



Special City Council Meeting

Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. OPENING ITEMS

- A. Call to Order by Mayor Pro Tem Darryl Barnes
- B. Invocation
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Roll Call

Motion to excuse Mayor Ken Johnson.

Moved by: Kelli Camp

Seconded by: Chris Dorow

Yea: Angel Garza, Kelli Camp, Marc Spohr, Alma Carmona, Chris Dorow, and Mark Snyder

Motion Carries 6-0

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda.

Moved by: Angel Garza

Seconded by: Chris Dorow

Yea: Angel Garza, Kelli Camp, Marc Spohr, Alma Carmona, Chris Dorow, and Mark Snyder

Motion Carries 6-0

3. CURRENT BUSINESS

- A. **Discuss City Fire Services and Presentation by Spencer Williams, Finance Officer and Mike Ganz, Fire Services Consultant**

Finance:

[2026 Fire Budget.pdf](#) 

Fire Apparatus Report from 12.8.25 Council Meeting:

[Othello Fire Dept 8111 PT 10.6.25.pdf](#) 

[Othello Fire Dept 8112 PT 10.6.25.pdf](#) 

[Othello Fire Dept 8121 PT 10.6.25.pdf](#) 

[Othello Summary Report 12.4.pdf](#) 

Othello's Fire Dept Start Up Plan by Mike Ganz:

[Othello Strategic Startup Planning for Fire Dept. 2025-2026.pdf](#) 

ACFD #5 Master Plan:

[ACFD5 - Master Plan Final \(1\).pdf](#) 

5 Year Fire Protection Agreement

[2018.Fire.Protection.Service.Agreement.pdf](#) 

Links:

[MRSC Guide to Interlocal Cooperation Fire Services](#)

[ESCI Presentation at 8.5.2024 Council Meeting start at 12:17](#)

[2nd part of recording of 8.5.2024 Council Meeting](#)

Fire Services Consultant Mike Ganz and Finance Officer/Interim Administrator Spencer Williams presented an overview of the proposed budget and operational requirements for establishing a municipal fire department. The council received prior reports and presentations prepared for the former administration, including analyses from city and fire district experts as well as the fire district consultant's presentation on potential annexation. Mr. Ganz noted that although he was confident in October 2025 that a May 1, 2026 launch date for a new city fire department was achievable, the pause during the administrative transition has made that timeline unattainable. He outlined possible alternative steps should the council choose to continue pursuing the creation of a city-run department. The special meeting was primarily educational, giving councilmembers the opportunity to ask questions and review background materials to

better understand the history, rationale, and feasibility of forming a municipal fire department.

Adjourned at 7:27pm.

By: Darryl Barnes
Darryl Barnes (Mar 11, 2026 14:37:25 PDT)
Darryl Barnes, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

By: Tania Morelos
Tania Morelos, City Clerk


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