



Town of Paradise

Town Council Meeting Agenda

6:00 PM – May 12, 2026

Doug LaMalfa Town Council Chambers – 5555 Skyway, Paradise, CA

Mayor, Steve Crowder
Vice Mayor, Steve “Woody” Culleton
Council Member, Greg Bolin
Council Member, Heidi Lange
Council Member, Ronald Lassonde

Interim Town Manager, Michael O’Brien
Town Attorney, Scott E. Huber
Town Clerk/Elections Official, Melanie Elvis
CDD, Planning & Onsite, Susan Hartman
CDD, Building & Code Enforcement, Tony Lindsey
Finance Director/Town Treasurer, Aimee Beleu
Public Works Director/Town Engineer, Marc Mattox
Division Chief, CAL FIRE/Paradise Fire, Jason Finney
Chief of Police, Eric Reinbold
Recovery & Economic Development Director, Colette Curtis
Human Resources & Risk Management Director, Crystal Peters
Information Systems Director, Luis Marquez

Meeting Procedures

- I. The Mayor is the Presiding Chair and is responsible for maintaining an orderly meeting. The Mayor calls the meeting to order and introduces each item on the agenda.
- II. The Town staff then provides a report to Council and answers questions from the Council.
- III. Citizens are encouraged to participate in the meeting process and are provided several opportunities to address Council. Any speaker addressing the Council is limited to three minutes per speaker - fifteen minutes per agenda item
 - A. If you wish to address the Council regarding a specific agenda item, please complete a “Request to Address Council” card and give it to the Town Clerk prior to the beginning of the meeting. This process is voluntary and allows for citizens to be called to the speaker podium in alphabetical order. Comments and questions from the public must be directed to the Presiding Chair and Town Council Members (please do not address staff.) Town staff is available to address citizen concerns Monday through Thursday at Town Hall between the hours of 8am and 5pm.
 - B. If you wish to address Council regarding an item not on the agenda, you may do so under Item 4, “Public Communication.” Again, please fill out a card and give it to the Town Clerk before the meeting. State Law prohibits Council action on items not listed on a public agenda.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance, persons who need special accommodations to participate in the Town Council meeting may contact the Town Clerk at least three business days prior to the date of the meeting to provide time for any such accommodation.

1. OPENING

- 1a. Call to Order
- 1b. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
- 1c. Invocation
- 1d. Roll Call

- 1e. Proclamation recognizing Michael O'Brien for his exemplary service as Interim Town Manager.

- 1f. p6 Camp Fire Recovery Updates - Written reports are included in the packet.

Colette Curtis, Recovery and Economic Development Director - recovery projects, advocacy, economic recovery and development, communications, emergency operations and Housing updates.

Marc Mattox, Assistant Town Manager -infrastructure and sewer updates.

- 1g. p15 Paradise Sewer Project Update by Assistant Town Manager Marc Mattox.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

One roll call vote is taken for all items. Consent items are considered to be routine business that does not call for discussion.

- 2a. p17 Approve minutes of the April 14, 2026, Special and Regular Town Council meetings. (**Melanie Elvis/Town Clerk**)

- 2b. p25 Approve April 2026 Cash Disbursements in the amount of \$11,568,920.56. (**Finance Director/Aimee Belev**)

- 2c. p35 1. Declare the attached described 61 four-drawer file cabinets from the Community Development Department as surplus property; and, 2. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-____, "A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise declaring specific Town property, as surplus property and authorizing disposal in accordance with Town policies and applicable regulations." (**Tony Lindsey/Community Development Director**)

- 2d. p38 Review and file the 3rd Quarter Investment Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2026. (**Aimee Belev/Finance Director**)

- 2e. p72 Adopt Resolution No. 2026-____, "A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise acknowledging receipt of a report made by the Fire Chief of the Paradise Fire Department regarding the inspection of certain occupancies required to perform annual inspections in such occupancies pursuant to Sections 13146.2 and 13146.3 of the California Health and Safety Code." (**Tony Lindsey/Community Development Director**)

- 2f. p76 1. Consider waiving the second reading of Town Ordinance No. 655 and read by title only; and, 2. Adopt Town Ordinance No. 655, "An Ordinance of the Town of Paradise Adopting New Section 15.02.065 and Making Findings of Facts Relating to Building Code Complaints and

Establishing Oversight by the Building Division Corrective Action Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee. (**Scott E. Huber/Town Attorney**)

- 2g. p82 1. Declare the police canine, Titan, surplus property and approve the Agreement to Release Police Service Dog; or, 2. Provide alternative direction to Town staff. (**Eric Reinbold/Police Chief**)

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

For matters that are not on the Council business agenda, speakers are allowed three (3) minutes to address the Council. The Town Council is prohibited from taking action on matters that are not listed on the public agenda. The Council may briefly respond for clarification and may refer the matter to the Town staff.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

For items that require a published legal notice and/or a mailed notice.

Public Hearing Procedure:

- A. Staff Report
- B. Mayor opens the hearing for public comment in the following order:
 - i. Ask Town Clerk if there are any cards submitted
 - ii. Ask if there is anyone else wishing to comment
- C. Mayor closes the hearing
- D. Council discussion and vote

- 5a. p86 1. Hold a duly noticed and published public hearing soliciting comments regarding the 2025-2026 military equipment use report and policy; and, 2. Waive the second reading of the Town of Paradise Ordinance No. 654 and read by title only; and, 3. Adopt Town of Paradise Ordinance No. 654 "An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Renewing Section 9.70 to the Paradise Municipal Code Relating to Military Equipment Use". (ROLL CALL VOTE) (**Eric Reinbold/Police Chief**)

6. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Action items are presented by staff and the vote of each Council Member must be announced. A roll call vote is taken for each item on the action calendar. Citizens are allowed three (3) minutes to comment on agenda items.

- 6a. p108 1. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-___, "A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Calling and Giving Notice for the Holding of a General Municipal Election to be Held on November 3, 2026, for the Election of Certain Officers as Required by the Provisions of the Laws of the State of California Relating to the General Law Cities for the Election of Two Town Council Members" and, 2. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-___, "A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Butte to Consolidate a General Municipal Election to be Held on November 3, 2026 with the Statewide General Election to be Held on that Date for the Election of Two (2) Town Council Members" and, 3. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-___, "A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Adopting Regulations for Candidate for Elective Office Pertaining to Candidate Statements Submitted

to the Voters at a General or Special Municipal Election”. (ROLL CALL VOTE) (**Melanie Elvis/Town Clerk**)

- 6b. p118 Consider approving the Employment Agreement with Jennifer Macarthy for the Town Manager position. (ROLL CALL VOTE) (**Crystal Peters/Human Resources & Risk Management Director**)
 - 6c. p129 Consider authorizing an extension of the Public Safety Recruitment Incentives program effective June 30, 2026, through June 30, 2028. (ROLL CALL VOTE) (**Eric Reinbold/Police Chief**)
 - 6d. p132 1. Discuss changes to the TOT Community Reinvestment Program for the 2026-27 Fiscal year; and 2. Approve the proposed Program; or 3. Give alternative direction to staff. (ROLL CALL VOTE) (**Colette Curtis/Recovery & Economic Development Director**)
 - 6e. p136 Consider reviewing the Findings for Implementation for Downtown Paradise Planning, provided by Urban Design Associates (UDA); and 2. Accept the document as complete. (ROLL CALL VOTE) (**Colette Curtis/Recovery & Economic Development Director**)
 - 6f. p180 1. Approve Committee Changes:
 - a. Sunset the Onsite Ad Hoc Committee, Downtown Phase 3 Working Group, and Legislative Committee
 - b. Rename the Building Committee to the Building Division Corrective Action Plan Ad Hoc Committee
 - c. Rename the Solid Waste Committee to the NRWS Franchise Agreement Committee;2. Approve Conversion to Standing Committees:
 - a. NRWS Franchise Agreement Committee (bi-annual)
 - b. Economic Development Committee (quarterly)
 - c. Insurance Committee (quarterly)
 - d. Healthcare Committee (quarterly);3. Approve Legislative Representation Model: Designate the Mayor (primary) and Vice Mayor (secondary) for legislative affairs;
 - 4. Approve Governance Updates: Adopt revisions in the Committee Inventory, including administrative roles, purpose statements, and ongoing review of sunset triggers as well as establishing standardized questions for creation of new committees;
 - 5. Approve Monthly Reporting: Request Council Members to submit brief monthly written updates for inclusion in Council agenda; and,
 - 6. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-_____ "A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Approving Updates to the Town's Committee Structure, Governance, Framework, and Reporting Practices" (ROLL CALL VOTE) (**Marc Mattox/Assistant Town Manager**)
- 6g. p210 1. Consider concurring with staff recommendation to file a CEQA Notice of Exemption for the Private Road Identification Safety Project; and, 2. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-_____, "A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise approving the design exception for the Private Road

Identification Safety Project.” (ROLL CALL VOTE) (**Marc Mattox/Assistant Town Manager**)

- 6h. p217 Provide policy direction to staff regarding implementation of the Hazardous Fuels Reduction Program within the public right-of-way, including: 1. Clarification of vegetation management standards for hazardous fuels; 2. Direction on the treatment of resident-installed landscaping and improvements within the Public Right of Way; and 3. Guidance on public communication and notification practices associated with routine program implementation. (**Marc Mattox/Assistant Town Manager**)

7. COUNCIL INITIATED ITEMS AND REPORTS

- 7a. Council initiated agenda items
 - 7a1. Discuss the uses of adjacently owned lots. (LANGE)
 - 7a2. Discuss reviewing the fiscal sustainability model as it relates to staffing needs. (LANGE)
 - 7a3. Discuss a potential Council-initiated ballot measure to change the Mayor’s position from a Council-appointed role to a voter-elected office. (LANGE)
 - 7a4. p233 Discuss approving a letter of support in favor of AB2700. (CROWDER)
- 7b. Council reports on committee representation
- 7c. Future Agenda Items

8. STAFF COMMUNICATION

- 8a. Town Manager Report

9. CLOSED SESSION

10. ADJOURNMENT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA) COUNTY OF BUTTE)	SS.
I declare under penalty of perjury that I am employed by the Town of Paradise in the Town Clerk’s Department and that I posted this Agenda on the bulletin Board both inside and outside of Town Hall on the following date:	

TOWN/ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK SIGNATURE	