

CLOVIS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 11, 2025

6:00 P.M.

Council Chamber

Meeting called to order by Mayor Mouanoutoua at **6:01**

Flag Salute led by Mayor Pro Tem Pearce

Roll Call: Present: Councilmembers Ashbeck, Basgall, Bessinger, Mayor Pro Tem Pearce
Mayor Mouanoutoua

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 6:03

Dr. Jeni-Ann Kren, resident – Noted removed trees at Nees/Sylmar median and a broken red light at Villa/Sierra.

Steven Trevino, resident – Raised concerns about frequent accidents at Fowler/Bullard.

Bill Scott, resident – Suggested requiring scooter riders to wear reflective vests with lights at night.

CONSENT CALENDAR – 6:08

Upon call, there was no public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Ashbeck, seconded by Councilmember Bessinger, that the items on the Consent Calendar be approved, including the waiver of the reading of the ordinance. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. Administration - Approval - Minutes from the August 4, 2025, Council Meeting.
2. Administration - Adopt - **Ord. 25-10**, Adding Chapter 5.37 to Title 5, of the Clovis Municipal Code, Prohibiting the Unlawful Possession of Detached Catalytic Converters. (Vote: 5-0)
3. Planning and Development Services – Approval – **Res. 25-86**, Approving a Second Amendment to the consultant Agreement with LSA for Environmental Consulting Services for the Heritage Grove H-Land Specific Plan EIR, adding \$88,000, for a total contract amount of \$605,985, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Amendment.
4. Planning and Development Services – Approval – Bid Award for CIP 22-08 Shepherd Avenue Interconnect to Wiring Connection, Inc., in the amount of \$1,200,934; and Authorize the City Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the City.
5. Planning and Development Services – Approval – Bid Award for CIP 13-22 Leonard Avenue Bridge Replacement to Dawson-Mauldin, LLC, in the amount of \$1,730,656; and Authorize the City Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the City.
6. Planning and Development Services – Approval – Final Acceptance for CIP 21-17, Barstow Avenue Rehabilitation, with the final contract cost of \$445,977.35.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS – 6:09

6:09 ITEM 7 - Discussion of Term Limits for Council Members, and Potential Direction to Staff.

Mike Prandini, resident and former Clovis City Clerk, spoke in opposition to term limits.

Dr. Jeni-Ann Kren, resident, spoke in opposition to term limits.

Neil Styler, resident, suggested considering 8–12-year term limits and proposed a 10-year sunset on all city ordinances.

Steven Trevino, resident, commented on low voter turnout in past city elections.

There was a consensus to measure community feedback on term limits through a survey and revisit the discussion after district elections in a couple of years.

6:38 ITEM 8 - Provide Direction - Potential transition of the City of Clovis to a Charter City.

Brian Wilson, resident, spoke in support of pursuing a charter city.

Neil Styler, resident, spoke in support of local control and suggested collaboration among cities and push back on Sacramento.

Mike Prandini, resident and former Clovis City Clerk, spoke in opposition of pursuing a charter city.

Motion by Councilmember Ashbeck, seconded by Councilmember Bessinger to continue the conversation on transitioning to a charter city but take no action at this meeting. Motion carried by 3-2 vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Pearce and Mayor Mouanoutoua voting no.

7:39 ITEM 9 - Discussion and Provide Direction Regarding City Council Protocols.

Mike Prandini, resident and former Clovis City Clerk, asked for clarification on the agenda item.

Dr. Jeni-Ann Kren, resident, raised concerns related to social media usage by elected officials.

Steven Trevino, resident, suggested the council should better communicate their roles beyond public appearance.

After Council discussion, there were no changes to the current Council protocols.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS – 8:07

City Manager Haussler announced several upcoming events including the Senior Center fundraiser dinner on August 23, 2025, Clovis Mobile Rec event at Westcal Park, a free countertop compost pail giveaway, Senior Prom, Saturday, August 16, 2025, movie night in Loma Vista, and a send-off for Miss Clovis heading to Miss America; congratulated General Services Director Hance for being named one of the top women professionals by the Marjaree Mason Center; reported the city's latest sales tax report, and lastly an update on council-directed items.

COUNCIL COMMENTS – 8:10

There was no formal Council direction for staff.

CLOSED SESSION – 8:12

Upon call, there was no public comment.

ITEM 10 - GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS PROPERTY: APN 580-072-41S, NORTHEAST CORNER OF MINNEWAWA/INTERNATIONAL AGENCY NEGOTIATORS: CITY MANAGER, CITY ATTORNEY, RYAN BURNETT NEGOTIATING PARTIES: HGCLOVIS, LLC UNDER NEGOTIATION: PRICE AND TERMS OF PAYMENT

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AND REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mouanoutoua adjourned the meeting of the Council to August 18, 2025.

Meeting adjourned: 8:35 p.m.



Mayor



City Clerk



**Public Comment for August 11, 2025
for item 6**

Briana Parra

From: noreply@revize.com
Sent: Sunday, August 10, 2025 3:18 PM
To: CityClerk
Cc: Briana Parra; Rebecca Simonian
Subject: Council Meeting Public Comment

Council-Meeting-Date = 2025-08-11

Item-Number = 6-Planning and Development Services, Barstow Avenue Rehabilitation.

Full-Name = David Weber

Email = daweb812@gmail.com

Comment = Regarding the rehabilitation work on Barstow east and west of Fowler Ave. What is the estimated date for the traffic signals to be returned to scheduled networked timing? My concern is for the safety of students when the 2025-2026 school calendar starts.

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Public Comment for August 11, 2025

**Public Comment for
August 11, 2025 for item 8**

Briana Parra

From: noreply@revize.com
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 3:33 PM
To: CityClerk
Cc: Briana Parra; Rebecca Simonian
Subject: Council Meeting Public Comment

Council-Meeting-Date = 2025-08-11

Item-Number = 8

Full-Name = Molly Analla

Email = mollya.volunteer@gmail.com

Comment = I am in support of Clovis becoming a Charter City. It would give us the autonomy to run our city the way we see fit without having the state's overreach. We were "coerced" in my opinion to take on 15,000 units of high density housing about 10 years ago. We came up 4,400 units short years ago, and the state took away our ability to permit ANYTHING. We should not have to be beholden to the state to govern our city the way that WE see fit. The city has done an excellent job of doing what it can to mitigate overreach by the state, but I feel it is in our best interest to break away from the state by becoming a charter city. It would allow us the flexibility to traverse challenges. Here are a few examples of some of the Pros: Regulatory Flexibility: Charter cities can implement policies tailored to their specific needs, bypassing some of the constraints of existing national laws.

Increased Autonomy: Local governance can lead to more responsive decision-making that reflects the needs and preferences of residents.

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Public Comment for August 11, 2025

Public Comment for August 11, 2025 for item 9

Briana Parra

From: noreply@revize.com
Sent: Sunday, August 10, 2025 7:48 AM
To: CityClerk
Cc: Briana Parra; Rebecca Simonian
Subject: Council Meeting Public Comment
Attachments: Pearce FB posts - screenshot.pdf

Council-Meeting-Date = 2025-08-11

Item-Number = 9

Full-Name = Rachel Youdelman

Email = rachel27@berkeley.edu

Comment = Section VIII of the "City Council Protocols" addresses the use of city letterhead and seal for letters written in an official capacity—what's called "government speech." Does this policy also apply to public social-media posts?

That's where the real problem is. When a council member uses the city logo, seal, an official title, or flag—and brands their Facebook page as "official"—while posting personal opinions or promoting policies, it blurs the line between private and government speech.

The public deserves clarity about when a council member is speaking for themselves and when they're speaking for the city.

California Government Code § 8314 prohibits using public resources, including official seals and logos, for personal or campaign purposes. If a council member makes a statement (via letter or other means) reflecting personal opinion or advocacy not adopted by the city, that speech is private and should not include the use of an official title, letterhead, seal, logo, or flag.

To prevent the appearance that personal opinions are official city positions, council members should avoid using an official title in a header or other prominent graphic position. Mentioning that they are a council member in the body of the text is fine if relevant to context, but not in a way that brands the communication as an official release.

Council member Diane Pearce's city-branded Facebook posts prominently display her title and promote her personal views without a conspicuous disclaimer placed in the post itself; hers is hidden in a profile bio. That's exactly the kind of misuse this policy should address.

Please clarify and explain how a council member's official public communications via social media are implicated per the terms of these protocols when they give the appearance that the city endorses a cause, position, or event.

If the policy doesn't close this loophole now, it's an open invitation for ongoing abuse.

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Public Comment for August 11, 2025

 Diane Pearce - Clovis Mayor Pro Tem

Intro

Posts/opinions are my own. Social media policy:
<https://cityofclovis.com/follow-us/>

 Page - Public figure

 Diane Pearce for Clovis City Council FPPC#
1428724
is responsible for this Page

 (559) 649-3508

 dianep@clovisca.gov

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 Diane Pearce - Clovis Mayor Pro Tem

July 26 at 2:36 PM · 🌐

Great, big, beautiful outcome...on behalf of precious, unborn babies, thank you President Trump!

 Right to Life of Central California
July 26 at 11:47 AM · 🌐

Yesterday, Planned Parenthood Mar Monte announced that they are closing five clinics in California, including their clinic in

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 Diane Pearce - Clovis Mayor Pro Tem

August 5 at 4:24 PM · 🌐

🇺🇸 BIG WIN at the Fresno County Board of Supervisors: No more rainbow condoms and lube at taxpayers' expense and no more shoving radical LGBTQ displays down everyone's throats at Fresno County libraries (including the Clovis branch). A big thank you goes to Supervisor Garry Bredefeld who spearheaded these efforts and Supervisors Mendes and Magsig for voting in these common sense measures. The message is clear - you have the freedom in this country to live the life you want, but you can't force the rest of us to fund or celebrate it.

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 Diane Pearce - Clovis Mayor Pro Tem

July 10 at 8:02 AM · 🌐

Click the video below for a brief update on our efforts to Save Girls Sports! It was my honor to be a leader in this fight and we will continue standing up and speaking out. Thanks to CBS47 Fresno for reaching out to me yesterday for this story.

Thank you to everyone who stood up for our girls and demanded respect and fairness for them with protection in their sports and spaces in compliance with Title IX. The Trump administration is fighting for them and California will have to stop discriminating against girls by forcing them to compete against boys and putting them at a disadvantage for achievements and opportunities that should be for girls only!



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 Diane Pearce - Clovis Mayor Pro Tem

July 17 at 11:11 AM · 🌐

"It's kind of a WTF moment."

The Chairman of Fresno County's Board of Supervisors (Buddy Mendes) issued a stern warning to three members of the Fresno County Transportation Authority (Parlier Mayor Alma Beltran, Clovis City Councilmember Lynne Ashbeck, and Mendota Mayor Victor Martinez) for secretive meetings to facilitate a compromise with environmental justice activists.

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 Diane Pearce - Clovis Mayor Pro Tem

July 12 at 1:59 PM · 🌐

When you indoctrinate people - including children as the Clovis Library does - into thinking enforcing our nation's immigration laws represents an "injustice" and that ICE agents are responsible for ripping families apart, is it any wonder these law enforcement officers are attacked and assaulted?



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 Diane Pearce - Clovis Mayor Pro Tem

July 29 at 10:44 AM · 🌐

"The homeless have no right to turn every park and sidewalk into a place for them to squat and do drugs."
President Trump

Clovis residents have a genuine heart for those down on their luck and we WILL see that those folks find the help they need.

We WON'T let criminal vagrants and drug addicts inflict themselves on our parks, school grounds, businesses, etc. I welcome this White House policy. See full Executive Order here:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/.../ending-crime-and-disorder.../>

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STATEWIDE RESULTS

California's local one-cent sales and use tax receipts for January through March 2025 increased by 0.34% compared to the same quarter in 2024, after adjusting for accounting anomalies. While this modest growth may signal the end of an eight-quarter decline, it could be temporary, as the broader economy remains on the edge between recovery and further slowdown.

The first quarter is traditionally the lowest sales tax-generating period of the year, often influenced by seasonal weather and post-holiday consumer behavior.

Notably, the autos-transportation and building-construction sectors—both of which had been dragging down statewide results over the past two years—showed the strongest rebounds this quarter. In the autos sector, used car sales and leasing activity led the recovery. Consumers are increasingly opting for more affordable vehicles and shorter-term commitments, moving away from high-end purchases. In construction, pent-up demand for repairs and improvements, especially in weather-affected and wildfire-damaged areas like Southern California, drove strong sales for building material suppliers.

Other segments generating modest growth included business-industry and countywide use tax pools, largely due to continued strength in online sales. Sales of goods already in California before purchase are reported under business-industry fulfillment centers. Goods shipped from outside the state are reported under county pools, based on the destination of the out-of-state shipment. Online shopping remains a preferred option for value-conscious consumers, contributing significantly to tax receipts in these categories.

Calendar year 2024 saw a decline in fuel-

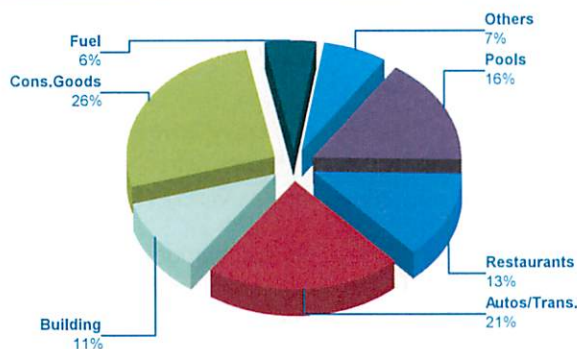
related tax receipts due to lower global crude oil prices—a trend that continued into 1Q 2025. Fuel-related returns dropped by 5%. This decline also affected general consumer goods, as large retailers that sell fuel typically report all sales under a single taxpayer ID. As a result, brick-and-mortar merchants such as post-holiday family apparel stores, winter sporting goods vendors and closures of variety stores contributed to weaker performance.

Although food-drugs is the smallest of the eight tax groupings, it was significant that cannabis returns continued a downturn trend that has been ongoing for over two years. Bankruptcies, customer shopping

alternatives and oversaturation of retail footprint diminished taxes coming from drug stores.

As 2025 begins, sales tax returns remain modest, reflecting broader economic volatility. Key factors influencing our outlook include: ongoing national tariff and trade negotiations and decisions on the federal funds rate - which directly affect consumer interest rates. Recent Middle East conflicts, which temporarily spiked crude oil prices and threatened local gas prices during the summer, will be a short-term concern. In summary, "uncertainty" remains the most accurate descriptor of California's current and future economic climate.

REVENUE BY BUSINESS GROUP Clovis This Quarter*



*ADJUSTED FOR ECONOMIC DATA

TOP NON-CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TYPES

Clovis Business Type	Q1 '25*	Change	County Change	HdL State Change
New Motor Vehicle Dealers	1,218.7	6.1% ↑	5.2% ↑	-0.6% ↓
Building Materials	682.3	-4.8% ↓	2.9% ↑	3.8% ↑
Casual Dining	447.4	1.3% ↑	2.5% ↑	1.3% ↑
Service Stations	405.1	-2.6% ↓	-1.1% ↓	-5.8% ↓
Quick-Service Restaurants	355.4	3.6% ↑	1.2% ↑	-0.9% ↓
Family Apparel	188.1	-4.9% ↓	-4.7% ↓	-3.2% ↓
Grocery Stores	183.3	6.2% ↑	-0.2% ↓	-0.8% ↓
Specialty Stores	174.4	4.6% ↑	-1.1% ↓	-0.6% ↓
Electronics/Appliance Stores	124.3	0.0% ↓	-5.4% ↓	-0.6% ↓
Automotive Supply Stores	117.2	2.9% ↑	0.4% ↑	-0.4% ↓

*Allocation aberrations have been adjusted to reflect sales activity

*In thousands of dollars

CITY OF CLOVIS

SALES TAX UPDATE

1Q 2025 (JANUARY - MARCH)



CLOVIS
TOTAL: \$ 7,224,515

0.3%
1Q2025



0.8%
COUNTY

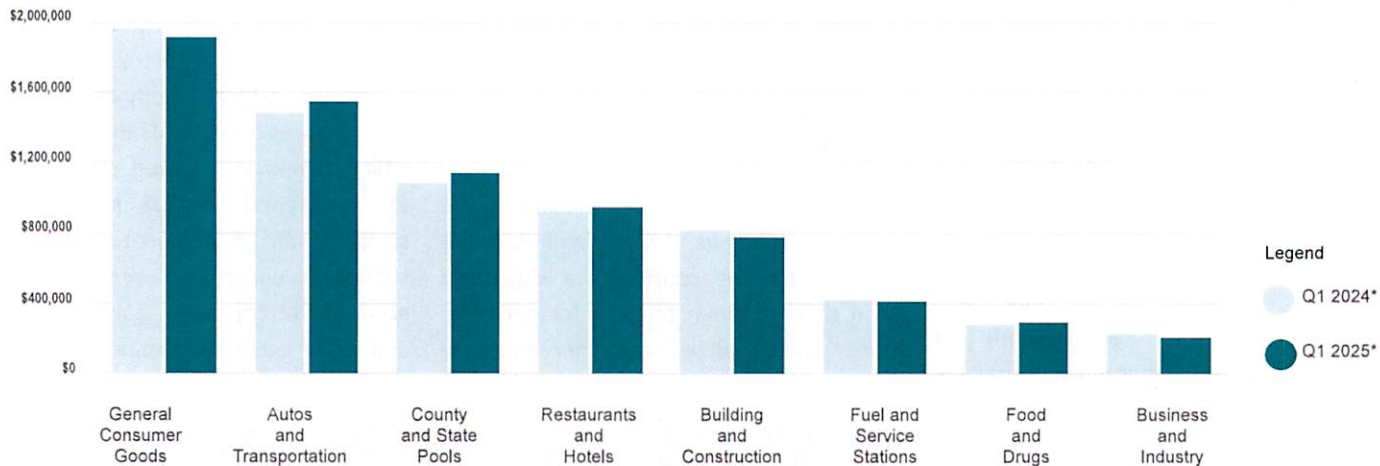


0.3%
STATE



**Allocation aberrations have been adjusted to reflect sales activity*

SALES TAX BY MAJOR BUSINESS GROUP



CITY OF CLOVIS HIGHLIGHTS

Clovis' receipts from January through March were 0.7% above the first sales period in 2024. Excluding reporting aberrations, actual sales were up 0.3%.

The autos-transportation category enjoyed modest revenues from new car dealers as businesses provided consumers incentives. State-county pools, the City's third largest income classification, showed positive results with an 4.7% return.

During this period the restaurants-hotels group experienced encouraging gross receipts at casual dining and quick service establishments, primarily due to higher menu prices.

General consumer goods saw meager revenues at family apparel and home furnishing stores as consumers limit their purchases. Building-construction

profits were weak, as building materials and contractors saw less demand for their services.

Service stations felt shrinking returns at the pumps as increased fuel supply stabilizes, while advantages to consumers, are challenging for sales tax revenue due to the declining demand. Likewise, the business-industry sector revenues were bleak from garden/agricultural supplies.

Net of aberrations, taxable sales for all of Fresno County grew 0.8% over the comparable time period; the San Joaquin Valley was down 1.0%.



TOP 25 PRODUCERS

84 Lumber Co	Target
Anlin Windows & Doors	TJ Maxx
Arco	Toyota of Clovis
Best Buy	Vons
Clovis Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram	Vons Fuel
Costco	Walmart Supercenter
Decker Ford	
Dick's Sporting Goods	
Future Kia	
Hedrick's Chevrolet	
Home Depot	
Honda North	
Johnny Quik	
Lithia Nissan of Clovis	
Lowe's	
McDonald's	
Ross	
Save Mart	
Sinclair	