

January 10, 2026

A special meeting of the City Council was held on Saturday, January 10, 2026, at 9:04 a.m. in the Council Chambers in City Hall. Mayor Donker presided.

Councilmen present: Diane Brown Wilhelm, Maureen Donker, Tim Soler, Marty Wazbinski,
Dave Pasek (arrived at 9:07 a.m.)

Councilmen absent: none

CITY COUNCIL PLANNING SESSION

Department heads and City Staff provided updates and information on City operations over the course of the morning. Discussions were held on the following areas: City Facilities and Building Needs; State and Federal Grants updates; the Transportation Alternatives Program; Township Library Contracts; Center City Phase II work update; Minimum Fund Balance Policies; and Barstow Airport staffing needs.

Tony Stamas and Nicole Wilson presented on the operations of the Midland Business Alliance.

City Manager Brad Kaye presented on the process for scheduling of public hearings.

Director of Fiscal Services Laura Stowell outlined the anticipated financial performance of the organization for the remainder of the year and expected financial position of the City for the FY 2026-27.

Mayor Donker led Council in a conversation in reviewing the FY 2025-26 goals and to further discuss FY 2026-27 with budget directives and general directives presented to staff.

The directives presented to staff for the FY 2026-27 budget:

- Public services will be maintained at the highest level financially feasible under current economic and budget conditions.
- The maximum millage rate for FY 2026-2027 is 15.14 mills, if possible to still achieve Council's budget directives.
- Contribute \$1,000,000 towards the storm water management fund, utilizing uncommitted PPT reimbursement if necessary.
- Contribute an additional \$500,000 from the General Fund above the annual required contribution towards MERS unfunded liabilities.
- Contribute a total of \$4,000,000 from the General Fund towards Act 345 unfunded liabilities.
- Allocate any uncommitted PPT reimbursement towards the following Council priorities:
 - The first \$1,000,000 towards the stormwater management fund, provided this amount has not been contributed by the General Fund.
 - The next \$3,500,000 to the building improvement fund
 - The next \$500,000 towards a required leachate treatment system at the City landfill.
 - The next \$1,000,000 to the building improvement fund for the purpose of meeting future fire department station construction needs.
 - Any remaining funds towards the General Fund committed budget stabilization fund.
- Contribute the balance of any uncommitted General Fund resources to the General Fund unassigned fund balance.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

C. Bradley Kaye, Acting Deputy City Clerk