

CITY OF VENTURA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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REGULAR MEETING/WORKSHOP

MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021

CLOSED SESSION – 5:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE STAY AT HOME ORDER AND THE COUNTY OF VENTURA HEALTH OFFICER DECLARED LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY AND BE WELL AT HOME ORDER RESULTING FROM THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19), CITY HALL IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. TO FIND OUT HOW YOU MAY ELECTRONICALLY ATTEND THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT PLEASE REFER TO PAGE 2 OF THIS AGENDA.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPTIONS to help reduce the spread of COVID-19:

1. Join a **WebEx meeting LIVE:**

<https://cityofventura.webex.com/cityofventura/onstage/g.php?MTID=ed781551b5e0a8deb8d90610d702cbfc6>

NOTE: WebEx link only works while meeting is LIVE. After meeting has ended, use the Archived Video link to view the meeting. You must join the WebEx Meeting to provide Public Comment - #5 below.

Join with only an “audio” connection: 1-408-418-9388 / Access Code 182 561 1319

WebEx recommends using Chrome, FireFox or Edge browsers when joining and providing live comment at the meeting. You are encouraged to download the WebEx App.

2. Watch a **live stream** of the meeting at <https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/718/Videos>, YouTube at <https://www.YouTube.com/cityofventura/live> or on Cable TV – Channel 15, live and replayed as listed on CAPS media schedule.
3. Submit your comments via email **by 4:00 p.m. on the City Council meeting date to allow the comments to be read before the Meeting.** Please submit your comment to the City Clerk using this form www.cityofventura.ca.gov/publicinput or send an email to cityclerk@cityofventura.ca.gov (up to 1000 characters) When sending an email, please indicate in the Subject Line, the Agenda item number (i.e. Item No. 8A). Your form/email will be read by City Council and placed into the item’s record at the meeting.
4. When watching the live stream or WebEx meeting, submit a Public Comment using this form www.cityofventura.ca.gov/publicinput. Those emails will be provided to City Council following the meeting.



5. **To Provide Public Comment Live:** **You must attend the WebEx Meeting with audio connected to your computer/device,** you will see Chat feature on your screen. You can write, "I would like to speak on Agenda Item #__" in the Chat feature. During the discussion of that item, the Mayor will call for public comment. The City Clerk will announce those requesting to speak, speakers will be promoted to “panelist” allowing your camera to be turned on. When you are finished, your mic will be muted and your camera disabled. For your audio to work, you **MUST** connect to the meeting with audio connected on your device – audio only connect will not work for this process.

NOTE: When on a cell phone or iPad, you may need to scroll your screen to see the chat feature.

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Instructions for CLOSED SESSION ONLY

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To Provide Public Comment Live at Closed Session: You must register using the Online [Speaker Registration Form](#) by Noon* on the City Council Meeting date. You will receive an email from the City Clerk's Office acknowledging and information about joining the meeting.

The Public can only attend the Public Comments portion of Closed Session. Closed Session Meetings are not broadcasted or recorded.

The regular meetings of the San Buenaventura (Ventura) City Council also serve as regular meetings of the Successor Agency, Public Facilities Financing Authority and Parking Authority when Successor Agency, Public Facilities Financing Authority and Parking Authority items are listed on the agenda.

The public has the opportunity to address the City Council on any item appearing on the agenda. Persons wishing to address the City Council are limited to three minutes on any agenda item with a cumulative total of five minutes for all agenda items, except if there are one or more Successor Agency, Public Facilities Financing Authority and Parking Authority items on the agenda, members of the public shall have an additional total of three minutes on any agenda item with a cumulative total of five minutes for all agenda items to address all Successor Agency, Public Facilities Financing Authority and Parking Authority matters.

At the first regular meeting of the month, City Council has allocated a total of 30 minutes for members of the public to address City Council on items of City business other than scheduled agenda items near the beginning of the agenda and will continue speakers beyond the 30 minutes until the end of the agenda under the heading of "Public Communications". Individuals may not acquire additional time from other speakers during Public Communications but may do so on formal agenda items per City Council Protocols. City Council cannot take action on any items not on the agenda. These items may be referred to staff or scheduled on a future agenda.

Persons wishing to address City Council should complete and submit a green "Speaker Form." If a member of the public wishes to comment on an item, complete a pink "Comment Form." Both forms are on a table inside the meeting room.

Administrative Reports relating to this agenda are available in the City Clerk's Office, 501 Poli Street, Room 204, Ventura, during normal business hours as well as on the City's website – <https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/AgendaCenter>.

Public Hearing Notices and any materials related to an agenda item submitted to the City Council after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public review at the City Clerk's Office as well as on the City's website – <https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/1236/City-Council-Public-Hearing-NoticesSuppl>.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (805) 658-4787 or the California Relay Service at (866) 735-2929. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

CS1. CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION – 5:00 p.m.

CS2. ROLL CALL

CS3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: Public comments on Closed Session Items only – must be submitted electronically prior to the closed session starting. **Refer to Page 3 of the Agenda on how to submit your Public Comments electronically to the City Clerk for the Closed Session OR If you wish to speak at Closed Session, how to register.**

CS4. CLOSED SESSION – Teleconference/Video Conference Meeting. The Public may not participate in the Closed Session, other than submitting Public Comments on topic via email.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Name of Case: Roman Ohnemus v. Mark T. Short, et al.

Ventura County Superior Court Case no.: 56-2020-00547353-CU-PO-VTA

Authority: Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)

2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Title: City Manager

Authority: Government Code 54957

3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

City Negotiators: Sofia Rubalcava, Mayor

Joe Schroeder, Deputy Mayor

Unrepresented Employee: City Manager

Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6

4. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Title: City Attorney

Authority: Government Code 54957

5. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

City Negotiators: Sofia Rubalcava, Mayor

Joe Schroeder, Deputy Mayor

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CS5. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to Regular Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR SESSION/WORKSHOP – 6:00 p.m.**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
5. **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**
6. **CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Per Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(2), the Council Communications section of the agenda provides City Council the opportunity to ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on his or her own activities.

7. **CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS**
12. **PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

12A. [Public Hearing for Proposed Water and Wastewater Rates for Fiscal Year 2022 – 2026](#)

Staff: Akbar Alikhan, Assistant City Manager
Susan Rungren, Ventura Water General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

- a. Conduct the public hearing to consider five-year water, wastewater, and water shortage surcharge rate increases and rate structure changes to be effective July 1, 2021, July 1, 2022, July 1, 2023, July 1, 2024, and July 1, 2025.
- b. Introduce and waive the first reading of the proposed Ordinance to adjust utility rates by amending Division 22, "Public Utilities," of the San Buenaventura Municipal Code relating to water and wastewater service rates and charges and implementing monthly billing, titled as follows:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING DIVISION 22, "PUBLIC UTILITIES," OF THE SAN BUENAVENTURA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADJUST WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE RATES AND CHARGES AND IMPLEMENT MONTHLY BILLING"

12. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS (continued)

- c. Introduce and waive the first reading of the proposed Ordinance to amend Section 22.170.010, "Water Waste Prohibited," and amend Chapter 22.171, "Water Shortage Regulations and Rates Relating Thereto," of the San Buenaventura Municipal Code to adjust water shortage surcharge rates, implement a transition from bi-monthly to monthly billing, and update water conservation and water shortage regulations, titled as follows:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 22.170.010, "WATER WASTE PROHIBITED," AND AMENDING CHAPTER 22.171, "WATER SHORTAGE REGULATIONS AND RATES RELATING THERETO," OF THE SAN BUENAVENTURA MUNICIPAL CODE"

- d. Determine that the enactment of these Ordinances are exempt under Sections 15273 and 15308 of the State California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines since these actions merely implement ratemaking necessary to ensure the costs and expenses of the water and wastewater enterprises are paid for at the time incurred to meeting operating expenses, meeting financial reserve needs, and obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service within existing service areas, and therefore, these Ordinances do not have the potential to result in significant effects on the environment.
- e. Set the proposed Ordinances for a second reading and adoption at the City Council meeting on May 24, 2021.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING DIVISION 22, "PUBLIC UTILITIES," OF THE SAN BUENAVENTURA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADJUST WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE RATES AND CHARGES AND IMPLEMENT MONTHLY BILLING
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 22.170.010, "WATER WASTE PROHIBITED," AND AMENDING CHAPTER 22.171, "WATER SHORTAGE REGULATIONS AND RATES RELATING THERETO," OF THE SAN BUENAVENTURA MUNICIPAL CODE
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-_____

13. FORMAL ITEMS

13A. [Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget Workshop #2](#)

Staff: Michael Coon, Finance and Technology Director

RECOMMENDATION

Receive department-specific presentations and provide feedback to staff on potential changes to the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Proposed Operating and Capital Improvement Budget.

8. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Refer to Page 2 of the Agenda on how to submit your Public Comments electronically to the City Clerk or scan this QR Code to access the form.



16. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS – REGIONAL BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES

Per Governmental Code Section 54954.2(a)(2), the Council Communications section of the agenda provides City Council the opportunity to ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on his or her own activities. Councilmembers serving on regional boards, commissions, or committees to present a verbal report to the full City Council on the activities of the respective boards, commission, or committees upon which they serve.

17. ADJOURNMENT

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