



City of San Pablo

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers
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Special Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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 Councilmember Ponce arrived at 6:04 PM

Staff Present:

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No Public Comments were received for Oral Communications.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. [26-185](#) PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO CONSIDERING AN APPEAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A RETAIL CANNABIS USE AT AN EXISTING COMMERCIAL BUILDING LOCATED IN THE COMMERCIAL MIXED USE DISTRICT IN THE SAN PABLO AVENUE SPECIFIC PLAN (SP-2) AT 13041 SAN PABLO AVENUE, APNS: 526-020-011, 526-020-014, & 526-020-015.

CEQA: This project is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities, Class 1. This Class applies to continued operation of existing private structures, such as the existing commercial building where the new business proposes to locate, with negligible or no expansion of uses.

The public hearing opened at 6:22 PM

18 Public Comments were received from the following: Azeem Thomas, Freddi Farias, Nancy Mendoza, Emaan Ahmed, Guadalupe Paramo, Evelia Gonzalez, Ryan Holmes, Edwin Solozano, Zohalb Ahmad, Mohammed Bhaiyat, Aashir Khan, Firas Jandali, Arwa Asif, Abdullah, Harun Mohamed, Fayza Ayyad, Hmoud Al-Bshayyan Aldabbas, Lugman Sabir

Mayor Pabon-Alvarado called a recess at 7:31 PM

Reconvened at 7:39 PM

ROLL CALL

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6 further Public Comments were received from the following: Sonia Rivas, Odey Saeidah, Abdul Ghaforos, Tasneem, Khalid Malik, Mian Jalal

The public hearing closed at 7:59 PM

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Xavier, seconded by Councilmember Pineda, that this RESOLUTION be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enactment No: RES 2026-081

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS (IF ANY)

2. [26-210](#) 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:12 PM to the Special City Council meeting of Monday, June 15, 2026 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Casey Erlenheim, Deputy City Clerk