



**City of St. Helena
City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 8, 2026 @ 6:00 PM
Vintage Hall Board Room - Second Floor
465 Main Street, St. Helena CA**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

5.1. Regular City Council Minutes of August 25, 2026

6. PUBLIC FORUM

Members of the public are entitled to speak on matters of municipal concern not on the agenda during Public Forum. Each person's comments shall be limited to 4 minutes. Each person is entitled to speak on any non-agendized item only once at any meeting. Brief questions by Council Members for clarifications may be posed and answered, and Council Members may make requests that items be placed on future agendas, but in accordance with state law, no substantive discussion or action may take place unless and until the matter properly appears on the agenda. Estimated start time: 6:05 p.m.

6.1. Public Comment

7. REPORTS BY STAFF AND CITY COUNCIL, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, AND AB 1234 REPORTS

Reports by staff and/or Council Members on items of general interest. Brief questions for clarification may be posed and answered, and Council Members may request that items be placed on a future agenda. Except under certain circumstances, the Brown Act prohibits any other discussion or action by the City Council.

8. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC RECOGNITIONS

8.1. Proclamation Recognizing National Hispanic Heritage Month

9. STAFF BRIEFING AND PRESENTATIONS

9.1. Discussion/Presentation on Traffic Calming Measures and Spring Street

9.2. Oak Avenue Status Update

9.3. Main Street Sidewalks - Phase 1B Status Update

9.4. City Manager Recruitment Update

10. CONSENT ITEMS

Members of the Council or the public (present at the meeting) may ask that any items be considered individually for purposes of considering alternative action, for extended discussion, or for public comment. Unless that is done, one motion may be used to adopt all recommended actions. (Roll Call Vote)
Estimated start time: 6:35 p.m.

10.1. Downtown St. Helena Pedestrian Improvements Project Budget Amendment

CEQA Determination: Reliance on Prior Environmental Document (EIR/MND)
Prepared By: Eric Janzen, Asst. PW Director
Recommendation: Approve the resolution.

10.2. Second Reading and Adoption of Three Ordinances Amending Sections 17.22.030, 13.04.075, and 13.20.075 of the St. Helena Municipal Code to Update Regulations for Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units and Related Water and Sewer Utility Requirements.

CEQA Determination: The proposed ADU ordinance is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.17, while the related Title 13 utility amendments are not projects under CEQA pursuant to Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), and 15378.

Prepared By: Jackie Oneal, Senior Planner, Mario Traverso, Project Manager

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council:

1. Find that the ordinance amending Section 17.22.030 of the St. Helena Municipal Code is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.17; and conduct the second reading, waive full reading, and adopt the ordinance updating regulations for Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units.
2. Find that the ordinance amending Section 13.04.075 of the St. Helena Municipal Code is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3); and conduct the second reading, waive full reading, and adopt the ordinance updating requirements applicable to private water service laterals.
3. Find that the ordinance amending Section 13.20.075 of the St. Helena Municipal Code is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3); and conduct the second reading, waive full reading, and adopt the ordinance updating requirements applicable to private sewer laterals.

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Estimated start time: 6:45 p.m.

11.1. Introduction and Waiver of First Reading Amending Sections 2.52.010 to 2.52.070 of Chapter 2.52 of Title 2 of the St. Helena Municipal Code Regarding the Library Board of Trustees.

CEQA Determination: Not a CEQA Project (CEQA Guidelines §15378)

Prepared By: Ashley Sylvester, Director of Community Services Department

Recommendation: The Board of the St. Helena Public Library and City staff recommend that the City Council conduct the first reading and introduce by title only the changes to Chapter 2.52 of the City's Municipal Code which govern the Board. By doing so, the Municipal Code would more accurately reflect the current duties and responsibilities of the Library Board, and ensure compliance with Education Code 18900.

12. OLD BUSINESS

13. NEW BUSINESS

Estimated start time: 7:00 p.m.

13.1. Consideration of a Resolution to Appoint a Planning Commissioner to fill a vacancy with a term expiring on June 30, 2028.

CEQA Determination: Not a CEQA Project (CEQA Guidelines §15378)

Prepared By: Andrew Bradley, Program Manager (City Clerk)

Recommendation: Appoint new Planning Commissioner to fill vacancy left by a resignation with a term expiring June 30, 2028.

13.2. Public Works Update on Efforts to Reduce Discolored Water Events and Proposed Mitigation Program

CEQA Determination: Not a CEQA Project (CEQA Guidelines §15378)

Prepared By: Joseph Leach, Director of Public Works

Recommendation: Receive a presentation regarding the City's investigation of recurring discolored-water events; review the proposed Discolored Water Mitigation Program framework; and provide direction regarding the proposed approach and next steps. No budget authorization is requested as part of this item.

13.3. Establishment of a One-Time Water Bill Credit Program and Ongoing Discolored Water Incident Credit Policy in Response to Ongoing Water Discoloration Impacts

CEQA Determination: Not a CEQA Project (CEQA Guidelines §15378)

Prepared By: James McCann, Interim City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution approving:

1. The creation of a one-time \$500,000 Water Bill Credit Fund allocated from the Water Enterprise Fund for active utility customers who were on account on or before July 31, 2026, anticipating an approximate \$200 credit per eligible customer account (excluding non-potable/standby account types).
2. The establishment of an ongoing reporting-based Water Bill Credit Policy for active customers who log verified discolored water incidents on the "St. Helena Grapevine" online portal or via direct phone call to City Staff.
3. Authorization for the City Manager, or their designee, to establish administrative guidelines to implement, calculate, and process one-time credits, ongoing usage credits, and damage claims.

13.4. Receive report for FY 2025/2026 City of St. Helena Water Supply Update and Projected Water Demand.

CEQA Determination: Not a CEQA Project (CEQA Guidelines §15378)
Prepared By: Ian Dale, Environmental Serv Tech
Recommendation: Receive and File.

14. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

15. ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular City Council meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2026.

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Andrew Bradley, City Clerk

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