



City of San Pablo

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Monday, March 2, 2026

5:00 PM

City Council Chambers

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CITY COUNCIL/LOCAL SUCCESSOR AGENCY/JOINT POWERS FINANCING AUTHORITY

Closed Session begins at 5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM in the Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pabon-Alvarado led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Councilmember Arturo Cruz, Councilmember Abel Pineda, Vice Mayor Rita Xavier,
and Mayor Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Patricia Ponce

Staff Present:

City Manager, Matt Rodriguez

City Attorney, Brian P. Hickey

City Clerk, Dorothy Gantt

Interim Deputy City Clerk, Casey Erlenheim

CLOSED SESSION

No Public Comments were received.

Adjourned to Closed Session at 5:01 PM regarding:

1. [26-068](#) CLOSED SESSION
PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957:
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
TITLE: CITY ATTORNEY

Reconvene to Regular Session at 6:06 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Councilmember Arturo Cruz, Councilmember Abel Pineda, Vice Mayor Rita Xavier,
and Mayor Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Patricia Ponce

Staff Present:

City Manager, Matt Rodriguez
Assistant City Manager, Maria Ojeda
City Attorney, Brian P. Hickey
Police Chief, Brian Bubar
Economic Development and Housing Manager, Kieron Slaughter
Management Analyst - Housing, Elizabeth Lopez
City Clerk, Dorothy Gantt
Interim Deputy City Clerk, Casey Erlenheim

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

*No Public Comments were received.
No reportable action on Closed Session*

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No Public Comments were received for Oral Communications

CEREMONIAL MATTERS**PROCLAMATIONS**

2. [26-091](#) CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2026 AS PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

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

No Public Comments were received.

Presented.

PRESENTATIONS

3. [26-071](#) PRESENTATION AND UPDATE BY CONTRA COSTA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (CCTA) ON THE I-80 SAN PABLO DAM ROAD INTERCHANGE PROJECT (PHASE 2)

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

No Public Comments were received.

Presented.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager Matt Rodriguez made the following announcements:

- 1. The next Dumpster Day is Saturday, March 7, 2026.*
- 2. Draft Operating Budgets for Fiscal Years 2026/27 and 2027/28 are currently being prepared and will be presented for first review at the Budget, Fiscal and Legislative Standing Committee meeting on April 1, 2026, followed by a second review at a Special City Council Budget Session on April 8, 2026.*

Mayor Pabon-Alvarado called a recess at 7:06 PM

Council Returned to session 7:16 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Councilmember Arturo Cruz, Councilmember Abel Pineda, Vice Mayor Rita Xavier, and Mayor Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Patricia Ponce

CONSENT CALENDAR

MINUTES

4. [26-066](#) CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2026

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

Approved.

5. [26-013](#) CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 9, 2026

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

Approved.

CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION

6. [26-077](#) CONSIDER APPROVING REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2026 AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH.

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

Approved.

7. [26-094](#) CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN WEST CONTRA COSTA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (RECYCLEMORE JPA) AND THE CITY OF SAN PABLO REGARDING USE OF SAN PABLO CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

Xavier recused.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2026-023

8. [26-093](#) CONSIDER RESOLUTION (1) APPROVING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KOSMONT FINANCIAL SERVICES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE II CONTRACT SERVICES FOR ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICT (EIFD) FORMATION AND DEVELOPMENT; AND (2) REVISE ONE-TIME FUNDING APPROPRIATION TO \$79,500 FROM FY 2025-26 GFDR FUND 110 OPERATING RESERVE TO FUND #100-1310-43600 OPERATING BUDGET - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ON JANUARY 26, 2026 VIA RESOLUTION 2026-009)

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

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2026-024

9. [26-012](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION (1) ACCEPTING THE 2025 ANNUAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT REPORT; (2) DETERMINING THAT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S USE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN 2025 COMPLIED WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S MILITARY EQUIPMENT FUNDING, ACQUISITION, AND USE POLICY 709 AND APPLICABLE STATE LAW; AND (3) DETERMINING POLICY 709 WILL BE CONTINUED WITHOUT CHANGE.

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

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2026-025

10. [26-033](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO (1) ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY (CNRA) PROPOSITION 68 GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$205,476; (2) ACCEPTING THE FINAL BUDGET RECONCILIATION FOR THE SUTTER AVENUE GREEN STREET PROJECT FOR GRANT CLOSE-OUT; AND (3) RE-ALLOCATING PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$294,099 FROM THE SUTTER AVENUE GREEN STREET PROJECT (0300) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 TO THE SAN PABLO DAM ROAD I-80 GATEWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (0605), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 TO THE POST-CONSTRUCTION MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT, AND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$94,182 TO THE SAN PABLO AVENUE BRIDGE PROJECT (0202)

CEQA: The Sutter Avenue Green Project was assessed and determined to be Categorically Exempt from environmental review under Sections 15304(b)&(f), 15301(b)&(c), and 15302(c) of the CEQA Regulations. The CEQA Notice of Exemption (NOE) was originally filed at the Contra Costa County Clerk's Office on January 31, 2022, and a revised NOE was filed on March 13, 2024.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2026-026

11. [26-075](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO APPROVING THE AMENDED AND RESTATED MUNICIPAL POOLING AUTHORITY JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY, WORKERS' COMPENSATION, PUBLIC LIABILITY, AND OTHER INSURANCE COVERAGES.

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

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2026-027

12. [26-087](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A FIFTH AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH MACK5 FOR PROJECT AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE NEW SAN PABLO POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND TRAINING FACILITY INCREASING COMPENSATION BY \$436,455 TO COVER ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR A TOTAL AUTHORIZATION NOT TO EXCEED \$1,773,803

CEQA: The City with the assistance of Michael Baker and Associates (MBA) concluded that the proposed Police Department Headquarters and Public Safety Training Project ("project") is consistent with the existing land use and zoning designations for the site and will not result in an increase in the severity of impacts identified in the prior Environmental Impact Reports (EIR's) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or in any new impacts not previously considered in the prior EIRs and MND. In accordance with this analysis, MDA prepared addenda to the two EIRs and the MND, which the City Council considered and approved on December 20, 2021.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2026-028

ORDINANCES

13. [26-090](#) ADOPT AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO ADDING CHAPTER 9.70 (JUST CAUSE FOR EVICTION PROTECTIONS) AND CHAPTER 9.80 (HOUSING STABILITY AND ANTI-HARASSMENT PROTECTIONS) TO THE SAN PABLO MUNICIPAL CODE

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

No Public Comments were received on the Consent Calendar.

Waived second reading; adopted Ordinance

Aye: 3 - Cruz, Xavier, and Pabon-Alvarado

Noes: 1 - Pineda

Absent: 1 - Ponce

Enactment No: ORD 2026-001

Approval of the Consent Agenda

It was moved by Councilmember Cruz, seconded by Mayor Pabon-Alvarado, to adopt all items in the Consent Calendar. The motion passed as follows, exceptions noted on items 7 and 13:

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

Absent: 1 - Ponce

*** * * * END OF CONSENT CALENDAR * * * ***

PUBLIC HEARINGS

14. [26-084](#) CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING UNDER THE TAX AND EQUITY FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT ("TEFRA") ON MARCH 2, 2026 IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS BY THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY (THE "CMFA"), A JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AUTHORITY AND PUBLIC ENTITY OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000,000, (THE "BONDS"), TO: (1) FINANCE OR REFINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPPING OF ALVARADO GARDENS PHASE II, A MULTIFAMILY RENTAL HOUSING PROJECT (THE "PROJECT") LOCATED AT 13831 SAN PABLO AVENUE, SAN PABLO, CALIFORNIA (THE "CITY"); AND (2) PAY CERTAIN EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS

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

The public hearing opened at 7:26 PM

No Public Comments were received.

The public hearing closed at 7:26 PM

A motion was made by Councilmember Cruz, seconded by Councilmember Pineda, that this PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Ponce

Enactment No: RES 2026-029

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION

15. [26-076](#) SAN PABLO PLANNING COMMISSION
A) INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENTS:
(1) CONDUCT INTERVIEWS, AND
(2) APPOINT COMMISSIONERS TO FILL THREE VACANCIES BY RESOLUTION FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM (FEBRUARY 2026 THROUGH FEBRUARY 2030) OR PROVIDE OTHER DIRECTION TO STAFF
B) ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY APPOINTED

COMMISSIONERS

No Public Comments were received.

It was moved by Mayor Pabon-Alvarado, seconded by Councilmember Pineda, to Appoint 2 (two) candidates to the Planning Commission for the February 2026-February 2030 term by Resolution. Appointed and sworn in were Johana Gurdian and Jerome Jackson. Staff was also directed to advertise for 1 (one) Planning Commissioner Vacancy from March 3, 2026 through March 24, 2026. The motion passed as follows:

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

Absent: 1 - Ponce

Enactment No: RES 2026-030

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS (IF ANY)

16. [25-520](#) 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 8:38 PM to the Regular City Council Meeting of Monday, March 16, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

Casey Erlenheim, Interim Deputy City Clerk