



MODESTO CITY COUNCIL

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AGENDA

City of Modesto

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Chambers, Basement Level

Tenth Street Place, 1010 10th Street

Modesto, California

Tuesday, September 01, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Roll Call - Councilmembers Alvarez, Bavaro, Escutia-Braaton, Ricci, Williams, Wright, Mayor Zwahlen

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Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Invocation

City Clerk’s Announcements

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Reports from Closed Session

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation declaring September 6 -12, 2026 as National Suicide Prevention Week. (Funding Source: Not Applicable)
CITY COUNCIL; Breanna Griffin, 209-577-5421, bgriffin@modestogov.com
2. Proclamation declaring September 15 - October 15, 2026 as National Hispanic Heritage Month. (Funding Source: Not Applicable)
CITY COUNCIL; Breanna Griffin, 209-577-5421, bgriffin@modestogov.com

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Three-minute time limit per speaker.

Only interested persons in the audience may present these matters. Under State law, Councilmembers may respond to matters being presented under this item only as follows:

- a. Briefly respond to statements made or questions raised.
- b. Ask a question for clarification.
- c. Provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information.
- d. Request staff to report back at a subsequent meeting.
- e. Finally, a Councilmember or the Council itself may take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

CONSENT ITEMS – ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED

Information concerning the consent items listed below has been forwarded to each Councilmember prior to this meeting for study. Unless some member of the audience or Councilmember has a question concerning an item and asks that it be withdrawn from the consent list, the Council approves the items at one time. The action taken by the Council in approving consent items is set forth in the explanation of this individual item.

CONSENT

An item may be removed from consent and discussed at the request of an audience member or Council member.

Consent

3. Consider approving the Minutes for the August 25, 2026 Council Meeting. (Funding Source: Not Applicable)

Staff Recommendation:

- Motion approving the Minutes for the August 25, 2026 Council Meeting.

CITY CLERK; Diane Nayares-Perez, 209-577-5396, dnayaresperez@modestogov.com

Consent

4. Consider accepting the improvements of the Sonoma Sewer Trunk Extension Phase 3 & 4A Project as complete, authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to release payments totaling \$1,173,469. (Funding Source: Sewer Fund)

Staff Recommendation:

- Resolution accepting the improvements of the Sonoma Sewer Trunk Extension Phase 3 & 4A Project as complete, authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to release payments totaling \$1,173,469.

ENGINEERING SERVICES; Pete Kambel, 209-577-5444, pkambel@modestogov.com

Consent

5. Consider approving the Second Amendment with HDR Engineering, Inc., of Folsom, CA to complete assigned work and gain Regulatory Compliance for the Carpenter Road Landfill, Modesto California, thereby increasing the Agreement amount by

\$820,774 through the duration of the Agreement. (Funding Source: Carpenter Road Landfill)

Staff Recommendation:

- Resolution approving the Second Amendment to the Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc., of Folsom, CA., to complete assigned engineering and permitting work as next steps to gain regulatory compliance for the Carpenter Road Landfill, Modesto, California, increasing the Agreement amount by \$820,774, to a new total amount not to exceed \$1,172,224 through the term of the Agreement, and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Amendment.

PUBLIC WORKS; John Chavez, 209-577-5453, jchavez@modestogov.com

Consent

6. Consider entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with Stanislaus County for the reimbursement of costs related to the Riverdale Water System Project for a total amount not to exceed \$4,203,518. (Funding Source: Water Fund)

Staff Recommendation:

- Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Stanislaus County for the reimbursement of costs related to the Riverdale Water System Project for a total amount not to exceed \$4,203,518.

UTILITIES; Jim Alves, 209-571-5557, jalves@modestogov.com

COUNCIL COMMENTS & REPORTS

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS & REPORTS

MATTERS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA

These may be presented by members of the City Council and staff upon determination by a majority vote that an emergency exists, as defined by State law, or by a 2/3 vote that (1) there is a need to take immediate action, and (2) that the need for action came to the City's attention after the agenda was posted.

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