

Meeting Minutes - Regular Meeting of the Selma City Council

January 6, 2026

Call to Order

Called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Council Members Avalos, Ocegüera, Trujillo, Mayor Pro Tem Guerra, and Mayor Robertson.

Council Member Trujillo present via teleconference.

Potential Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest identified.

Agenda Changes or Deletions

Per City Attorney Costanzo, Item 4-1, Public Hearing continued to February 3, 2026, to allow for proper notification and publication. Regular Meeting of the Selma City Council. Item 5-2 deleted and rescheduled for upcoming January 20, 2026 meeting.

Oral Communications

- Theresa Salas commended Public Works Director Honn for installation of the dog waste stations near the mobile home park and for timely response to traffic and crosswalk light repairs.
- Bryan Ramirez expressed gratitude to the Public Works Department for timely and efficient pothole repairs. He continued by inquiring about future road repaving projects. Mr. Ramirez also raised concerns regarding the animal shelter reportedly turning away an abandoned puppy. He requested clarification on policies for restraint of non-aggressive loose dogs after business hours.

Item 1 - Special Presentations

Special Presentations

Item	Description	Presenter
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1-1	Certificate of Recognition - The City Council of the City of Selma Recognizes Moses Stites for his leadership in advancing rural transit infrastructure in Fresno County	Moreno
1-2	Certificate of Recognition - The City Council of the City of Selma Recognizes City Attorney Neal Costanzo for 40 years of dedicated service as an Attorney at Law	Moreno

Item 1-1: The City Council of the City of Selma recognized and extended gratitude to Moses Stites by presenting him with a Certificate of Recognition. Mayor Robertson and Council Member Avalos spoke highly of Mr. Stites, noting his oversight of the planning and development of the Fresno County Rural Transportation Agency (FCRTA); a first of its kind transit hub featuring inductive electric bus charging, solar-powered bus ports, battery storage and microgrid resiliency designed to support emergency operations. The facility represents a significant investment in clean transportation, regional connectivity and operational reliability.

Item 2-1: The City Council of the City of Selma recognized City Attorney Neal Costanzo for his dedication to public service and municipal law. Mayor Robertson spoke and extended appreciation, mentioning Mr. Costanzo's 40 years of experience and knowledge. Mr. Costanzo was admitted to the State Bar of California exactly 40 years ago, to date.

Item 2 - Consent Calendar

Consent Calendar

Item	Description	Presenter
2-1	Approval - Meeting Minutes - December 16, 2025 and June 24, 2025	Carlson
2-2	Approval - Check Register Dated 12/11/25 - Check Numbers 88615 to 88702	Moreno
2-3	Approval - Second Reading and Adoption - Ordinance No. 2025-16 Pre-Zoning/Re-Zoning for the Selma Casitas Project (Application No. 2022-030)	Rogers

Action on Consent Calendar Items 2-1, 2-2 and 2-3: A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Guerra to approve Items 2-1 through 2-3. Motion was seconded by Council Member Avalos.

Vote on Consent Calendar Items 2-1, 2-2 and 2-3

Vote	Members
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Vote	Members
Ayes	Guerra, Avalos, Ocegüera, Trujillo, Robertson
Noes	None

Motion passed (5-0).

Item 3 - Departmental Reports

- City Manager (Jason Rogers): City Manager welcomed everyone back from the holiday schedule. He reported on staff collaboration with Granted Solutions with submission of a T-Mobile grant application. This request, if granted, would assist in the funding of \$50,000.00 to be allocated for Pioneer Village restroom improvements. He noted Executive Assistant candidate interviews were held this same date; stating he was joined by Police Chief Alcaraz and City Clerk Carlson in the interview process. City Manager Rogers furthered the report regarding vacancies by mentioning interviews for the Community Services Director position are scheduled for Thursday, January 8th.
- City Attorney (Neal Costanzo): City Attorney addressed public concerns regarding the animal shelter, stating a new policy for after-hours standby and mandatory acceptance of strays will be brought back to the Council on January 20 following meetings with bargaining units.
- Parks and Community Services (Liz Fletcher): Director Fletcher provided an update regarding flag football winners, upcoming Selma Arts Center productions, and the first-ever Selma Prom for seniors (55+), to be held on January 23. Furthermore, she confirmed the abandoned puppy mentioned in public comment was taken in and has since been rescued.
- PIO / Communications (Jose Moreno): Director Moreno shared a video created for the T-Mobile grant application. The video highlighted the historical and community value of Pioneer Village.
- Police (Rudy Alcaraz): Chief Alcaraz reported there were no critical events during the holidays. He praised the diligence of officers, citing that in the year 2025 there were zero homicides and no fatal traffic collisions.
- Public Works (Michael Honn): Director Honn announced the Spring Cleanup event, in collaboration with Mid-Valley Disposal, is scheduled for April 23-25. He addressed the repair of a traffic signal at Second and Whitson and discussed ongoing maintenance for street signs and Christmas decorations.

Adjourned for break at 7:06 p.m.

Reconvened at 7:12 p.m.

Item 4 - Public Hearing

Public Hearing

Item	Description	Presenter
4-1	Public Hearing - Consideration of a Resolution to Approve the Annexation of Tract 6244 (Amberwood, Phase 1) to Community Facilities District 2006-01 and Establish Zone of Benefit B	Rogers

Public Hearing not held. Per City Attorney Costanzo, Item 4-1, Public Hearing continued to February 3, 2026, to allow for proper notification and publication. Item 4-1 was continued during *Agenda Changes and Deletions*, therefore the public hearing did not open.

Item 5 - Regular Business

Regular Business

Item	Description	Presenter
5-1	Discussion Item with PowerPoint Presentation - Discussion and Direction Regarding High Street Downtown Planters	Honn
5-2	Consideration of Resolution 2026-01R Approving the Purchase of a Modular Building for EMS Division Living Quarters via the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative Totaling \$955,476.21 and Authorization for the City Manager or Designee to Execute All Necessary Associated Documents	Webster

Discussion on Action Item 5-1: High Street Downtown Planters - Director Honn presented a PowerPoint presentation depicting the aesthetic completion of downtown planters. The Council discussed tying the design into the Second Street beautification project.

Spoke: Stella Ramirez provides opinion regarding the Second and High Street curbing, mentioning that the area is tight and bulb-outs are still needed.

Consensus was reached: Council directed staff to proceed with a design utilizing a steel border, artificial turf towards the sidewalk, and larger white rock towards the road, incorporating drought-resistant plants like cattails and specific cactus/shrub varieties.

Item 5-2: Consideration of Resolution 2026-01R Approving the Purchase of a Modular Building for EMS Division Living Quarters via the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative Totaling \$955,476.21 and Authorization for the City Manager or Designee to Execute All Necessary Associated Documents. - No discussion. Item 5-2 was deleted and rescheduled during *Agenda Changes and Deletions*, by City Attorney Costanzo.

Item 6 - Future Agenda Items

The Council reached consensus on requests for the following future agenda items:

- Major street project update by Engineer David Horn, Thompson Park, and the Amberwood railroad crossing.
- The purchase of 28 acres at Rockwell Pond for a regional park.
- Upgrading downtown Christmas decorations and exploring the possibility of an ice-skating rink.
- Repairs to Veterans Plaza bricks, monument lighting, and installing outlets at the gazebo.

Item 7 - Council Reports

Council Members expressed gratitude to city staff for their work during recent storms. Mayor Robertson provided an update on Measure C discussions regarding road funding and the importance of improving the city's pavement condition index.

Oral Communications

Rose Robertson thanked the Council for prioritizing the Rockwell Pond park and asked for the timeline on Amberwood model homes, which are expected by the end of the first quarter or beginning of the second quarter of the year.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Approved the 20th day of January 2026.

APPROVED: Scott Robertson, Mayor

ATTEST: Sara M. Carlson, City Clerk