



## CITY OF NAPA

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## MEETING MINUTES - Draft

## CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPA

*Mayor Scott Sedgley*  
*Vice Mayor Chris DeNatale*  
*Councilmember Mary Luros*  
*Councilmember Bernie Narvaez*  
*Councilmember Beth Painter*

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Wednesday, January 28, 2026

9:00 AM

The Pelusi Building

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## 9:00 AM SPECIAL MEETING - COUNCIL WORKSHOP

**A Special Meeting for the City Council of the City of Napa was called on Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 9:00 AM to be held at The Pelusi Building (Kennedy Park), 2296 Streblow Drive, Napa California, for the purpose identified on the Agenda. This Special Meeting was called in accordance with California Government Code Section 54956.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 A.M.**

**1.A. Roll Call:**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Kameron Klotz and Howard Overton, 3VG - provided a six month update on the First Street Napa project.

Chris Benz - thanked the Council for the Coombs Street paving project and expressed appreciation for the selection of Climate Action as a Council focus area. Commended the Council's efforts to date and suggested additional future actions, including adoption of a reusable foodware ordinance, a ban on new and expanded fossil fuel stations, implementation of metrics to track progress toward climate goals, and expanded learning opportunities for the community, staff, and Commission members.

Jim Wilson - expressed additional support for the adoption of a reusable foodware ordinance, a ban on new and expanded fossil fuel stations, implementation of metrics to measure progress toward climate goals, and increased outreach and education related to the Council focus areas for staff and Planning Commissioners.

Maureen Trippe - thanked Council for the work completed along Coombs Street and expressed appreciation for the addition of Community Engagement as a Council focus area. Suggested additional engagement opportunities, including hosting a Measure G open house, expanding the Senior Advisory Commission to include representation from young

families, and increasing neighborhood-level outreach.

Carlotta Sainato, Program Manager, Napa County Bicycle Coalition - thanked the Council for its continued focus on prioritizing traffic safety and acknowledged that the changes implemented have made a positive difference for all road users. She expressed appreciation for the Council's efforts to continue advancing projects and policy changes that shift community mindset, noted appreciation for the Council for putting commitments into action, and encouraged them to continue their efforts.

Laurie Stelling - thanked Council for including Climate Action as a focus area. Shared support of recommendations brought forward by Chris Benz and Jim Wilson.

Jeremy Sill - expressed enthusiasm about the future Harvest Middle School site project and provided comments regarding the RFP for design services. He noted that he would have liked to see a local preference included.

Joe Fischer - provided comments complimenting the current state of the City. Expressed excitement about paving projects and Measure G. Applauded work by Molly Rattigan, Community Resources and Development Director, for the partnership on the First Street Project.

Linda Brown - expressed appreciation for the Council's support of the community and thanked the Council for its efforts to protect the civil rights of all community members.

### 3. COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

- 3.A. [019-2026](#) Discussion of the Update of City Council Focus Areas progress, Council/Staff Implementation efforts of projects and programs, Principles of Long-Range Financial Stewardship, and Council Governing Principles.

City Manager Potter provided introductory remarks.

The facilitator, Jan Perkins from Raftelis, introduced herself and reviewed the agenda and workshop objectives. She also introduced Julie Gieseke, Visual Facilitator.

Jan proceeded with an icebreaker exercise with members of Council and the Executive team.

Discussion shifted to strong long term financial management. City Manager Potter introduced the topic and framed what constituted effective strategic

financial planning.

Assistant City Manager Liz Habkirk provided a brief update on the Long Term Financial Forecast.

In small groups, Council and the Executive team discussed what they could do to work together to ensure sound long term financial management.

**Break 10:35 AM / Reconvened 10:51 AM**

The meeting reconvened and Jan transitioned the discussion to Council focus areas.

Assistant City Manager Habkirk reviewed the current focus areas and provided a progress report.

Jan shared accomplishments that were highlighted by members of Council in her pre-workshop interviews. Council and staff provided additional comments on what made them possible.

**Break 11:36 AM / Reconvened 12:30 PM**

The meeting reconvened and discussion was transitioned into maximizing progress on major projects.

Members of Council joined staff at their tables and participated in a small group activity to discuss the following:

- What they were doing now that helped Council make a decision once initial direction was provided.
- Were there some steps or procedures that they could streamline.
- Were there additional check ins that might help ensure they were going in the right direction on what was heard from Council.

**Break 1:15 PM / Reconvened 1:25 PM**

The meeting reconvened and Jan led a discussion to review Council norms.

**4. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL OR CITY MANAGER:**

To conclude the workshop Councilmembers and staff provided closing remarks on what they found most valuable in spending the day together in the session.

**5. ADJOURNMENT: 2:00 P.M.**

**Submitted by:**

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**Tiffany Carranza, City Clerk**