



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Study Session 3:00 PM
Regular Meeting 5:30 PM

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

City Council Chambers
68-700 Avenida Lalo Guerrero
Cathedral City, CA 92234

MAYOR
Nancy Ross

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Pro Tem
Raymond Gregory

Councilmember
Rita Lamb

Councilmember
Ernesto Gutierrez

Councilmember
Mark Carnevale

STUDY SESSION 3:00 PM

Normally no action is taken on Study Session Items, however, the City Council reserves the right to give specific policy direction and take specific action as necessary. Presentations will be limited to 10 minutes unless other provisions are made in advance.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

AGENDA FINALIZATION

At this time the City Council may announce any items being pulled from the agenda or continued to another date.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Comment will be limited to three (3) minutes.

2. STUDY SESSION

A. Desert Recreation District Introductory Presentation and Update on Initial Progress

Recommendation: This item is presented for information and discussion only; no formal action is required.

B. Presentation on the Axon Body 4 Body-Worn Camera (BWC)

Recommendation: This item is presented for information and discussion.

C. 2025 Firework Enforcement and Response Activity Update

Recommendation: Information and discussion only.

D. Strategic Plan Update

Recommendation: This report is for information, discussion and direction only.

3. CLOSED SESSION

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b)

One (1) position:

Title: Acting / Interim City Manager

Recommendation: There is no Staff Recommendation.

B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6

Labor Negotiator: City Manager Charles McClendon

Employee Organizations: Management Unrepresented Employees

Recommendation: There is no Staff Recommendation.

C. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1)

Items: One (1) Cathedral City v. Fantasy Balloon Flights

Recommendation: There is no Staff Recommendation.

D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Anticipated Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)

One (1) Matter

Recommendation: There is no Staff Recommendation.

RECESS

REGULAR MEETING - 5:30 PM

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION (MOMENT OF REFLECTION)

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1. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

A. August 2025 Month to Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the First Recorded Map in the City

Recommendation: This is a Special Presentation only, there is no Staff Recommendation.

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3. COUNCIL REPORTS

This is an opportunity for each member of the City Council to report on any conferences they attend, local events or make any other comments they may have.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

The following Consent Calendar items are expected to be routine and noncontroversial. They will be acted upon by the City Council at one time without discussion. Any Council Member, Staff Member, or Citizen may request removal of an item from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

A. Waive Full Reading of Ordinances on Agenda

Recommendation: Waive Full Reading of Ordinances on Agenda

B. Approval of the July 9, 2025 Study Session and Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Recommendation: Approve the July 9, 2025 Study Session and Regular City Council Minutes.

C. Check Demand Register July 2025

Recommendation: Receive and File.

D. Ratify Memorandum of Understanding Between the City and the Cathedral City Police Management Association (CCPMA)

Recommendation: To ratify the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Cathedral City ("City") and the Cathedral City Police Management Association ("CCPMA") for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028.

E. Approval of a License Agreement with the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District for the Maintenance of the Date Palm Drive Bridge on North Cathedral Canyon Channel.

Recommendation: To approve a license agreement with the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District for the maintenance of the Date Palm Drive Bridge over the North Cathedral Canyon Channel, and associated drainage and channel improvements; and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

F. 2025-2026 California Highway Patrol Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program

Recommendation: To accept the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Cannabis Tax Fund Grant in the amount of \$124,561.63 and authorize the City Manager to execute the grant agreement.

G. Notice of Completion for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Rubberized Emulsion Aggregate Slurry (REAS) Projects

Recommendation: To accept and approve the following Rubberized Emulsion Aggregate Slurry (REAS) projects: East Palm Canyon Drive (C08695), Assessment District (AD) 86-5 neighborhood streets (C08696), Vista Chino Drive (C08697) and Date Palm Drive (C08698), as final; and, authorize the City Manager to execute and file a notice of completion with the Riverside County Recorder's Office (County); and, authorize the release of retention funds to Petrochem Materials Innovation, LLC (PMI) upon expiration of the notice of completion (NOC).

H. Purchase of one (1) 2025 Ford F-150 Police Responder from Utilitac Equipment & Upfitting for the Homeless Liaison Unit

Recommendation: To authorize the purchase of one (1) 2025 Ford F-150 Police Responder for use by the Homeless Liaison Officer in the amount of \$85,915.37, inclusive of vehicle cost, decals, taxes, and upfitting.

I. Resolution Adopting an Updated City-Wide Salary Schedule

Recommendation: To adopt a resolution approving a city-wide publicly available pay schedule in compliance with California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Sections 570.5, 571, 571.1, and to acknowledge the charter-mandated salary adjustment for elected officials. This resolution will supersede all previous resolutions regarding job classifications and compensation levels to the extent they conflict with this new recommendation.

J. Approval of Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Account (SLESA) Expenditure Plan for Fiscal Years 2021–2022 and 2022–2023 for Axon Body-Worn Cameras and Software.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the City Council approve the expenditure plan appropriating Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Account (SLESA) funds for Fiscal Years 2021–2022 and 2022–2023 for the acquisition and implementation of Axon body-worn cameras and associated software.

K. Resolution Authorizing the Official Designees for the Listos California CERT Support Grant (LC) Program.

Recommendation: To approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager and the Financial Services Director to act as the official designees for the Listos California CERT Support Grant (LC) Program and to execute and provide all forms, agreements, and other assurances as required.

L. Purchase of One (1) Ford Maverick for the Building and Safety Division to Accommodate Newly Hired Building Inspector

Recommendation: To authorize the purchase of one (1) Ford Maverick for the Building and Safety Department, at a total cost of \$32,926.71; and authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute all required documents for purchase.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

A. Consider Making an Appointment to the Finance Advisory Committee

Recommendation: To consider making an appointment to the Finance Advisory Committee to fill an unexpired seat with a term continuing through June 30, 2026, based on the interviews conducted during the Study Session portion of the meeting held June 25, 2025.

B. Administrative Attendance Policy for City Council Commissions and Committees

Recommendation: To review and adopt the administrative attendance policy for City Council Commissions and Committees.

C. Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Willdan Engineering, Inc. for the Sarah Street Area Assessment District Formation Phase 2A.

Recommendation: To approve Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Willdan Engineering, Inc. to extend the term of the agreement for the Sarah Street Assessment District Formation Project – Phase 2A; authorize a budget adjustment in the amount of \$15,131.74 to continue project funding; and authorize the City Manager to execute this Amendment No. 1.

D. Award of a Professional Services Agreement to HR Green Pacific, Inc. for the Design of the Tropical Storm Hilary: Date Palm Drive Pavement Reconstruction Project City Project No. C08684.

Recommendation: To approve a Professional Services Agreement with HR Green Pacific, Inc. to prepare the plans, specifications, estimate, right of way and environmental documents for the Tropical Storm Hilary: Date Palm Drive Pavement Reconstruction project, city project No. C08684, in the not to exceed amount of \$345,303.34; authorize a 10% design contingency in the amount of \$34,696.66 for unforeseen design related expenses, thereby bringing the total project cost to \$380,000; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

E. Construction Contract Award to Granite Construction Company for the Whispering Palms Trail Class III Bike Route Project (C08672).

Recommendation: To award a construction contract to Granite Construction Company in the amount of \$672,000.00 for the SB 821 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities program for Whispering Palms Trail Class III Bike Route project (C08672); approve a twenty percent (20%) contingency in the amount of \$134,400.00 for unforeseeable construction costs, thereby bringing the total project budget to the amount of \$806,400.00; and, authorize the City Manager to execute the required contract documents; and, authorize the City Engineer to request bonds and insurance for the project, and issue the notice to proceed.

F. Balloon Festival Saturday Headliner Options

Recommendation: To approve one of four proposed Saturday headliner options for the 11th Cathedral City International Hot Air Balloon Festival, authorize staff to negotiate a shared revenue agreement with SoundSkilz, Inc. for cost recovery where applicable, and authorize the Communications & Events Manager to pursue major sponsorship opportunities to offset production costs.

7. DISCUSSION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

This is an opportunity for members of the City Council to request that, and for the City Council to discuss whether, one or more items should be added to the agenda of a future regular or special City Council meeting. To comply with the Brown Act, discussion should be limited to whether to add the item(s), and direction given to the City Manager regarding scheduling and prioritization of the item(s).

8. CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

NOTES TO THE PUBLIC

The City of Cathedral City complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you require special assistance to participate in this meeting, please call the City Clerk's Office at (760) 770-0322 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

If you desire to address the City Council during the meeting, please complete a Request to Speak Form available at the entrance and present it to the City Clerk. Speakers will be called upon at the appropriate time.

When providing public comment during a Council Meeting, California Law may require speakers to disclose a campaign contribution made to an elected or appointed City Councilmember if speaking on certain projects or contracts to be acted upon by the City Council. Please use the following link to determine whether you have a legal obligation to disclose your campaign contribution: <https://www.cathedralcity.gov/transparency>

Written Comments will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Written comments may be submitted via email, letter, or other forms of written communication. To email comments please email to cityclerk@cathedralcity.gov.

Hard copies of written comments and any other document will be provided to the City Council and made available for the general public to review. All written comments received by the submission deadline will be made part of the official record. The meeting minutes will include: The name of the individual submitting the comment and a brief statement summarizing the content of the comment.

Submitted Written Comments will not be read into the record during the meeting.