

**CITY OF ARCATA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

COUNCIL CHAMBER
736 F Street, Arcata

SEPTEMBER 30, 2020
Wednesday, 12:00 PM

AGENDA

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WILL NOT BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

COVID-19 NOTICE

Consistent with Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 from the Executive Department of the State of California and the Humboldt County Public Health Officer's March 19, 2020, Shelter-in-Place Order, the City Council meeting location will not be physically open and City Councilmembers will be teleconferencing into the meeting via Zoom Video Communications.

How to Observe and Participate in the Meeting:

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Public Comment Participation:

Members of the public may access the Zoom meeting directly to provide Public Comment.

1. Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device: Please use this URL:
<https://zoom.us/j/98366583121>

2. If you do not wish for your name to appear on the screen, then use the drop down menu and click on “rename” to rename yourself to be anonymous.
3. If you want to comment during the public comment portion of any item, click on **raise your hand** on the right-hand side of your screen. When it is time for public comment on the item on which you wish to speak, the Clerk will unmute you. You will have 3 minutes to comment, subject to the Mayor’s discretion.

Or join by phone:

1. *67 1-669-900-6833
2. Enter Meeting ID: 983 6658 3121
3. If you are accessing the meeting via telephone and want to comment during the public comment portion of any item, press **star (*) 9** on your phone. This will raise your hand. When it is time for public comment on the item on which you wish to speak, the Clerk will unmute your phone. You will hear a prompt that will indicate your phone is unmuted. You will have 3 minutes to comment, subject to the Mayor’s discretion.
4. NOTE: Your phone number will appear on the screen unless you first dial star (*) 67 before dialing the numbers as shown above.

How to Submit Written Public Comment:

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Americans with Disabilities Act Accommodations:

Any member of the public who needs accommodations should email the City Clerk at bdory@cityofarcata.org or by calling (707) 822-5953. The City Clerk will use their best efforts to provide reasonable accommodations to provide as much accessibility as possible while maintaining public health and safety.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- III. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine by the City Council and are enacted in one motion. There is no separate discussion of any of these items. If discussion is required, that item is removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately. At the end of the reading of the Consent Calendar, Council members or members of the public can request that an item be removed for separate discussion.

- A. **Declare a Continuation of the Local Emergency Related to the Coronavirus Pandemic.**
 - B. **Approve the Responses to 2019-2020 Grand Jury Report, "A Community Divided," Authorize the City Manager and Police Chief to Sign Their Respective Responses, and Direct Staff to Forward Them to the Presiding Judge of the Humboldt County Superior Court.**
- IV. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

Items removed from the Consent Calendar will be heard under this section.

- V. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Adoption of Urgency Ordinance No. 1536, Extending Ordinance Nos. 1532, 1533, and 1534, Temporary Restrictions on the Eviction of Commercial Tenants Due to Non-Payment of Rent Because of COVID-19.**

In order to protect Arcata tenants who are experiencing economic hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic from eviction for non-payment of rent, the City Council adopted Urgency Ordinance No. 1532 on March 26, 2020 (extended on May 20, 2020 by Urgency Ordinance No. 1533, and again on July 15, 2020 by Urgency Ordinance No. 1534). The Ordinance will expire on September 30, 2020. On August 31, 2020, the Governor signed AB 3088 into law, temporarily protecting residential tenants from eviction due to nonpayment of rent when the nonpayment is caused by a COVID-19 related financial hardship. The new state law replaces the residential tenant protections in the City's Urgency Ordinance. If the Council would like to maintain the City's current protections for commercial tenants, it will need to extend those portions of the Urgency Ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Council:

Consider adoption of Urgency Ordinance No. 1536, an Urgency Ordinance of the City

Council of the City of Arcata Extending Ordinance Nos. 1532, 1533, and 1534, Temporary Restrictions on the Eviction of Commercial Tenants Due to Non-Payment of Rent Because of COVID-19; and if adopted, waive reading of the text and consent to read by title only.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. ADJOURNMENT