schedule shall accrue and bank eight (8) Holiday hours; employees on a ten (10) hour work schedule shall accrue and bank ten (10) Holiday hours; employees on a twelve (12) hour work schedule shall accrue and bank (12) Holiday hours. Holiday hours shall be paid to the employee as stated in paragraph (4) above

6. Effective in the first pay period following Council adoption of the Successor MOU, Article 4- Special Compensation Section 1- Overtime will be revised as follows:

D. Notwithstanding Subsection C above, if a 4 day, 10 hour work schedule is established for any employee in this Unit, overtime will be compensated at 1 ½ times the employee's regular base hourly rate of pay in excess of ten (10) hours in the workday or forty (40) hours in the worked period as defined in Article 6, Section 12 of this Agreement;

If a 12-hour work period is established for any employee in this Unit, overtime will be compensated at 1 ½ times the employee's regular base hourly rate of pay in excess of twelve (12) hours in the workday or forty (40) hours in the worked period as defined in Article 6, Section 12 of this Agreement.

7. Effective in the first pay period following Council adoption of the Successor MOU, the following changes will be made to Article 5- Wage and Supplemental Benefits, Section 9- Longevity Pay:

Longevity pay for Non-Sworn employees in this "Unit" shall be provided as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

8. Effective in the first pay period following Council adoption of the Successor MOU, Article 5- Wage Supplemental Benefits, Section 5- Vacation Accrual Subsection C- Vacatoin Accrual will be revised as follows:

C. VACATION ACCRUAL

Vacation accrual will begin on the permanent employment date as follows:

1. .0385 hours per regular hour worked in the first pay period in which the employee becomes eligible, to a maximum of 3.08 hours.

2. 3.08 hours per pay period to and including five (5) years of service (240 maximum accrual).

3. 4.62 hours per pay period after five (5) years, to and including ten (10) years of service (280 maximum accrual).

4. 6.16 hours per pay period after ten (10) years of service (320 maximum accrual).

5. 7.50 hours per pay period after fifteen (15) years of service (360 maximum accrual).

6. 9.0 hours per pay period after twenty (20) years of service (400 maximum accrual).

Vacation will be accrued on a bi-weekly basis. Maximum accumulation will be 160 hours in addition to the current year's accumulation. Vacation earned above the maximum may be sold semiannually the last pay period in June and the last pay period in November. Requests for this pay shall be made prior to June 1st or November 1st.

9. Effective with the adoption of the Successor MOU, the following language from Article 5- Section 9- Longevity Pay will be removed:

There will be no longevity pay for employees hired after the execution of this agreement (2012-2014).

10. Effective with the adoption of the Successor MOU, Article 5 – Wage Supplemental Benefits Section 4 – Holidays will be revised as follows:

B. REGULATIONS

1. Regular and probationary employees who are required to work on an observed holiday will either be granted a work day of leave or be paid for a maximum of eight (8) hours holiday time at straight time, in addition to pay for the time worked.

2. In the event one or more holidays fall within a scheduled annual vacation leave, such holidays will not be charged to vacation leave but rather the vacation leave will be extended accordingly.

3. Employees must work the day of the holiday in order to receive pay for the holiday unless the day of the holiday is a regularly scheduled day off or the employee is on extended sick leave, vacation, compensatory leave, or Worker's Compensation (industrial leave).

4. Each employee represented by the Association shall to the extent that the employee

is entitled to payment as set forth in paragraph B-1 though B-3 above will receive one days pay for each of the listed holidays in a separate check in December of each year.

11. Effective the first day of the month following Council adoption of this Successor MOU, the following revisions will be made to Article 5 – Wage Supplemental Benefits, Section 1 – Employee and Dependent Insurance:

B. The City contribution for Medical insurance will have a cap of $695 per month. All increases in insurance premiums will be paid for by the employer/employee on a 60/40 match contribution.

C. The City Contribution for dental, vision, life and short-term disability coverage will have a cap of $80 per month. All increases in premiums will be paid for the employer/employee on a 60/40 match contribution.

All items listed in this proposal are subject to review and approval by the Blythe City Council.

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Clarify the City's Authorized Representative for Financial Assistance Application's with the State Water Resources Control Board

PRESENTED BY: Christa Elms, Director of Finance

PREPARED BY: Christa Elms, Director of Finance

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-030 Designating the City's Authorized Representative for the Birch Street Manganese Treatment Project.

   RESOLUTION NO. 2026-030. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING THE CITY'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE BIRCH STREET MANGANESE TREATMENT PROJECT

2. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-031 Designating the City's Authorized Representative for the Hidden Beaches Water System Treatment, Filtration, and Storage Project.

   RESOLUTION NO. 2026-031. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING THE CITY'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE HIDDEN BEACHES WATER SYSTEM TREATMENT, FILTRATION, AND STORAGE PROJECT

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

BACKGROUND: The State Water Resource Control Board (the "Board") offers funding opportunities for drinking water infrastructure projects needed to achieve or maintain compliance with federal and state drinking water statutes and regulations. The Board's Division of Financial Assistance ("DFA") oversees funding programs, applications for assistance, and eligibility.

On February 13, 2024, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-004 authorizing the filing of a financial assistance application and designating a representative to act on behalf of the City of Blythe for the Hidden Beaches Water System, Filtration and Storage Project (the "HB Project"). On September 9, 2025, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2025-024 taking similar action for the Birch Street Manganese Treatment Project (the "Birch Project").

Since adoption of both Resolution's the City has been awarded Drinking Water Construction Grant in the amount of $4,617,600 and the City entered into Agreement No. D2502052 for the purpose of the HB Project. The City was awarded Technical Assistance Funding for the Birch Project and is still in the phase of submitting application for funding.

STAFF REPORT: Prior to submitting a Financial Assistance Application, the City Council is required to adopt a resolution designating an authorized representative to sign and file the application, provide assurances, certifications, and commitments required for the application, including executing a financial assistance agreement, and represent the City in carrying out its responsibilities under the financing agreement. On February 13, 2024, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-004, designating by title the Interim City Manager as the City's Authorized Representative for the HB Project. On September 9, 2025, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2025-024 taking this same action for the Birch Project. On July 14, 2026, the City's Project Manager with DFA requested the City to clarify and include the title of City Manager.

Therefore, it is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-033 Designating the City's Authorized Representative for the Hidden Beaches Water System Treatment, Filtration, and Storage Project, and Resolution No. 2026-030 Designating the City's Authorized Representative for the Birch Street Manganese Treatment Project. Both Resolution's designate by title of City Manager, Interim City Manager, and Acting City Manager as an Authorized Representative.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 2026-030
2. Resolution No. 2026-031

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-030

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING THE CITY'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE BIRCH STREET MANGANESE TREATMENT PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program assists public water systems in financing the cost of drinking water infrastructure projects needed to achieve or maintain compliance with federal and state drinking water statutes and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Resources Control Board administers the Financial Assistance Application to determine eligibility for DWSRF funding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Blythe ("City") submitted a Financial Assistance Application to the State Water Resources Control Board to request financial assistance for the City's Birch Street Manganese Treatment Project; and

WHEREAS, prior to submitting a Finance Assistance Application, the City Council is required to adopt a resolution designating an authorized representative to sign and file the application, provide assurances, certifications, and commitments required for the application, including executing a financial assistance agreement, and represent the City in carrying out its responsibilities under the financing agreement; and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2025, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2025-024, designating the Interim City Manager as the City's Authorized Representative to sign and file the application, provide assurances, certifications, and commitments required for the application, including executing a financial assistance agreement, and represent the City in carrying out its responsibilities under the financing agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to clarify that the City's Authorized Representative includes the City Manager, Interim City Manager, and Acting City Manager.

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

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby designates the City Manager, Interim City Manager, or Acting City Manager as the City's Authorized Representative for the Birch Street Manganese Treatment Project.

SECTION 2. The City Council designates and authorizes the Authorized

Representative, or designee, to provide the assurances, certifications, and commitments required for the Financial Assistance Application, including executing a financial assistance agreement from the State Water Resources Control Board and any amendments or changes thereto.

SECTION 3. The City Council designates and authorizes the Authorized Representative, or designee, to represent the City in carrying out the City's responsibilities under the financing agreement, including certifying disbursement requests on behalf of the City and compliance with applicable state and federal laws.

SECTION 4. The City Council authorizes the Authorizes Representative to accept any financial assistance awarded to the City by the State Water Resources Control Board for the Birch Street Manganese Treatment Project and to take any and all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of September, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

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Joseph DeConinck, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mallory Crecelius, City Clerk

(SEAL)

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-031

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING THE CITY'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE HIDDEN BEACHES WATER SYSTEM TREATMENT, FILTRATION, AND STORAGE PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program assists public water systems in financing the cost of drinking water infrastructure projects needed to achieve or maintain compliance with federal and state drinking water statutes and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Resources Control Board administers the Financial Assistance Application to determine eligibility for DWSRF funding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Blythe ("City") submitted a Financial Assistance Application to the State Water Resources Control Board to request financial assistance for the City's Hidden Beaches Water System Treatment, Filtration, and Storage Project; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Resources Control Board awarded to the City a Drinking Water Construction Grant in the amount of $4,617,600; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Resources Control Board and the City entered into Agreement No. D2502052 for the purpose of the Hidden Beaches Water System Treatment, Filtration, and Storage Project (Project No. 3301630-001C) (the "Grant Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, prior to submitting a Finance Assistance Application, the City Council is required to adopt a resolution designating an authorized representative to sign and file the application, provide assurances, certifications, and commitments required for the application, including executing a financial assistance agreement, and represent the City in carrying out its responsibilities under the financing agreement; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2024, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-004, designating the Interim City Manager as the City's Authorized Representative to sign and file the application, provide assurances, certifications, and commitments required for the application, including executing a financial assistance agreement, and represent the City in carrying out its responsibilities under the financing agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to clarify that the City's Authorized Representative includes the City Manager, Interim City Manager, and Acting City Manager.

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

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby designates the City Manager, Interim City Manager, or Acting City Manager as the City's Authorized Representative for the Hidden Beaches Water System Treatment, Filtration, and Storage Project.

SECTION 2. The City Council designates and authorizes the Authorized Representative, or designee, to provide the assurances, certifications, and commitments required for the Financial Assistance Application, including executing the Grant Agreement from the State Water Resources Control Board and any amendments or changes thereto.

SECTION 3. The City Council designates and authorizes the Authorized Representative, or designee, to represent the City in carrying out the City's responsibilities under the Grant Agreement, including certifying disbursement requests on behalf of the City and compliance with applicable state and federal laws.

SECTION 4. The City Council authorizes the Authorized Representative to accept any financial assistance awarded to the City by the State Water Resources Control Board for the Hidden Beaches Water System Treatment, Filtration, and Storage Project and to take any and all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of September, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

_____
Joseph DeConinck, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Mallory Crecelius, City Clerk

(SEAL)

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 8, 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 adopt 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 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.

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.

STAFF REPORT: The City Council introduced Ordinance No. 947-26 at the August 11, 2026 Council meeting. The Police Department recommends that the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 947-26.

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 8th day of September, 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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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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BUSINESS

CITY OF BLYTHE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 8, 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: September 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Master Tax-Exempt Lease/Purchase Agreement with U.S. Bancorp Government Leasing and Finance, Inc. for Equipment and Vehicles

PRESENTED BY: Christa Elms, Director of Finance

PREPARED BY: Christa Elms, Director of Finance

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution 2026-028 authorizing the execution and delivery of a Master Tax-Exempt Lease/Purchase Agreement with U.S. Bancorp Government Leasing and Finance, Inc. and designating the Interim City Manager as the City's Authorized Representative to execute and deliver the Agreement and all related instruments:

   RESOLUTION NO. 2026-028. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A MASTER TAX-EXEMPT LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH U.S. BANCORP GOVERNMENT LEASING AND FINANCE, INC. AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES FOR THE CITY, DESIGNATING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER AS THE CITY'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER THE LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS, AND AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THE LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT

2. Authorize the Interim City Manager, or designated staff, to proceed with the procurement of the equipment and vehicles in accordance with the City's Purchasing Policy, including purchasing additional equipment or vehicles if funds available following the authorized purchases are significant enough to do so.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact associated with this report in the current year. The total cost of equipment and vehicles, including interest, is $1,702,253. The fiscal impact in fiscal year 2027-2028 and annually for five years is $340,450.60.

BACKGROUND: During the annual budget process, staff assess equipment conditions, replacement needs, and the budget plan for replacements. As part of the fiscal year 2026-2027 budget development process, staff identified the need for approximately $1,500,000 in equipment and vehicles (the "equipment") in the Public Works, Recreation, Police and Fire Departments. The City Council adopted the fiscal year 2026-2027 budget approving funding for the equipment through a lease purchase agreement that would finance the needs over a multi-year period.

Staff began discussions with the City's banking partners immediately following budget

adoption and identified U.S. Bancorp Government Leasing and Finance, Inc. ("U.S. Bancorp") as the financier capable of providing a competitive financing plan for the City's equipment needs. The City has a banking relationship with U.S. Bank as bond trustee and as the banking institute for the City's primary operating account. The financing plan is a tax-exempt municipal lease purchase agreement that will cost $340,450.60 annually for five years with the first payment due in September of 2027. With an interest rate of 4.37%, the total repayment will be $1,702,253, for $1,500,000 in equipment.

STAFF REPORT: The equipment needs include a jet rodder truck for sewer operations, a dump truck for Public Works, a quick response truck for Fire, a pickup truck for Recreation, and three vehicles for Police. The use of lease purchase financing enables the City to spread the cost of equipment over several years, thus establishing consistent annual replacement budgets.

Staff solicited financing terms for a five-year lease purchase agreement and recommends utilizing U.S. Bancorp. The essential terms of the financing agreement are:

Term: 5 years
Interest rate: 4.37% locked in until October 1, 2026
Annual payments
Payment amount: $340,450.60
Total payments: $1,702.253

Staff are working on the procurement of the equipment. Section 4.2.4 of the City's Purchasing Policy (Policy), which implements the requirements of Chapter 2.65 (Purchasing System) of the Blythe Municipal Code, allows for exceptions to competitive procurement requirements through Cooperative Purchasing Agreements and Programs. Early efforts indicate that the City will be able to purchase the equipment using Section 4.2.4 of the Policy for most or maybe even all of the purchases under existing California Multiple Award Schedules (CMAS) and Sourcewell contracts that have been previously competitively bid in a manner that complies with policies and procedures consistent with the City's Policy. Any equipment not purchased by using Section 4.2.4 will be purchased in accordance with the applicable City Policy. Purchase of all equipment will be procured under the Interim City Manager's authority pursuant to Section 3.3(Purchasing Limits and Contract Authority) of the City's Policy.

Staff provided preliminary cost estimates to U.S. Bancorp for the equipment identified during the budget process deriving at the amount to be financed of $1,500,000. During procurement of the equipment if the cost is lower than the original amount financed the City will have the option to apply the remaining amount towards the principal amount of the lease or the City may exercise the option to purchase additional equipment. It is staff's recommendation to purchase additional equipment if the amount available is substantial enough to do so.

It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-028 authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute and deliver a Master Tax-Exempt Lease/Purchase Agreement and related instruments with U.S. Bancorp, in such final

form as approved by the City Attorney, provided no substantive changes to the terms of the lease agreement are made and are generally in conformance with the draft documents that are attached to and made a part of this report. This will facilitate ease of closing the transaction within the time necessary to maintain the proposed interest rate. It is further recommended that the City Council authorize the Interim City Manager, or designated staff, to proceed with the procurement of the equipment and vehicles in accordance with the City's Purchasing Policy

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 2026-028
2. Agreement No. 2026-068 Draft Lease Purchase Agreement with U.S. Bancorp

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-028

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A MASTER TAX-EXEMPT LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH U.S. BANCORP GOVERNMENT LEASING AND FINANCE, INC. AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES FOR THE CITY, DESIGNATING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER AS THE CITY'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER THE LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS, AND AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THE LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT

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

WHEREAS, the City of Blythe (the "City") is authorized by the laws of the State of California to purchase, acquire, and lease personal property as is necessary or proper for municipal purposes and to enter into contracts with respect thereto; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to purchase, acquire and lease certain equipment and vehicles constituting personal property necessary for the City to perform essential governmental functions, including without limitation various equipment and vehicles City or its designated officers may deem necessary and/or desirable in an amount not to exceed $1,500,000 (the "Equipment"); and

WHEREAS, to acquire such Equipment, the City and U.S. Bancorp Government Leasing and Finance, Inc. (the "Lessor") desire to enter into a Master Tax-Exempt Lease/Purchase Agreement (the "Lease Agreement"), together with the Escrow Agreement and all related exhibits, schedules, and certificates attached thereto; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Lease Agreement, the City will grant a security interest in the Equipment to the Lessor in consideration for the Lessor financing the Equipment in an amount not to exceed $1,500,000 and the City will lease the Equipment from the Lessor and pay certain lease payments in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, entering the Lease Agreement will benefit the City and the efficient and effective administration of City operations; and

WHEREAS, the reasonably anticipated amount of tax-exempt obligations which will be issued by the City during this calendar year does not exceed $10,000,000.

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

SECTION 1. The City Council approves the Lease Agreement, together with the Escrow Agreement and all related exhibits, schedules, and certificates attached thereto, in substantially the forms presented to the City Council at its September 8, 2026 meeting, with such insertions, omissions and changes as approved by the Interim City Manager or Finance Director, and in the forms approved by the City Attorney.

SECTION 2. The City Council designates the Interim City Manager as the City's Authorized Representative to execute and deliver the Lease Agreement, the Escrow Agreement, and all related exhibits, schedules, and certificates attached thereto.

SECTION 3. The City Council authorizes and directs the Authorized Representative, or designee, to execute and deliver the Lease Agreement, the Escrow Agreement, and any related exhibits, schedules, certificates, or other documents attached thereto in such forms and with such changes, revisions, corrections, or amendments as shall be approved by the City Attorney.

SECTION 4. The aggregate original principal amount of the Lease Agreement shall not exceed $1,500,000 and the interest rate shall not exceed 4.37% as set forth in the Lease Agreement.

SECTION 5. The City's obligations under the Lease Agreement shall be subject to annual appropriation or renewal by the City Council as set forth in the Lease Agreement and the City's obligations under the Lease Agreement shall not constitute general obligations of the City or indebtedness under the Constitution or laws of the State of California.

SECTION 6. The City designates the Lease Agreement as a qualified tax-exempt obligation for purposes of Section 265(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

SECTION 7. The City Council authorizes the Authorized Representative or designee to take all actions reasonably required to effectively carry out the transactions contemplated in the Lease Agreement.

SECTION 8. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 8th day of September, 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

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OCTOBER 17, 2026

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