



**CITY OF LATHROP
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024, 5:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
390 Towne Centre Drive, Lathrop, CA 95330**

MINUTES

PLEASE NOTE: There was no Closed Session prior to the Special Meeting. The Special Meeting commenced at 5:12 p.m.

1. PRELIMINARY

- 1.1 CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Dhaliwal called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m.
- 1.2 ROLL CALL Present: Mayor Dhaliwal; Vice Mayor Diallo ; and Councilmembers: Akinjo, Lazard, and Torres-O’Callaghan.

Absent: None.
- 1.3 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember (and Mayor Elect) Akinjo led the pledge of allegiance.

2. SCHEDULED ITEMS(S)

- 2.1 CITY COUNCIL ELECTION CERTIFICATION AND REORGANIZATION
 - 2.1.1 DECLARATION AND CERTIFICATION OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024, GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS

Government Services Director and City Clerk Teresa Vargas provided the results of the November 5, 2024, General Municipal Election, certified by the San Joaquin Registrar of Voters on December 3, 2024.

On a motion by outgoing Mayor Dhaliwal, seconded by Vice Mayor Diallo, the City Council adopted **Resolution 24-5694** reciting the fact of the General Municipal Election held on November 5, 2024, and declaring the result and such other matters as provided by law.

Ayes: Akinjo, Diallo, Lazard, Torres-O’Callaghan, and Dhaliwal
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

2.1.2 PRESENTATION TO / COMMENTS BY OUTGOING MAYOR

- Sonny Dhaliwal, Outgoing Mayor

Outgoing Mayor Dhaliwal commented on the matter, congratulated newly elected Mayor Akinjo, and re-elected Councilmembers Diallo and Torres-O'Callaghan. Mr. Dhaliwal commented on his newly elected position as a San Joaquin County Board of Supervisor and expressed appreciation for having the ability to continue serving the Lathrop community and all the other communities within the 3rd District of San Joaquin County.

Mayor Elect Akinjo presented a commemorative plaque to outgoing Mayor Dhaliwal recognizing his six years of service as Council Member and twelve years of service as Mayor for the City of Lathrop. Mayor Elect Akinjo and Councilmembers Diallo, Lazard and Torres-O'Callaghan expressed their appreciation and best wishes to outgoing Mayor Dhaliwal.

2.1.3 PRESENTATION OF THE CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION AND OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Minnie "Cotton" Diallo, Council Member
- Jennifer Torres-O'Callaghan, Council Member
- Paul Akinjo, Mayor

City Clerk Teresa Vargas provided official Oaths of Office to all elected officials prior to the special meeting. The following ceremonial Oaths of Office were provided in the following order:

Aicha Diallo, deputized to administer the ceremonial Oath of Office by City Clerk Teresa Vargas, administered the ceremonial Oath of Office to Councilmember Minnie "Cotton" Diallo. Following the ceremonial Oath of Office, City Clerk Teresa Vargas provided the Certificate of Election to Councilmember Minnie "Cotton" Diallo.

John O'Callaghan, deputized to administer the ceremonial Oath of Office by City Clerk Teresa Vargas, administered the ceremonial Oath of Office to Councilmember Jennifer Torres-O'Callaghan. Following the ceremonial Oath of Office, City Clerk Teresa Vargas provided the Certificate of Election to Councilmember Jennifer Torres-O'Callaghan.

Outgoing Mayor Dhaliwal, deputized to administer the ceremonial Oath of Office by City Clerk Teresa Vargas, administered the ceremonial Oath of Office to Mayor Paul Akinjo. Following the ceremonial Oath of Office, City Clerk Teresa Vargas provided the Certificate of Election to Mayor Paul Akinjo.

2.1.4 COMMENTS BY NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

The Mayor and Councilmembers made various comments on the matter, they expressed their appreciation to the Lathrop community and expressed best wishes to outgoing Mayor Dhaliwal.

2.1.5 APPOINTMENT OF VICE MAYOR

Mayor Akinjo provided an overview of the appointment process and appointed Councilmember Jennifer Torres-O'Callaghan as Vice Mayor for 2025.

2.1.6 MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER ASSIGNMENTS TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE AGENCY BOARDS, COMMISSION & COMMITTEES FOR 2025

Mayor Akinjo assumed the delegate position for the League of California Cities Central Valley Executive Committee formerly held by outgoing Mayor Dhaliwal. The remaining of the City Council appointments for 2025, for members of the City Council to represent the City of Lathrop on outside agency boards, commissions and committees, were postponed to the Regular Meeting of January 13, 2025. The postponement of the assignments would allow time for the City Council to discuss the City Council vacancy.

There was a brief public ceremonial reception following the adjourned of the Special Meeting. The public reception was not broadcasted.

3. **ADJOURNMENT** – Mayor Akinjo adjourned the Special Meeting at 6:08 p.m. The City Council held a brief public reception celebrating the newly elected City Council, prior to the Regular Meeting for Monday, December 9, 2024, with Closed Session scheduled to commenced at 6:45 p.m. and the open session scheduled to commence at its regularly scheduled time of 7:00 p.m.



Teresa Vargas, MMC
Government Services Director
City Clerk