
INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

A Committee of the Chico City Council: Vice-Mayor Bennett, Councilmember Winslow, and Chair O'Brien

Special Meeting of August 17, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.

Municipal Center, 3rd Floor Lobby, 411 Main Street, Chico CA

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Chair O'Brien, with all Committee members present.

A. SOLID WASTE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT DISCUSSION

At its meeting of 7/14/26 the City Council voted (5-1-1, Hawley no, van Overbeek absent) to refer the three options provided by staff regarding solid waste franchise agreements, and to explore any issues with current haulers to the Internal Affairs Committee for further discussion.

Skyler Lipski, Director of Public Works – Operations & Maintenance provided a brief report and presentation regarding the current services and options for moving forward.

Addressing the Committee on this item were Marci Walton, Joantha Guthrie, Diana Ramirez, Doug Hipchen, Jennifer Morris, Analise Uhrig, Olivia Henderson, and Sara George.

A motion was made by Councilmember Winslow to recommend to Council to direct staff to move forward with Option 2 (Initiate a competitive Request for Proposals/Qualifications process for future franchise agreements) this motion died for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Councilmember O'Brien to bring the discussion back to Council without a recommendation from the Committee, with staff providing additional information including the full performance review that was conducted by the consultant with a focus on multifamily and commercial properties, the motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Bennett. The motion carried (2-1, with Winslow opposed).

B. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 1:59 p.m. to the next regular meeting scheduled for Monday, September 14, 2026.

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