



Krista Bernasconi, Mayor
Karen Alvord, Vice Mayor
Bruce Houdesheldt, Councilmember
Tracy Mendonsa, Councilmember
Pauline Roccucci, Councilmember
Dominick Casey, City Manager
Michelle Sheidenberger, City Attorney
Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

MINUTES

City Council Legislative Platform Workshop Meeting

February 4, 2026

4:30 PM

**Roseville Electric Building,
116 S. Grant Street, 1st Floor**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bernasconi called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Mayor Alvord, Councilmember Houdesheldt, Councilmember Roccucci, and Mayor Bernasconi.

Absent: Councilmember Mendonsa.

Councilmember Houdesheldt arrived at 4:40 p.m.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Government and Community Relations Manager Rob Baquera led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. MEETING PROCEDURES

City Clerk Carmen Avalos announced the procedures for addressing the City Council.

V. PRESENTATIONS

1. Workshop

A. Legislative Advocacy Overview

B. Law and Regulation Committee Overview

C. State and Federal Overview - The Ferguson Group & Gonsalves and Son

D. Legislative Platform - Review Changes

E. Council Input

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A. Legislative Advocacy Overview

Government and Community Relations Manager Rob Baquera provided an overview to the City Council.

Partnership power advocacy strategy

- Community (SACOG, CHAMBERS, LEAGUE of CITIES)
- Issue-Specific (NCPA, CMUA, RWA, MISAC, Cal Chiefs) Engagement activates strategy
- Monthly meetings with legislative representatives
- Advocacy at state and national capitols
- Lobbyist, testimony, regulators, advocacy letters, tours

B. Law and Regulation Committee Overview

Government and Community Relations Manager Rob Baquera provided an overview to the City Council.

C. State and Federal Overview

Government and Community Relations Manager Rob Baquera introduced Mike Miller of the Ferguson Group and Jason Gonsalves of Gonsalves and Son.

Mike Miller of the Ferguson Group provided the Federal legislation overview to the City Council.

Jason Gonsalves of Gonsalves and Son provided the State legislation overview to the City Council.

D. Legislative Platform - Review Changes

Government and Community Relations Manager Rob Baquera made the presentation to the City Council.

Citywide Proposed Modifications/Critical Concerns

Development Services

- Reinforces local control over land use, housing, transportation, and environmental policy
- Balances environmental goals with economic feasibility and equity
- Modernizes housing and permitting; reduces regulatory duplication and CEQA delays

Parks, Recreation & Libraries

- Clarifies and consolidates equitable funding priorities
- Expands focus on inclusion, mental health, homelessness, and safe public spaces
- Supports facility reinvestment, ADA access, technology, and operational sustainability

Public Safety

- Shifts from mandated regionalization to voluntary, cooperative local control
- Supports modern public safety technology investments
- Addresses emerging risks and preparedness for new hazards

Critical Concerns & Project Updates

- NFIP/CRS Language reframed to focus on stability, affordability, and program modernization
- Pleasant Grove Retention Basin: \$50M flood mitigation project; design underway; pursuing FEMA funding

Government and Community Relations Manager Rob Baquera introduced Senior Electric Business Analyst Amber Blixt.

Roseville Electric Proposed Modifications/Critical Concerns

Senior Electric Business Analyst Amber Blixt made the presentation to the City Council.

New Language:

- Cap-and-invest - Advocate to protect free allowances; minimize any adverse impacts to the utility

Modifications:

- RPS Cost Containment - Deletion represents RPS cost containment policy adopted by Council
- Light up Navajo - Continue to bring visibility through advocacy and support in 2026
- State Agency Collaboration - Deleted to reflect successful RPEAK ownership and grant approval
- Regional Energy Market Legislation - Revision reflects ongoing engagement after enactment
- Electric Vehicles - Updated to indicate challenges around existing EV mandates, including ACF
- Supply Chain Disruptions - Modified to show updated supply chain efforts

Senior Electric Business Analyst Amber Blixt introduced Utility Government Relations Administrator Noelle Mattock who continued the presentation.

Environmental Utilities Proposed Modifications/Critical Concerns/Modifications:

- Platform reorganization condensed issues into fewer overarching categories and eliminated duplicative policy statements to improve clarity, consistency, and usability
- Ensuring Appropriate Offramps – Deleted to reflect that appropriate offramps are within the federal Lead and Copper Rule updates

New Language:

- Clean Fleet Standards, RNG Pathways, and Infrastructure readiness — Added to address the CARB's re-opening of the advanced Clean Fleet Regulation and Implications for RNG utilization and essential service fleet compliance
- PFAS, Emerging Contaminants, and Regulatory Alignment – Added to reflect shifting state posture to changes at the federal level
- Gate Safety and Cal/OSHA Gate Regulation – Added to address pending regulatory action
- CEQA Reforms, Building Standard Moratorium, and State Preemption of Local Authority – Added to ensure Roseville can effectively engage on emerging housing issues

Government and Community Relations Manager Rob Baquera continued the presentation.

Future Focus

- Strengthen relationship with state and federal elected officials, departments and agencies
- Develop effective advocacy strategies with City's lobbyists, regional and coalition partners
- Closely monitor changes in the legislative and congressional agenda and administration objectives
- Two-year update cycle for the Legislative and Regulatory Platform to align with the State legislative cycle

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment received.

VII. STAFF/COUNCIL REPORTS

No staff or council reports were provided.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bernasconi adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.