



CITY COUNCIL CLOSED & REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

March 18, 2025

**Closed Session: 5:00 PM Regular Meeting: 6:00 PM
550 E. Sixth Street, Beaumont, CA**

CLOSED SESSION

A. CALL TO ORDER at 5:14 p.m.

Present: Mayor Lara, Mayor Pro Tem Voigt, Council Member White, Council Member Martinez, Council Member Fenn

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION

No comments

- B.1 Public Employee Performance Evaluation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957. Title: City Manager

To be discussed after Regular Session

- B.2 Conference with Labor Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6.

Agency designated representatives: Council Members Julio Martínez and David Fenn.

Unrepresented Employee: City Manager.

To be discussed after Regular Session

- B.3 Conference with Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: Approximately 6.26 acres of vacant land described as North of West 4th street and South of SR 60 and East of Beaumont Crossroads

Logistics with APN 424-010-007.
Agency Negotiator: City Manager Elizabeth Gibbs or her designee.
Negotiating Parties: City of Beaumont as potential Purchaser and
LASSEN DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS, LLP, a Delaware limited liability
partnership as seller.
Under negotiation: Price and Terms.

No reportable action

C. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

REGULAR SESSION

D. CALL TO ORDER at 6:41 p.m.

Present: Mayor Lara, Mayor Pro Tem Voigt, Council Member White, Council Member Martinez, Council Member Fenn

Report out from Closed Session – **See above**

Action on any Closed Session Items

Action of any Requests for Excused Absence

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Adjustments to the Agenda: **None**

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: **None**

**E. ANNOUNCEMENTS / RECOGNITION / PROCLAMATIONS /
CORRESPONDENCE**

E.1 Introduction of Interim Police Chief, George Walter

E.2 California Society of Municipal Finance Officers 2024 Volunteer of the
Year Award - Jennifer Ustation

F. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

No comments

G. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Council Member Fenn

Second by Council Member Martinez

Approved by a unanimous vote

G.1 Ratification of Warrants

Ratify Warrants dated:

February 28, 2025

March 14, 2025

G.2 Approval of Minutes

Approve Minutes dated March 4, 2025

G.3 Approval of City Attorney Invoices for the Month of February 2025

Approve invoices in the amount of \$68,343.87.

G.4 Approval of Corrected Gann Limit Language for Fiscal Year 2024

Revise the language for growth factor calculation to non-residential.

Waive the full reading and adopt by title only a “Resolution of the City Council of the City of Beaumont, approving the Appropriation Limit for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year”.

G.5 Tri Pointe Bond Exonerations and Reductions

Maintenance Bond Exonerations, Performance Bond Reductions, and Acceptance of Bonds associated with improvements to the Southern California Edison Easement trail and Planning Area 14 Detention Basin in the Sundance Specific Plan.

Accept the public improvements, authorize the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Acceptance, and authorize staff to exonerate the (6) Maintenance Bonds listed in Attachment A;

Authorize City staff to reduce the (41) Performance Bonds listed in Attachment B; and,

Accept the Improvement Agreements and Security Bonds associated with improvements to the SCE Easement trail, Planning Area 14 Detention Basin, and Cherry Avenue Street Lights.

G.6 Public and Private Easement Recordation

Record a Public and Private Easement across the 6.26-acre, city-owned parcel identified with APN:424-010-007, located north of Fourth Street and west of Potrero Blvd.

Record a Public and Private Easement across the 6.26-acre, city-owned parcel identified with APN:424-010-007.

H. YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

Report out from Youth Council Members Campos and Ivanov

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Approval of all Ordinances and Resolutions to be read by title only.

I.1 Beaumont Municipal Code Amendment to Chapter 13.08 "Sewer System"

Public Hearing and consideration of proposed amendment to Beaumont Municipal Code Chapter 13.08 "Sewer System", more specifically Adding New Section 13.08.415 "Lift Station and Force Main Facilities".

Public Hearing opened at 6:50 p.m.

No comments

Public Hearing closed at 6:50 p.m.

**Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt
Second by Council Member Fenn**

Hold a Public Hearing; and,

Waive the first full reading and approve by title only, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Beaumont, California, amending Chapter 13.08 'Sewer System', by adding New Section 13.08.415 'Lift Station and Force Main Facilities' to the Beaumont Municipal Code".

Approved by a unanimous vote

J. ACTION ITEMS

Approval of all Ordinances and Resolutions to be read by title only.

J.1 Authorize Employment Contract with Economic Development Director

Staff is requesting Council review and authorize the City Manager to sign the employment agreement with Kirk Pelsler appointing him to the position of Economic Development Director.

**Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt
Second by Mayor Lara**

Approve the employment agreement with Kirk Pelsler for the Economic Development Director and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement.

Approved by a unanimous vote

J.2 Proposed Refunding of Outstanding Community Facilities District (CFD) Bonds

Seeking direction from City Council on establishing a minimum savings threshold and eliminating the escalating debt structure on certain CFD bonds.

Consensus to direct staff and the financing team to use a 3% savings / \$200 savings in year 2, threshold to consider in determining which CFD refundings to pursue and to bring back to City Council for ultimate approval to proceed.

- J.3 Approval of an Amendment to the Acquisition Agreement for Community Facilities District No. 2016-3 and Authorizing the Issuance of its Special Tax Bonds, Series 2025

Approve amendment to the Acquisition Agreement for Community Facilities District No. 2016-3 and authorize the issuance of Special Tax Bonds.

**Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt
Second by Council Member Fenn**

Waive the full reading and adopt by title only, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Beaumont, acting as the legislative body of the City of Beaumont Community Facilities District No. 2016-3, authorizing the issuance of its Special Tax Bonds, Series 2025 in a principal amount not to exceed \$7,500,000 and approving certain documents and taking certain other actions in connection therewith”.

Adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Beaumont approving First Amendment to Acquisition Agreement.

Approved by a unanimous vote

- J.4 Sales Tax Working Group Update and Recommended Next Steps for Fiscal Sustainability Planning

The purpose of this report is to update the City Council on the latest developments regarding the League of California Cities (Cal Cities) Sales Tax Working Group and the potential fiscal impacts of proposed changes to the Bradley-Burns Sales Tax allocation, particularly regarding e-commerce sales tax distribution. Given the potential revenue implications for the City of Beaumont, this report also outlines recommended next steps, including engaging a consultant to assist with fiscal sustainability planning and public education efforts.

Consensus to draft a letter to CalCities and copy all other cities with Amazon and e-commerce and move forward with Phase 1 as presented.

- J.5 Sponsorship Request for the 2025 Cherry Festival by the Cherry Festival Association

Consideration of a sponsorship request from the Cherry Festival Association (CFA) in the amount of \$350,000 to support the 2025 Cherry Festival, which includes funding for free admission, discounted ticket prices, entertainment, community scholarships, and operational expenses.

**Motion by Council Member White
Second by Council Member Fenn**

To approve the \$100,000 that was budgeted by paying for the balance of the entertainment invoice and have a meeting with the agencies to discuss further contributions and bring back to April 1, 2025.

Approved by a unanimous vote

- J.6 Recommendation for the City of Beaumont to Host the Cherry Festival Parade

Consideration of the City of Beaumont assuming responsibility for the coordination and orchestration of the Cherry Festival Parade, ensuring the continuation of a decades-long community tradition.

**Motion by Council Member Fenn
Second by Council Member Martinez**

Staff recommends that City Council approve the City of Beaumont hosting the 2025 Cherry Festival Parade.

Approved by a unanimous vote

- J.7 Proposed Projects for Congressional Appropriations Funding 2025

This report presents proposed projects for federal appropriations funding and seeks Council approval for submission.

**Motion by Council Member White
Second by Council Member Fenn**

To approve the proposed project list as presented and authorize staff to submit the identified projects for federal appropriations funding requests.

Approved by a unanimous vote

- J.8 Adopt a Resolution Approving the CalSIP Stream Gage Grant

City Council approval is requested to adopt a resolution accepting the CalSIP Stream Gage Grant in the amount of \$108,000 from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and authorizing execution of the funding agreement.

**Motion by Council Member Fenn
Second by Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt**

To waive the full reading and adopt by title only, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Beaumont Authorizing the Funding Request, Acceptance, and Execution for the CalSIP Stream Gage Grant”.

Approved by a unanimous vote

J.9 Approval of Contract for Financial Auditing Services

Approve the 5-year contract with Rogers, Anderson, Malody and Scott (RAMS).

**Motion by Council Member White
Second by Council Member Martinez**

Approve a five-year contract, a total of \$337,125, with Rogers, Anderson, Malody and Scott, LLP to perform audit services and authorize the City Manager to sign the engagement letters for each year of the five-year contract.

Approved by a unanimous vote

J.10 Request To Approve Service Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management

To improve fleet acquisition and outfitting efficiency by approving the utilization of Enterprise Fleet Management’s services.

Council Member Fenn recused to avoid any conflict of interest.

**Motion by Council Member White
Second by Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt**

Approve the service agreements with Enterprise Fleet Management for procuring, leasing, outfitting, and retiring fleet vehicles;

Authorize the City Manager to sign the Master Lease Agreement and Service Agreement Addendum; and

Authorize the City Manager to sign the Sourcewell Agreement with Enterprise, Enterprise Agreement to Sell Customer Vehicles, Consignment Auction Agreement, Self Insurance Addendum, and Government Credit Application.

Abstain: Fenn

Approved by a 4-0 vote

- J.11 Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project (CIP WW24-01),
Reject All Bids and Authorize City staff to Revise Bidding Documents and
Re-Advertise for Bids

Reject all bids for the construction of the Wastewater Treatment Plant
Improvements Project (CIP WW24-01) – Bid Package 1 and authorize
staff to revise bidding documents and re-advertise for bids.

**Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt
Second by Council Member White**

**Authorize staff to reject all bids, prepare revised bidding documents,
and re-advertise for new bids following the established bidding
procedure.**

Approved by a unanimous vote

- J.12 Follow-Up Report – Local State of Emergency – Sewer Mainline Failure
and Emergency Repairs in Fairway Canyon

This staff report serves as a follow-up on the declared local emergency
due to the sewer mainline failure in Fairway Canyon and provides an
update on emergency response efforts, expenditures, and projected
timelines for resolution.

**Consensus to direct staff to return at the next Council meeting with a
follow-up report on emergency response efforts, expenditures, and
timeline updates.**

K. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES AND DISCUSSION

No update

L. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

No update

M. CITY TREASURER REPORT

- M.1 City Treasurer Reports

N. CITY CLERK REPORT

No report

O. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

No report

P. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Shared upcoming events.

Q. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Assessment for the need for additional community center(s) (April)
- Annexation Agreement with the County (Future)
- Revisit Sanctuary City Definition and Clarification (April)
- Credit Agreements (May)
- Community Recreation Center Parking Lot (April)
- Financial and Audit Committee Ordinance (April)
- Annual Review of Development Agreements (April)

R. COUNCIL REPORTS

Fenn – Gave a report out from RTA and TNOW meetings

Martinez – Gave a report out from the Youth Council meeting

White – Gave a report out from the RCTC meeting

Voigt - Gave a report out from the Collaborative Agency meeting

Lara – Attended the Four Seasons Community meeting, WRCOG meeting, and the Chief's farewell luncheon.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

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No reportable action

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Unrepresented Employee: City Manager.

No reportable action

S. ADJOURNMENT at 11:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Beaumont City Council, Beaumont Financing Authority, the Beaumont Successor Agency (formerly RDA), the Beaumont Utility Authority, the Beaumont Parking Authority and the Beaumont Public Improvement Agency is scheduled for Tuesday April 1, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise posted.