



SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

**Calipatria City Council Chambers
125 North Park Avenue
Calipatria, CA 92233**

Monday, September 29, 2025

1:00 PM

Michael Luellen, Mayor
Javier Amezcua, Mayor Pro-Tem
Fred Beltran, Council Member
Sylvia Chavez, Council Member
Jesse Rivas, Council Member

Laura Gutierrez, City Manager
Gilbert G. Otero, City Attorney
Jane Hurtado, City Clerk

Jesse Llanas, Fire Chief
Cheryl Fowler, Police Chief
Edgar Self, Public Work Director

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor of the City of Calipatria has called a Special Meeting of the Calipatria City Council to consider the items on this agenda. This is a public meeting. Any member of the public is invited to attend. The City Council welcomes public input during the **Public Comment** period of the sessions.

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL: FB _____ JR _____ ML _____ SC _____ JA _____

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The City Council welcomes your input. **Please remember to shut off all cell phones.** Now is the time for any member of the public to speak to the Council. If there is an item on the agenda on which you wish to be heard, we ask that you please step to the podium and state your name and address for the record.

For matters not appearing on the agenda: If you wish to address the City Council concerning a matter and or any item not on the agenda but is within the City Council's jurisdiction you may do so now. We ask that you please step to the podium and state your name and address for the record.

The Mayor reserves the right to place a time limit of three (3) minutes on each person's presentation. It is requested that longer presentations be submitted to the City Clerk in writing 48 hours before the meeting.

PRESENTATION(S):

1. PROCLAMATION – RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2025 AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
2. PROCLAMATION - RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2025 AS DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

ACTION ITEMS NEW/REGULAR BUSINESS (DISCUSSION/ACTION):

1. Approve/Disapprove COPS Funding FY 2023/2024

I. RESOLUTION 25-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIPATRIA APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF STATE CITIZENS OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) PROGRAM FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

MOTION:

SECOND:

ROLL CALL VOTE: FB _____ JR _____ ML _____ SC _____ JA _____

II. RESOLUTION 25-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIPATRIA APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF STATE CITIZENS OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) PROGRAM FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 (GROWTH)

MOTION:

SECOND:

ROLL CALL VOTE: FB _____ JR _____ ML _____ SC _____ JA _____

ADJOURNMENT:

Adjournment of the Special Meeting of the Calipatria City Council. The next regular scheduled meeting of the City of Calipatria City Council is Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 6:00 pm

Close meeting at _____.

MOTION:

SECOND:

ROLL CALL VOTE: FB _____ JR _____ ML _____ SC _____ JA _____

I, JANE HURTADO, City Clerk of the City of Calipatria, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the agenda was duly posted at Calipatria City Hall, 125 Park Avenue, Calipatria, California and on the City of Calipatria's website not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting per Government Code 54954.

Dated: September 25, 2025

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2025 AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which is an annual campaign to increase awareness of breast cancer and encourage annual mammography screenings; and

WHEREAS, those recognizing National Breast Cancer Awareness Month remain dedicated to increasing public knowledge about the importance of early detection of breast cancer and its treatment; and

WHEREAS, the national Cancer Institute estimates that in the United States more than 316,950 new cases of breast cancer in females will be diagnosed in 2025; and

WHEREAS, one in eight women in the United States will develop breast cancer in her lifetime; and

WHEREAS, when breast cancer is detected early and is in the localized stage, the five-year survival rate for women is 99%; and

WHEREAS, there are many organizations that continue working to find better ways to prevent, detect, and treat breast cancer, and to improve the quality of life of patients and survivors; and

WHEREAS, it is important to celebrate breast cancer survivors and to remember those lost to this disease;

NOW THEREFORE, we, the *City of Calipatria City Council*, do hereby proclaim October 2025 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and encourage all citizens to increase their awareness of breast cancer, the importance of early detection, and the advancements in breast cancer treatment.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of September 2025.

ATTEST:

Jane M. Hurtado
City Clerk

Michael Luellen
Mayor

PROCLAMATION
A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2025 AS
DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, approximately 1 in every 775 babies in the United States is born with Down Syndrome, representing as estimated 5,000 people a year; and

WHEREAS, Down Syndrome is the most frequently occurring chromosomal disorder and is the leading cause of intellectual and developmental delay in the U.S. and in the world; and

WHEREAS, possessing a wide range of abilities, people with Down Syndrome are active participants in educational, occupational, social and recreational circles of our communities; and

WHEREAS, individuals with Down Syndrome should have equal opportunity to achieve the universally desired goals of self-fulfillment, pride in their achievements, inclusion in their communities and reaching their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, quality education programs, a stimulating home environment, good health care, and positive support from family, friends, and the community enable people with Down Syndrome to lead fulfilling and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, the City of Calipatria encourages all citizens to work together to promote respect and inclusion of individuals with Down Syndrome and to celebrate their accomplishments and contributions;

NOW THEREFORE, we, the *City of Calipatria City Council*, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2025, as "Down Syndrome Awareness Month."

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of September 2025.

ATTEST:

Jane M. Hurtado
City Clerk


Michael Luellen
Mayor



RESOLUTION
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CALIPATRIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Date Submitted: September 25, 2025

Submitted By: Cheryl Fowler, Police Chief 

Council Meeting Date: September 29, 2025

Discussion / Direction

Subject: Approval of COPS Funding FY 2023/2024

Background:

The city has been allocated \$100,000.00 for fiscal year 2023/2024 and \$106,695.99 for fiscal year 2023/2024 Growth from the State of California Citizens Options for Public Safety (COPS) Program. The Police Department is requesting continued funding for the Full-time Limited Term Police Officer position, Training, Overtime, and Equipment.

To accept the funds, the City is required to adopt a resolution that identifies the uses for those funds. The resolutions are attached.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the City Council approve Resolution 25-32 and 25-33 accepting the COPS funds.

Fiscal Impact:

NO FISCAL IMPACT

RESOLUTION 25-32

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIPATRIA
APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF STATE CITIZENS OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC
SAFETY (COPS) PROGRAM FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024**

WHEREAS, the City of Calipatria services a population of 6,522 people who are entitled to protection of life and property; and

WHEREAS, the State of California legislature has appropriated funding to continue the State of California Citizens Options for Public Safety (COPS) Program for the fiscal year 2023-2024; and

WHEREAS, the City of Calipatria has funds in the amount of \$100,000.00 from said fund to be used for:

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| 1. Police Officer (Salary/Fringe Benefits) FY 24/25 | \$70,000.00 |
| 2. Four (4) Getac's | \$14,200.00 |
| 3. Training | \$ 5,000.00 |
| 4. Overtime | \$10,800.00 |

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF CALIPATRIA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Authorize the request for funding from the State of California Citizens Options for Public Safety (COPS) Program for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$100,000.00;
2. Authorize the Calipatria Police Department to utilize the funds as outlined upon receipt of funds from the Imperial County Auditor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Calipatria at a Special Meeting held on this 29th day of September 2025.

Michael Luellen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jane Hurtado, City Clerk

I, Jane Hurtado, City Clerk of the City of Calipatria, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Calipatria at a regular scheduled meeting thereof held on the 29th day of September 2025, and that the same was adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Jane Hurtado, City Clerk

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| 1. Year 1 of 5 Axon bundle (12 Body Camera/Taser) | \$50,000.00 |
| 2. Three (3) Mobile Radio's | \$19,500.00 |
| 3. Fully Outfit One (1) vehicle | \$25,995.99 |
| 4. Equipment | \$11,200.00 |

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