

**CANBY CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 4, 2026**

PRESIDING: Traci Hensley

COUNCIL PRESENT: Paul Waterman, Daniel Stearns, Jason Padden (attended virtually), James Davis, and Herman Maldonado.

COUNCIL ABSENT: Brian Hodson

STAFF PRESENT: Randy Ealy, Interim City Administrator; Emily Guimont, City Attorney; Maya Benham, Administrative Director/City Recorder; Peter Wood, Human Resources Director; Jorge Tro, Police Chief; Jamie Stickel, Economic Development Director/Communications Specialist; Katy Joyner, Finance Analyst; Denise LaRue, Finance Director; Marisa Ely, Library Director; Nathan Templeman, Swim Center Program Manager; Patrick Mahoney, WWTP Supervisor; Todd Wood, Transit/IT/Fleet/Public Works Director; Spencer Polack, Public Works Supervisor; Ryan Potter, Planning Manager, Tyler Nizer, Economic Development & Tourism Coordinator; and Maxwell Taylor, Associate Planner.

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Hensley called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Councilor Padden present; Councilor Maldonado present; Council President Hensley present; Councilor Davis present; Councilor Stearns present; and Councilor Waterman present.

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS: Don Hardy, Planning Director, introduced Maxwell Taylor, Associate Planner. Mr. Hardy announced DLCD had conditionally approved the City's Housing Production Strategy with two minor conditions.

CITIZEN INPUT AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: Iwo Jima Remembrance Day – Council President Hensley read the Proclamation declaring February 7, 2026, as Iwo Jima Remembrance Day and presented the proclamation to Larry Horne from the American Legion.

Larry Horne said there would be a flag raising at the Adult Center on Saturday at 10 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA: ****Councilor Maldonado moved to approve the Consent Agenda including approval of the January 7, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion was seconded by Councilor Davis and passed 6-0.**

APPOINTMENTS: ****Councilor Stearns moved to approve the appointment of Ron Yarbrough to the Canby Utility Board with a term ending February 28, 2029, and the appointment of Ron LeBlanc to the Canby Utility Board with a term ending February 28, 2027. Motion was seconded by Councilor Maldonado and passed 6-0.**

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance 1661 - ****Councilor Davis moved to adopt ORDINANCE 1661, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO AMEND THE PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CURRAN-MCLEOD, INC. CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE EXTENSION OF WALNUT STREET TO HIGHWAY 99E. Motion was seconded by Councilor Maldonado and passed 6-0 by roll call vote.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS: Order 26-01: An Order Granting a Noise Variance Application to DeWitt Construction for Continuous Boring Work Under Union Pacific Railroad at 1852 Teakwood Circle for approximately 70-80 Continuous Hours February 23-27, 2026 –

Council President Hensley opened the public hearing and read the hearing statement.

Neil Olsen, Public Works Maintenance Worker, and Spencer Polack, Public Works Operations Supervisor, said this was construction for Phase 1 of the Walnut Street extension project. They would be boring under the railroad to put in a sewer line. The railroad would not allow them to break up the work, and they had to do a 24-hour continuous boring. They held a town hall meeting with the neighbors.

There was discussion regarding the neighbors' concerns and possible delays.

There was no public testimony.

Council President Hensley closed the public hearing.

****Councilor Waterman moved to adopt Order 26-02, an order granting a noise variance application to DeWitt Construction for continuous boring work under Union Pacific Railroad at 1852 Teakwood Circle for approximately 70-80 continuous hours February 23-27, 2026. Motion was seconded by Councilor Davis and passed 6-0.**

****Councilor Maldonado moved to excuse the City Attorney from the rest of the meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilor Davis and passed 6-0.**

OTHER BUSINESS: Mid-Year Budget Review with Budget Committee –Denise LaRue, Finance Director, presented the mid-year budget review. This was financial data through the end of December 2025. She discussed the General Fund structure, Special Revenue Fund structure, Internal Service Fund structure, cash overview, personnel FTE comparison, FY26 capital project summary, projected ending fund balances for FY25, FY26, and FY27, FY 26-27 budget schedule, and considerations approaching the FY27 budget process.

Randy Ealy, Interim City Administrator, reviewed the needs list from staff.

There was discussion regarding how the capital projects were funded, delays in Wastewater projects due to staff transition, reserve percentage, how the Urban Renewal District closing was

not built into the projections, how this was a standard schedule, need to increase revenues, and use of restricted funds.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS: None.

COUNCILOR COMMENTS & LIAISON REPORTS:

Council President Hensley discussed the industrial explosion that happened yesterday and appreciated how the community responded.

Councilor Maldonado echoed the sentiments about yesterday. He urged citizens to behave respectfully to those who had different beliefs and to view everyone as human beings, not as opponents.

Councilor Padden thanked all those who helped during the crisis yesterday. He thought they should have a better understanding of where the businesses who had potential impact were located and what mitigation could be done. He warned the Council about serial meetings when responding to texts.

Councilor Davis said there was a position open on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. A new Parks Board Chair would be elected at the next meeting. Library staff presented at the Rotary luncheon. The Rotary Father/Daughter Dance would be on March 13. He asked to put the extension of the Interim City Administrator's position or a discussion of other options on the next agenda.

There was consensus to put the topic on an upcoming agenda.

Councilor Stearns thanked the First Responders for yesterday. He was concerned about the Police Chief's statement on the City's website. He thought it needed to be clearer that calling the police was not calling ICE.

Councilor Waterman reported on the meeting with the Library Board, Friends of the Library, Kiwanis, Library Foundation, and Todos Juntos.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BUSINESS & STAFF REPORT: Mr. Ealy welcomed new Budget Committee Member Cantonwine.

Tyler Nizer, Economic Development & Tourism Coordinator, announced First Thursday tomorrow.

CITIZEN INPUT: None.

ACTION REVIEW:

1. Approved the Consent Agenda with the January 7, 2026, Regular Meeting minutes.
2. Approved Canby Utility Board appointments.
3. Adopted Ordinance 1661.
4. Approved Order 26-02, granting the Noise Variance at 1852 Teakwood Circle.

Council President Hensley adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.



Maya Benham, CMC
City Recorder



Brian Hodson
Mayor

Assisted with Preparation of Minutes – Susan Wood