



## CITY COUNCIL CLOSED & REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

September 2, 2025  
Closed Session: 5:00 PM Regular Meeting: 6:00 PM  
550 E. Sixth Street, Beaumont, CA

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### CLOSED SESSION

**A. CALL TO ORDER at 4:30 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 Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation

Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of section 54956.9 of the Government Code. 2 potential cases

**No reportable action**

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

City Designated Representatives City Manager Elizabeth Gibbs and Administrative Services Director Kari Mendoza. Employee Organizations: Police Managers

SEIU

Police Officers Association

Managers/Professional/Technical

**No reportable action**

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

Property: Property described as vacant land with APN Numbers: 418-091-013, 014, 015 and a portion of 016 located North of 5th street and West of Edgar in Beaumont, CA.

Agency Negotiator: City Manager Elizabeth Gibbs or her designee.

Negotiating Parties: City of Beaumont as potential purchaser and Doug Jones as potential seller.

Under negotiation: Price and Terms.

**No reportable action**

B.4 Public Employee Performance Evaluation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957. Title: City Manager

**No reportable action**

**C. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**D. CALL TO ORDER at 6:00 p.m.**

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

Report out from Closed Session

Action on any Closed Session Items

Action of any Requests for Excused Absence

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Adjustments to the Agenda: **Request to pull G.6 for a future meeting.**

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

**E. ANNOUNCEMENTS / RECOGNITION / PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS**

E.1 Youth Council Introduction and Swearing In

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

**R. Udell** - *Spoke in concern with the conduct of a Beaumont Animal Control Officer*

**J. Neal** - *Spoke in concern with the conduct of a Beaumont Animal Control Officer*

**E. Kulbin** - *Spoke in concern with the conduct of a Beaumont Animal Control Officer*

## **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.*

**Request to pull G.8 and G.12 for discussion.**

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

**To approve Items G.1 - G.5, G.7, G.9 - G.11 and G.13 - G.17**

**Approved by a unanimous vote.**

G.1 Ratification of Warrants

**Ratify Warrants dated:**

**August 15, 2025**

**August 22, 2025**

G.2 Approval of Minutes

**Approve Minutes dated August 19, 2025.**

G.3 Public Improvements and Exonerate Maintenance Bond

Accept Maintenance Bond Exoneration for Street and Sewer Improvements associated with Tract Map No. 33096-12 and Street Improvements associated with Tract Map No. 31462-8.

**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. 33096-12 / LICX1166623 / Street & Sewer Improvement**
- **Tract Map No. 31462-8 / 30160591 / Street Improvements**

G.4 Declaration of Surplus Property

Approve the disposal and/or auction of surplus property.

**Approve disposal and/or auction of identified surplus property.**

G.5 Approval of a Lease Agreement with Inland Empire Small Business Development Center for Pass Area Biz Hub – 514 California Avenue

Consideration of lease agreement with Inland Empire Small Business Development Center (IESBDC) for office space within the Pass Area Biz

Hub, a regional business innovation center located at 514 California Avenue.

**Authorize the City Manager to execute the lease agreement with the Inland Empire Small Business Development Center for the use of office space within the Pass Area Biz Hub.**

G.7 Adoption of the City's Title VI Implementation Plan

Adopt a resolution approving the City's Title VI Implementation Plan, authorizing the City Manager to execute the Master Agreement with Caltrans, and delegating authority to the City Manager to make amendments to the Plan as needed to maintain compliance with federal nondiscrimination requirements.

**Waive the full reading and adopt by title only, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Beaumont Adopting the Title VI Implementation Plan and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Master Agreement with Caltrans";**

**And authorize the City Manager to execute the Master Agreement.**

G.9 Approve a Purchase Order Increase of \$75,180 for Synagro West, LLC

Consideration of an increase in a Purchase Order (PO) for Synagro West, LLC, for sludge hauling services to pay the final invoice for Fiscal Year 24/25.

**Approve a Purchase Order increase of \$75,180 for Synagro West, LLC.**

G.10 Follow-Up Report No. 10 – Local State of Emergency - Sewer Mainline Failure and Emergency Repairs in Fairway Canyon

City is retroactively pursuing environmental permits due to local emergency caused by the sewer mainline failure in Fairway Canyon.

**Direct staff to return at the next Council meeting regarding the status and requirements of applicable environmental permits.**

G.11 Approval of Agreement with Rincon Consultants for Mitigation Monitoring.

Request to approve a Professional Services Agreement (Agreement) with Rincon Consulting to provide Mitigation Monitoring services for an amount not to exceed \$145,896.

**Approve the Professional Services Agreement with Rincon Consulting for an amount not to exceed \$145,896 for a term of one year and;**

**Authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement.**

G.13 Second Reading – Updated Parking Citations

A second reading of an ordinance amending the City's Municipal Code Chapter 10.08 – PARKING, to align with neighboring cities, promote compliance, and enhance public safety through improved deterrence and approval of a resolution adopting a new parking violation and late payment penalty schedule.

**Waive the second full reading and adopt by title only, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Beaumont, California, Amending Chapter 10.08 – Parking by Adding Section 10.08.101 – Parking and Late Payment Penalties Schedule to the Beaumont Municipal Code”.**

- G.14 Second Reading – Authorize the City Engineer to Paint Curb Colors for Parking Enforcement

The second reading of an ordinance to authorize the City Engineer to paint curb colors to assist with the enforcement of parking citations in non-parking areas throughout the City.

**Waive the second full reading and adopt by title only, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Beaumont, California, Amending Chapter 10.06 – Curb Colors to Provide Authority to the City Engineer to Paint Curb Colors for Traffic Regulation”.**

- G.15 Second Reading of an Ordinance Establishing a Procedure for Property Owner Objections to Proposed Sewer Fees or Special Assessments

Second reading of a proposed ordinance establishing a procedure for property owner objections to proposed sewer fees or special assessments in compliance with Proposition 218 requirements.

**Waive the second full reading and adopt by title only:**

**“An Ordinance of the City of Beaumont, California, Establishing a Procedure for Property Owner Objections to Proposed Sewer Fees or Special Assessments”.**

- G.16 Professional Services Agreement with TIP Strategies for the Economic Development Strategic Plan Update

Award a Professional Services Agreement to TIP Strategies for preparation of an update to the City's Economic Development Strategic Plan in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.

**Award a Professional Services Agreement to TIP Strategies for the preparation of an update to the City of Beaumont Economic Development Strategic Plan in an amount not to exceed \$110,000 and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement, and**

**Authorize the issuance of a purchase order with TIP Strategies in the amount of \$110,000, for the EDSP update.**

G.17 Participation in the CalTrans Clean California Community Designation Program

Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign a pledge of participation in the Clean California Community Designation Program led by CalTrans and Keep California Beautiful (KCB).

**Authorize the Mayor to sign the Clean CA Community Pledge for the City to participate in the Clean California Community.**

G.8 Approve a Purchase Order Increase of \$17,200 for Tyler Technologies

The approved Purchase Order (PO) for Tyler for Utility Billing is exhausted, and an increase is needed to pay the last invoice for Fiscal Year 24/25.

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

**To approve a Purchase Order increase of \$17,200 to Tyler Technologies.**

**Approved by a unanimous vote**

G.12 Approve a First Amendment to the Professional Service Agreement with Tom Dodson & Associates to prepare an Adaptive Management and Mitigation Plan, with CEQA and Change Petition Support, Increasing the Agreement by \$914,559 – Capital Improvement Project

Strategic Plan Target 4 – Finances/Resources – Goal 1 – Obtain a Recycled Water Permit to enhance water sustainability, support long-term resource management, and ensure a reliable, environmentally responsible water supply for the community.

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

**To approve the First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Tom Dodson & Associates to increase the contract amount by \$914,559, resulting in a total compensation under the agreement not to exceed \$1,911,719.00;**

**Authorize the Mayor to execute the First Amendment; and**

**To approve a five percent (5%) contingency of \$95,586 for contract change orders and authorize the City Manager to approve contract change orders up to \$95,586 for a total budget of \$2,007,305.**

**Approved by a unanimous vote**

## H. YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

First meeting to be held September 9, 2025

## J. ACTION ITEMS

- J.1 Adoption of Amended and Restated Special Assessment and Community Facilities District Goals and Policies

The existing policy, adopted in 1995, no longer reflects current state law, industry standards, or the City's development needs. The amended and restated policy strengthens financial safeguards, aligns with best practices, and provides clear procedures for forming and administering Community Facilities Districts (CFDs) and Assessment Districts. Adoption ensures that future financings are conducted in a transparent, fiscally responsible, and equitable manner that protects both the City and its residents.

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

**Abstain: White**

**To adopt the Amended and Restated Special Assessment and Community Facilities District Goals and Policies, replacing the original 1995 policy, to align with current statutory requirements and best practices in municipal finance.**

**Approved by a 4-0 vote**

- J.2 Council-Requested Annual Review of Development Agreements and Resolution Amending the Review Responsibility from the Planning Commission to the City Council

Council requested annual review of the City's active Development Agreements PLAN2024-0145, PLAN2024-0146, PLAN2025-0147, PLAN2024-0149, PLAN2024-0150, PLAN2024-0151, PLAN2024-0152 and DA-98-1; and consideration of a resolution changing the DA annual review responsibility from the Planning Commission to the City Council.

**Consensus to table the item and bring back at a future meeting.**

J.3 Authorize Changes to the Uniform Compensation Plan

The attached compensation plan has been updated to reflect all new classifications approved in the FY 2026 adopted budget, labor negotiated cost of living increases and recommended classification changes.

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

**To approve the attached Uniform Compensation Plan.**

**Approve the elimination of one Police Services Manager, PSM-01.**

**Approve the elimination of one Support Services Supervisor, SSSPV-01.**

**Approve the elimination of one Support Services Specialist, SSS-06.**

**Approve the addition of two Dispatch Supervisors, DS-01 and DS-02.**

**Approve the addition of one Property & Evidence Technician, PET-01.**

**Approved by a unanimous vote.**

J.4 First Street Widening Feasibility Study Results – Capital Improvement Project (CIP) No. R25-04

Strategic Plan Target 2 – Infrastructure, Projects, and Traffic – Goal 5 – Advance the First Street Widening project through the Design Phase to improve traffic flow, enhance safety, and support future growth and development in the area.

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

**To direct City staff to move forward with the preliminary design and environmental document for the First Street Widening in agreement with the First Street Widening Feasibility Study.**

**Approved by a unanimous vote**

J.5 GHD, Inc. Professional Service Agreement

Award a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) to GHD, Inc. for the Preliminary Design Report (PDR) for the Downtown Beaumont Revitalization Project (Project).

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

**To approve the agreement with GHD, Inc. for the preparation of a PDR, for the period of September 2, 2025, through September 2, 2030, in an amount not to exceed \$1,483,634;**

**Approve the contingency of \$116,366 for a total not-to-exceed of \$1,600,000 and authorize the City Manager to sign off on any preceding amendments or purchase change orders within the authorized contingency amount; and,**

**Authorize the issuance of a purchase order to GHD, Inc. in the amount of \$1,483,634 for the preparation of a PDR.**

**Ayes: Fenn, White, Voigt**

**Noes: Martinez, Lara**

**Approved by a 3-2 vote**

- J.6 Award a Professional Services Agreement to Transportation Management & Design to Perform a Comprehensive Operational Analysis of the City's Transit Services

Consider entering into an agreement with Transportation Management & Design to perform a Comprehensive Operational Analysis of the City's transit services, including a Microtransit Feasibility Assessment and a Bus Stop Improvement Plan.

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

**Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Transportation Management & Design to perform a Comprehensive Operational Analysis for the period of September 2025 through January 2027 in an amount not to exceed \$399,653.36; and**

**Authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City.**

**Approved by a unanimous vote**

- J.7 Initiating Potential Annexation Proceedings for 78.48 Acres Along Cherry Valley Boulevard Within Unincorporated Riverside County Into the City of Beaumont

Consider a resolution required by the Riverside County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to apply for a City-led annexation of a 78.48-acre area to expand Beaumont's jurisdictional boundaries.

**Public Comment**

**W. Kolbow** - (written correspondence) *Spoke in opposition of Beaumont's proceeding with the annexation.*

**Consensus to table the item to a Closed Session discussion.**

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

**To bring the item back to Closed Session on October 21, 2025**

**Approved by a unanimous vote**

- J.8 Discuss a Potential Municipal Code Amendment to Streamline the Current Food Truck Review and Approval Process

Discussion of current regulatory approach to food trucks to assess whether a code amendment or policy changes are warranted to improve efficiency, support entrepreneurship, and align with modern mobile vending trends.

**Consensus to direct staff to prepare an ordinance amending BMC Chapter 5.72 (Food Trucks) to streamline, clarify, and ensure reduced impacts from food truck operators.**

- J.9 Public Works Agreements for the Construction of Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project – Capital Improvement Project (CIP) WW24-01

Award a Public Works Agreement for Civil Work (Bid Package 1) to Innovative Construction Solutions in the amount of \$3,383,857 and Landscape Work (Bid Package 2) to Southern California Landscape in the amount of \$598,905.

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

**To award and authorize the Mayor to execute a Public Works Agreement to Innovative Construction Solutions in the amount of \$3,383,857 for Bid Package 1 of CIP WW24-01 Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements;**

**Approve a ten percent (10%) contingency of \$338,386 for contract change orders and authorize the City Manager to approve contract change orders up to \$338,386 for a total bid package 1 budget of \$3,722,243;**

**Award and authorize the Mayor to execute a Public Works Agreement to Southern California Landscaping in the amount of \$598,905 for Bid Package 2 of CIP WW24-01 Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements; and,**

**Approve a ten percent (10%) contingency of \$59,890 for contract change orders and authorize the City Manager to approve contract**

**change orders up to \$59,890 for a total bid package 2 budget of \$658,795.**

**Approved by a unanimous vote**

- J.10 Discussion – Consideration of a Resolution Opposing State Interference in Local Land Use Authority

City Council consideration to adopt a resolution opposing state interference in local land use authority, modeled after a resolution adopted by the City of Murrieta, or choose to remain neutral on this issue.

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

**Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Beaumont, California, opposing State interference in local land use authority.**

**Approved by a unanimous vote**

- J.11 Beaumont Nights at Towncenter Season Report

Recap of the 2025 Beaumont Nights at Towncenter Season.

**Received proposed changes for Beaumont Nights 2026.**

- J.12 Annual Freedom Festival 4th of July Celebration Recapitulation and Analysis

Event summary and analysis for the 2025 Freedom Festival 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration.

**Consensus to receive and file.**

- J.13 Oak Valley Parkway Medians Project Update

**Project Design Update for Capital Improvement Project (CIP) No. R-21: City-wide Medians Project.**

**Consensus to receive and file.**

- J.14 Discussion of Helmet Ordinance

Discussion regarding the potential adoption of an ordinance requiring the use of protective helmets for operators and passengers of electric bicycles (“e-bikes”) and other electric mobility devices; discussion to include

whether to expand protective helmet requirements to all human-powered vehicles, such as traditional bicycles, nonmotorized scooters, skateboards, in-line skates, and roller skates.

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

**Staff recommends to pursue a helmet ordinance covering all human-powered and electric assisted mobility devices.**

**Approved by a unanimous vote**

**K. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES AND DISCUSSION**

**K.1 Legislative Update – September 2025**

An update on pending state legislation and redistricting measures with potential impacts on the City of Beaumont.

**Receive and file.**

**L. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

Economic Development Committee Report Out and City Council Direction

**M. CITY TREASURER REPORT**

Finance and Audit Committee Report Out and City Council Direction

**N. CITY CLERK REPORT**

**O. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

**P. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

**Gave an update to the Stewart Park project.**

**P.1 Traffic Improvements – Oak Valley Parkway and Cherry Avenue**

**Q. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Annexation Agreement with the County (Future)
- Revisit Sanctuary City Definition and Clarification (Future)

- Credit Agreements (September)
- Sign Program (September)
- Transit Update (October)
- County Workforce Presentation (October)
- Discussion of vote of confidence for the development of downtown
- Direction to have staff send a sales tax sharing opposition letter to the State and Cal Cities

**R. COUNCIL REPORTS**

Fenn – *Attended the Finance and Audit Committee and RTA Meetings*

Martinez – *Attended the Finance and Audit Committee meeting*

White – No report

Voigt – *Attended the PD Station tour and the Cornerstone BBQ Bash*

Lara – *Attended a ribbon cutting for Simply at Home*

**S. ADJOURNMENT at 9:42 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 September 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise posted.