



CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

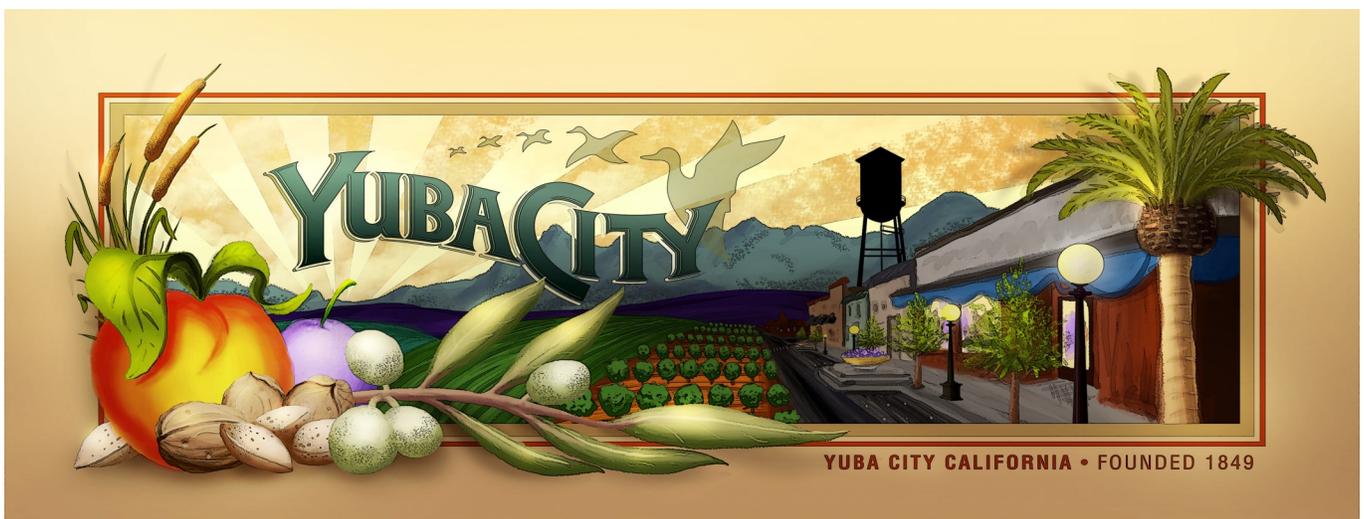
City Council Meetings, Schedules and Agendas

Regular City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Special Meetings and workshops are scheduled when needed.

The City Council agenda and packet are available prior to each meeting on the City's website www.yubacity.net, 72 hours before each meeting. You can sign-up to receive agenda notices automatically

The agenda is posted at the kiosk in front of the Council Chambers and available inside City Hall at the City Clerk's counter. Video of the Council meetings are posted on the City's website by the Friday after the Tuesday Council meeting.

Welcome to your City of Yuba City Council Meeting. This information has been prepared to help you understand and participate in your City's governmental process and to provide the public with an experience that is accessible and transparent.



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The City of Yuba City is a General Law City that operates a City Council-City Manager style of government and draws its power from the California Constitution and laws enacted by the State Legislature (California Government Code). All legislative power is held by the publically elected, five-member City Council.

Municipal elections are held in November of every even-numbered year and Councilmember terms are staggered. Members serve four year terms and there are no term limits.

Annually in November, the Mayor is selected by members of the Council. While all Councilmembers enjoy the same powers and privileges, the Mayor has the additional responsibility of presiding over City Council meetings, signing official documents and officiated at ceremonies and events.



SPEAKING AT A COUNCIL MEETING

Members of the public may address the Council on items of interest that are within the City's jurisdiction, items appearing on the agenda during the public hearing or public testimony phase before action is taken by the Council on that particular item. Public comment on items not listed on the agenda will be heard under the public comments section of the agenda. Comments on controversial items may be limited and large groups are encouraged to select representatives to express the opinions of the group. In compliance with the Brown Act, the Council may not take action on an item presented during public comment that is not listed on the Agenda.

Complete a blue speaker card and submit to the City Clerk. The Mayor will call you to the podium/microphone to hear your comments. State your name and address and direct your comments to the Mayor and Council – comments are allocated 3 minutes to speak. Written request received by the city Clerk 24 hours before the Council meeting are allocated 5 minutes.

You may also submit written material to the City Clerk who will disperse to the Councilmembers at the appropriate time – please have seven copies available. All submitted material

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS

Ordinances are the laws of a City. City Councils are given the power to pass ordinances by the California Government Code, as long as those ordinances are not in conflict with the Constitution and the laws of the State of California or the United States.

Resolutions express decisions, opinions, or actions by the City Council but do not amend the Municipal Code or other City laws.

Motions are the least formal City Council actions used to approve policy, establish procedures or provide direction to staff.

Appointments are designations of selected applicants to various boards, commissions, and committees by the City Council; or the Mayor's appointment of Councilmembers to various multi-jurisdictional boards, agencies, and joint power authorities.

Proclamations are issued by the Mayor and City Council to honor significant achievements by a community member, highlighting an event taking place in Yuba City, promoting awareness of issues affecting the community or to recognize City Employee retirements and contributions. Proclamations typically must have a specific connection to Yuba City.

Do you know of a significant event or achievement of a Community member? Please contact the City Clerk at (530) 822-4817 or tlocke@yubacity.net.



Understanding the Agenda

Closed Session: The Brown act specifies all meetings of the City Council shall be open and public, except as otherwise provided in the California Government Code. Exceptions include: Conference with Real Property Negotiators, Conference with Legal Counsel regarding anticipated or existing litigation, Liability Claims, Public Employment and conference with Labor Negotiators.

Call to Order: The Council meeting begins with a call to order by the Mayor. The City Clerk performs the roll call. The Mayor assigns the leading of the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation to a member of the Council or audience.

Presentations and Proclamations: The Council recognizes people or organizations who have contributed to the betterment of Yuba City and the region, or events that are important to the Community.

Public Hearings are an open consideration within a regular meeting of the City Council for which special notice has been given and may be required. The Mayor opens the public hearing and asks for presentation from staff. Following questions from the Council members, the Mayor will ask for public testimony. The hearing is closed and the City Council takes action on the issue.

Bid Openings: Council awards purchases/contracts for Formal Bids over \$50,000.

Ordinances: Most ordinances appear on two consecutive City Council agendas. An ordinance is usually introduced (passed for publication) at the first meeting and adopted (discussed) at the second meeting. Most ordinances become effective 30 days after adoption.

Appearance of Interested Citizens: Public comment on items not listed on the agenda will be heard under the public comments section of the agenda. Individuals addressing general comments are encouraged to limit their statements to 3 minutes. Comments on controversial items may be limited and large groups are encouraged to select representatives to express the opinions of the group. Members of the public submitting a written request at least 24 hours prior to the meeting will be normally allotted 5 minutes to speak.

Consent Calendar: Items that are routine in nature and are considered for approval by council with a single action. Before that action, the Mayor asked if there is anyone interested in removing items for discussion. City Councilmembers or staff verbally request items to be removed and members of the public submit a speaker card for the item they wish to comment on.

General Items are those items that require Council discussion or a decision but legally do not require a public hearing. Councilmembers will ask questions of staff and the involved parties before the Mayor invites the public to provide input.

Business from the Council provides an opportunity for Councilmembers to report on activities and meetings attended as part of their official duties. An example of when a brief report is required is when a City Council member represents the City on a regional board, commission or Joint Powers Authority.

Adjournment closes the meeting and at times memorializes the passing of prominent and respected citizens within the community.