



Blue Lake City Council Minutes

Wednesday, June 10, 2026 ~ 6:30pm ~ Special Council Meeting
Skinner Store Building ~ 111 Greenwood Rd., Blue Lake ~ Behind City Hall

1 **1. Call To Order:** Mayor Sawatzky Called the Meeting to Order at 6:30 p.m.

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3 **2. Pledge Of Allegiance**

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5 **3. Roll Call and Establish a Quorum of the Council**

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7 **Councilmembers' Present:** City Clerk Green Established a Quorum

8 Present: Mayor John Sawatzky, Mayor Pro Tem Elise Scafani, Council Member Kat
9 Napier, Council Member Terri Bayles, Council Member Michelle Lewis-Lusso.

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11 **Councilmembers Absent:** None

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13 **Staff Present:** City Manager Jennie Short, City Clerk Samantha Green, Park and
14 Recreation Director Emily Wood, and Videographer Justin Goad.

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16 **4. Approval Of the Agenda –**

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18 **Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Scafani** to approve the agenda. **Second by Councilmember**
19 **Lewis-Lusso**

20 **Voice Vote: Motion passed unanimously**

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22 **5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** None.

23 24 **ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION OR ACTION**

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27 **6. First Draft Fiscal year 2026-2027 Budget**

28 The Budget Ad Hoc Committee has met numerous times to discuss the draft budget for
29 fiscal year 2026-2027. The most recent meeting was June 2nd, at which the first draft was
30 presented and reviewed. Various suggestions were provided by the committee and
31 associated changes were made. The overall deficit has been reduced from \$234,159 to
32 \$91,628. All numbers in red are best estimates based upon currently available information.
33 Additional details may be provided by the vendors prior to the June 24, 2026 Council
34 meeting and will be updated if available.

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36 **Public Comment:**

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- 38 • Julie Christie: Expressed satisfaction with the audio set up and noted feeling less
39 stressed due to having a thoroughly prepared budget.
 - 40 • Justin Goad: Clarified that he was not responsible for tonight's set up
 - 41 • Elise Scafani: Thanked RCEA (Redwood Coast Energy Authority) for the
partnership and lending AV (audiovisual) equipment for the City to test run.



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42 **7. Council Correspondence:** None

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44 **8. Future Agenda Items Requested by Council**

- 45 ➤ Two meetings a month for July and August.
- 46 ➤ Revised draft for budget and potential adoption at the next regular meeting.

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48 **9. Closed Session Agenda:**

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50 **a) Public Comment on Closed Session agenda item(s).**

- 51 • Julie Christie: Concurred with City Manager Short on having two meetings a month
- 52 and would like to see future agenda items regarding the RFP process and plans for
- 53 future development of city owned properties.

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55 **b) Council** convened into Closed Session at Skinner Store at 8:26 p.m. for the purpose

56 of **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**
57 Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of
58 Section 54956.9: one case. Facts and circumstances involve claims by Danco
59 Communities that the City's election to terminate the Development and Disposition
60 Agreement after notice and opportunity to cure is not permitted under the terms of the
61 parties' agreement.

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63 **c) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

64 Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: one
65 case.

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67 **d) Report Out of Closed Session.** Council reconvened at 11:01 p.m. at the Skinner
68 Store to a report out of Closed Session. No reportable action was taken.

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71 **Adjourn at 11:01 p.m.**

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73 Prepared by: Samantha Green, City Clerk