



CITY OF ATASCADERO CITY COUNCIL MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

January 30, 2026, 6:00 P.M.
January 31, 2026, 9:00 A.M.
City Hall Council Chambers, Fourth Floor
6500 Palma Avenue, Atascadero, California

A. FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026

Mayor Bourbeau called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

1. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Bourbeau, Mayor Pro Tem Dariz, Council Member Funk, Council Member Newsom, Council Member Peek

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager James R. Lewis, City Attorney Dave Fleishman, City Treasurer/Administrative Services Director Jeri Rangel, Public Works Director Nick DeBar, Community Development Director Phil Dunsmore, Fire Chief Casey Bryson, Police Chief Dan Suttles, Deputy City Manager - IT Luke Knight, Community Services and Promotions Director Terrie Banish, Economic Development Manager Loreli Cappel, Planning Manager Kelly Gleason

2. Welcome and Opening Comments

3. Public Comment

Mayor Bourbeau opened the public comment period

The following persons spoke: Geoff Auslen

Mayor Bourbeau closed the public comment period

4. Review of Progress Thus Far

City Manager Lewis provided a progress update to Council.

5. Focus in On Goals

a. Economic and Community Vibrancy

Key Focus Areas: Downtown Vibrancy, Activation of Underutilized Sites and Nodes, Business Support and Jobs/Housing Balance, Neighborhood Compatibility and Wellness

- Overview on Major Private Development Projects

Planning Manager Gleason gave the presentation and answered questions from the City Council.

Mayor Bourbeau opened the Public Comment period.

The following persons spoke on this item: None

Mayor Bourbeau closed the Public Comment period.

- Update on Development Review Process Improvements

Community Development Director Dunsmore gave the presentation and answered questions from the City Council. Josh Cross from the Atascadero Chamber of Commerce spoke on the Developer Round Table Process

Mayor Bourbeau opened the Public Comment period.

The following persons spoke on this item: None

Mayor Bourbeau closed the Public Comment period.

- Business Loan Grant Program (Formerly Restaurant Loan Program)

Economic Development Manager Cappel gave the presentation and answered questions from the City Council.

Mayor Bourbeau opened the Public Comment period.

The following persons spoke on this item: Geoff Auslen, Anna Pecharich, Josh Cross

Mayor Bourbeau closed the Public Comment period.

- El Camino Real Project Update (Phase 2)

Public Works Director DeBar gave the presentation and answered questions from the City Council.

Mayor Bourbeau opened the Public Comment period.

The following persons spoke on this item: Geoff Auslen

Mayor Bourbeau closed the Public Comment period.

- General Plan Process Update

Community Development Director Dunsmore gave the presentation and answered questions from the City Council.

Mayor Bourbeau opened the Public Comment period.

The following persons spoke on this item: None

Mayor Bourbeau closed the Public Comment period.

- b. Fiscal and Infrastructure Efficiency and Sustainability

Key Focus Areas: Asset Management/Replacement/Modernization, Smart and Responsible Financial Strategies, Transparency and Accountability

- Zoo Operations and Capital Update

Community Services and Promotions Director Banish gave the presentation and answered questions from the City Council.

Mayor Bourbeau opened the Public Comment period.

The following persons spoke on this item: None

Mayor Bourbeau closed the Public Comment period.

- Update on Eden Replacement Project and Asset Management Software (continued)

Deputy City Manager Knight gave the presentation and answered questions from the City Council.

6. Adjournment – 9:03 P.M.

Mayor Bourbeau adjourned the meeting to Saturday, January 31, 2026, 9:00 A.M. to continue the Strategic Planning Workshop

B. SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026

Mayor Bourbeau called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M.

1. Roll Call

Present Mayor Bourbeau, Mayor Pro Tem Dariz, Council Member Funk, Council Member Newsom, Council Member Peek

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager James R. Lewis, City Attorney Dave Fleishman, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Lara Christensen, City Treasurer/Administrative Services Director Jeri Rangel, Public Works Director Nick DeBar, Community Development Director Phil Dunsmore, Fire Chief Casey Bryson, Police Chief Dan Suttles, Deputy City Manager - IT Luke Knight, Community Services and Promotions Director Terrie Banish, Economic Development Manager Loreli Cappel, Planning Manager Kelly Gleason, Fire Marshal Dave Van Son, Battalion Chief Matt Miranda. Deputy Director Public Works Ryan Hayes

2. Public Comment

Mayor Bourbeau noted that he would hold public comment on each individual agenda item

3. Focus in on Goals, Continued

a. Fiscal and Infrastructure Efficiency and Sustainability (Continued)

Key Focus Areas: Asset Management/Replacement/Modernization, Smart and Responsible Financial Strategies, Transparency and Accountability

- Update on Eden Replacement Project and Asset Management Software (continued)

Deputy City Manager Knight resumed the presentation and answered questions from the City Council.

Mayor Bourbeau opened the Public Comment period.

The following persons spoke on this item: Geoff Auslen

Mayor Bourbeau closed the Public Comment period.

- *Citizen Engagement*

Community Services and Promotion Director Banish and Assistant City Manager Christensen gave the presentation and answered questions from the City Council.

Mayor Bourbeau opened the Public Comment period.

The following persons spoke on this item: Geoff Auslen

Mayor Bourbeau closed the Public Comment period.

Council provided direction to staff

b. Ensuring Public Safety and Providing Exceptional City Services

Key Focus Areas: Staff and Facilities, Unhoused Population, Flourishing Community

- Public Safety Project Update

Assistant City Manager Christensen and Deputy Director Public Works Hayes gave the presentation and answered questions from the City Council.

Mayor Bourbeau opened the Public Comment period.

The following persons spoke on this item: Vy Pierce

Mayor Bourbeau closed the Public Comment period.

Mayor Bourbeau recessed the Meeting at 10:47 A.M.

Mayor Bourbeau reconvened the Meeting with all present at 10:53 A.M.

- Fire Department Standards of Cover

Battalion Chief Miranda gave the presentation and answered questions from the City Council.

Mayor Bourbeau opened the Public Comment period.

The following persons spoke on this item: None

Mayor Bourbeau closed the Public Comment period.

- Emergency Planning Update

Fire Marshal Van Son gave the presentation and answered questions from the City Council.

Mayor Bourbeau opened the Public Comment period.

The following persons spoke on this item: None

Mayor Bourbeau closed the Public Comment period.

Mayor Bourbeau recessed the Meeting at 12:00 P.M.

Mayor Bourbeau reconvened the Meeting with all present at 12:02 P.M.

- Homelessness Response Update

Chief Suttles gave the presentation and answered questions from the City Council.

Mayor Bourbeau opened the Public Comment period.

The following persons spoke on this item: Vy Pierce

Mayor Bourbeau closed the Public Comment period.

Mayor Bourbeau recessed the Meeting at 12:28 P.M.

Mayor Bourbeau reconvened the Meeting with all present at 12:34 P.M.

- Staffing: Recruitment, Retention, Morale

City Manager Lewis gave the presentation and answered questions from the City Council.

Mayor Bourbeau opened the Public Comment period.

The following persons spoke on this item: None

Mayor Bourbeau closed the Public Comment period.

4. Additional Updates

- State and Federal Funding Updates

City Manager Lewis gave the presentation and answered questions from the City Council.

Mayor Bourbeau opened the Public Comment period.

The following persons spoke on this item: None

Mayor Bourbeau opened the Public Comment period.

- Timed Parking Zones Downtown

City Manager Lewis gave the presentation and answered questions from the City Council.

Mayor Bourbeau opened the Public Comment period.

The following persons spoke on this item: None

Mayor Bourbeau opened the Public Comment period.

5. Adjournment

Mayor Bourbeau adjourned the meeting at 1:32 PM

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Alyssa Slater
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED: