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City Channel: City Council meetings are broadcast on the city's cable channel (Time Warner 24 and AT&T 99) live and replayed throughout the week.



Webcast: Watch meetings on the city's website, streaming live or anytime.



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Types of Council action

Resolutions

A resolution is an official statement of Council policy that directs administrative or legal action, or embodies a public Council statement. A resolution may be introduced and adopted at the same meeting. Once adopted, it remains Council policy until changed by subsequent Council resolution.



Ordinance

An ordinance is a city law that generally prescribes rules of conduct or government that remains in force until the ordinance is repealed or amended. A proposed ordinance comes before the City Council two times, first to introduce the ordinance and then, at a subsequent meeting, to adopt the ordinance. Ordinances become effective 30 days after adoption and become part of the Carlsbad Municipal Code.

Motion

A motion is a formal proposal by a Council member that formal action be taken. A motion is used with a vote to indicate approval, denial, adoption or direction of an item on the agenda.

Speaking at a Council meeting

Anyone wishing to address the Council under public comment or an agenda item should complete a "speaker slip." They are located at the City Council Chamber near the entrance. You may speak during the "public comment" portion of the meeting about any item not on the agenda. If you are speaking about an agenda item, please indicate the number of the agenda item on your speaker slip. Also, indicate whether you are in support or opposition of the staff's recommendation on the item. The recommendation can be found on the agenda and the report for that item. Please submit your slip to the City Clerk at the beginning of the Council meeting or before the item is to be heard. When addressing the City Council, please step to the podium and clearly state your name for the record.

Americans With Disabilities Act

Persons with a disability may request an agenda packet in appropriate alternative formats as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act by contacting the City Manager's Office at 760-434-2820. All persons requiring reasonable accommodations or auxiliary aids to effectively participate in the meeting may contact the City Manager's Office by noon on the Monday prior to the meeting to make arrangements.

Contact information

City Hall

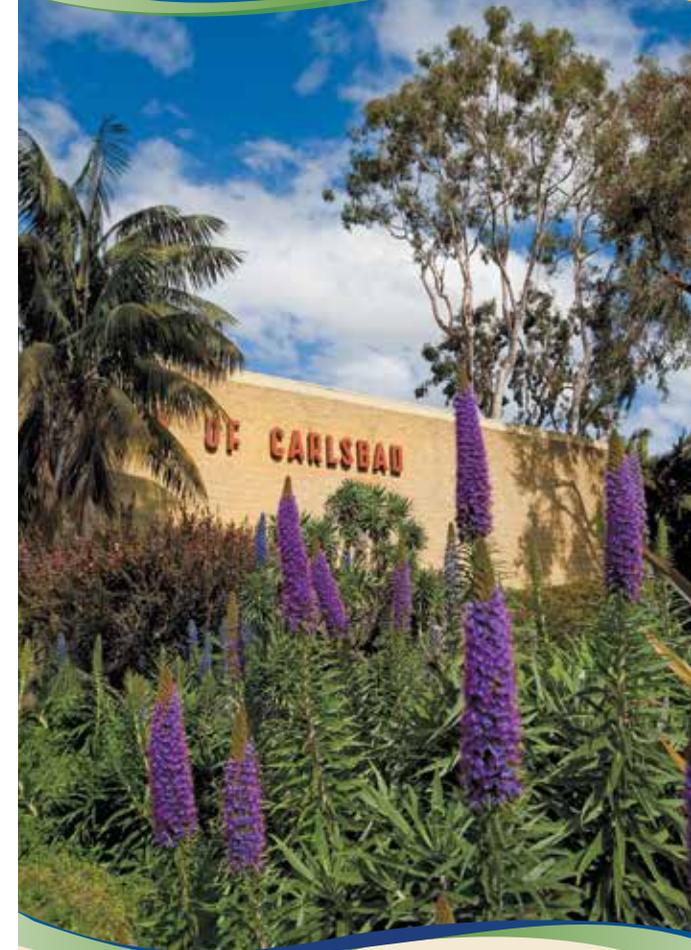
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Business hours

Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

WELCOME TO YOUR City Council Meeting





Your guide to understanding what happens at City Council meetings and how you can participate.



Carlsbad city government

The City of Carlsbad was incorporated in July 1952. The Carlsbad City Council consists of four Council members and the Mayor. They are elected to four-year terms of office. General Municipal Elections are held in November of even-numbered years, with no more than three Council seats open at one time. Council and mayoral elections are non-partisan, and members are elected “at large,” meaning they represent the entire city.

Meeting schedule

City Council meetings are generally held twice a month on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at Carlsbad City Hall, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, and once a month on Tuesdays during the daytime at 1635 Faraday Ave. Meeting agendas are posted on the city website and at the meeting location 72 hours before each regular meeting. You can receive notices of Council meetings, including the agendas and staff reports, via email by signing up for our e-subscription service on the city website.

Public participation

The City of Carlsbad encourages your participation! Input from the public helps the City Council make decisions that are in the best interest of the community. All City Council meetings are open to the public with the exception of discussions that pertain to property acquisition, legal or personnel issues. State law allows these items to be handled privately under “closed session” meetings. No other issues may be discussed in closed session.

Order of business

The City Council follows a regular order of business at each meeting, which is outlined on the agenda.

Presentations

Recognition by the City Council to individuals and groups for achievements and contributions to the community.

Consent calendar

Consent Calendar items are considered to be routine in nature and may be enacted by one motion and vote. Should any City Council member desire to consider a consent item separately, it will be removed from the Consent Calendar. Members of the public may speak to consent calendar items by completing a speaker slip and submitting it to the City Clerk or Assistant City Clerk prior to the start of the Consent Calendar.

Public comment

This section of the meeting is set aside to give the public an opportunity to speak on any city related item that does not appear on the agenda. State law prohibits the City Council from taking action on items not listed on the agenda. Your concerns will be referred to staff and, if appropriate, considered at a future City Council meeting.

Public hearing

A public hearing is time within the regular meeting for which special notice has been given through legal advertising and, if appropriate, mailed to property owners. Staff presents the item and then receives questions from the City Council. The applicant can also give a presentation, and then comments are heard from the public. After public testimony, all information is considered by the City Council, which then indicates its decision through a vote.

Departmental reports

Items not considered routine or that require explanation are presented by staff during this part of the agenda.

City Council, City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney reports

During this portion of the meeting, reports are given regarding City Council regional board meetings attended, attendance at a city or community event, or other items of community interest.

Meeting decorum

Carlsbad Municipal Code sections 1.20.320 and 1.20.330 require members of the public to observe order at the meeting and to conduct themselves in a courteous manner. California Penal Code section 403 makes it a misdemeanor for any person to willfully disturb or break up any assembly or meeting with lawful authority.