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# CITY OF OAKDALE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

City Council Chambers  
110 South Second Avenue  
Oakdale, CA 95361

**Wednesday, May 26, 2021**

**6:00 PM**

**Community Center**

## 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Bairos called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Deputy City Clerk Christel conducted roll call with Council Member Haney, Council Member Smith, Council Member Chiara, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Bairos responding they were present.

## 2. COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT/ABSENT:

Present: Mayor Cherilyn Bairos  
Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Smith  
Council Member Chiara  
Council Member Smith  
Council Member Haney

Staff Present: City Manager Whitemyer  
City Attorney Hallinan  
Police Chief Heller  
Lieutenant Ramar  
Chief Tietjen  
Finance Director Avila  
Public Services Director Gravel  
Public Works Superintendent Bridgewater  
Council Services Manager Christel

Absent: None

## 3. Public Comments

Mayor Bairos opened public comment.

Public comment received from:

Virginia Camacho discussed items listed in the staff report.

With no further public comment, Mayor Bairos closed public comment.

## 4. City Council Goal Setting Workshop

City Manager Whitemyer provided a staff report and PowerPoint Presentation on City Council goals for the City. He provided a review of the goals and mission and vision statement developed at the July 2019 goal setting workshop meeting. He also gave a brief review of department goals.



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**Next City Council Resolution: 2021-037**

**Next Ordinance: 1275**

He then reviewed the thirteen City Council goals from 2019 providing a summary for each one. He stated that of the thirteen goals, the following had been completed:

- Increase the General Fund Reserve from 40% to 42% - 43%.
- Support the passage of Measure H in November 2019 election in order to maintain funding for public safety, street lighting, street sweeping, the senior center and Community Center.
- Determine if a contractor or employee needs to be hired to help recruit new retailers and businesses to Oakdale.

City Manager Whitemyer then asked the City Council to determine the top four of the remaining goals City Council would like to make a priority:

- Renegotiate Property Tax Sharing Agreement with Stanislaus County
- Develop educational and enforcement strategies that will lower the number of vehicles running red lights in Oakdale.
- Develop plan for increased community outreach.
- Develop a plan to construct a Community Youth Center.
- Install more lighted crosswalks on F Street (Highway 108/120).
- Explore Creation of a Business Improvement District (BID)
- Attract new retailers/businesses to Oakdale that will bring more retail sales tax revenue to the community.
- Create shovel ready parcels for retail and business development in the East F Street Specific Plan, Crane Crossing Specific Plan, and future Sierra Pointe Specific Plan.
- Reduce dependence on ground water by developing plans to utilize surface water from OID.

There was discussion regarding looking in to options available for addressing and mitigating traffic issues including red light running and street lighting issues, and the need for attracting businesses to town, especially on the west side of town.

City Manager Whitemyer stated the City Council can either determine the top four at this meeting or set up another workshop meeting at a later date for further discussion and make a decision at that time.

After a brief discussion, the City Council decided to schedule another workshop that will be held on Wednesday, August 4th at 6:00 p.m. at the Gene Bianchi Community Center.

**5. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mayor Bairos adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Julie Christel, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

  
Cheryl Bairos, Mayor