
INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

Meeting of April 6, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.

Council Chamber Building, 421 Main Street, Council Chambers, Chico CA

Due to the number of attendees, the meeting was moved to the Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair O'Brien, with all Committee members present.

A. DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION DISCUSSION

At its meeting of 3/17/26 Council voted (6-0-1, van Overbeek disqualified) to refer a discussion of what is going on in the downtown area to the Internal Affairs Committee to understand the concerns, gain feedback, and bring back suggestions for the Council to discuss.

Addressing the Committee on this item were Tom Bond, Nichole Nava, Ann Bykerk-Kauffman, Carol Munson, Leann Powell, Danielle Gregerson, Nick Andrew, Jeff Lobosky, Amber Kierig, Bill DeBlonk, Jesse Horgan, Anika Rodriguez, Audrey Taylor, Rob Berry, Linda Juanarena, and Scott Kronmiller.

Brendan Ottoboni, Director of Public Works Engineering, responded to questions that arose during public comment regarding construction timelines and potential schedules. He noted that actual groundbreaking on any downtown construction is likely several years off and that the City will be working with business owners to try to lessen impacts as much as possible with night construction and alternate scheduling.

Chair O'Brien thanked everyone for their participation and stated that this discussion would be ongoing, and that the Council would be considering the downtown access plan at the 4/7/26 City Council meeting and encouraged everyone to return to share their comments with the full Council.

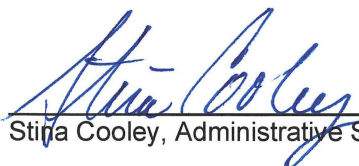
The Committee will continue to take public comment regarding downtown revitalization at the May 4, 2026 Internal Affairs Committee meeting.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

C. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m. to the next regular Internal Affairs Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, May 4, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

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