

CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA



CITY COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, February 10, 2026

**9:00 AM - Special Meeting/Work Session
Canfield Room**

**Rancho Cordova Police Department
2897 Kilgore Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670**

Public Comment

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AGENDA

1. SPECIAL MEETING - CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Council Members Linda Budge, Joe Little, Siri Pulipati, David Sander, and Mayor Garrett Gatewood

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

At a special meeting, citizens wishing to address the Council for any matter on the agenda may do so at the time the matter is discussed. Under the provisions of the California Government Code, the City Council is prohibited from discussing or taking action on any item not on the agenda.

3. SPECIAL MEETING

3.1. **Subject:** City Council Workshop to Discuss Strategic Priorities, Evaluate Legacy Projects and Review Council Agenda Structure.

4. ADJOURNMENT

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

February 17, 2026	5:30 PM Regular Meeting
March 2, 2026	4:00 PM Special Meeting/5:30 PM Regular Meeting
March 16, 2026	5:30 PM Regular Meeting
March 24, 2026	5:30 PM Special Meeting/Work Session
April 6, 2026	4:00 PM Special Meeting/5:30 PM Regular Meeting
April 28, 2026	5:30 PM Special Meeting/Work Session
May 4, 2026	4:00 PM Special Meeting/5:30 PM Regular Meeting
May 18, 2026	5:30 PM Regular Meeting

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Signed February 6, 2026, at Rancho Cordova, California.



Stacy Leitner, CMC
City Clerk

MEMORANDUM



ITEM 3.1.

DATE: February 10, 2026
TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members
FROM: Micah Runner, City Manager
SUBJECT: **CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS STRATEGIC PRIORITIES, EVALUATE LEGACY PROJECTS AND REVIEW COUNCIL AGENDA STRUCTURE**

The Council workshop will provide an opportunity for the City Council to engage in focused discussion on the Council's Strategic Framework, including a review of progress and alignment across key strategic areas. Staff will present updates on how current efforts support the Strategic Framework and include priorities for the coming year.

Strategic Framework Areas:

- Grow Strong Neighborhoods
- Build Robust Infrastructure
- Lead Community Growth and Innovation
- Create Vibrant Community and Cultural Spaces
- Promote Organizational Excellence

The Council workshop will also include updates on the city's legacy projects, allowing Councilmembers to provide direction on next steps.

Legacy Projects to be Discussed:

- Little League
- Library
- Theater
- Community Center
- Veteran's Space

In addition, staff will review the Council agenda order and recent updates to the Ralph M. Brown Act to ensure shared understanding of meeting procedures and compliance requirements.

The workshop is intended to support alignment between the City Council and staff and to inform future work planning and decision-making.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Presentation



City of Rancho Cordova

City Council Workshop

February 10, 2026

Welcome and Public Comment



Agenda

1. Welcome and Public Comment
2. Organizational Update and Context Setting
3. Strategic Framework and 2026 Priorities
4. Legacy Projects
5. Council Agenda Process
6. Next Steps

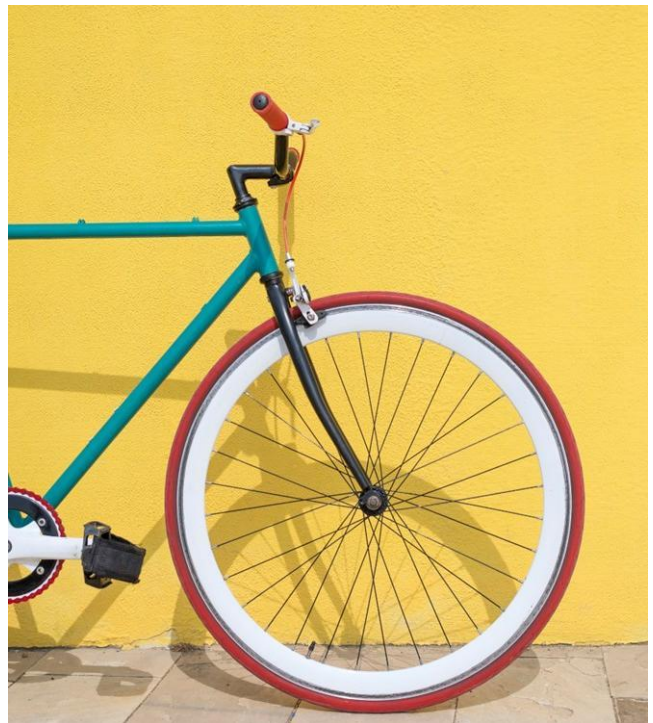


Norms for Our Time Together

Listen	Listen with respect
Be BOLD	Be open to sharing new ideas
Seek consensus	Look for opportunities to agree
Have fun!	Enjoy the experience

Bike Rack

Items to discuss at another time will be tracked separately



Organizational Update and Context Setting





Celebrating Accomplishments



What from the past year makes you most proud?



Are there any additional accomplishments you would like to highlight?



Strategic Framework and 2026 Priorities



Conversation Structure

- 1) Review work currently underway

- 2) Discuss what most excites you

- 3) Determine how to measure our success



City of Rancho Cordova STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

Our Vision:

A unified and innovative city with a can-do approach, where quality services, infrastructure, and technology – together with engaged residents, businesses, and partners – create an outstanding quality of life.



Grow Strong Neighborhoods

Foster the growth of vibrant, livable neighborhoods that prioritize safety, enhance quality of life, and strengthen community connectedness. By promoting education, investment, enforcement and inclusive engagement, we will create environments where all residents feel secure, supported, and empowered to thrive.



Build Robust Infrastructure

Develop and maintain a reliable, well-integrated infrastructure system that ensures access to essential services for all residents while being adaptable to future growth. By prioritizing sustainability, efficiency, and proactive maintenance, we will create a foundation for long-term resilience and support the evolving needs of the community.



Lead Community Growth and Innovation

Promote the city as a forward-thinking regional hub for creating new economic opportunities, supporting local entrepreneurs, fostering sustainable community planning, and driving long-term economic prosperity through strategic growth and development.



Create Vibrant Community and Cultural Places

Enhance community vibrancy by creating a diverse array of arts, entertainment, and cultural opportunities that bring people together. Through strategic partnerships we will strengthen the sense of place, encourage community engagement, and improve the overall quality of life for all residents.



Promote Organizational Excellence

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Work Underway for 2026

- Utilize proactive engagement/enforcement programs to inform residents of program availability and gain compliance (supported by City Detect)
- Provide free animal clinics to the community
- Nuisance Property enforcement with Community Prosecutor
- Maintain Public safety initiatives and proactive teams, including Enforcement Five, CSU, POP, USPSI, etc.
- Continue business watch and add hotel watch programs
- Continue technology to support Real Time Information Center (RTIC)
- Continue the Chronic Offender Rehabilitation Efforts (CORE) program
- Develop a new contract with the Sacramento County Sheriff Department
- Host Spring Service Day, Good Neighbor Days
- Deploy beautification programs and workshops
- School reorganization evaluation

What most excites you?



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Work Underway for 2026

- Construction in 2026:
 - Countryside Road Rehabilitation Phase 2, Stone Creek & S. White Rock Slurry Seals, Irrigation Maintenance
 - Signal Safety Enhancements (\$1 M grants) - Folsom Blvd, Zinfandel Dr, Sunrise Blvd, Douglas Rd, White Rock Rd, Mather Field Rd, Bradshaw Rd, Old Placerville Rd and RC Parkway
 - Break ground on the Zinfandel Overcrossing and Art Walk (\$23 M grants)
 - Continue to establish Rancho Cordova as the best maintained City in the Region
- Setting the stage for future success:
 - Continue design of Rancho Cordova Parkway Interchange
 - Design of the North Campus Road project
 - Lincoln Village Neighborhood Rehabilitation and Traffic Calming
 - Complete the Active Transportation Master Plan (\$300k grants)
 - Planning and design of the Rossmoor Bar Trails (\$700k grants, \$850k grant pending)
 - Finalize environmental and right of way for White Rock Rd Phase 3 (\$10M grants)

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Work Underway for 2026

- Foster the City of Rancho Cordova as an AI ecosystem
- Foster ongoing partnerships to continue advancing current work
 - Utilize the Talent Pipeline Management Program through the Chamber of Commerce
- Implement the Economic Development Strategic Plan
 - Business Retention Visits
 - Creating a modern vision for the office park
 - Support start-up community
- Continue work efforts on the city's General Plan – estimated adoption May 2027
- Historic Building & Cultural Study
- Arena project, with associated retail and dining district, hotels and residential units
- Continued support of high level of development activity

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Work Underway for 2026

- Update the Arts Strategic Plan
- Legacy Project discussion (Library, Little League, Performing Arts, Events center, Veterans)
- National Park Monument Study
- CEIF Grant Process (Supporting Youth, Sports, Arts)
- Community Micro-grants
- Neighborhood Engagement
- Mather Veterans Village (IV/V)
- Partnerships:
 - Cordova Community Council
 - Soil Born
 - Children's Museum
 - Capital Airshow
 - Sac Metro Fire
 - Cal Cap Film Office

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Work Underway for 2026

- Utilize data to drive decision-making to create performance metrics
- Implement AI & Emerging Technology
 - Digital Twin
 - Chatbot
 - AI Agents
- Expand paperless and automated workflows
- Achieve compliance with online ADA requirements for city website
- Continue to submit for organizational awards, presentations, and thought leadership
- Continue to meet space constraints as a growing city staff at City Hall
- Publish city's second annual report and second annual resident mailer; grow social and digital channels and earned media ; launch external podcast with video component
- Continue to foster a culture that supports a non-bureaucratic customer service approach
- Implement technology plan to support cybersecurity and infrastructure reliability
- Strategically add capacity to meet the growing demands

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Legacy Projects





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AGENDA

Current Legacy Projects

- »» Status updates and near term- term priorities

Strategic Direction

- »» Options to separate the Legacy Project vision into:
 - Immediate, lower-cost opportunities
 - Mid-term, partnership-driven projects
 - Long term capital concepts
- »» Alignment with Strategic Framework

Council Direction

- »» Feedback and next steps for advancing Legacy Projects

LITTLE LEAGUE – UPDATE/ HISTORY



2019 – 2022

Conceptual & Schematic Design

Little League complex planning and site analysis at Cordova Lane and Ahlstrom Park



Jan 2023

Maintenance Improvements Completed

Field and facility upgrades delivered at Ahlstrom Park



2023

Expanded Scope Evaluation

Reviewed larger complex concepts and feasibility alternatives



January 2024

City Council Review & Direction

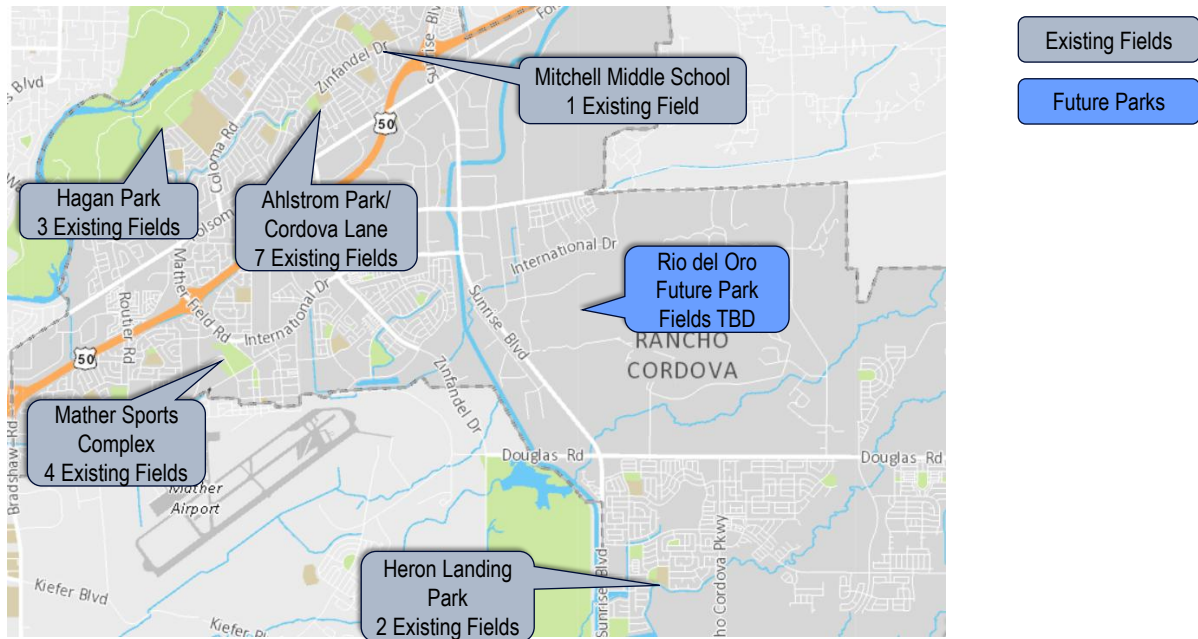
Presented project alternatives to Council



Current Status: Project on Hold

Future progress dependent on partner readiness, funding strategy, and council alignment

BASEBALL FIELDS AROUND RANCHO CORDOVA (EXISTING & FUTURE)



LITTLE LEAGUE ENHANCEMENTS AT CORDOVA LANE

Immediate Enhancements (current season)

- »» On-site parking (40-60 stalls)
- »» Field maintenance

Timeline: 1-2 months

Further Enhancements (next season)

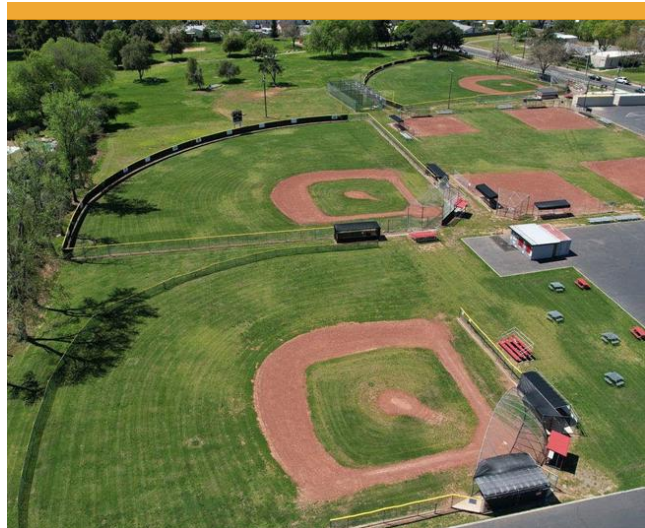
- »» Fencing
- »» Restroom Rentals
- »» Storage
- »» Field Rentals
- »» Maintenance projects

Timeline: 6-12 months

Long Term Options

- »» Cordova Lane Acquisition
- »» Multiple Leagues

Timeline: 5+ years



TYPES OF LITTLE LEAGUE FACILITIES



Local Facility

6-20+ acres

4 to 10 fields

Local League Play and Practice Only

Local Tournaments

\$15-\$50M+

Regional Facility

50-150 acres

10 to 19 fields

League Practices and Competitions

Tournaments from +/-100 miles

\$250M+

LITTLE LEAGUE DIRECTION AND NEXT STEPS

Little League – Public Comment

Immediate Actions – Ready to Proceed (0 – 12 months)

- » Does Council support moving forward with Little League enhancements at Cordova Lane?
 - On-site parking (40-60 stalls)
 - Field maintenance
 - Fencing
 - Restroom Rentals
 - Storage
 - Field Rentals

Near – Term Actions (1-5 years)

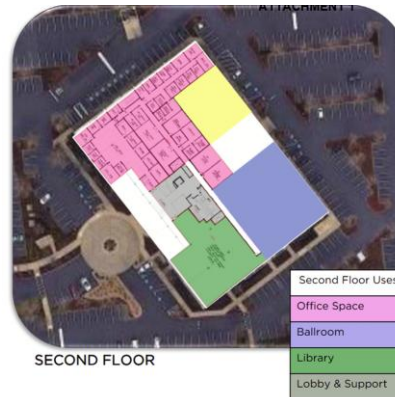
- » Does Council support exploring the potential acquisition of the Cordova Lane school site for future Little League expansion opportunities?

RC3 COMMUNITY CENTER

What Was Presented – December 9, 2025

Staff presented a Community Center Model that included the following potential uses:

- » Performing Arts & Theater
- » Veteran Service Organization Space
- » Library
- » Banquet Hall & Catering Kitchen
- » Community Meeting Rooms
- » Administrative Offices



RC3 COMMUNITY CENTER

Key Discussion Theme: Consolidated Facility vs. Distributed Model

- » Input reflected diverse perspectives
- » Broader interest expressed in distributing community uses across the city

Key Takeaway: Council interest leaned toward a distributed approach, suggesting opportunities to advance individual uses separately rather than as one consolidated facility.



Stand alone uses distributed throughout the city



VETERAN MEETING SPACE

Purpose

Establish a dedicated veterans meeting and gathering space

Potential Sites Explored

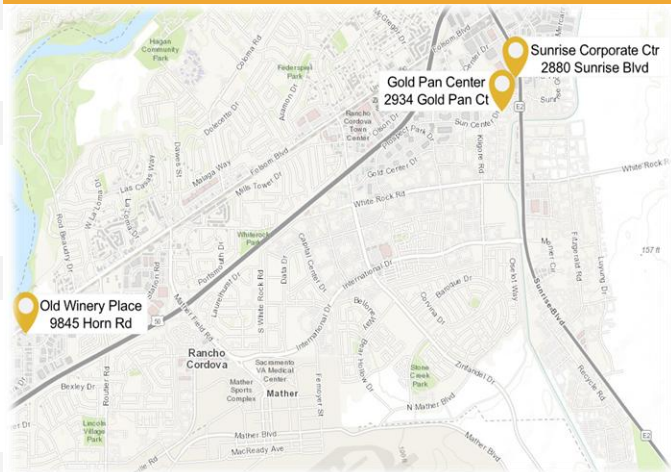
- »» Gold Pan Center (980 SF)
- »» Old Winery Place (1,100 SF)
- »» Sunrise Corporate Center (1,100 SF)

Recommended Next Steps

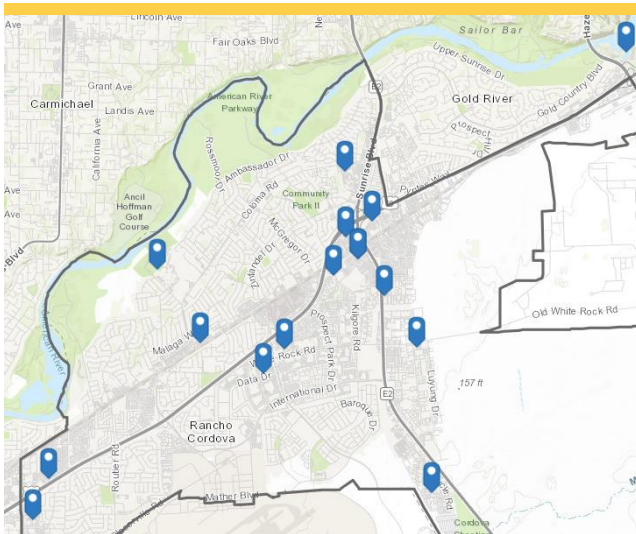
- »» Engage veteran groups on site selection
- »» Negotiate lease for preferred location

Estimated Fiscal Impact \$20K per year

Timeline: 0-6 months



COMMUNITY EVENT SPACE



Purpose

Identify existing community event spaces within Rancho Cordova that can accommodate community events

Existing Sites within Rancho Cordova

- » 10 facilities can support medium banquet events
100 – 300 people
- » 8 Facilities can support large banquet events
300 – 700 people
- » 1 facility can support extra large banquet events
up to 1,100 people

Recommended Next Steps

- » Expand the City’s microgrant program to allow funds to be used for:
 - Facility rental fees
 - Community – serving fundraising events

Timeline: 1 month

LIBRARY FACILITY

Requires 4,000 – 7,000+ SF of space in southeast Rancho Cordova

Mid Term Solutions

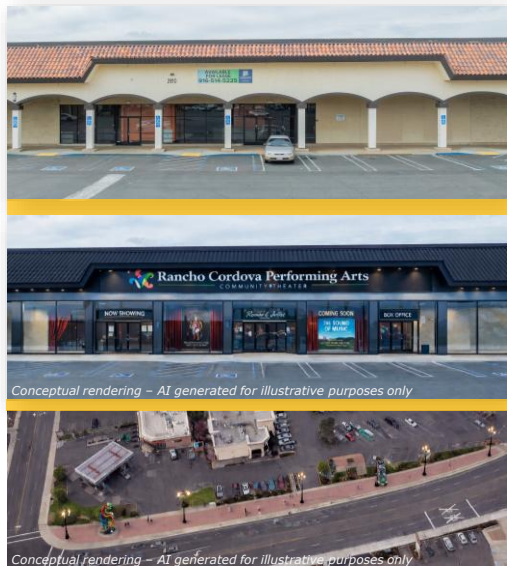
- » Two vacant commercial pads exist in Anatolia Marketplace
- » Explore joint-use with school district at new High School
- » Timeline: 3-5 years

Long Term Solution

- » Dedicate land and build single-story library (16,000 – 25,000 SF)
- » Timeline: 5+ years



THEATER & PERFORMING ARTS FACILITY



A sustainable, right-sized approach to community theater and performing arts
 25,000 – 35,000 SF Adaptive Reuse/TI

Core Facility Components

- »» Black Box/ Small Theater
- »» Education & Creative Spaces
- »» Public & Community Areas
- »» Operational Support

Location Considerations

- »» ADA Compliance
 - »» Assembly Use
 - »» Public Transit access
 - »» Ample Parking
 - »» Roll-up door, studio space, and locker rooms
 - »» Existing sprinklers
 - »» Alignment with the Zin POC
- »» Opportunity to revitalize a prime retail center

Build Out Estimate: \$320/SF \$8M → \$13M

CITY OWNED PROPERTY - 10801 WHITE ROCK RD

Opportunity for Civic Use

- »» Highly visible 3-acre corner site
- »» Alignment with the Zinfandel Drive Bicycle & Pedestrian Overcrossing - Art Walk
- »» Potential Uses: performing arts center, library, community space, event space
- »» **Timeline: 5+ years**



Discussion for Council:

What are some ideas for potential civic uses of this property?



DIRECTION AND NEXT STEPS

Immediate Actions – Ready to Proceed

- »» Does Council support proceeding with establishing a Veteran Meeting Space?
- »» Does Council support amending the Community Engagement Grant Program to include allowing facility rental fees for nonprofit fundraising events?

Consolidated Community Center

- »» Does Council wish to pursue a consolidated community center model that co-locates multiple community uses in a single facility?
 - If consolidated, does council want staff to evaluate an existing building conversion or new construction on City-owned property?

Distributed model

- »» Does Council support staff evaluating potential locations, including 2810 Zinfandel, for a community theater partnership?
- »» Where does council envision a library site?
 - Joint-use with EGUSD School site
 - Build on City-owned property
 - Build on Retail/lease space south of Douglas

Council Agenda Process





CITY COUNCIL MEETING

- Update on significant changes effective July 1, 2026 regarding SB 707:
 - Teleconferencing
 - Locations set up for teleconferencing public meetings
 - Rancho Cordova Council Chambers
 - American River Rooms
 - Remote access and participation
 - Multilingual outreach
 - Discussion related to agenda items, format, and procedures

PUBLIC ACCESS - TELECONFERENCING

- All open and public meetings held by an eligible legislative body shall include an opportunity for members of the public to attend via a two-way telephonic service or a two-way audiovisual platform
 - Staff Recommendation:** Zoom, telephone call-in option with iPads set at the Dais and the American River Rooms
- Legislative body must approve a policy regarding Internet service disruptions at a noticed public meeting in open session by July 1, 2026
 - Next Steps:** City Clerk and City Attorney to draft a policy for consideration of City Council before June 1, 2026.



PARTICIPATION AND DISRUPTIONS

- The legislative body or its presiding officer still has the authority in a remote meeting to remove or limit participation by persons who engage in behavior that disrupts, disturbs, impedes, or renders infeasible the orderly conduct of the meeting.

Next Steps: City Clerk and City Attorney to update Mayor's script and add a disruption statement to the agenda cover sheet by July 6, 2026.

LANGUAGE ACCESS

- Translation of Meeting Agendas into all “applicable languages”
Next Steps: The City of Rancho Cordova does not yet meet this requirement.
- Eligible legislative body shall reasonably assist members of the public who wish to translate a public meeting into any language
Next Steps: City Clerk will coordinate interpretation and translation services as needed.
- Provide a publicly accessible physical location near where the agenda and translations are posted that allows the public to post additional agenda translations
Next Steps: City Clerk will coordinate with staff.



PUBLIC OUTREACH

- Required to encourage underrepresented and non-English-speaking communities to participate by:
 - System to accept and fulfill requests for meeting agendas and documents
 - Make reasonable efforts, as determined by the legislative body, to invite groups that do not traditionally participate in public meetings to attend those meetings
 - Next Steps: City staff to coordinate and implement these requirements**
- Internet webpage dedicated to public meeting process education
 - Next Steps: City staff to coordinate and implement these requirements**

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION

- Along with notice or agenda for the meeting, the legislative body shall also give notice of the procedure for receiving and resolving requests for accommodation

Next Steps: City staff to coordinate and implement these requirements.

AGENDA TITLES AND ORDER DISCUSSION

Call To Order/Roll Call	Consent Calendar Items
Metro Cable TV Announcement	Consent Public Hearing Items
Pledge of Allegiance	Public Hearing Items
Invocation	Regular Calendar Items
Presentations	Council Requests for Future Agenda Items
Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda Time Allotted	Closed Session (if applicable)
Council Reports	Adjournment
City Manager's Report	

Next Steps: City Clerk and City Attorney to draft an updated resolution regarding City Council Meeting agendas for consideration of City Council before July 6, 2026.

Decision Points: Does the City Council want to adjust the order of the agenda titles and/or public comment time?



Next Steps



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Thank you!

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