



City of San Pablo

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Meeting Agenda

City Council

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

Monday, March 16, 2026

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

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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.

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AGENDA MATERIALS

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<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**PROCLAMATIONS**

1. [26-079](#) PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2026 AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH.

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

Recommendation: Present Proclamation

Attachments: [Att A - PRC American Red Cross Month - March 2026](#)

PRESENTATIONS

2. [26-088](#) PRESENTATION OF THE 2025 ANNUAL YEAR END COMMUNITY SURVEY CONDUCTED BY STRATEGY RESEARCH INSTITUTE (SRI)

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. [26-109](#) CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2026

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

Recommendation: Approve by Minute Order

Attachments: [Att A - MIN 2026-02-17 CC DRAFT.pdf](#)

4. [26-112](#) CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 2, 2026

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

Recommendation: Approve by Minute Order

Attachments: [MIN 2026-03-02 CC DRAFT.pdf](#)

PERIODIC REPORTS

5. [26-114](#) CONSIDER APPROVING VENDOR CHECK REGISTER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026

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

Recommendation: Approve by Minute Order

Attachments: [February 2026 Checks Register](#)

LIABILITY CLAIMS

6. [26-099](#) CONSIDER DENYING LIABILITY CLAIM OF DEMARCO WOOTEN (DOL 8/10/25)

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

7. [26-044](#) REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2026 AS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF SAN PABLO

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

Recommendation: Approve by Minute Order

Attachments: [Att A- Proclamation](#)

8. [26-054](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO APPROVING AN ACCESS EASEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF SAN PABLO (GRANTOR) AND THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC (GRANTEES), TO BE LOCATED ON THE PROPERTIES COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1050 GATEWAY AVENUE; APN 417-310-012 (PARCEL ONE), AND 1000 GATEWAY AVENUE; APN 417-310-013 (PARCEL TWO) IN ORDER TO FACILITATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACCESS AND REFUSE COLLECTION

CEQA: The proposed project has been determined to be categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15305 Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations (minor easement not resulting in the creation of any new parcel)

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution

Attachments: [Att A- RES 2026-### Gateway Ave Easement](#)
[Att B - Exhibit 1 to Reso re Grant of Easement Fire & Waste Collection](#)

9. [26-096](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO (1) APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN WEST CONTRA COSTA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (RECYCLEMORE), A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY, AND THE CITY OF SAN PABLO REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF SENATE BILL 1383 REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS; AND (2) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE MOU

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

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution

Attachments: [Att A - RES 2026-### SB 1383 MOU with RecycleMore 02.26.2026](#)
[Att B - AGR SB 1383 MOU San Pablo & RecycleMore 03.16.2026](#)

10. [26-078](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO (1) ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY TO THE MCNEIL PARK PROJECT (0501) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000; AND (2) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS REASONABLY NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE CITY'S RECEIPT OF SUCH FUNDS

CEQA: The McNeil Park project (previously called the SPARC project) has been determined to be categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15304 of the State CEQA Guidelines. Section 15304 exempts from environmental review "minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes." The Project involves alteration of the site from an empty lot with demolition debris to a park, including grading, new landscaping, and minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored. The Project will not remove any mature trees; the trees within and adjacent to the Project site would be preserved in place.

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution

Attachments: [Att A - RES 2026-### CNRA \\$1 Million 03.02.26](#)

11. [26-097](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO (1) ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$200,000 FROM THE CALTRANS COMMUNITY CLEANUP AND EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS GRANT PROGRAM FOR LITTER ABATEMENT PROGRAMS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT; AND (2) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT AND TO TAKE OTHER NECESSARY ACTIONS TO RECEIVE SUCH GRANT FUNDING

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

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution

Attachments: [Att A - RES 2026-### CCEP Grant Accept and App. 03.16.26](#)

12. [26-104](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO APPROVING THE MID-YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE BIENNIAL 2024-26 YEAR-2 ADOPTED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 TOTALING \$2,858,817

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

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution

Attachments: [Att A - Resolution FY2025-26 Mid-Year Budget Amendment](#)

13. [26-107](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION (1) RATIFYING A PRIOR REQUEST SUBMITTED BY THE CITY MANAGER ON MARCH 3, 2026; AND (2) AUTHORIZING A FORMAL REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO IN SENATE BILL 762 (ARREGUIN) LEGISLATION, WHICH ADDRESSES AN EXEMPTION FROM STATE STATUTORY LIMITATIONS UNDER SECTION 7251.1 OF THE CALIFORNIA REVENUE AND TAXATION CODE PERTAINING TO TRANSACTIONS (SALES) AND USE TAX

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

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution

Attachments: [Att A -RES 2026-### SB762 Legislation Request for Inclusion 031626.docx](#)
[Att B - LTR - SENATOR JESSE ARREQUIN REQUEST FOR INCLUSION SB](#)
[Att C - Sb 762 Arreguin Transaction & Use Tax Jan 2026.pdf](#)
[Att D - LTR - SB762 LEGISLATION FORMAL INCLUSION SAN PABLO 031726](#)

14. [26-110](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HINDERLITER DE LLAMAS AND ASSOCIATES (HDL) FOR SALES AND USE TAX AUDITING, ALLOCATION AND AUDIT RECOVERY, ECONOMIC ANALYSIS, FORECASTING, REPORTING, AND RELATED CONSULTING SERVICES

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

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution

Attachments: [Att A - RES 2026-### HdL Master Services AGR Sales and Use Tax Auditing](#)
[Exh 1 - Master Services Agreement with Hinderliter de Llamas and Associates](#)

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

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION

PUBLIC HEARINGS

15. [26-055](#) CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025 TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF LAND USE AND CLIMATE INNOVATION

CEQA: California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) reporting requirements do not constitute a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) in that it is a governmental organizational or administrative activity that will not result in

direct or indirect changes in the environment.

Recommendation: Conduct public hearing; adopt Resolution

Attachments: [Att A - RES 2026-### Housing Element Progress 2025 Report](#)
[Att B - 2025 Housing Element Annual Progress Report](#)
[Att C - Proof of Publication](#)

16. [26-057](#) CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025 TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND The GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF LAND USE AND CLIMATE INNOVATION

CEQA: Governor's Office of Land Use and Innovation reporting requirements do not constitute a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) in that it is a governmental organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect changes in the environment.

Recommendation: Conduct public hearing and adopt resolution

Attachments: [Att A - RES 2026-### Approving 2025 General Plan APR](#)
[Att B - 2025 General Plan APR](#)
[Att C - Proof of Publication](#)

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS (IF ANY)

17. [25-521](#) 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 2026-008)

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 agendaized herein:

(a) Councilmember 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) 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:

(c) 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

(d) Vice Mayor 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:

(e) 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

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to the Special City Council Meeting and Closed Session of March 30, 2026.