

Artesia City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 9, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, CA 90701

1. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Trevino called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Trevino, Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso, and Councilmember Manalo.

Absent: Councilmembers Taj and Ahir.

Staff Present: City Manager Avalos, Deputy City Manager Burke, Finance Manager Murguia, City Attorney Nguyen, City Clerk Alderete, Community Development Director Bollier, Parks & Recreation Manager Guerra, Special Projects Manager Lee, Management Analyst Zambrano, and Contract Planning Bashmakian.

3. INVOCATION

Rob Golding from First Christian Reformed Church, delivered the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sergeant Ramos, led the pledge of allegiance.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

5A. Public Comments Public comments could be provided, in person or submitted by email to publiccomments@cityofartesia.us by 12:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting. Bridgett Martinez provided public comments for items not listed on the agenda.

6. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Trevino, Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso, and Councilmember Manalo asked questions and/or provided comments.

Councilmember Manalo attended the Council of Government meeting on Wednesday, February 4th.

Mayor Trevino welcomed the community to the meeting. He expressed concern over the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors' decision to increase the sales tax by 0.50% and encouraged residents to contact their local board member. Mayor Trevino attended the Annual United States Mayor Conference in Washington, D.C. at public expense.

7. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS

7A. Ross Band Certificates of Recognition

A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Ross Middle School Band and Band Director David Lopez. Principal Silvas provided comments.

7B. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Certificates of Recognition

A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Deputy Ruvalcaba and Deputy Valdez.

7C. Gateway Cities Energy Action Award Presentation

Gateway Cities Executive Director Hector De La Torre presented the Council with the Gold Award for Energy Action.

7D. Black History Month Proclamation

A proclamation for Black History Month was presented by the Council.

8. BUSINESS PRESENTATIONS

8A. Los Angeles County Sanitation District Prop. 218 Rate Increase Update

Los Angeles County Sanitation District's Deputy Assistant Chief Engineer Matt Eaton provided updates.

8B. ABC Unified School District Update

ABC Unified School District Clerk of the Board Leticia Mendoza provided updates. Mayor Trevino, Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso, and Councilmember Manalo asked questions and/or provided comments.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Manalo moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso, to approve consent calendar items 9A-9I.

Motion carried, 3-0-2, with Councilmembers Taj and Ahir absent.

9A. Waive Reading of All Ordinance and Resolutions Adoptions on the Agenda and Read by Title Only

Recommendation: Waive Reading, by Title Only, of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Said Ordinances and Resolutions Which Appear on the Public Agenda Shall Be Determined to Have Been Read by Title and Further Reading Waived.

9B. Accounts Payable Check Register – January 2026

Recommendation: Receive and File.

9C. City Financial Report – December 2025

Recommendation: Receive and File.

9D. AB 1234 Reporting

Recommendation: Receive and File.

9E. City Council Meeting Minutes

Recommendation: Approve Minutes as Presented for December 8, 2025 - Regular and Special Meetings, and December 15, 2025 – Regular and Special Meetings.

9F. Second Reading and Consideration of Ordinance Amending the Artesia Municipal Code Relating to the Mixed Use Overlay

Recommendation: Adopt Ordinance No. 26-980, Amending Sections of Title 48 (Mixed-Use Overlay Zone) of Chapter 2 (Zoning) of Title 9 (Planning and Zoning) of the Artesia Municipal Code and Finding the Ordinance Exempt From CEQA Pursuant To State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3); And find the Ordinance Exempt From CEQA Pursuant to Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

9G. Legislative Platform for Calendar Year 2026

Recommendation: Approve the Legislative Platform for Calendar Year 2026.

9H. First Amendment to Agreement With Complete Paperless Solutions, LLC.

Recommendation: Approve, and Authorize the City Manager To Execute, the First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement With Complete Paperless Solutions, LLC Extending the the Term to June 30, 2026 and Increasing the Total Contract to an Amount Not To Exceed \$170,000 Over the Two-Year Period.

9I. Large Event Facility Use Permit for Dinesh Shah to Hold a Holi Festival on Saturday, March 8, 2026 at Artesia Park

Recommendation: Approve the Issuance of a Large Event Facility Use Permit.

10. PUBLIC HEARING

10A. Introduction of an Ordinance to Establish Temporary Outdoor Lighting Regulations

Recommendation: Waive Full Reading and Adopt Ordinance No. 26-981, Adding Section 9- 2.1250 to Title 9 of the Artesia Municipal Code Establishing Regulations and Standards for the Use of Temporary Outdoor Lighting in Residential Zones; And Determining the Ordinance To Be Exempt From CEQA; And Find That That This Action Is Exempt From the Requirements of CEQA Pursuant to Sections 15378(b)(5), and 15061(b)(3).

Community Development Director Bollier provided staff report. Mayor Trevino, Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso, and Councilmember Manalo asked questions and/or provided comments. Mayor Trevino opened the public hearing. No public comments were provided. Mayor Trevino closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Manalo moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso to approve agenda item 10A, as recommended.

Motion carried, 3-0-2, with Councilmembers Taj and Ahir absent.

10B. 2021-2029 6th Cycle Housing Element Update

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 26-3075, Adopting the 2021-2029 Housing Element Update to the City of Artesia General Plan, and Approving Findings Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act in Connection Therewith (Case No. 2021-19); Make a Determination of Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines; And Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to make minor, non-substantive modifications to the City's 6th Cycle Housing Element as required by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for purposes of State law compliance.

City Manager Avalos introduced the item. Sagecrest Contract Planner Bashmakian provided staff report. Mayor Trevino, Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso, and Councilmember Manalo asked questions and/or provided comments. Mayor Trevino opened the public hearing. No public comments were provided. Mayor Trevino closed the public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso moved, seconded by Councilmember Manalo to approve agenda item 10B, as recommended.

Motion carried, 3-0-2, with Councilmembers Taj and Ahir absent.

10C. Second Reading and Consideration of Ordinance Regarding Updating Los Angeles County Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Fire, Mechanical, Residential Codes, and Green Building Standards

Recommendation: Adopt Ordinance No. 26-979, Adopting by Reference Title 26 of the Los Angeles County Code, Incorporating and Amending the 2025 California Building Code; Title 27 of the Los Angeles County Code, Incorporating and Amending the 2025 California Electrical Code; Title 28 of the Los Angeles County Code, Incorporating and Amending the 2025 California Plumbing Code; Title 29 of the Los Angeles County Code, Incorporating and Amending the 2025 California Mechanical Code; Title 30 of the Los Angeles County Code, Incorporating and Amending the 2025 California Residential Code; Title 31 of the Los Angeles County Code, Incorporating and Amending the 2025 California Green Building Standards Code; Title 32 of the Los Angeles County Code, Incorporating and Amending the 2025 California Fire Code; Title 33 of the Los Angeles County Code, Incorporating and Amending the 2025 California Existing Building Code Together With Certain Amendments, Deletions and Additions, Including Findings, Fees and Penalties; And Amending the Artesia Municipal Code; And Find the Ordinance Exempt from CEQA pursuant to Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)

Community Development Director Bollier provided staff report. Mayor Trevino opened the public hearing. No public comments were provided. Mayor Trevino closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Manalo moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso to approve agenda item 10C, as recommended.

Motion carried, 3-0-2, with Councilmembers Taj and Ahir absent.

11. DISCUSSION

11A. Introduction of an Ordinance Amending the City's Fireworks Code
Recommendation: Waive Full Reading and Introduce, Ordinance No. 28-982, Amending Chapter 2 (Fireworks) of Title 4 (Public Safety) Regarding Illegal Fireworks; Finding the Ordinance is Exempt from CEQA Per State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060 and 15061; And Approve the Proposed Administrative Fines for Fireworks Violations and Direct Staff to Prepare a Resolution to Adopt the Fines.

City Manager Avalos introduced the item. Deputy City Manager Burke provided staff report. City Attorney Nguyen provided input. Mayor Trevino, Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso, and Councilmember Manalo asked questions and/or provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso moved, seconded by Councilmember Manalo, to approve agenda item 11A, as recommended.

Motion carried, 3-0-2, with Councilmembers Taj and Ahir absent.

11B. Goods Purchase Agreement with Romtec, Inc. for a Pre-Engineered Restroom Building Kit for Artesia Park in the Amount of \$307,511.43
Recommendation: Approve the Good Purchase Agreement and With Romtec Inc., and Authorize the City Manager To Execute on Behalf of the City Council.

Parks and Recreation Manager Guerra provided staff report. Mayor Trevino and Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso asked questions and/or provided comments.

Mayor Trevino moved, seconded by Councilmember Manalo, to approve agenda item 11B, as recommended.

Motion carried, 3-0-2, with Councilmembers Taj and Ahir absent.

11C. Consideration of a Financial Plan and Approving a Mid-Year Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26

Recommendation: Approve the Proposed Mid-Year Budget Adjustments

Finance Manager Murguia provided staff report. Councilmember Manalo left the meeting. City Attorney Nguyen paused the meeting due to lack of quorum. Councilmember Manalo returned. The meeting resumed. Mayor Trevino, Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso, and Councilmember Manalo asked questions and/or provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso moved, seconded by Councilmember Manalo, to approve agenda item 11C, as recommended.

Motion carried, 3-0-2, with Councilmembers Taj and Ahir absent.

12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Avalos provided updates.

13. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Trevino asked questions and/or provided comments.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 p.m. in memory of former City Engineer Tony Wong and Jesus Alejandro Valdez.



Jennifer Alderete, City Clerk