



City of San Pablo

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Monday, July 13, 2026

4:00 PM

City Council Chambers
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Special Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM in the Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pabon-Alvarado led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Councilmember Arturo Cruz, Councilmember Patricia Ponce, Councilmember Abel Pineda, Vice Mayor Rita Xavier, and Mayor Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado

*Note that Vice Mayor Xavier arrived at 4:04 PM and Councilmember Pineda arrived at 4:08 PM

Staff Present:

City Manager, Matt Rodriguez
Assistant City Manager, Maria Ojeda
City Attorney, Brian P. Hickey
Police Chief, Brian Bubar
City Clerk, Dorothy Gantt
Deputy City Clerk, Casey Erlenheim
Administrative Clerk, David Gonzales

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No Public Comments were received for Oral Communications.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION

[26-379](#) CONSIDER RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO PLACING A PROPOSED MEASURE ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 BALLOT SEEKING VOTER APPROVAL OF A GENERAL TEN-YEAR TRANSACTIONS AND USE (SALES) TAX WITH FIVE YEARS AT ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT (0.50%), REDUCING TO ONE-QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT (0.25%) FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, THEN TERMINATING ALTOGETHER, TO FUND GENERAL MUNICIPAL SERVICES; AND REQUESTING THAT CONTRA COSTA COUNTY CONSOLIDATE THIS ELECTION WITH THE STATEWIDE ELECTION SET TO OCCUR ON THE SAME DATE

There were three Public Comments received from the following: Genoveva Calloway; Shawn Ray, SPPEA and Eugene Kolosov, SPPEA.

Received and Filed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ponce, seconded by Councilmember Cruz, to receive and file Survey Results on Voter Support for Increasing Sales Tax. The Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Cruz, Ponce, Pineda, Xavier, and Pabon-Alvarado

Adopted.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ponce, seconded by Councilmember Pineda, to adopt resolution to place the attached Transactions and Use (Sales) tax measure (Ordinance) on the November 3, 2026 election ballot. The Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Cruz, Ponce, Pineda, Xavier, and Pabon-Alvarado

Enactment No: RES 2026-121

[26-378](#)

CONSIDER (1) RECEIVING A REPORT PURSUANT TO ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 9212 ON THE EFFECTS OF AN INITIATIVE ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE RENT CONTROL AND TO ESTABLISH JUST-CAUSE EVICTION CRITERIA (INCLUDING MOBILEHOMES); AND (2) CONSIDER ADDITIONAL ACTIONS TO (A) ADOPT THE INITIATIVE ORDINANCE, OR (B) SUBMIT THE INITIATIVE ORDINANCE TO THE VOTERS OF SAN PABLO AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 3, 2026

CEQA: This proposed action is not a project as defined by CEQA.

There were nine Public Comments received from the following: Genoveva Calloway, Ruthie Abelson, Jennifer Rizzo, Joe Stokley, Linda Jackson, Rolanda Wilson, Clara Farias, Rosas, and Rhea Elina.

**Note: Councilmember Ponce departed the meeting at 5:49 PM*

Received.

A motion was made by Councilmember Pineda, seconded by Councilmember Cruz, to receive the RSG, Inc. report pursuant to Elections Code Section 9212 on the effects of an Initiative Ordinance to Impose Rent Control and to Establish Just-Cause Eviction Criteria (including mobilehomes). The Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Cruz, Pineda, Xavier, and Pabon-Alvarado

Absent 1- Ponce

A motion was made by Councilmember Pineda to adopt resolution calling for submission of the Initiative Ordinance to the City of San Pablo voters pursuant to Elections Code Section 9215(b) and authorizing the Mayor and Vice Mayor to prepare and file the written argument against the Initiative Ordinance on behalf of the City Council pursuant to Elections Code Section 9282(a). The motion failed for lack of a second, and no vote was taken.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cruz and seconded by Councilmember Xavier to adopt a resolution calling for submission of the Initiative Ordinance to the City of San Pablo voters with revised language prepared by the City Attorney and distributed on the dais and to the public (including online posting to the agenda), pursuant to Elections Code Section 9215(b), and authorizing the Mayor and Vice Mayor to prepare and file the written argument against the Initiative Ordinance on behalf of the City Council pursuant to Elections Code Section 9282(a). The motion carried by the following vote:

Adopted as Amended.

Aye: 4 - Cruz, Pineda, Xavier, and Pabon-Alvarado

Absent 1- Ponce

Enactment No: RES 2026-122

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS (IF ANY)

[26-366](#) MATERIALS SUBMITTED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA WILL BE APPENDED AFTER THE COUNCIL MEETING. THIS IS NOT AN ACTION ITEM BUT MERELY A MECHANISM FOR MATERIALS SUBMITTED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA TO BE APPENDED TO THE PUBLISHED AGENDA AFTER THE COUNCIL MEETING.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS REPORTS

- (a) Councilmember Arturo Cruz
- (b) Councilmember Patricia Ponce
- (c) Councilmember Abel Pineda
- (d) Vice Mayor Rita Xavier
- (e) Mayor Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 6:19 PM to the Regular City Council Meeting of Monday, July 20, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Casey Erlenheim, Deputy City Clerk