



CITY COUNCIL CLOSED & REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

May 6, 2025

**Closed Session: 5:30 PM Regular Meeting: 6:00 PM
550 E. Sixth Street, Beaumont, CA**

CLOSED SESSION

A. CALL TO ORDER at 5:30 p.m.

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

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION

B.1 Conference with Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: APN: 417-064-001

Agency Negotiator: City Manager Elizabeth Gibbs or her designee.

Negotiating Parties: City of Beaumont as potential lessor and Hops & Spokes Brewing LLC as potential lessee.

Under negotiation: Price and Terms

No reportable action.

B.2 Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Paula Ann Wright v. City of Beaumont et. al., Riv. Co. Sup. Ct. Case No. CVRI2204721

No reportable action

C. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

REGULAR SESSION

D. CALL TO ORDER at 6:08 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: **None**

Action of any Requests for Excused Absence: **None**

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Adjustments to the Agenda: **None**

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: **Voigt – Item J.3**

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS / RECOGNITION / PROCLAMATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE

E.1 New Beaumont Fire Engine

E.2 Baker to Vegas Report Out

E.3 City Website Refresh Preview

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

None

G. CONSENT CALENDAR

Items on the consent calendar are taken as one action item unless an item is pulled for further discussion here or at the end of action items. Approval of all Ordinances and Resolutions to be read by title only.

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

To approve items G.1 - G.7. and G.9 - G.14

Approved by a unanimous vote

G.1 Ratification of Warrants

Ratify Warrants dated:

April 11, 2025

April 18, 2025

G.2 Approval of Minutes

Approve Minutes dated April 15, 2025.

G.3 Award a Maintenance Agreement for Annual Citywide Traffic Signal Maintenance

Award a Maintenance Agreement to Crosstown Electrical and Data, Inc. for Annual Citywide Traffic Signal Maintenance.

Award a Maintenance Agreement to Crosstown Electrical and Data, Inc. for annual citywide traffic signal maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$96,000 per year for three years; for a total not to exceed maintenance amount of \$288,000; and,

Authorize the Mayor to sign.

G.4 Approval of City Attorney Invoices

Approve invoice 93336 in the amount of \$10,985.00, invoice 93420 in the amount of \$30,949.00 and April 2025 invoices in the amount of \$96,827.17.

G.5 Approve a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Beaumont and the Beaumont Unified School District to Continue the Public Recreational Aquatics Program

A Memorandum of Understanding for access and use of the Beaumont Unified School District's pool facilities.

Authorize the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Beaumont and the Beaumont Unified School District to continue the Public Recreational Aquatics Program.

G.6 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Beaumont for Authorization of the Execution of the Certifications of Assurances and Authorized Agent Forms for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program for a Free Transit Rides Promotion

Approval of a resolution required to complete the project allocation request under the FY 2024/2025 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) cycle using deferred funds from FY 2022/2023.

Waive the full reading and adopt by title only: "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Beaumont for Authorization of the Execution of the Certifications of Assurances and Authorized Agent Forms for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program for a Free Transit Rides Promotion."

G.7 Follow-Up Report No. 4 – Sewer Mainline Failure and Emergency Repairs in Fairway Canyon

Local emergency due to the sewer mainline failure in Fairway Canyon.

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

- G.9 Accept Public Improvements and Exonerate Maintenance Bond

Maintenance bond exoneration for sewer improvements associated with **Tract Map No. 37426.**

Accept the public improvements, authorize the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Acceptance, and authorize staff to issue a bond exoneration letter for maintenance bonds for (Project / Bond Number / Improvement):

- **Tract Map No. 37426 / 0216989-M / Sewer**

- G.10 Second Reading to the Revision of BMC Ch. 17.11.050 – Offsite Improvements

Second reading for the consideration of a proposed temporary suspension and revision of Beaumont Municipal Code Section 17.11.050 – Offsite Improvements to provide relief to single-family residential property owners seeking to make improvements to their property.

Waive the second full reading and adopt by title only:

“An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Beaumont, California, Suspending Enforcement of Beaumont Municipal Code Section 17.11.050 and Providing A Redline Version for Consideration as Part of the Zoning Code Update.”

- G.11 Consent to Transfer – Verizon Wireless Lease at 1310 Oak Valley Parkway

Authorize the Mayor to sign a consent form acknowledging and approving Vertical Bridge’s lease and site management arrangement related to Verizon’s telecommunication facility located at 1310 Oak Valley Parkway.

Authorize the Mayor to sign the consent form related to Vertical Bridge’s management of Verizon’s leased site at 1310 Oak Valley Parkway.

- G.12 FY2024-2025 3rd Quarter Cash and Investment Report

Receive and file the 3rd quarter cash and investment report.

Receive and file the report.

- G.13 FY2024-2025 3rd Quarter Budget to Actual Report

Receive a report on the financial status of the FY2025 budget as of March 31, 2025.

Receive and file report and approved attached budget adjustments.

G.14 Ratification of Potrero Interchange Cover Agreement

Ratify Cover Agreement between the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and the City of Beaumont in association with CIP 2016-003 Potrero Interchange.

Ratify the Cover Agreement between the Riverside County Transportation Commission and the City of Beaumont in association with CIP 2016-003 Potrero Interchange Project.

G.8 2025 City of Beaumont Financial Policies Updates

Establish Policies for Internal Service Fund and update the 2025 Financial Policies.

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

Approve the 2025 City Financial Polices and Internal Service Fund Policy as presented.

Approved by a unanimous vote

H. YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

No report.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

I.1 Public Hearing - Appeal of Planning Commission Approval of Plot Plan PP2023-0591

An appeal of Planning Commission action, which approved Plot Plan PP2023-0591 for the development of a 15-unit, two-story apartment building ("Aegis Apartments") located at 1360 E. Sixth Street (APN: 419-232-039) due to the inclusion of Condition No. 86, which requires the undergrounding of existing utilities.

Public Hearing opened at 6:50 p.m.

K. Catanzarite - Stated the basis of his appeal for Council consideration.

J. Smith - Spoke in support of undergrounding utility poles

Public Hearing closed at 7:04 p.m.

Motion by Mayor Lara

Second by Council Member Martinez

To uphold the Planning Commission’s decision and maintain the condition of approval and not allow in lieu fee.

**Ayes: Martinez, Lara
Noes: Fenn, White, Voigt**

Motion failed

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

To have the applicant pay the in-lieu fee of \$33,137 to cover the 16 feet and underground the remaining and approve the waiver.

**Ayes: Fenn, White, Voigt
Noes: Martinez, Lara**

Motion approved by a 3-2 vote

- I.2 Public Hearing and Consideration of a Resolution for the Fifth Amendment to the City’s Fiscal Year 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan

Approval of Resolution to amend the five-year FY 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

**Public Hearing opened at 7:48 p.m.
No comments
Public Hearing closed at 7:48 p.m.**

**Motion by Council Member White
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 Amending the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2025-2029”.

Approved by a unanimous vote

- I.3 Public Hearing: Fiscal Year 2025/26 – 2027/28 Short Range Transit Plan

Conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025/26 – 2027/28 Short Range Transit Plan.

**Public Hearing opened at 7:50 p.m.
No comments
Public Hearing closed at 7:53 p.m.**

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

To approve the plan for submission to the Riverside County Transportation Commission with any recommended changes.

Approved by a unanimous vote

I.4 Public Hearing on Vacancies to Comply with Assembly Bill 2561

This item is being presented in response to Assembly Billy 2561 (AB 2561), signed into law by Governor Newsom on September 22, 2024, in response to new transparency requirements related to staffing vacancies. AB 2561 mandates that public agencies hold at least one public hearing each fiscal year before the adoption of their budgets to report on vacancy levels, evaluate hiring and retention efforts, and allow for participation by recognized bargaining groups. This report includes workforce data for the 2024 calendar year, along with the most current staffing status as of May 1, 2025.

Public Hearing opened at 7:55 p.m.

No comments

Public Hearing closed at 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Council Member White

Second by Council Member Martinez

To receive and file this report in compliance with AB 2561.

Approved by a unanimous vote

I.5 Public Hearing to Amend Beaumont Municipal Code Chapter 2.35
"Financial and Audit Committee"

An amendment to add a position of Alternate Member to the Financial and Audit Committee.

Public Hearing opened at 8:02 p.m.

No comments

Public Hearing closed at 8:02 p.m.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Voigt

Second by Council Member White

Hold a Public Hearing; and

Waive the full first reading and approve by title only, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Beaumont Amending Beaumont Municipal Code Chapter 2.35 Financial and Audit Committee".

Approved by a unanimous vote

- I.6 Public Hearing - Beaumont Municipal Code Amendment to Chapter 17.11.110 Home Occupations (Case No. PLAN2025-0164)

Consideration of proposed amendments to Beaumont Municipal Code Chapter 17.11 “General Development Standards”, more specifically Chapter 17.11.110 “Home Occupations”.

Public Hearing opened at 8:06 p.m.

No comments

Public Hearing closed at 8:07 p.m.

**Motion by Council Member White
Second by Mayor Lara**

To waive the first full reading and approve by title only, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Beaumont, California, amending Chapter 17.11 ‘General Development Standards’, Section 17.11.110 ‘Home Occupations’, of the Beaumont Municipal Code”, and direct staff to prepare a Notice of Exemption to record with the Riverside County Recorder.

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 Community Development Director

Staff is requesting Council review and authorize the City Manager to sign the employment agreement with Steven Jones appointing him to the position of Community Development Director.

**Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Voigt
Second by Council Member Martinez**

Approve the employment agreement with Steven Jones for the Community Development Director and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement

Approved by a unanimous vote

- J.2 Consideration of an Exclusive Right to Negotiate Agreement with Hops and Spokes Brewing Company for the Redevelopment of 105 West 6th Street

Presentation of an executed non-binding Exclusive Right to Negotiate Agreement (ERN) between the City of Beaumont and Hops and Spokes Brewing Company for the proposed rehabilitation and lease of the City-

owned property located at 105 West 6th Street, in support of downtown revitalization, small business expansion, and the City's placemaking goals.

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

Authorize the City Manager to execute the Exclusive Right to Negotiate Agreement between the City of Beaumont and Hops and Spokes Brewing Company for 105 West 6th Street and provide any additional direction as necessary.

Approved by a unanimous vote

- J.3 Authorization to Issue a Purchase Order to the County of Riverside in an Amount Not to Exceed \$211,912.18 for the Outfitting of a Smeal Type 1 Pumper Fire Engine - Capital Improvement Project (CIP) No. F25-02

The Smeal Type I Fire Engine purchased by the City of Beaumont is required to be outfitted to meet the standards set by Riverside Fire.

Mayor Pro Tem Voigt recused on this item.

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

Authorize the City Manager to issue a purchase order to the County of Riverside in an amount not to exceed \$211,912.18 for the outfitting of a Smeal Type 1 Pumper Fire Engine allocated to Capital Improvement Project No. F25-02.

Approved by a 4-0 vote

Approved

- J.4 Direction on the Preferred Format for the 2025 Freedom Festival

Consideration of proposed event structure and entertainment options for the 2025 Freedom Festival, including a potential date adjustment to accommodate a fireworks display in addition to the already scheduled drone show.

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

To host a one-night celebration (Option 1) as follows:

Friday, July 4:

Drone show combined with Beaumont Nights (as originally scheduled).

Approved by a unanimous vote

- J.5 Stewart Park – Phase II and ORLP Grant Pre-Award Process Update
Strategic Plan Goal 5.2

Item pulled.

- J.6 Public Works Agreement for the Construction of the Beaumont Avenue Sidewalk Repair Improvements

Award a Public Works Agreement (PWA) to Eleazar General Engineering, Inc. for the construction of CIP R-19 Beaumont Avenue Sidewalk Repair Improvements.

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

Award a Public Works Agreement to Eleazar General Engineering, Inc. for the construction of the Beaumont Avenue Sidewalk Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$191,168;

Authorize the Mayor to sign; and,

Authorize the City Manager to sign change orders up to an additional \$30,000 for a total construction amount of \$221,168.

Approved by a unanimous vote

- J.7 Briefing on Future Wastewater Treatment Plant Solar Generation Project
Discussion of solar energy generation for operational cost savings.

**Motion by Council Member Martinez
Second by Mayor Lara**

Direct staff to pursue a solar project as a city-owned asset.

Approved by a unanimous vote

- J.8 Award a General Services Agreement to Infosend to provide Utility Billing Printing and Mailing Services

Agreement for utility billing printing and mailing services of the sewer utility bills.

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

To Authorize the City Manager to execute a General Services Agreement with Infosend to provide printing and mailing services for utility billing for an initial term of three (3) years, with the option to extend a maximum of two (2) one-year extensions subject to City Council approval; and

Direct staff to issue a Purchase Order for a not-to-exceed amount of \$40,000 with a 3% escalator annually.

K. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES AND DISCUSSION

K.1 Legislative Update Discussion

This report provides a summary of key legislative bills that may impact the City of Beaumont. These bills cover a range of topics, including public safety, law enforcement policies, planning and zoning, as well as local governance.

Receive and file. The bills included in this update fall within the adopted 2025 Legislative Platform.

L. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

No report

M. CITY TREASURER REPORT

No report

N. CITY CLERK REPORT

No report

O. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

No report

P. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Announced upcoming events

Q. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Assessment for the need for additional community center(s) (June)
- Annexation Agreement with the County (Future)
- Revisit Sanctuary City Definition and Clarification (August)
- Credit Agreements (May)
- Annual Review of Development Agreements (June)
- **Solution for trespassing on open property. To be addressed internally by staff.**
- **Resolution opposing State control on Land Use within cities**

R. COUNCIL REPORTS

Fenn - *Report out from RTA and T Now Meetings.*

Martinez - *2nd Street Ext Ribbon Cutting, Financial and Audit Committee Meeting, gave a report out from SCAG meeting and RCA meeting.*

White - *Participated in the Pro-Am tournament in the Epson Golf Tour. Attended the LEAC event. Participated in the Habitat for Humanity Golf Tournament.*

Voigt - *Attended the First Responders Breakfast, thanked the grounds crew for the landscape for the Cherry Cup, thanked everyone for the successful market nights thus far. Gave a report from an Animal Control Ad-Hoc meeting.*

Lara - *Attended the 2nd Street Ribbon Cutting*

S. ADJOURNMENT at 9:54 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 June 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise posted.