

Artesia City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 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 7:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Trevino, Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso, Councilmembers Taj, Manalo and Ahir

Staff Present: City Manager Avalos, Deputy City Manager Burke, Finance Manager Murguia, City Attorney Nguyen, City Clerk Alderete, Community Development Director Bollier, Public Works Manager Sanchez, Parks and Recreation Manager Guerra, Accounting Manager Laquian, Special Projects Manager Lee, Human Resources Manager Jackson, Management Analyst Zambrano, Management Analyst Flores, Administrative Analyst Vega, and Management Analyst Osborne.

3. INVOCATION

Bishop Robert Magalogo from Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, delivered the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deputy Jimenez, 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. Linda Gonzalez and Rohini Bedi provided public comments for items not listed on the agenda.

6. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Trevino, Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso, Councilmembers Taj, Manalo and Ahir asked questions and/or provided comments.

Councilmember Ahir attended the and the Southern California Association of Governments Transportation Committee meeting.

Councilmember Manalo attended the economic development committee meeting, the Council of Governments' Metro Meeting, and the Council of Governments Meeting

Councilmember Ramoso attended the Parks and Recreation meeting on February 18th.

7. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS

7A. Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month Proclamation

A proclamation for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month was accepted by SELPA Director, Doctor Rochelle Chavez and Program Specialist Stephanie Peterson.

7B. Women's History Month Proclamation

A proclamation for Women's History Month was presented by the Council.

7C. National Social Work Month Proclamation

A proclamation for National Social Work Month was accepted by SAAHAS for Cause and SAHARA.

7D. Red Cross Month Proclamation

A proclamation for Red Cross Month was accepted by Mike Ferrar.

7E. Community Impact Award

Human Resource Manager Grisham and the Council presented a recognition award to Public Works Employee Jose Cain Gamez.

7F. Government Finance Professionals Week Proclamation

A proclamation for Government Finance Professionals Week was accepted by the Finance Department.

7G. Staff Introduction

Deputy City Manager Burke introduced new Management Analyst, Danielle Osborne. A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Danielle Osborne.

8. BUSINESS PRESENTATIONS

8A. Cal Cities Legislative Update

League of California Cities Regional Public Affairs Manager Nicholas Cabeza provided updates. Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso and Councilmember Taj asked questions and/or provided comments.

8B. Saahas for Cause

Saahas Representative Zarni Patel provided updates.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Taj moved, seconded by Councilmember Ahir, to approve consent calendar items 9A-9K.

Motion carried, 5-0

9A. Accounts Payable Check Register – February 2026

Recommendation: Receive and File.

9B. City Financial Report – January 2026

Recommendation: Receive and File.

9C. AB 1234 Reporting

Recommendation: Receive and File.

9D. City Council Meeting Minutes

Recommendation: Approve Minutes as Presented for January 12, 2026 - Joint Regular Artesia City Council and Special Artesia Housing Authority Meeting, and January 26, 2026 – Special Meeting.

9E. Sister City Designation Policy

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 26-3077, Approving a Sister City Designation Policy

9F. Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) Public Financing Authority Appointment and Status Update

Recommendation: Appoint Skip Vega To Serve as the City of Artesia's Public Member Representative to the Public Financing Authority of the Artesia Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District, in Accordance With the Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District's Formation Resolution.

9G. Award of Professional Services Agreement to BPR Consulting Group for Building and Safety Services

Recommendation: Approve, and Authorize the City Manager To Execute on the Council's Behalf, a Professional Service Agreement for Building and Safety Services to BPR Consulting Group in an Amount Not-To-Exceed \$1,500,000 From April 1, 2026 Through June 30, 2029; And approve a Budget Amendment to the Building and Safety Division.

9H. 2025 General Plan Annual Progress Report and Annual Housing Element Progress Report

Recommendation: Approve the General Plan Annual Progress Report Inclusive of the Annual Housing Element Progress Report for Calendar Year 2025; And direct Staff to File the Reports with the State of California Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)

9I. Award of Landscape Maintenance Service Agreement with Brightview Landscape Services for City-Wide Landscape Maintenance in City Right-of-Way and Public Facilities

Recommendation: Approve and Authorize the City Manager To Execute on Their Behalf, a Five- Year Landscape Maintenance Service Agreement With Brightview Landscape Services, Inc. With a Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$1,100,617.20 for City-Wide Landscape Maintenance Services; and Make a Determination of Exemption Under CEQA Pursuant to Section 15304 (Class 4) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

9J. Second Reading and Consideration of Ordinance Establish Temporary Outdoor Lighting Regulations

Recommendation: 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 This Action Is Exempt From the Requirements of CEQA Pursuant to Sections 15378(b)(5), and 15061(b)(3).

9K. Second Reading and Consideration of Ordinance Amending the City's Fireworks Code

Recommendation: Adopt Ordinance No. 28-982, Amending Chapter 2 (Fireworks) of Title 4 (Public Safety) Regarding Illegal Fireworks; Find the Ordinance Exempt From CEQA under State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(2), (3) 15061(b)(3); And Approve the Proposed Administrative Fines for Fireworks Violations and Direct Staff To Bring Back an Adopting Resolution To Coincide With the Adoption of Ordinance No. 26-982.

10. PUBLIC HEARING

10A. Annexing Territory to Community Facilities District No. 2017-1 (Services) (Annexation No. 4)

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No 26-3078, Calling a Special Election and Submitting to the Qualified Electors of Territory Proposed to be Annexed to the City of Artesia, Community Facilities District No. 2017-1 (Services), County of Los Angeles, State of California the Question of Levying Special Taxes Within That Territory (Annexation No. 4); Adopt Resolution No. 26-3079, Acting in Its Capacity as the Legislative Body of City of Artesia, Community Facilities District No. 2017-1 (Services), County of Los Angeles, State of California, Declaring the Results of a Special Election in Such Community Facilities District on the Proposition of the Annual Levy of Special Taxes Within the Territory Proposed to be Annexed to Said Community Facilities District to Pay the Cost of Certain Services to be Provided by the Community Facilities District, Determining That the Territory Proposed to be Annexed is Added to and Part of Said Community Facilities District With Full Legal Effect, and Ordering the Recording of a Map of the Boundaries of Said Community Facilities District Including the Territory Annexed Thereto (Annexation No. 4); and Waive Full Reading and Introduce Ordinance No. 26-983, Authorizing the Levy of Special Taxes in a Community Facilities District, Including Certain Annexation Territory Identified as Annexation No. 4 Into City of Artesia, Community Facilities District No. 2017-1 (Services)

City Clerk Alderete reported that the notice was mailed and published in accordance with the law. BBK Associate Richard Wall provided staff report. Mayor Trevino opened the public hearing. No public comments were provided. Mayor Trevino closed the public hearing.

City Clerk Alderete reported that no protest had been received, that there are no registered voters within Annexation Number 4 of the CFD, and that the owner of all taxable property in Annexation Number 4 of the CFD has consented to holding a special election on March 9, 2026.

Mayor Trevino asked for Resolution 26-3078 calling for a special election and submitting to the qualified electors of territory proposed to be annexed to the City of Artesia Community Facilities District Number 2017-1 for services, County of Los Angeles, State of California, the question of levying special taxes within the territory annexation number 4.

Councilmember Ahir moved, seconded by Councilmember Taj to approve Resolution 2026-3078.

Motion carried, 5-0

City Clerk Alderete reported that the official ballot has been opened and all votes are in favor of the proposition presented on the ballot.

Mayor Trevino asked for a motion to approve Resolution Number 26-3079 of the City Council acting in its capacity as the legislative body of the City of Artesia Community Facilities District Number 20-17, 2017-1 for services, County of Los Angeles, State of California declaring the results of a special election in such Community Facilities District on the proposition of the annual levy of special taxes within the territory proposed to be annexed to said Community Facilities District to pay the cost of certain services to be provided by the Community Facilities District determining that the territory proposed to be annexed is added to the part of said Community Facilities District with full legal effect, and the ordering the recording of a map of boundaries of said community facilities district, including the territory annexed, their two annexation number 4.

Councilmember Manalo Moved, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso to approve Resolution Number 26-3079.

Motion carried, 5-0

Mayor Trevino asked for a motion to Waive Full Reading and Introduce Ordinance No. 26-983, Authorizing the Levy of Special Taxes in a Community Facilities District, Including Certain Annexation Territory Identified as Annexation No. 4 Into City of Artesia, Community Facilities District No. 2017-1 (Services)

Councilmember Manalo Moved, Seconded by Councilmember Taj to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 26-983.

Motion Carried, 5-0

10B. Resolution Adopting Updated Administrative Citation Fines
Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 26-3076, Setting Forth the Administrative Citation Schedule of Civil and Administrative Fines for Violations of the Artesia Municipal Code and Related Fees, and Repealing City Council Resolution No. 18-2724

Deputy City Manager Burke provided staff report. Mayor Trevino opened the public hearing. No public comments were provided. Mayor Trevino closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Ahir moved, seconded by Councilmember Taj to approve agenda item 10B, as recommended.
Motion carried, 5-0

11. DISCUSSION

11A. Independence Day Event and Fireworks Show
Recommendation: Approve Changing the City of Artesia's Independence Day Celebration Event Date From July 4 to July 3, 2026, Due to a Shortage of Certified Fireworks Technicians and the City's Inability To Secure a Fireworks Vendor for July 4, 2026; And Approve an Agreement and Authorize the City Manager to execute on the Council's Behalf With Zambelli Fireworks to Provide a Fireworks Show on July 3, 2026 for an Amount Not-To-Exceed \$37,800.

City Manager Avalos introduced the item. Parks and Recreation Manager Guerra provided staff report. Mayor Trevino, Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso, Councilmembers Taj, Manalo, and Ahir asked questions and/or provided comments.

Councilmember Taj moved, seconded by Councilmember Ahir, to approve agenda item 11A Option 1, as recommended.
Motion carried, 5-0.

11B. Non-Profit Facility Use Fees Discussion
Recommendation: Discuss and Provide Direction to Staff Regarding the Facility Usage

Parks and Recreation Manager Guerra provided staff report. Mayor Trevino, Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso, Councilmembers Taj, Manalo, and Ahir asked questions and/or provided comments. City Council directed that the item be brought back for further discussion, including expanding the definition of group two users and increasing the amount of facility usage.

11C. Business Improvement District (BID) Update and Direction Regarding the Naming of Downtown
Recommendation: Discuss and Provide Direction To Staff Regarding the Naming of Downtown To Be "Little India," Upon Formation of the Business Improvement District (BID).

City Manager Avalos introduced the item. Management Analyst Zambrano and Deputy City Manager Burke provided staff report. City Manager Avalos and City Attorney Nguyen provided input. Mayor Trevino, Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso, Councilmembers Taj, Manalo, and Ahir asked questions and/or provided comments. Barbi Silva, Carol Sanchez, Cynthia Navarette, and Paul de Medieros provided written public comments.

Councilmember Ahir moved, seconded by Councilmember Taj, to bring a resolution forward to have the naming of the BID area "Little India" contingent upon the BID formation.
Motion carried, 5-0.

11D. 2026 Goal Setting Report
Recommendation: Adopt the 2026 Goal Setting Report and Direct Staff to Begin Implementation of the Goals.

City Manager Avalos introduced the item. Deputy City Manager Burke provided staff report. Mayor Trevino, Councilmember Taj and Ahir asked questions and/or provided comments.

Councilmember Taj moved, seconded by Councilmember Ahir to approve agenda item 11D as recommended.
Motion carried, 5-0.

12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Avalos provided updates.

13. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

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

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 p.m.



Jennifer Alderete, City Clerk