



Item:	B-1
Minutes for:	08/20/2026s
Adopted:	09/02/2026

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Madera City Council

**Thursday, August 20, 2026
6:00 p.m.**

**Council Chambers
City Hall**

The Madera City Council meetings are open to the public. The meeting was available for public viewing and participation through Zoom. Members of the public were able to observe the live-streamed meeting on the City's website and were able to comment on agenda items at the meeting, remotely through an electronic meeting via phone, via email and by regular mail.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Cece Gallegos
Mayor Pro Tem Rohi Zacharia, District 1
Councilmember Jose Rodriguez, District 2
Councilmember Anita Evans, District 4
Councilmember Elsa Mejia, District 5
Councilmember Artemio Villegas, District 6

Absent: Councilmember Steve Montes, District 3

Others present were City Manager Arnoldo Rodriguez, City Clerk Alicia Gonzales and Special Counsel Martin Koczanowicz standing in for City Attorney Shannon L. Chaffin.

INVOCATION: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS, THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER MONTES

PRESENTATIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public shall have an opportunity to address the City Council regarding matters on this Agenda at the time the agenda item is called. Speakers should limit their comments to three (3) minutes.

No Public Comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.

A. PETITIONS, BIDS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND AGREEMENTS:

A-1 Consideration of Action Pursuant to Elections Code Section 10229 for Council Districts 1, 3, and 5

- Recommendation:**
1. Adopt a Resolution Appointing the Nominated Candidates to Office;
 2. Adopt a Resolution Directing that the Election be Held; or
 3. Take no action (Report by Alicia Gonzales)

Special Counsel Martin Koczanowicz recommended that the two sitting Councilmembers who are subject to appointment recuse themselves from this item.

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS, ITEM A-1 WAS APPROVED BY A 5/0 VOTE. ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER MONTES. RECUSE: MAYOR PRO TEM ZACHARIA.

RES 26-151 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA APPOINTING TO CITY COUNCIL OFFICE ROHI ZACHARIA (DISTRICT 1), STEVE MONTES (DISTRICT 3), AND ALVINA MIGUEL-LEON (DISTRICT 5) AND WITHDRAWING THE ELECTION TO BE HELD FOR THESE OFFICES FROM THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026, CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

- Wednesday, September 2, 2026
- Wednesday, September 16, 2026

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.


ALICIA GONZALES, City Clerk


CECELIA K. GALLEGOS, Mayor


MINUTES PREPARED BY
ZELDA LEÓN, Deputy City Clerk

