EXETER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
ACTION MINUTES

April 28, 2026, 6:00 PM
City Hall, 137 North F Street
Exeter, California 93221

Mayor
Jacob Johnson
Mayor Pro Tem
Jeff Wilson
Council Members
Vicki Riddle
Frankie Alves
Bobby Lentz

Notice is hereby given that the Exeter City Council will hold a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in person at Exeter City Hall located at 137 N. F St. in Exeter California, 93221.

Staff Reports related to items on the agenda are available on the City's website at https://cityofexeter.ca.gov/ and available for viewing at City Hall.

6:00 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER CLOSED SESSION
Mayor called the closed session to order at 6:00 PM.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION MATTERS
No public comments were presented.

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

1. GC 549.56.9(d)(4) – Conference with Legal Counsel
   Re Potential Initiation of Litigation

2. GC 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel
   Re Existing Litigation
   City of Exeter v. Bumgarner, Tulare County Superior Court No. VCU323368
   City of Exeter v. Clark, et al., Tulare County Superior Court No. VCU292152

3. GC 54956.9(d)(2) – Conference with Legal Counsel
   Re Significant Exposure to Litigation – One (1) Case facts not known to potential plaintiff(s)

4. GC 54956.9 – Consideration of Liability Claims
   Claimant: Rosalinda Ruiz
   Claimed Against: City of Exeter

5. GC 54957(b)(1) – Public Employee Annual Performance Evaluation
   Title: City Administrator
   Title: City Attorney

7:00 p.m.

D. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Johnson called the regular session to order at 07:05 p.m. City Attorney reported for the record that action was taken on item C.4. to reject the claim from Rosalina Ruiz.

E. INVOCATION

Led by Mayor Johnson.

F. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Council Member Alves.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

Erica Pine and Lorie Rhinebeck, representing Exeter Cemeteries, addressed the Council in support of Measure O.

Tricia Kirskey, Christa Costa, Sienna Guerrero, and Brent Baker presented a donation check to the City on behalf of proceeds raised during the City Yard Sale for the Recreation Department Scholarships.

Beth Gutherman, representing the Friends of Exeter Residential Dogs club, spoke about the club and their desire to collaborate with the City.

Alma Romero, representing Self-Help Enterprises, introduced herself and expressed appreciation to the City Administrator and Public Works Director for working with her on the Tooleville Project.

William Stimple addressed the Council regarding the newly adopted eligibility criteria for the Measure P Citizens Oversight Committee. He noted that, as current Chairman, he would no longer qualify under the current criteria.

H. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Tulare County Fire Department Update
   Presented by Chief Charlie Norman, Tulare County Fire Chief

   Chief Norman provided an update for the Council and Members of the public.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

Items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these matters unless a request is made and then the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar to be discussed and voted upon by a separate motion.

1. Approval of the April 14, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes (pp. 5 – 10)
2. Approval of the Payment of Bills for April 17, 2026 (pp. 11 – 17)
3. Approval of Payroll for the Period of March 22, 2026, through April 5, 2026 (pp. 18 – 25)
4. Approval of a Street Closure of E Street between East Cedar Street and Clarence Avenue on May 16, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for a Private Fundraising Event hosted by the Center for Art, Culture, and History Exeter (CACHE), and Approval of a Street Closure Fee Waiver, Subject to Conditions of Approval (pp. 26 – 31)
5. Schedule a Special joint City Council Meeting with the Exeter Unified School District Board of Trustees on May 6, 2026 (pp. 32 – 33)
6. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2026-12**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Exeter, Approving the Filing of a Notice of Exemption Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Exeter Test Well Drilling and Sampling #2 Project (pp. 34 – 38)
7. Receive and File the City Treasurer's Report for December 2025 (pp. 39 – 42)
8. Approval of a Request for the Exeter Kiwanis Club to Host a Special Event Celebrating 100 Years of the Exeter City Park Wading Pool and Dedication Wading Pool Improvements on June 7, 2026, and Approval of a Special Event Fee Waiver (pp. 43 – 47)
9. Approval of a Special Event and Facility Use Request by the Exeter Golf Course for a Golf Cart Parade on July 4, 2026, and Approval of a Special Event Fee Waiver (pp. 48 – 52)
10. Approval of a Special Event and Facility Use for the E250 Community Celebration Festivities at City Park on July 4, 2026, and Approval of a Special Event Fee Waiver (pp. 53 – 57)
11. Approval of the Selection of American Emergency Products (AEP) for Police Vehicle Outfitting Services and Authorize the City Administrator or their Designee to Execute all Necessary Documents (pp. 58 – 102)

Council Member Riddle abstained from voting on Items I.4, I.8, and I.10 due to a conflict of interest.

Approval of Consent Calendar Items I.1 through I.11, with Council Member Riddle abstaining from Items I.4, I.8, and I.10 due to a conflict of interest.							
1st	2nd	Result	JONHSON	WILSON	ALVES	RIDDLE	LENTZ
WILSON	ALVES	(4-0) Riddle abstained on Items I.4, I.8, and I.10)	AYE	AYE	AYE	ABSTAIN (I.4, I.8, I.10)	AYE

J. INDIVIDUAL BUSINESS ITEMS

Comments related to Individual Business and Public Hearing Items are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker, for a maximum of 30 minutes per item. The Mayor may reasonably limit or extend the public comment period to preserve the Council's interest in conducting efficient, orderly meetings.

1. Consideration of Proposed Active Transportation Project on South E Street and Approval of **Resolution No. 2026-13**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Exeter, Authorizing the City Administrator to Utilize up to $2,000,000 in Measure R Transit/Bike/Environmental Mitigation Funds Programmed to the City of Exeter for the E Street Active Transportation and ADA Improvements Project and Authorizing the City Engineer to Commence Design of the Project (pp. 103 – 109)
   Presented by Javier Andrade, City Engineer

   Council Member Riddle recused herself from the item due to a conflict of interest. Riddle stepped down from the dais, and did not take part in the discussion or vote of this item.

   City Engineer provided a report for the Council and members of the public.

   Mayor opened the item up for public comment. No public comments were presented.

Approval of Resolution No. 2026-13, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Exeter, Authorizing the City Administrator to Utilize up to $2,000,000 in Measure R Transit/Bike/Environmental Mitigation Funds Programmed to the City of Exeter for the E Street Active Transportation and ADA Improvements Project and Authorizing the City Engineer to Commence Design of the Project							
1st	2nd	Result	JONHSON	WILSON	ALVES	RIDDLE	LENTZ
WILSON	JOHNSON	(4-0)	AYE	AYE	AYE	ABSTAIN	AYE

   Council Member Riddle resumed her seat at the dais after the conclusion of this item.

2. Consider Adoption of **Resolution No. 2026-14**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Exeter, Appointing a CalPERS Retired Annuitant to Serve as a Records Clerk on a Temporary Basis (pp. 110 – 121)
   Presented by Francesca Quintana, City Clerk/Human Resources Manager

   City Clerk/Human Resources Manager provided a report for the Council and members of the public.

   Mayor opened the item up for public comment. No public comments were presented.

Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-14, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Exeter, Appointing a CalPERS Retired Annuitant to Serve as a Records Clerk on a Temporary Basis.							
1st	2nd	Result	JONHSON	WILSON	ALVES	RIDDLE	LENTZ
WILSON	LENTZ	(5-0)	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE

K. CITY COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Council Member Alves complimented Public Works staff for their hard work and expressed appreciation for the Police Department vehicle decals.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson complimented the progress at Blossom Estates, noting significant improvements. He also announced the upcoming renaming of the Dog Park ceremony scheduled for the following day. Mayor Pro Tem Wilson further complimented the Main Street banners, noted he was unable to attend the Tooleville Water meeting, and recognized the recent hiring of three new Public Works employees, stating their work is being noticed by the community.

Council Member Riddle thanked the City Engineer for community engagement efforts and complimented the Public Works Parks Maintenance Crew. She shared that Mr. Andrade had applied for an ATP Grant, provided updates regarding TCAG Measure R, and provided an update regarding TCRTA activities. Council Member Riddle thanked the Council for approving the E Street project and noted the Merchant team was pleased with the E250 efforts. She also announced the first parade scheduled for July 4 and stated the Kiwanis Pool is scheduled to open on June 7. Council Member Riddle further announced a meet-and-greet event for Mrs. Schroth at Hometown Emporium.

Council Member Lentz expressed concerns regarding the use of electric bicycles and golf carts in City parks.

Mayor Johnson requested that the photographs displayed at City Hall be updated, including portraits of the last three Mayors.

L. CITY ADMINISTRATOR/DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

City Administrator, Public Works Director, Chief of Police, City Attorney and City Clerk/Human Resources Manager provided comments/reports.

M. REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

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Francesca Quintana, City Clerk