



# Blue Lake City Council Minutes

Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 ~ 8:00pm ~ Special Council Meeting  
Skinner Store Building ~ 111 Greenwood Rd., Blue Lake ~ Behind City Hall

1 Before the meeting was called to order, **Mayor John Sawatzky** noted for the record that  
2 **Council Member Napier** would be participating in tonight's meeting remotely  
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4 **Council Member Napier** notified the city at the earliest opportunity that she has a  
5 contagious illness that prevents in-person attendance. Her remote participation is  
6 authorized under the just cause exception pursuant to **Government Code Section**  
7 **54953.8.3, subdivision (c)(2)**.  
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9 **Council Member Napier** was asked to briefly describe the circumstances requiring her  
10 remote participation tonight for the record. **Council Member Napier** stated that she was  
11 still experiencing symptoms and contagious did not want to expose council or any  
12 attendees. Before proceeding, **Mayor Sawatzky** asked if any individuals 18 years of age  
13 or older were present in the room with her at the remote location and to state the general  
14 nature of the relationship if so. **Council Member Napier** indicated that there were no  
15 individuals 18 years or older present with her in the room.  
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17 The record will reflect that **Council Members Sawatzky, Scafani, Lewis-Lusso, and**  
18 **Bayles** are physically present here at Council Chambers, constituting a quorum.  
19 **Council Member Napier** is participating remotely pursuant to **Government Code**  
20 **Section 54953.8.3(c)(2)**.  
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## 22 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## 23 2. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM OF THE COUNCIL

24 **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** City Manager Short established a quorum of council  
25 members: Present: Mayor John Sawatzky, Mayor Pro Tem Elise Scafani, Council Member  
26 Kat Napier (on zoom), Council Member Terri Bayles, Council Member Michelle Lewis-Lusso  
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30 **COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

31 **STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Jennie Short, City Attorney Ryan Plotz, and  
32 Videographer Justin Goad.  
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34 3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Scafani** to approve the  
35 agenda. **Second by Council Member Lewis Lusso**.  
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37 **Roll Call Vote:**

38 **Aye: Sawatzky, Scafani, Lewis-Lusso, Bayles, Napier**

39 **Motion passed unanimously**  
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41 4. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None received**



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## ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION OR ACTION

### **5. ADOPT RESOLUTION 1256 ACCEPTING TREASURY MANAGEMENT SERVICES WITH TRI COUNTIES BANK**

The City currently has a Treasury Management Services Agreement with Tri Counties Bank. As part of the annual account relationship review, updates were much needed due to the changes in staffing. Also, previously excluded services that allow the City to scan checks at City Hall and deposit them electronically are available. Instead, staff has been bringing the deposit to the bank and wait, often for an hour, while bank staff scanned all the checks before being allowed to deposit them.

**Public Comment: None received**

**Motion by Council Member Lewis-Lusso to approve Resolution 1256 for Acceptance of Treasury Management Services with Tri Counties Bank, Second by Council Member Bayles.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Aye: Sawatzky, Scafani, Lewis-Lusso, Bayles, Napier**

**Motion passed unanimously**

### **6. APPROVAL OF REDWOOD REGION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT**

The Redwood Region Economic Development Commission's Executive Director has supplied the attached memo requesting that the City process the draft Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement. The JPA was provided to the City Attorney, Ryan Plotz, who had a conflict due to his representation of other agencies. He has forwarded the JPA to special counsel for review. A response from special counsel is anticipated prior to the meeting but is not available as of the posting of the Council packet. An update will be given during the staff report at the meeting.

**Public Comment: None received**

**Motion by Council Member Bayles to Approve the Redwood Region Economic Development Commission Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement, Second by Council Member Lewis-Lusso.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Aye: Sawatzky, Scafani, Lewis-Lusso, Bayles, Napier**

**Motion passed unanimously**



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83 **7. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:**

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85 **a. Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item: None received**

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87 **Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Scafani to move into closed session. Second by Lewis-Lusso.**

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89 **Roll Call Vote:**

90 **Aye: Sawatzky, Scafani, Lewis-Lusso, Bayles, Napier**

91 **Motion passed unanimously**

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93 **b. Council convened into Closed Session at Skinner Store at 8:39 p.m. for the purpose**  
94 **of CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS:**

95 Property: Approximately three (3) acres of land that is a portion of City owned  
96 Assessor's Parcel Numbers 312-161-018-000 and 312-161-015-000

97 Agency Negotiator: John Sawatzky, Kat Napier, Jennie Short, City Manager; and Ethan  
98 Walsh (attorney for City) and Russ Gans (attorney for City)

99 Negotiating parties: **DANCO** parties Chris Dart, McKenzie Dibble

100 Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment.

101 **c. Report Out of Closed Session.** Council reconvened at Skinner Store at 9:36. No  
102 reportable action was taken.

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104 **Adjourn**

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106 Prepared by: Samantha Green  
107 City Clerk, City of Blue Lake