



# City of San Pablo

## Meeting Minutes

### City Council

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Monday, January 26, 2026

5:00 PM

City Council Chambers

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#### Special Meeting

#### **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

Assistant City Manager, Maria Ojeda

City Attorney, Brian P. Hickey

Police Captain, James Laughter

Economic Development and Housing Manager, Kieron Slaughter

City Clerk, Dorothy Gantt

Interim Deputy City Clerk, Casey Erlenheim

#### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

*No Public Comments were received for Oral Communications.*

#### **CITY MANAGER REMARKS**

*City Manager Matt Rodriguez made the following announcements:*

*The City hosted a Dumpster Day on January 24, 2026. Future events to be announced.*

*As of January 26, 2026, the City is accepting applications for the San Pablo Youth Scholarship Program. Community members were encouraged to apply. The application period closes on March 31, 2026.*

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION**

- 1. [25-547](#) CONSIDER APPROVING REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING PROFESSOR MARK WONG FROM CONTRA COSTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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

*No Public Comments were received on the Consent Calendar.*

**Approved.**

It was moved by Councilmember Pineda, seconded by Vice Mayor Xavier, and approved by vote of those present, to adopt all items in the Consent Calendar. The motion passed as follows:

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

**Absent: 1 – Ponce**

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

**CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION**

- 2. [26-006](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO ADOPTING THE MARKETING AND BRANDING PROJECT DELIVERABLES FROM TRIPEPI SMITH & ASSOCIATES AND DIRECTING STAFF TO INITIATE IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE CITY’S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY TO INCREASE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS OF SAN PABLO AND ENCOURAGE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND PRIVATE INVESTMENT

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

*No Public Comments were received.*

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

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

**Absent: 1 - Ponce**

Enactment No: RES 2026-008

- 3. [26-022](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH AMENDMENT NO. #1 TO THE FY 2025-27 CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY WORKPLAN, UNDER MAJOR POLICY AREA: FOCUS ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FISCAL DIVERSIFICATION TO ADD: POLICY No. 417 - POLICY IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICT (EIFD) FORMATION AND DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROPRIATE A TOTAL OF \$79,000 IN ONE-TIME FUNDING FROM FY 2025-26 GFDR FUND BALANCE (FUND 110) FOR POLICY IMPLEMENTATION  
CEQA: This proposed action is not a project as defined by CEQA.

*No Public Comments were received.*

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

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

**Absent: 1 – Ponce**

Enactment No: RES 2026-009

- 4. [26-023](#) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO (1) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH A PROPOSED DRAFT CONCEPTUAL CITY HALL PARKING PLAN (PHASE I AND II) TO ACCOMMODATE ALL PARKING USERS, CITY OFFICIALS, CITY EMPLOYEES AND THE PUBLIC; (2) AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME FUNDING ALLOCATION FROM FY 2025-26 GFDR FUND 110 OPERATING RESERVE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 FOR PARKING PLAN PROJECT EXPENSES UNDER THE CITY MANAGER’S BUDGET AUTHORITY OR FORMAL BIDDING UNDER THE PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE, IF REQUIRED; (3) REALLOCATING AND APPROPRIATING \$50,000 FROM GFDR FUND 110 FOR TO FUND 200; AND (4) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE A PARKING AGREEMENT WITH THE PROPERTY OWNER OF THE WALGREEN’S SITE FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT DESIGNATED PARKING

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

*No Public Comments were received.*

**It was moved by Councilmember Pineda, seconded by Councilmember Cruz, that this RESOLUTION be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent: 1 – Ponce**

Enactment No: RES 2026-010

**SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS (IF ANY)**

- 5. [25-541](#) 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 6:50 PM to the Regular City Council meeting of February 2, 2026 at 6:00 PM*

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Casey Erlenheim, Interim Deputy City Clerk**