

CLOVIS CITY COUNCIL / CLOVIS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD JOINT MEETING

October 13, 2025

6:00 P.M.

Council Chamber

Meeting called to order by Mayor Mouanoutoua at 6:00

Flag Salute led by Board President Yolanda Moore

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

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Superintendent Folmer, Ed.D.

Absent Board members Fogg, Awtrey, Combs-Flores.

INTRODUCTIONS - 6:02

Members of the Clovis City Council and the Clovis Unified School District Board of Trustees, along with the Superintendent, were introduced.

PRESENTATION – 6:06

6:06 – ITEM 1 - Presentation of Proclamation declaring “Clovis on Tour” The Official Children’s Book of the City of Clovis.

6:20 – ITEM 2 - Presentation by Miss California Rachel Axt on her Miss America Pageant experience.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 6:26

Eric Rollins, resident, thanked both the City Council and School Board for working together and emphasized how their collaboration benefits the community.

Marcos Rodriguez, student, asked how the recent federal government shutdown might affect student financial aid and scholarships.

Christopher Flores, Clovis West student, requested that water be made more accessible to students at Clovis West High School without paying for it.

Magdalena, Clovis West student, suggested making basic medications like Tylenol or allergy medicine more accessible for students who may struggle to get a doctor’s appointment.

Lorenzo Rios CEO with Clovis Veterans Memorial District, expressed gratitude for community support of “The Wall That Heals” event and shared upcoming memorial district initiatives and community collaborations.

Steven Trevino, resident, suggested adding flowers near the Civic Center sign, raised concerns about swings in parks due to safety, and recommended creating a YouTube video to explain how City Council meetings and the Brown Act work for the public.

Dr. Ken Smith with California Health Sciences University, requested collaboration opportunities with the school district to encourage students to pursue medical careers and promote the local medical program.

6:38 ITEM 1. Partnership on parades (buses, bands participating).

Superintendent Dr. Folmer explained the strong partnership between the City and the School District, highlighting the use of school buses for parades both for safety and community pride and the participation of student bands and performing groups. Superintendent Dr. Folmer emphasized how proud the district is of its transportation team and students and shared that Clovis High's band was selected to perform in the 2027 Rose Parade.

Upon call, there was no public comment.

6:40 ITEM 2. Evolve security at large scale events in CUSD.

Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services Johnston presented on the implementation of the Evolve security screening system at large events such as football games and swim meets. He explained that the system is used in major venues like SoFi Stadium, speeds up entry, can detect weapons while allowing normal items like phones and keys, and provides visual alerts so security knows exactly where to check. He also noted that officers are stationed at every entry point and that similar security measures like security film on windows are being added across schools.

Upon call, there was no public comment.

6:46 ITEM 3. E-bikes and scooters; update on communication sent out and report on Youth Commission project.

Chief Fleming; Economic Development, Housing, and Communications Director McCollum, and Corporal O'Brien outlined a joint City–Clovis Unified education effort on e-bike and e-scooter safety, including a summer social media campaign, media outreach, and upcoming Youth Commission projects. Economic Development, Housing, and Communications Director McCollum mentioned the Youth Commission is developing youth-focused ideas such as helmet giveaways, tagging bikes with safety flyers, and student-led social content. Corporal O'Brien reviewed basic legal distinctions among e-bike classes, e-motorcycles, golf carts, and low-speed electric vehicles, plus where each can operate.

Brian Wilson, resident, asked how many citations have been issued for e-bike/e-scooter violations in the past year.

Steven Trevino, resident, suggested a bike license or permit program with police-led safety education like the city offered in the past.

Erin Wink, resident, described unsafe pickup/drop-off behavior near Clovis Elementary after road widening and urged stronger parent education and traffic enforcement.

7:02 ITEM 4. City of Clovis Police Department Mental Health & Drug Awareness Efforts.

Chief Fleming presented the item to Council and spoke regarding the long-standing partnership with Clovis Unified, noting that school buses have been used since 2017 as security barriers for parade safety, and thanked the district for continued collaboration. He outlined the Police Department's new mental health initiatives, including the addition of a Mental Health Liaison Officer who follows up with individuals and families outside of crisis situations, resulting in a 30% reduction in mental health calls. He shared that the Youth Commission will also be addressing youth mental health issues in the youth community. He spoke about the opioid settlement that allowed the department to hire a Community Service Officer to provide drug education in schools. Additional settlement funds will be used to purchase software to track overdoses and integrate school district and city cameras into the real-time information center, improving emergency response. The City Council encouraged including cyberbullying as part of mental health efforts and emphasized that Measure Y and the partnership with Clovis Unified make these investments possible

Upon call, there was no public comment.

7:09 ITEM 5. Updates on Projects/Construction.

City Engineer Avery discussed the City completed a high volume of street work over the summer, focusing on neighborhoods and streets near schools, including Cape Seal projects around Sierra Vista and Gettysburg and repaving eight street segments. A new traffic signal at Shepherd and Peach is now operational, and next summer the city expects fewer major repairs overall but several key projects near Clovis East: widening Ashlan west of Leonard, sidewalk and curb/gutter at Gettysburg and Leonard, and potential Shaw Avenue improvements between Leonard and DeWolf. Larger regional projects such as widening Shepherd between Fowler and Sunnyside and improvements north of Minnewawa are expected to begin next spring and will require coordinated traffic management to lessen public impact. Additional work includes a water line on Clovis Avenue near Nees and ongoing coordination with developers for infrastructure in growing areas.

Assistant Superintendent Stairs reported its busiest construction summer in recent history, including opening Phase 1 of the Terry Bradley Educational Center and continuing work on Phases 3–6, with more openings coming over the next few years. He mentioned at Fowler and Herndon, Phase 1 is complete, and Phase 2 (Plant Operations relocation) will open in March; Phase 3 Child Development offices is in design and expected to bid in December. The district is working with the City on approval of a warehouse to store visual and performing arts sets so they can be reused instead of destroyed. The transportation facility will undergo a major modernization once Plant Ops relocates. Security upgrades funded by prior bond measures are ongoing, including Catapult emergency alerts, districtwide lockdown technology with automatic door locks, and installation of delayed-entry security window film tested with Clovis Police Department. The district is also advancing the Gettysburg fence solution and preparing to launch multiple school modernization projects with bond funds beginning this summer.

City Council stressed the importance of long-awaited sidewalks near schools especially around Clovis East, Reagan Elementary/Ashlan, and Freedom/Armstrong areas and acknowledged safety concerns for students walking in muddy or narrow areas. They highlighted past collisions on Fowler/Barstow and emphasized keeping route safety a priority. Measure C was discussed as a future funding source for "Safe Routes to School" projects, which would allow the City and District to partner on sidewalks and crossings near campuses. Concerns were raised about traffic impacts when Shepherd is closed and whether Fowler could become a dangerous detour; staff noted enforcement is often the only effective speed control. Additional concerns were raised about missing sidewalks on Armstrong between Gettysburg and Ashlan, and staff discussed how development or Measure C could be used to fill those gaps.

Brian Wilson, resident, expressed concern about traffic at Fowler and Herndon, asking why there isn't a northbound turn lane into the new facility, how much traffic future phases will add, and whether access to Herndon will be available.

7:27 ITEM 6. Update on State Meets.

Superintendent Dr. Folmer discussed Clovis Unified currently hosts the State Swim & Dive Meet, operates the State Cross Country Meet at Woodward Park for Fresno County, and hosts the State Track & Field Championships. Dr. Fulmer explained that the bids to host these events will reopen soon, and Clovis Unified intends to reapply because hosting benefits the community economically, highlights local facilities, and allows student-athletes to compete at home. She shared that these events draw state and national-level athletes, set records, and rely on hundreds of community volunteers, making it a meaningful partnership with the City of Clovis.

Upon call, there was no public comment.

7:32 ITEM 7. CITY MANAGER / SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

City Manager Haussler praised the partnership with Clovis Unified, highlighted how rare and special this level of collaboration is, and expressed appreciation for the relationship and shared goals that benefit the community.

Superintendent Dr. Folmer echoed gratitude, emphasized how both entities proactively work together to address community needs as both the city and district grow, and shared the importance of preserving tradition while planning for the future and supporting youth.

7:35 ITEM 8. COUNCIL / BOARD COMMENTS

School Board Members thanked the City for hosting, praised the strong partnership and ability to solve problems together quickly (e.g., e-bikes), and noted that this collaboration is rare compared to other cities. They also appreciated community support for programs like Miss Clovis and bond measures that fund facilities.

Council Members shared personal experiences of Clovis Unified's positive statewide/national reputation, emphasized accessibility and teamwork between city and district, and reported on community events such as the Wall That Heals, senior center issues, economic development efforts, and youth mentorship programs. The Council highlighted the importance of planning long-

term together (50 years out), supporting Measure C, addressing traffic and recreation needs, and ensuring future growth north of Shepherd stays within Clovis Unified.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:56

Mayor Mouanoutoua adjourned the meeting of the Council to October 20, 2025.

Meeting adjourned: 7:56 p.m.


Vong Mouanoutoua, Mayor


Briana Parra, City Clerk

