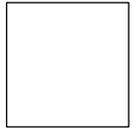




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- 1 **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor John Sawatzky called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
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3 **ESTABLISH A QUORUM OF THE COUNCIL [0:26 Part 1]**
4 **COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor John Sawatzky, Mayor Pro Tem Elise Scafani, Council
5 Member Kat Napier
6 **COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** Council Member Michelle Lewis-Lusso
7 **STAFF PRESENT:** Acting City Manager Dani Burkhart, Deputy Clerk Laura McClenagan and
8 Videographer Justin Goad
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10 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
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12 **AGENDA APPROVAL: [0:38]**
13 **Motion:** to approve the agenda
14 **Motion by:** Mayor Pro Tem Elise Scafani
15 **Second by:** Council Member Kat Napier
16 **Public Comment:** None Received
17 **Motion Summary:** Consensus (3/0)
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19 **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: [0:58]**
20 **Adelene Jones** commented on a recent *Lost Coast Outpost* article regarding an HCD
21 letter citing the City's noncompliance with state housing element law, potential loss of
22 state funding, and possible fines for continued noncompliance.
23 **Jean** questioned how information regarding the HCD letter appeared publicly prior to
24 council review and expressed support for the current council's efforts.
25 **Beckie Thornton** echoed concerns regarding the timing of the article and referenced
26 automated notification systems related to state correspondence.
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28 **RESOLUTION NO. 1236 – SB 1 FUNDING AND PROJECT ADOPTION: [6:43]**
29 **Staff Report:** Acting City Manager Dani Burkhart reported that adoption of an annual SB 1
30 resolution is required to receive approximately **\$31,508** in road maintenance funding. Funds will
31 be used for prioritized pothole repair and striping, including **G Street, Hartman Avenue,**
32 **Charlton Road, and South Railroad Avenue.**
33 **Council Discussion:**
34 • Mayor Pro Tem Scafani asked about curb painting requirements and prior year
35 allocations.



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36 • Staff confirmed similar projects were funded last year and that recurring maintenance is
37 necessary.

38 **Public Comment:**

- 39 • **Alex** asked whether the funding was at risk; staff indicated it was not currently
40 jeopardized.
41 • **Adelene Jones** commented on specific street conditions supporting the proposed
42 priorities.

43 **Motion:** Adopt Resolution No. 1236

44 **Motion by:** Council Member Kat Napier

45 **Second:** Mayor Pro Tem Elise Scafani

46 **Vote:** Passed (3/0)

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48 **RESOLUTION NO. 1237** – CONTINUE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET: [13:30]

49 **Staff Report:** Acting City Manager Burkhart recommended continuing the FY 2024–2025 budget
50 through June 30, 2025, to allow continued operations while the FY 2025–2026 budget is
51 finalized.

52 **Public Comment:** None

53 **Motion:** Adopt Resolution No. 1237

54 **Motion by:** Mayor Pro Tem Elise Scafani

55 **Second:** Council Member Kat Napier

56 **Vote:** Passed (3/0)

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58 **INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING ORDINANCE NO. 547-2025** – Adopting Helmet and Staff
59 Report: Acting City Manager Burkhart introduced an ordinance recommended by the City’s risk
60 management provider requiring helmet and protective gear use at the Blue Lake Bike & Skate
61 Park, consistent with California Health & Safety Code §115800.

62 **Council Discussion:**

- 63 • Council Member Napier asked about enforcement authority and fine structure; staff
64 confirmed delegation authority and inclusion in the fee schedule.
65 • Mayor Pro Tem Scafani confirmed applicability to both skaters and bikers.
66 • Council discussed signage and potential multilingual options.

67 **Public Comment:**

- 68 • **Kevin Fischer** supported protective gear requirements and suggested pictorial signage.
69 • **Adelene Jones** supported the ordinance and suggested consideration of access to
70 protective gear.
71 • **Jean** asked about advance public notice of the new rules.



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- 72 **Motion:** Approve first reading of Ordinance No. 547-2025
73 **Motion by:** Council Member Kat Napier
74 **Second:** Mayor Pro Tem Elise Scafani
75 **Vote:** Passed (3/0)
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77 **ADJOURNMENT:**
78 **Motion:** to adjourn the June 27, 2025, special meeting at 6:54 p.m.
79 **Motion by:** Mayor Pro Tem Elise Scafani
80 **Second by:** Council Member Kat Napier
81 **Motion Summary:** Consensus (3/0)
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83 Laura McClenagan
84 Deputy Clerk, City of Blue Lake
85 *Corrections provided by Michelle Lewis-Lusso, January 14, 2026*