

MINUTES
City of St. Helena
Special City Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 7, 2026 @ 6:00 PM
Vintage Hall Board Room - Second Floor
465 Main Street, St. Helena CA

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Present: Mayor Paul Dohring, Vice Mayor Michelle Deasy, City Council Member Aaron Barak, City Council Member Scott Diaz

Absent: City Council Member Kate Spadarotto

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dohring called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor: Paul Dohring; Vice Mayor: Michelle Deasy; City Council Members: Aaron Barak, Kate Spadarotto, Scott Diaz

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Dohring led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

City Council Member Aaron Barak moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by City Council Member Scott Diaz and on voice vote carried by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Paul Dohring, City Council Member Aaron Barak, City Council Member Scott Diaz

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Michelle Deasy, City Council Member Kate Spadarotto

ABSTAIN: None

RECUSE: None

Mayor Dohring called for a 5 minute recess at 6:03 p.m. Vice Mayor Deasy arrived to meeting at 6:07 p.m. Mayor Dohring resumed the meeting.

5. PUBLIC FORUM

Under California law, public comments at special meetings are limited to subjects on the agenda only. Therefore public comment will take place during consideration of the item. Each person's comments shall be limited to 4 minutes.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1. Approval of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of St. Helena, State of California, Calling and Giving Notice of a Municipal General Election and consider Ballot Measure for Measure "S" (a ½ cent sales tax) to be Held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

CEQA Determination: Not a CEQA Project (CEQA Guidelines §15378)
Prepared By: James McCann, Interim City Manager, Mandy Kellogg, Director of Administrative Services, Andrew Bradley, Program Manager (City Clerk)
Recommendation: Approve the resolution to place Measure "S" on the November 3, 2026 Ballot.

Interim City Manager Jim McCann introduced the item. Administrative Services Director Mandy Kellogg presented the financial information related to the item. Lucia del Puppo, representing FM3, presented the results of the community survey.

Mayor Dohring invited brief clarifying questions from the Council before opening the public comment period.

Public Comment was received by Chris Warner, Garry Rose, Tamara Sorensen, Deanna Griffin, Michelle Liu Covell and Gregg Dawley. Mayor Dohring then closed the public comment period.

The matter was returned to the Council for deliberation. Council Members asked additional questions and provided comments.

City Council Member Aaron Barak moved to approve the resolution to place Measure "S" on the November 3, 2026 ballot. The motion was seconded by City Council Member Scott Diaz and on roll call carried by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Paul Dohring, Vice Mayor Michelle Deasy, City Council Member Aaron Barak, City Council Member Scott Diaz

NOES: None

ABSENT: City Council Member Kate Spadarotto

ABSTAIN: None

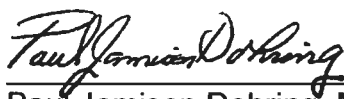
RECUSE: None

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dohring adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

The next Regular City Council meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2026.

APPROVED:



Paul Jamison Dohring, Mayor

ATTEST:



Andrew Bradley, City Clerk

