CITY OF AVENAL

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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/PFA MEETING

MAY 28, 2026; 5:15 P.M.

AVENAL THEATER & EVENT CENTER, 233 E. KINGS ST., AVENAL, CA

Study Session: None

LAST ORDINANCE: 2026-05 | **CITY LAST RESOLUTION: 2026-34**

(SA) LAST RESOLUTION: 2026-01 | **PFA LAST RESOLUTION: 2025-02**

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**:

2. **ROLL CALL**: Councilmembers: Ricardo Verdugo, David Reynosa, Pablo Hernandez, Mayor Pro Tem, M. Leticia Gamez; Mayor, Alvaro Preciado.

   CITY CLERK:
   Government Code Section 54952.3: Members of the City Council/Successor Agency are entitled to receive a total of $450.00 per month due to their serving on the City Council. They receive no other compensation for serving as members of the Successor Agency.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS & UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES**:
   This time is reserved for members of the audience to address the City Council on items of interest that are both on the Agenda or not on the Agenda, and are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council/Successor Agency. State Law prohibits any member of the Council from commenting or acting on matters not on the agenda. The Council asks that you keep your comments concise and respectful. Criticism, concerns, or support are welcome, provided they are expressed with appropriate courtesy. Each speaker will be allowed three minutes. A timer will notify you when your time is expired. Please begin your comments by stating your name and place of residence.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**
   All items listed under the consent calendar are routine or for approval only and are enacted by one motion: (Action).
   A. Consider City of Avenal/Successor Agency's Approval of Minutes for May 14, 2026 Regular Meeting.

5. **MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBER/ SUCCESSOR AGENCY/ ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**
   A. None

6. **ACTIVITY REPORTS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
   A. Activity Reports:
      1. Police Department Activity Report: Cecilio Velasco, Chief of Police.
      2. Fire Department Activity Report: Jacob S. McAfee, Fire Chief
      3. Community Development Activity Report: Joshua McDonnell, Contract City Planner, 4Creeks.
      4. Economic Development & Grant Writing Report: John Basmajian, Governmental Affairs Manager, the CrisCom Company.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING(s):**
   Joint Hearing of the City of Avenal Successor Agency RDA Trust Obligations Fund/Public Finance Authority:
   A. None

8. **OLD BUSINESS**:
   A. None.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**:
   A. Notice of Completion – Authorize the filing of a notice of completion for the 2024 Road Maintenance Project and Appropriation: Resolution 2026-35 (Discussion/Action).

   B. Consider Ratification of Purchase Agreement with Container Stop Inc. for Custom Container Living Quarters for the Fire Department: Resolution 2026-36 (Discussion/Action).

10. CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING COMMENTS:

Any Council member may request an item be placed on a future agenda, provided that a simple majority also support adding said item. Discussion or action on any item not on the current agenda is strictly prohibited. Closing comments are intended for Council members to report attendance of any special events and pertinent information back to the public.

- Upcoming/Future Agenda Items to Consider.
- Correspondence/Announcements/Information/Closing Comments.

11. CLOSED SESSION: (City/Successor Agency):

A. PENDING LITIGATION (Government Code § 54956.9). It is the intention of this governing body to meet in closed-session concerning: Conference with legal counsel EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1)).

Parties, case/claim no: *City of Avenal v. Lupe Villa, County of Kings, et al.,*
(Kings County Superior Court, **Case No. 26CU0106**)

B. PENDING LITIGATION (Government Code § 54956.9). It is the intention of this governing body to meet in closed-session concerning: Conference with legal counsel EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1)).

Parties, case/claim no: *County of Kings DA, v. City of Avenal*
(Kings County Superior Court, **Case No. 25CU0549**)

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Parties, case/claim no: *Center for Biological Diversity et al. v. United States Bureau of Reclamation, et al.*
(United States District Court, **Case No. 1:20-cv-007606-DAD-EPG**).

E. PENDING LITIGATION (Government Code § 54956.9). It is the intention of this governing body to meet in closed-session concerning: Conference with legal counsel EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1)).

Parties, case/claim no: Ross Family Properties, LLC, v. City of Avenal

12. ADJOURNMENT:

1) In compliance with the Americans with Disability Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk's Office (559) 386-5766. Avenal Theater & Event Center, 233 East Kings Street Avenal, CA 93204. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the city to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting [28 CFR 35.02.35.1044 AA Title II].
2) Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the [Council/ Authority] after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection in the [City Clerks] office at 919 Skyline Blvd., Avenal, CA 93204 during normal business hours.

I certify this Agenda of the City of Avenal City Council workshop is to be posted at the following locations: 1) City Council Chambers, Avenal Theater 233 E. Kings St.; 2) City Hall, 919 Skyline Blvd.; 3) Aftermath Gym, 600 Skyline Blvd.; and 4) T&T Market, 801 Skyline Blvd. Avenal CA 93204 on, May 25, 2026.

/s/ Maria Ortiz
Maria Ortiz, City Clerk

CIUDAD DE AVENAL
"Capital® Mundial del Pistacho"
REUNIÓN REGULAR DEL AYUNTAMIENTO/AGENCIA SUCESORA/PFA 28 DE MAYO DE 2026; 17:15
AVENAL THEATER & EVENT CENTER, 233 E. KINGS ST., AVENAL, CA

Sesión de estudio : Ninguna

ÚLTIMA ORDENANZA: 2026-05
(SA) ÚLTIMA RESOLUCIÓN: 2026-01
ÚLTIMA RESOLUCIÓN DE LA CIUDAD: 2026-34
ÚLTIMA RESOLUCIÓN DE LA PFA: 2025-02

AGENDA

1. **LLAMADA AL ORDEN Y COMPROMISO DE LEIDAD**:

2. **LISTA**: Concejales: Ricardo Verdugo, David Reynosa, Pablo Hernández, Alcalde Interino, M. Leticia Gamez; Alcalde, Álvaro Preciado.

   SECRETARIO MUNICIPAL:
   Código de Gobierno Sección 54952.3: Los miembros del Ayuntamiento/Agencia Sucesora tienen derecho a recibir un total de 450,00 dólares al mes debido a su servicio en el Ayuntamiento. No reciben ninguna otra compensación por servir como miembros de la Agencia Sucesora.

3. **COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS/ANUNCIOS Y APARICIONES NO PROGRAMADAS**:
   Este tiempo está reservado para que los miembros del público se dirijan al Ayuntamiento sobre asuntos de interés que estén o no en la agenda y que estén dentro de la jurisdicción del Ayuntamiento/Agencia Sucesora. La ley estatal prohíbe que cualquier miembro del Consejo comente o actúe sobre asuntos que no estén en el orden del día. El Consejo pide que mantengas tus comentarios concisos y respetuosos. Se aceptan críticas, preocupaciones o apoyo, siempre que se expresen con la cortesía adecuada. Cada ponente tendrá tres minutos. Un temporizador te notificará cuando tu tiempo haya expirado. Por favor, comiencen sus comentarios indicando su nombre y lugar de residencia.

4. **CALENDARIO DE CONSENTIMIENTO:**
   Todos los ítems listados en el calendario de consentimiento son rutinarios o solo para aprobación y se promulgan mediante una sola moción: (Acción).
   A. Considere la aprobación de actas por parte de la Ciudad de Avenal/Agencia Sucesora para la reunión ordinaria del 14 de mayo de 2026.

5. **ALCALDE Y CONCEJAL/ AGENCIA SUCESORA/ PUNTOS A CONSIDERAR:**
   A. Ninguno

6. **INFORMES DE ACTIVIDADES/PRESENTACIONES ESPECIALES E INFORMES DE COMITÉS:**
   A. Informes de actividad:
      1. Informe de actividad del Departamento de Policía: Cecilio Velasco, Jefe de Policía.
      2. Informe de actividad del Departamento de Bomberos: Jacob S. McAfee, Jefe de Bomberos
      3. Informe de actividad de desarrollo comunitario: Joshua McDonnell, planificador urbano contratado, 4Creeks.
      4. Informe de Desarrollo Económico y Redacción de Subvenciones: John Basmajian, Responsable de Asuntos Gubernamentales, la empresa CrisCom.

7. **AUDIENCIA(ES) PÚBLICA(s):**
   Audiencia conjunta del Fondo de Obligaciones Fiduciarias de la RDA/Autoridad de Finanzas Públicas de la Agencia Sucesora de la Ciudad de Avenal:
   A. Ninguno

8. **ASUNTOS** ANTIGUOS:
   A. Ninguna.

9. **NUEVOS NEGOCIOS**:
   A. Aviso de Finalización – Autorizar la presentación de un aviso de finalización para el Proyecto de Mantenimiento de Carreteras 2024 y Asignación de Asignaciones: Resolución 2026-35 (Discusión/Acción).

   B. Considere la ratificación del acuerdo de compra con Container Stop Inc. para alojamientos personalizados para contenedores para el Departamento de Bomberos: Resolución 2026-36 (Discusión/Acción).

10. CORRESPONDENCIA/ANUNCIOS/COMENTARIOS FINALES:

Cualquier miembro del Consejo puede solicitar que un punto se incluya en una agenda futura, siempre que una mayoría simple también apoye la inclusión de dicho punto. Está estrictamente prohibida la discusión o acción sobre cualquier punto que no esté en la agenda actual. Los comentarios finales están destinados a que los miembros del Consejo informen al público sobre la asistencia a cualquier evento especial y la información pertinente.

- Asuntos próximos o futuros a tener en cuenta.
- Correspondencia/Anuncios/Información/Comentarios finales.

11. SESIÓN CERRADA: (Ciudad/Agencia Sucesora):

A. LITIGIO PENDIENTE (Código de Gobierno § 54956.9). La intención de este órgano de gobierno es reunirse en sesión cerrada en relación a: Reunión con el asesor legal LITIGIO EXISTENTE (Código de Gobierno § 54956.9(d)(1)).

Partes, caso/reclamación nº: *City of Avenal contra Lupe Villa, County of Kings, et al.,* (Tribunal Superior del Condado de Kings, **Caso nº 26CU0106**)

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Partes, caso/reclamación nº: *City of Avenal contra Condado de Kings, John Chamberlin, et al.,* (Tribunal Superior del Condado de Kings, **Caso Nº 26CU0138**)

D. LITIGIO PENDIENTE (Código de Gobierno § 54956.9). La intención de este órgano de gobierno es reunirse en sesión cerrada en relación a: Reunión con el asesor legal LITIGIO EXISTENTE (Código de Gobierno § 54956.9(d)(1)).

Partes, caso/reclamación no: *Center for Biological Diversity et al. contra la Oficina de Reclamación de los Estados Unidos, et al.* (Tribunal de Distrito de los Estados Unidos, **Caso nº 1:20-cv-007606-DAD-EPG**).

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Partes, caso/reclamación no: Ross Family Properties, LLC, contra Ciudad de Avenal

12. LEVANTAMIENTO:

1) En cumplimiento con la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidad, si necesita asistencia especial para participar en esta reunión, por favor contacte con la Oficina del Secretario Municipal (559) 386-5766. Avenal Theater & Event Center, 233 East Kings Street Avenal, CA 93204. La notificación 48 horas antes de la reunión permitirá a la ciudad tomar medidas razonables para garantizar la accesibilidad a esta reunión [28 CFR 35.02.35.1044 AA Título II].
2) Los materiales relacionados con un punto de esta agenda enviados al [Consejo/Autoridad] tras la distribución del paquete de la agenda están disponibles para su inspección pública en la oficina de [Secretarios Municipales] en 919 Skyline Blvd., Avenal, CA 93204 durante el horario laboral normal.

Certifico que esta agenda del taller del Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad de Avenal se publicará en los siguientes lugares: 1) Sala del Ayuntamiento, Teatro Avenal 233 E. Kings St.; 2) Ayuntamiento, 919 Skyline Blvd.; 3) Gimnasio Aftermath, 600 Skyline Blvd.; y 4) T&T Market, 801 Skyline Blvd. Avenal CA 93204, el 25 de mayo de 2026.

/s/ Maria Ortiz
Maria Ortiz, secretaria municipal

AVENAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Cecilio Velasco, Chief of Police
317 E. Alpine St, Avenal, CA 93204
Bus. 559-386-4444 Fax 559-386-4447

Chief's Monthly Report

May 28, 2026

Organizational Priorities

I. Leadership Stability

Commander Rij Continues Operational Oversight

Commander Edward Rij continues assisting with field operations to ensure personnel perform professionally and in accordance with department standards. He also continues overseeing fleet readiness and equipment inspections to ensure department vehicles and critical equipment remain properly maintained and adequately stocked for operational needs.

Commander Rij also continues participating in management meetings hosted through the Kings County District Attorney's Office alongside other public safety leaders throughout the county. These meetings provide valuable opportunities for collaboration, information sharing, and strengthening interagency partnerships.

Regional Leadership Collaboration

Chief Velasco attended meetings with police chiefs, the Sheriff, and additional department leaders at the Kings County District Attorney's Office to discuss regional public safety concerns, current challenges facing law enforcement agencies, collaborative solutions, and opportunities for continued partnership.

Detective Ramos Continues Professional Development

Detective Corporal Ramos continues to excel in his assignment with the Kings County Major Crimes Task Force. His continued work with the task force further enhances the department's investigative capabilities through exposure to complex investigations, regional intelligence sharing, and multi-agency collaboration.

Detective Martinez Attending ICI Core Investigators Course

Detective Martinez is currently attending the POST Certified Institute of Criminal Investigation (ICI) Core Investigators Course. This advanced training provides comprehensive instruction in criminal investigations, including interview and interrogation techniques, search warrants, crime scene management, case preparation, evidence collection, investigative strategies, and courtroom testimony. This training further strengthens the department's investigative professionalism and effectiveness.

Officer Hardy Attending POST Range Master School

Officer Hardy is scheduled to attend the POST Certified Range Master School for firearms and rifle instruction. This course provides advanced training in firearms safety, range operations, tactical firearms instruction, liability considerations, and weapons proficiency standards. The training will assist the department in continuing to maintain high professional firearms training standards for department personnel.

DUI Enforcement Efforts

Sergeant Jose Gonzalez will be leading a DUI checkpoint this coming weekend funded through the department's CHP Cannabis Tax Fund Grant. These enforcement efforts remain an important part of the department's continued commitment to traffic safety, DUI prevention, and protecting the community from impaired drivers.

Future Leadership Development

As the department continues to stabilize staffing and develop personnel, the organization now possesses sufficient experience and leadership depth to begin evaluating opportunities to fill vacant promotional positions in the near future.

II. Recruit and Retain the Best

Continued Recruitment Success

The department continues active recruitment efforts and has recently experienced an increase in qualified applicants expressing interest in joining the Avenal Police Department.

Hiring Process Update

The department recently interviewed three police officer candidates and has since received three additional applications. Recruitment efforts continue to remain positive, and the department is nearing full staffing levels with potentially only two positions remaining available.

Background Investigations

At this time, the department currently has two police officer applicants in the background investigation process, including one male and one female applicant. We remain optimistic regarding the continued progress of both candidates through the hiring process.

III. International Model of Community Trust

Community Engagement and Outreach

The department continues to consistently engage with the community through positive interactions, outreach efforts, and public events. Community trust remains one of the department's highest priorities, and these relationships play a critical role in improving communication, increasing crime reporting, and assisting with case resolution through community cooperation and witness participation.

Recent Community Events

Department personnel recently participated in several community events and outreach activities, including:

- Scooter Safety Event
- Avenal Police Department Spring Block Party

- Avenal Old Timers Day Celebration
- Kings County Peace Officer Memorial Ceremony

These events provided additional opportunities for positive interaction between department personnel and community members while strengthening relationships throughout the city.

SCIP Community Presentation
The department recently hosted a Spanish-language SCIP Grant presentation focused on Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs), firearm safety, secure firearm storage, and mental wellness awareness. The presentation was designed to better serve our Spanish-speaking community while promoting education, prevention, and available resources.

Upcoming DUI Community Presentation
The department will also be announcing an upcoming Spanish-language CHP Grant-funded community presentation focused on DUI awareness, impaired driving prevention, and traffic safety education.

Explorer Program Participation
The Avenal Police Department Explorer Program continues to actively participate in community events and outreach efforts. Explorers recently participated in the department's Spring Block Party during the opening ceremony and assisted throughout the event. Explorers also participated in the Old Timers Day Parade and related community activities. Their continued involvement supports youth development, mentorship, leadership growth, and positive community engagement.

IV. Among the Safest Cities in America

Violent Crime Reduction Efforts
The department continues its proactive crime reduction efforts and remains committed to combating violent crime, gang activity, gun violence, and narcotics-related offenses within the community.

Chief Velasco is currently pursuing a Violent Crime Reduction Grant to assist with funding the implementation of a modern records and case management system. The proposed system would improve operational efficiency, data utilization, crime analysis capabilities, and hotspot-focused enforcement strategies. The system would also provide a more robust and user-friendly platform compared to the department's current outdated system while reducing impacts to the City's General Fund and preserving additional state and federal grant funding opportunities for other critical equipment and operational needs.

Proactive Enforcement and Investigations
The department continues utilizing proactive enforcement strategies, legal investigative techniques, and collaborative partnerships with the Kings County District Attorney's Office to ensure criminal cases are thoroughly investigated and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

DUI Enforcement and Recognition
Traffic safety and DUI enforcement remain a continued priority for the department. Detective Martinez will be receiving the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Award on June 17 in recognition of recording the highest number of DUI arrests within the department during 2025.

Regional Law Enforcement Partnerships
The department continues maintaining strong working relationships and partnerships with law enforcement agencies throughout Kings County and neighboring jurisdictions, including agencies within Tulare, Fresno, and Kern Counties. These partnerships allow agencies to share resources, intelligence, personnel, and operational support when needed, serving as valuable force multipliers that help improve regional public safety.

Flock Safety Camera System Update
The department's Flock Safety camera systems are operational; however, final approval from Caltrans remains pending for additional deployment locations. The department has experienced delays due to extended response times from Caltrans to Flock Safety representatives. While the delays have been disappointing and frustrating, the department remains hopeful that progress will continue moving forward in the near future.

CAD System Grant Efforts
As previously discussed, the department continues pursuing grant funding opportunities for the procurement and implementation of a new Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) and case management system. The department has already obtained preliminary system quotes to assist with grant preparation efforts.

V. Embrace Wellness Among Our Employees
Supporting Employee Wellness
The Avenal Police Department remains committed to supporting the mental, emotional, and physical well-being of all department personnel. Law enforcement remains a demanding profession, and leadership recognizes the importance of ensuring employees feel supported both professionally and personally.

Positive Organizational Environment
Department leadership continues working toward fostering a professional and positive organizational culture where employees feel valued, motivated, and connected to the department's mission and community.

Long-Term Health and Resilience
By emphasizing wellness, balance, and professional support, the department continues striving to ensure employees remain resilient, focused, and capable of providing the highest level of service to the community while maintaining long-term personal and professional well-being.

Data for 2026

Month	Calls for Service	Officer Initiated Activity	Citations	Traffic Collisions	Arrests
January	818	533	20	3	25
February	820	525	18	1	24
March	909	598	31	5	17
April	823	482	26	2	26
May	612	349	27	5	16
June					
July					
August					
September					
October					
November					
December					

AGENDA ITEM NO.

919 Skyline Blvd.
Avenal, CA 93204
Phone: (559) 386-5766
Fax: (559) 386-0629

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Diego Corvera, Contract City Engineer, A&M Consulting Engineers

DATE: May 28th, 2026

RE: **Notice of Completion** – Authorize the filing of a notice of completion for the 2024 Road Maintenance Project and Appropriation

RECOMMENDATION:

Move to accept the Notice of Completion for the construction contract for the Avenal 2024 Road Maintenance Project (224-034) with VSS International, Inc. and authorize the City Engineer to sign the Notice of Completion and the City Clerk to file the notice with the County Recorder's Office and approve an additional appropriation of $16,426.90, in LTF funds (250).

SUMMARY:

The 2024 Avenal Road Maintenance Project implemented road rehabilitation work in the form of cape seals on various streets within Avenal's City Limits. VSS International Inc was the lowest responsive bidder and performed the work to City standards and requirements.

BACKGROUND:

The project bids were opened on August 21st, 2025 at 2:00pm, two (2) bids were received.

On September 25th, 2025, the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute and enter into an agreement with VSS International, Inc. as the lowest responsive bidder for the 2024 Avenal Road Maintenance project for not to exceed amount of $441,550.00.

A Notice of Completion will need to be recorded with the County Clerk Recorder's office now that the contractor has fulfilled his contractual obligation for construction of the project.

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Summary of Change Orders:

Change Order No.	Bid Item No.	Brief Description	Proposed Item Cost	Approved Item Cost	CO Category
1	5	Additional Striping	$5,447.40	$5,447.40	Change in Scope
			Change Order Total:		$5,447.40

Original Bid Amount: $441,550.00
Final Bid Amount: $441,550.00
Approved Change Orders: $5,447.40
Change Order %: 1.23%
Final Contract Total: $446,997.40

Additional costs incurred as part of this project but not included in the original construction budget amount are:

A&M Consulting Engineers – Construction Management…… $10,979.50
Total Project Cost……..… $457,976.90

FISCAL IMPACT:
Final project budget breakdown is shown below:

2024 Road Maintenance Project	
Project Funding Source	
Local Transportation Funds (250)	$441,550.00
Final Project Costs	
Construction	$441,550.00
Construction Change Order #1	$5,447.40
Construction Management	$10,979.50
Total Final Project Costs	$457,976.90
Remaining Project Budget	($16,426.90)
Requested Appropriation (LTF 250)	$16,426.90

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RECOMMENDED MOTION (AND ALTERNATIVE MOTIONS IF EXPECTED):

I move to authorize the filing of a notice of completion for the 2024 Road Maintenance Project and appropriate $16,426.90 for project close out.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

September 11, 2025

Authorized City Manager to execute and enter into an Agreement with VSS International, Inc. for the 2024 Avenal Road Maintenance project, not to exceed $441,550.00 which included the conditional change order 1, value engineering.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft Notice of Completion
2. Draft Resolution 2026-XX

WHEN RECORDED RETURN TO:
AND RECORDING REQUESTED BY:
City of Avenal
919 Skyline Blvd
Avenal, CA 93204

No Fee – Gov't. Code Sections 6103 & 27383

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE
OF COMPLETION OF PUBLIC WORK
BY CITY OF AVENAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by The City of Avenal, a municipal corporation of the State of California, located 919 Skyline Blvd, Avenal CA 93204, Owner in fee of the property, that the work of improvement on the property described as:

(224-034) AVENAL 2024 ROAD MAINTENANCE PROJECT

Under the contract agreement entered into with VSS International, Inc. dated September 25, 2025 and as a whole was completed November 7, 2025, and the City of Avenal hereby accepts said project on the 28th day of May, 2026, by Resolution 2026-XX.

Verification

Diego Corvera, deposes and says: That he is the City Engineer of the City of Avenal, and makes this verification for and on behalf of said City; that he has read the foregoing notice and knows the contents thereof and the facts thereon stated are true.

CITY OF AVENAL, a municipal corporation

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Diego Corvera, City Engineer Date

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - xx

CITY OF AVENAL

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVENAL, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING FILING OF THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE AVENAL 2024 ROAD MAINTENANCE PROJECT

WHEREAS, VSS International, Inc. has completed the work for the Avenal 2024 Road Maintenance Project; and

WHEREAS, the City Public Works Inspector has inspected the improvements required by the City and all improvements required by the City have been completed; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer recommends acceptance of the Avenal 2024 Road Maintenance Project and requests Council to authorize the City Engineer to record the Notice of Completion for the Project.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HERBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Avenal as follows:

1. Accept the Avenal 2024 Road Maintenance Project and requests Council to authorize the City Engineer to record the Notice of Completion.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Avenal at a meeting thereof held on the 28th day of May, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

_____

Alvaro Preciado, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____

Maria “Angie” Ortiz, City Clerk

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9.- B

City of Avenal

919 Skyline Blvd.
Avenal, CA 93204
Phone: (559) 386-5766

TO: **The Honorable Mayor and City Council**

FROM: **Antony V. López, City Manager & Jacob S. McAfee, Fire Chief**

DATE: **May 28, 2026**

RE: **Ratification of Purchase Agreement with Container Stop Inc. for Custom Container Living Quarters**

INFORMATION:

As part of the City's ongoing efforts to establish and support the newly formed Avenal Fire Department, staff has evaluated several temporary and semi-permanent housing options for firefighter living quarters and operational support space.

Initially, staff explored modular building lease options. Under the lease proposals reviewed, the City would have expended approximately $150,000 over a three-year term, after which the modular units would be removed and returned at the City's expense. Additionally, modular structures required more substantial site preparation and foundation improvements, and estimated delivery timelines exceeded approximately two months.

After further review, staff identified an opportunity to acquire a nearly completed custom container-based living quarters project from Container Stop Inc. for approximately $270,000. The structure was already substantially fabricated at the time of purchase, allowing for expedited delivery currently anticipated on or about June 9, 2026.

The project consists of four (4) interconnected 40-foot containers configured into an approximately 40-foot by 40-foot facility. The layout includes:

- Three sleeping rooms;
- One office;
- Two bathrooms;
- A large shared kitchen and living area; and
- Supporting utility room and storage space.

The facility is intended to provide respectable, functional, and modern accommodations for the City's newly hired firefighters as the department continues standing up operations and staffing.

Additionally, staff believes the container configuration offers several long-term operational and financial advantages, including:

- Reduced footing and foundation costs compared to traditional modular structures;
- Faster deployment;
- Future relocatability if the City later expands or develops areas behind City Hall; and
- Long-term ownership of the asset rather than temporary lease expenditures.

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The exterior of the facility will be painted red to reflect the identity and visibility of the Avenal Fire Department and serve as a visible statement of the City's continued investment in public safety infrastructure.

This purchase also aligns with the City's broader strategy. By utilizing City-owned property near City Hall and existing utility infrastructure, the City anticipates avoiding substantially higher costs associated with extending utilities and developing a larger temporary site behind the hospital, which preliminary estimates were reaching costs of almost $1 million.

Due to the urgency associated with standing up the Avenal Fire Department, and recognizing that deployment of the City's fire services remains the City's highest public safety priority amid the ongoing transition and uncertainty surrounding Kings County's withdrawal from fire services, the City Manager executed the agreement in order to secure the availability of the unit and preserve the expedited delivery timeline. Staff is therefore requesting formal ratification by the City Council.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council:

1. Adopt **Resolution No. 2026-_36_** ratifying the purchase agreement between the City of Avenal and Container Stop Inc. for the acquisition of custom container living quarters to support the establishment and operation of the Avenal Fire Department, and approving related project expenses necessary for delivery, site preparation, utility connections, and installation as part of the Fire Department budget.

BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVENAL

IN THE MATTER OF:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVENAL APPROVING THE AVENAL FIRE DEPARTMENT YEAR 1 OPERATING BUDGET AND RELATED STARTUP EXPENDITURES

RESOLUTION 2026-_36_

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4-12.1 of the Avenal Municipal Code, the Avenal Fire Department was established as a department of the City of Avenal on September 11, 2025, to provide municipal fire protection and emergency response services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Avenal is establishing and developing the Avenal Fire Department to provide fire suppression, emergency medical services, rescue response, disaster response, public education, fire prevention, and community risk reduction services to the residents of the City of Avenal; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the establishment of an independent municipal fire department is necessary to improve local control, operational flexibility, emergency response capabilities, and long-term public safety sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the City identified the need for firefighter living quarters and operational support space to assist in staffing and deployment of fire personnel; and

WHEREAS, staff evaluated multiple temporary and semi-permanent facility options, including leased modular structures; and

WHEREAS, staff determined that acquisition of custom container living quarters offered operational, financial, and logistical advantages to the City, including expedited delivery, reduced site preparation costs, ownership of the asset, and future relocatability; and

WHEREAS, the project consists of four interconnected 40-foot containers configured into living quarters containing sleeping rooms, bathrooms, office space, kitchen facilities, and shared living areas; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager executed a purchase agreement with Container Stop Inc. in order to secure the availability and expedited production and delivery timeline of the facility in the name of public safety; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to formally ratify said agreement and authorize all related actions necessary to complete the project.

UPON MOTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER _____, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD ON May 28, 2026, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

_____ ATTEST: _____

Alvaro Preciado, Mayor
CITY OF AVENAL

MARÍA A. ORTIZ, City Clerk
CITY OF AVENAL

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. Found that the foregoing recitals are true;

2. The City Council hereby ratifies the Purchase Agreement between the City of Avenal and Container Stop Inc. for the acquisition of custom container living quarters for the Avenal Fire Department.

3. The City Council further approves related project expenditures necessary to complete and place the facility into service, including but not limited to delivery, site preparation, utility connections, painting, footings, installation, furnishings, and other associated Fire Department operational setup costs, to be funded through the Fire Department budget and related appropriations.

4. Ordered City Manager and relevant City staff to carry out the terms and conditions of this resolution and to take all steps reasonably necessary, proper and/or convenient and/or incidental thereto.

5. Authorizes this resolution to take effect immediately upon adoption.

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Container Stop Inc
sales@containerstop.com
5873 Stockdale Road, Paso Robles, CA, United States, 93446

City of Avenal
Contact: Antony Lopez
alopez@cityofavenal.us
919 Skyline Blvd , Avenal , CA, 93204

Sales Agreement

Sales Agreement – Payment Terms & Delivery Policy

1. Payment Terms

- A **70% deposit** is required to place the container into production.
- The remaining **30% balance is due prior to delivery scheduling.**
- **No container will be scheduled for delivery without payment in full.**
- If the final 30% payment is not received within **5 business days of notice that the unit is ready**, a **2.5% late fee** will be applied.
- If the account remains unpaid **30 days past due**, the account will be referred to the company's **Credit Department** for further collection action.

2. Accepted Payment Methods

- Credit Card
- Check
- Cash
- Zelle

3. Production & Delivery Timeline

- Production will not begin until the **70% deposit** is received.

- Delays in payment may result in **delayed production and delivery timelines.**

4. Delivery Site Requirements

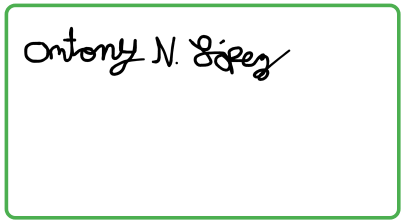
- The client is responsible for ensuring **proper site access and sufficient space** for delivery and placement of the container.
- If the delivery truck cannot unload and exit the property within **one hour of arrival**, a fee of **$150 per additional hour** will be applied.

5. Agreement Confirmation

By submitting the deposit, the customer acknowledges and agrees to these terms and authorizes the company to begin work and/or schedule delivery upon receipt of full payment.

Signature Date: **May 22, 2026 · 3:54 PM**

Signed By: **Antony V. López**

Signature: 

Agreement ID: 6227c352-63bb-4014-8b6f-a2a37116ba35

Invoice

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Invoice
#5M7GJ8-0001

Issue on:	May 14, 2026
Service on:	May 14, 2026, 2:05 PM
Due:	Upon receipt
Status:	Unpaid
Balance:	**$270,000.00**

Bill To:
City of Avenal
Antony Lopez
alopez@cityofavenal.us
919 Skyline Blvd
Avenal , CA, United States, 93204
(559) 383-8003

Deliver To:
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1 x Items

Product	Price	QTY	Total
Custom Container Living Quarters	$270,000.00	1	$270,000.00
	Subtotal		$270,000.00
	Total		**$270,000.00**

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Sales Agreement



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