



EXETER CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

ACTION MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025

Closed Session – 6:00 p.m.

Regular Session – 7:00 p.m.

137 North "F" Street, Exeter, California 93221

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Jason Ridenour

MAYOR

Jacob Johnson

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Zachary Boudreaux

INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

Rob Schimpf

MAYOR PRO TEM

Jeff Wilson

CITY ATTORNEY

Julia Lew

**FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY
TREASURER**

Eekhong Franco

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Frankie Alves

Bobby Lentz

CITY PLANNER

Greg Collins

CITY CLERK

Francesca Quintana

Vickie Riddle

CITY ENGINEER

Martin Querin

DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Christina Arias

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A closed session of the City Council, City of Exeter was held on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., in the Exeter City Council Chambers, 137 North F Street in Exeter CA 93221.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Jacob Johnson, Jeff Wilson, Frankie Alves, Bobby Lentz, and Vicki Riddle.

COUNCIL ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Jason Ridenour, Adam Ennis, Julia Lew, Francesca Quintana, Rob Schimpf, and Christina Arias.

6:00 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Johnson called the closed session to order at 6:01 p.m.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION MATTERS

Mayor Johnson requested those who wish to speak on matters listed on the Closed Session Agenda to do so at this time.

No public comment was presented.

C. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION(S):

1. 54956.9 Consideration of Liability Claims
Claimant: Diane Bynum
Claimed Against: City of Exeter
2. 65956.9(d)(4) Conference with Legal Counsel
Re: Potential Initiation of Litigation: Three (3) Cases
3. 65956.9(d)(2) Conference with Legal Counsel
Re: Significant Exposure to Litigation: Three (3) Cases, facts not known to potential plaintiffs

Mayor Johnson adjourned the closed session at 6:58 p.m.

7:00 p.m. (or, immediately following Closed Session)

D. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION AND REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (if any)

Mayor Johnson called the regular session to order at 07:04 p.m. City Attorney Julia Lew reported that action was taken by the City Council on the closed session item regarding Consideration of Liability Claims, Claimant: Diane Bynum Claimed Against: City of Exeter. It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Wilson and seconded by Riddle that the claim be rejected. The motion carried 5-0.

E. INVOCATION

Presented by Pastor Allen Whittenburg.

F. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Johnson.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chief Castellow of Porterville congratulated new City Administrator Jason Ridenour on his appointment. Castellow also congratulated Rob Schimpf on his appointment as Chief of Police.

Leslie Caviglia of Visalia congratulated new City Administrator Jason Ridenour on his appointment and was happy with the interview panel's decision to hire him as Exeter's next City Administrator. Caviglia also congratulated Adam Ennis on his retirement.

Martha Flores of Porterville congratulated new City Administrator Jason Ridenour on his appointment.

PK Whitmire congratulated new City Administrator Jason Ridenour on his appointment and congratulated Adam Ennis on his retirement. Whitmire also shared an update regarding the Fugate Project and planning commission items.

John Lollis of Visalia congratulated new City Administrator Jason Ridenour on his appointment and congratulated Adam Ennis on his retirement.

H. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

1. Resolution of Commendation Honoring Retiring City Administrator Adam Ennis
Presented by Mayor Johnson

2. Oath of Office of incoming City Administrator Jason Ridenour
Presented by Francesca Quintana, City Clerk/Human Resources Manager

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approval of May 13, 2025, regular meeting minutes (pp. 7 – 11)
2. Payment of Bills (pp. 12 – 21)
3. May 9, 2025, Payroll (pp. 22 – 27)
4. May 23, 2025, Payroll (pp. 28 – 33)
5. Authorize an extension of the existing agreement with the non-profit Sequoia Community Corps, a project of Community Services Employment Training, Inc. (CSET) of Tulare County, to operate a California Redemption Value (CRV) beverage container mobile buy back center on the City’s property located at 314 West Firebaugh in Exeter, through June 30, 2027 (pp. 34 – 42)
6. Amended Third Quarter Treasurer’s Report (pp. 43 – 44)

Approval of Consent Calendar as presented.							
1 st	2 nd	Result	JOHNSON	WILSON	ALVES	RIDDLE	LENTZ
ALVES	WILSON	(5-0)	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE

It was moved by Council Member Alves and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilson that the items on the Consent Calendar be approved as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

J. INDIVIDUAL BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Public hearing to consider adoption of **Resolution 2025-14**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Exeter, approving the Engineer’s Report and confirming the diagram and assessment therein for Glenn View Estates Assessment District No. 25-01 at the B Level of Service; Adopting **Resolution 2025-15** certifying the process to place Special Assessments on the Tulare County secured property tax roll for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance Districts if the consolidation of the district is approved by the property owners through the balloting conducted (pp. 45 – 68)
Presented by John Doyel, Contract City Engineer

Council Member Alves recused himself from this item due to a conflict of interest and sat in the audience as a member of the public.

Contract City Engineer John Doyel provided a report for the City Council’s review and consideration.

Mayor directed the City Clerk to count the ballots received.

Mayor Johnson opened the item up for public comment at 7:31 p.m. Public comment from Frankie Alves. Alves hoped the resolutions passed. Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:32 p.m.

City Clerk reported ballot results of 10 approval ballots and 8 disapproval ballots, resulting in majority approval.

Adoption of Resolution 2025-14, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Exeter, approving the Engineer’s Report and confirming the diagram and assessment therein for Glenn View Estates Assessment District No. 25-01 at the B Level of Service; Adoption of Resolution 2025-15 certifying the process to place Special Assessments on the Tulare County secured property tax roll for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance Districts if the consolidation of the district is approved by the property owners through the balloting conducted, as presented.							
1 st	2 nd	Result	JOHNSON	WILSON	RIDDLE	ALVES	LENTZ
WILSON	RIDDLE	(4-0)	AYE	AYE	AYE	RECUSED	AYE

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Wilson and seconded by Council Member Riddle to adopt Resolution 2025-14, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Exeter, approving the Engineer’s Report and confirming the diagram and assessment therein for Glenn View Estates Assessment District No. 25-01 at the B Level of Service; adopt Resolution 2025-15 certifying the process to place Special Assessments on the Tulare County secured property tax roll for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance Districts, based on the results of the property owner balloting conducted, as presented. The motion carried 4-0, noting that Council Member Alves recused himself from this item.

- Public hearing to consider adoption of **Resolution 2025-16**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Exeter, approving the Engineer’s Report and confirming the diagram and assessment therein for Park Place Assessment District No. 25-02 at the B Level of Service; Adopting **Resolution 2025-17** certifying the process to place Special Assessments on the Tulare County secured property tax roll for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance Districts if the consolidation of the district is approved by the property owners through the balloting conducted (pp. 69 – 87)
Presented by John Doyel, Contract City Engineer

Contract City Engineer John Doyel provided a report for the City Council’s review and consideration.

Mayor directed the City Clerk to count the ballots received.

Mayor Johnson opened the item up for public comment at 7:33 p.m. No public comment was presented. Receiving no public comment, Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:34 p.m.

City Clerk reported ballot results of 36 approval ballots and 4 disapproval ballots, resulting in majority approval.

Adoption of Resolution 2025-16, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Exeter, approving the Engineer’s Report and confirming the diagram and assessment therein for Park Place Assessment District No. 25-02 at the B Level of Service; Adopt Resolution 2025-17 certifying the process to place Special Assessments on the Tulare County secured property tax roll for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance Districts if the consolidation of the district is approved by the property owners through the balloting conducted, as presented.							
1 st	2 nd	Result	JOHNSON	WILSON	RIDDLE	ALVES	LENTZ
ALVES	LENTZ	(5-0)	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE

It was moved by Council Member Alves and seconded by Council Member Lentz to adopt Resolution 2025-16, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Exeter, approving the Engineer’s Report and confirming

the diagram and assessment therein for Park Place Assessment District No. 25-02 at the B Level of Service; Adopt Resolution 2025-17 certifying the process to place Special Assessments on the Tulare County secured property tax roll for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance Districts based on the results of the property owner balloting conducted, as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

3. Discussion and appointment of a representative to the Measure R Citizens Oversight Committee
Presented by Francesca Quintana, City Clerk/Human Resources Manager

City Clerk/Human Resources Manager Francesca Quintana provided a report for the City Council's review and consideration.

Mayor Johnson opened the item up for public comment. No public comment was presented.

Council Member Alves nominated Kirk Gilles and Council Member Riddle supported the nomination.

Appointment of Kirk Gilles as the representative to the Measure R Citizens Oversight Committee.							
1 st	2 nd	Result	JOHNSON	WILSON	RIDDLE	ALVES	LENTZ
ALVES	JOHNSON	(5-0)	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE

It was moved by Council Member Alves and seconded by Council Member Johnson to appoint Kirk Gilles to serve as the representative on the Measure R Citizens Oversight Committee. The motion carried 5-0.

4. Consideration of joint sponsorship with the Exeter Chamber of Commerce for one Concert In The Park in the summer of 2025 at a total cost to the City of up to about \$3,500.00 (\$2,000.00 for event and up to \$1,500.00 for insurance).
Presented by Francesca Quintana, City Clerk/Human Resources Manager

City Clerk/Human Resources Manager Francesca Quintana provided a report for the City Council's review and consideration.

Mayor Johnson opened the item up for public comment. No public comment was presented.

Rejection of joint sponsorship request with the Exeter Chamber of Commerce for the Concert in the Park event in summer of 2025 at a total cost to the City of up to about \$3,500.00 (\$2,000.00 for event and up to \$1,500.00 for insurance).							
1 st	2 nd	Result	JOHNSON	WILSON	RIDDLE	ALVES	LENTZ
JOHNSON	ALVES	(5-0)	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE

It was moved by Mayor Johnson and seconded by Council Member Alves to reject the request of a joint sponsorship with the Exeter Chamber of Commerce for the Concert in the Park event in summer of 2025 a total cost to the City of up to about \$3,500.00 (\$2,000.00 for event and up to \$1,500.00 for insurance). The motion carried 5-0.

5. Consider authorizing City Staff to negotiate an agreement for the implementation of a SCADA system by Telstar Instruments of Hanford, California in the amount of \$552,670.00 and approve appropriation of funds from the Water Fund (\$405,299.00) and Sewer Fund (\$147,371.00), including a 10.0% contingency (pp. 94 – 112)
Presented by Zachary Boudreaux, Public Works Director

Public Works Director Zachary Boudreaux provided a report for the City Council's review and consideration.

Mayor Johnson opened the item up for public comment. No public comment was presented.

Authorization for City Staff to negotiate an agreement for the implementation of a SCADA system by Telstar Instruments of Hanford, California in the amount of \$552,670.00 and approve appropriation of funds from the Water Fund (\$405,299.00) and Sewer Fund (\$147,371.00), including a 10.0% contingency, as presented.							
1 st	2 nd	Result	JOHNSON	WILSON	RIDDLE	ALVES	LENTZ
WILSON	ALVES	(5-0)	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Wilson and seconded by Council Member Alves to authorize City Staff to negotiate an agreement for the implementation of a SCADA system by Telstar Instruments of Hanford, California in the amount of \$552,670.00 and approve appropriation of funds from the Water Fund (\$405,299.00) and Sewer Fund (\$147,371.00), including a 10.0% contingency, as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

K. CITY COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Council Member Alves hoped everyone had an enjoyable memorial day holiday. Alves extended well wishes to Adam Ennis on his retirement. Alves announced that the League of Cities is seeking someone to serve on their board.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson shared that he attended numerous events and meetings in the community. Wilson requested a future meeting on city council goals and objectives. Wilson thanked Adam Ennis for his service and congratulated him on his retirement.

Council Member Riddle shared that she attended numerous events and meetings in the community. Riddle provided an update on SR65 and Marinette. Riddle attended a great memorial day service and thanked all veterans for their service. Riddle shared that QK is planning a study on ADA parking. Riddle shared information regarding the upcoming league of cities annual conference and expo. Riddle requested City Staff follow up with the developer of the jack in the box project. Riddle thanked Adam Ennis for his service and congratulated him on his retirement.

Council Member Lentz attended the Greater Kaweah Rural Communities Committee meeting. Lentz attended and thanked City Staff for putting on the employee appreciation event.

Mayor Johnson thanked Adam Ennis for his service and congratulated him on his retirement.

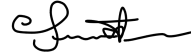
L. CITY ADMINISTRATOR/DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

City Administrator Jason Ridenour, Public Works Director Zach Boudreaux, Interim Police Chief Rob Schimpf, City Attorney Julia Lew, and City Clerk/Human Resources Manager Francesca Quintana provided a brief update on City and department related items.

M. REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Prepared by:



Francesca Quintana, City Clerk