



City of San Pablo

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Meeting Agenda - Final

City Council

Mayor Arturo Cruz
Vice Mayor Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado
Councilmember Rita Xavier
Councilmember Abel Pineda
Councilmember Patricia Ponce

Monday, October 6, 2025

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

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NOTICE:

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Please note the following temporary change to the City's public comment procedures: Public comment by zoom or telephone will not be accepted. Public comment may be provided only in-person in Council Chambers or via email as set forth below.

PUBLIC COMMENT

At each meeting, the public has the opportunity to address the City Council on items appearing on the agenda and, for items not appearing on the agenda but within the purview of the City Council, during ORAL COMMUNICATIONS. Persons addressing the Council must limit their remarks to three (3) minutes unless an extension or decrease of time is set. As allowed by the Brown Act, the Mayor may limit the total time for public comments to facilitate the completion of business on the agenda.

• IN-PERSON PUBLIC COMMENT:

Any person wishing to make such address Council should first complete and deliver a "Speaker Form" available at the speaker's podium and submit it to the City Clerk identifying the agenda item. The Mayor will invite you to speak at the appropriate time when the matter is being considered.

• WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comments may also be submitted via email to CityClerk@SanPabloCA.gov. Each email must contain in the subject line "PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA" [or] "PUBLIC COMMENTS AGENDA ITEM No. ___". Written comments received by 12:00 noon on the day of the meeting will be provided in advance to the City Council and posted online with the agenda materials. During the meeting, the public may provide written public comments via email to CityClerk@SanPabloCA.gov. All written comments received after noon the day of the meeting will not be read out loud and will be provided directly to the members upon receipt and distributed with supplemental materials following the meeting. Please note that all information provided in public comments, including email addresses and any other personal information written or stated, is subject to disclosure on the broadcast of the video- or tele-conferenced meeting.

AGENDA MATERIALS

Copies of this Agenda and non-exempt public records relating to an open session item on this Agenda will be

available for public view at the City Clerk's Office, 1000 Gateway Avenue, San Pablo. The full agenda packet may also be viewed on the City website at:

<https://www.sanpabloca.gov/1400/City-CouncilLSA-Planning-Comm-AgendasMin>

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CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

This is the time for comments on any item within the Council's subject matter jurisdiction, if such item is NOT listed on tonight's agenda. The Council may not engage in discussion or take action on any item that is not specifically listed on the agenda. Your item may be referred to city staff for investigation, report or placement on a future agenda. Persons addressing the Council are required to limit their remarks to three (3) minutes unless an extension or decrease of time is ordered. Please file your name and address with the City Clerk on forms available at the speaker's podium.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

PRESENTATIONS

1. [25-352](#) PRESENTATION AND INTRODUCTION OF RECENTLY APPOINTED WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (WCCUSD) SUPERINTENDENT CHERYL COTTON

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

Recommendation: For Informational Purposes Only

2. [25-382](#) INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE BEEN PROMOTED FOR JULY 2025 - SEPTEMBER 2025

POLICE

- KATHEY PHAN - POLICE ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK

PROMOTIONS

- MEL MACKSON - ASSOCIATE PLANNER
- SANDRA CASTANEDA MARQUEZ - PLANNING MANAGER
- SYLVIA FLORES - COMMUNITY SERVICES COORDINATOR II

Recommendation: For Informational Purposes Only

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar includes routine items that are to be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is requested, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

MINUTES

3. [25-392](#) CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

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

Recommendation: Approve by Minute Order

Attachments: [MIN 2025-09-15 CC DRAFT.pdf](#)

PERIODIC REPORTS

4. [25-419](#) CONSIDER APPROVING THE BUDGET CALENDAR FOR THE FY 2026-27 AND FY 2027-28 BIENNIAL BUDGET

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

Recommendation: Approve by Minute Order

Attachments: [Budget Calendar](#)

LIABILITY CLAIMS

5. [25-389](#) CONSIDER DENYING LIABILITY CLAIM OF JOHN ESPEJO (DOL 03/29/25)

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

Recommendation: Deny the claim per the recommendation of the Municipal Pooling Authority (MPA), the City's joint risk pool.

CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION

6. [25-397](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO AUTHORIZING A SPONSORSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 FOR THE CONTRA COSTA COLLEGE FOUNDATION SAN PABLO FORWARD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND \$2,500 FOR THE CONTRA COSTA COLLEGE FOUNDATION

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

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution

Attachments: [Att A - RES 2025-### CCCF San Pablo Forward Scholarship](#)
[Att B - San Pablo Forward Scholarship Agreement](#)
[Att C - Scholarship Invoice](#)

7. [25-420](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO (1) ADOPTING THE FY 2025-26 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) GENERAL FUND BUDGET ALLOCATIONS; (2) APPROPRIATING \$242,985 FROM GENERAL FUND DESIGNATED RESERVE (FUND 110) TO THE SAN PABLO DAM ROAD I-80 ROAD GATEWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (0605) FOR ADA IMPROVEMENTS; (3) APPROPRIATING SENATE BILL 1 (SB 1) ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION ACCOUNT (RMRA) FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$670,000 TO THE SAN PABLO DAM ROAD I-80 GATEWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (0605) AND RMRA FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000 TO THE GIANT ROAD PAVING REHABILITATION PROJECT (0601); AND (4) APPROPRIATING MEASURE J LOCAL STREET MAINTENANCE (LSM) FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$220,000 TO THE CONTA COSTA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (CCTA) SMART SIGNALS PROJECT (0708) AND MEASURE J LSM FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$220,000 TO THE CCTA I-80 SAN PABLO DAM ROAD INTERCHANGE PHASE 2 PROJECT (0709).

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

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution

Attachments: [Att A RES 2025-### FY26 CIP GF Budget Allocations 10.06.26](#)
[Att B FY26 CIP GF Budget Allocations 10.06.25](#)

8. [25-422](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO (1) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND ACCEPT AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN PABLO AND EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT (EBMUD) FOR PAVEMENT REHABILITATION; (2) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE AN INVOICE TO EBMUD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$133,922 FOR PAVEMENT RESTORATION; AND (3) ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING SAID FUNDS TO THE FY 2026-27 PAVEMENT REPAIR PROJECT (0606)

CEQA: An environmental review analysis consistent with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements will be prepared for the design and construction plans at time of implementation.

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution

Attachments: [RES 2025-### Accept EBMUD Pavement Rehab funds for FY 2026-27 Paving |](#)
[Paving Cost Sharing Agreement San Pablo Lovegrove Signed 9 26 25](#)

9. [25-409](#) CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO RATIFY A THANK YOU LETTER FROM SAN PABLO MAYOR CRUZ TRANSMITTED ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 TO STATE SENATOR JESSE ARREGUIN (D-7TH DISTRICT) FOR STATE GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1M FOR THE CITY'S MCNEIL PARK PROJECT, UNDER THE ADOPTED SB 105 - STATE OF CALIFORNIA STATE BUDGET BILL, UNDER SECTION 23 (ITEM #14) SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY ALLOCATION, SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

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

Recommendation: Approve

Attachments: [LTR - Thank you to Senator Arreguin McNeil Park Funding 091825](#)

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

ORDINANCES

10. [25-395](#) CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 8.42, OF THE SAN PABLO MUNICIPAL CODE TO REVISE EXISTING REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE POSSESSION, SALE, AND USE OF FIREWORKS WITHIN THE CITY OF SAN PABLO.

CEQA: The proposed amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

Recommendation: Waive first reading; introduce Ordinance

Attachments: [ORD 2025-### FIREWORKS ORDINANCE AMN.docx](#)

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS (IF ANY)

11. [25-356](#) 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

(Approved by Resolution 2025-038)

Informational reports from Councilmember representatives to the following committees, commissions and organizations; brief reports on meetings attended at the expense of the City or Agency, as required by Government Code section 53232.3(d) (AB 1234); and other reports regarding items of general interest to the City Council. The City Council may take action on other items of interest that are specifically agendized herein:

(a) Mayor Arturo Cruz

Memberships: Contra Costa Mayors' Conference (Primary); West Contra Costa Mayors' & Supervisors' Association (Primary); Association of Bay Area Governments (Alternate); Contra Costa Mayors' Conference (Alternate); San Pablo Community Grant Foundation Board (Member);

Standing Committees: Community Services Standing Committee, Economic Development, Housing & Project Management Standing Committee, Public Health Standing Committee

Ad-Hoc Subcommittees: Casino San Pablo/Lytton Tribe Ad Hoc Subcommittee, Local Business Association/Group/Watch Meetings Ad-Hoc Subcommittee

(b) Vice Mayor Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado

Memberships: Marin Clean Energy Board of Directors (Primary); City Auditor Review of City Financial Statements (Primary); Contra Costa Mayors' Conference (Alternate); West Contra Costa Mayors' & Supervisors' Association (Alternate);

Standing Committees: Budget, Fiscal & Legislative Standing Committee; Public Safety Standing Committee

Ad-Hoc Subcommittees: Casino San Pablo/Lytton Tribe Ad Hoc Subcommittee, Local Economic and Opportunity Policy Ad-Hoc Subcommittee, Local Business Association/Group/Watch Meetings Ad-Hoc Subcommittee

(c) Councilmember Rita Xavier

Memberships: Association of Bay Area Governments (Primary); League of CA Cities East Bay League Division (Primary); San Pablo Community Grant Foundation Board (Member); West County Integrated Waste Management/Recyclemore JPA Authority (Primary); West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (Primary)

Standing Committees: Public Safety Standing Committee, Public Health Standing Committee

Ad-Hoc Subcommittees:

(d) Councilmember Abel Pineda

Memberships: West County Integrated Waste Management/Recyclemore JPA Authority (Alternate); West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (Alternate); Green Empowerment Zone (GEZ) for the Northern Waterfront Area of the County of Contra Costa Board of Directors (Alternate)

Standing Committees: Community Services Standing Committee

Ad-Hoc Subcommittees: Local Economic and Opportunity Policy Ad-Hoc Subcommittee

(e) Councilmember Patricia Ponce

Memberships: League of CA Cities East Bay League Division (Alternate); Marin Clean Energy Board of Directors (Alternate); San Pablo Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors (City Council Appointee); Sister City Manzanillo Future Board Member Designation (Primary); City Auditor Review of City Financial Statements (Alternate); Green Empowerment Zone (GEZ) for the Northern Waterfront Area of the County of Contra Costa Board of Directors (Primary)

Standing Committees: Budget, Fiscal & Legislative Standing Committee Standing Committee; Economic Development, Housing & Project Management Standing Committee

Ad-Hoc Subcommittees:

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to Monday, October 20, 2025 at 6:00 PM in memory of Former City of San Pablo Building Inspector, John Crabtree.