



City of San Pablo

Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, September 15, 2025

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Cruz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Councilmember Patricia Ponce, Councilmember Abel Pineda, Councilmember Rita Xavier, and Mayor Arturo Cruz

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado

Staff Present:

City Manager, Matt Rodriguez

Assistant City Manager, Maria Ojeda

City Attorney, Brian P. Hickey

Police Chief, Brian Bubar

City Clerk, Dorothy Gantt

Administrative Clerk II, Casey Erlenheim

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Two Public Comments were received from the following: Alberto Hernandez Cabrera and Iracema Camargo

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

PRESENTATIONS

1. [25-388](#) PRESENTATION TO CITY COUNCIL BY THE SAN PABLO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF ANNUAL SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/25

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

One Public Comment was received by the following: Mia

Presented

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager Matt Rodriguez made the following announcements:

On this past Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025, the Fiestas Patrias Parade and Peace & Unity Festival sponsored by the City was a great success, he commends the Community Services, Public Works and Police Departments for their support and work for these events.

Next Dumpster Day is scheduled for Saturday, Sept 20, 2025.

On Tuesday, September 30, 2025, there will be an Economic Development Corporation sponsored Career & Trades Demonstration Day hosted in Maple Hall.

City Hall-O-Ween Trunk or Treat is scheduled for October 23, 2025

CONSENT CALENDAR

No Public Comments were received on the Consent Calendar.

MINUTES

2. [25-387](#) CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

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

Approved.

PERIODIC REPORTS

3. [25-030](#) CONSIDER APPROVING VENDOR CHECK REGISTER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2025

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

Approved.

CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION

4. [25-383](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO (1) ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDED CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTED SPENDING (CPFCDs) PROGRAM FUNDS FROM U.S. CONGRESSMAN JOHN GARAMENDI TO THE SAN PABLO AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (0202) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$850,000; (2) RECOGNIZING THAT THE CPFCDs REQUIRED MATCH WILL BE ALLOCATED AS PART OF THE FY2025-26 MID-CYCLE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE SAN PABLO AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (0202) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110,127; AND (3) AUTHOURIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS RELATED TO THE GRANT

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

Adopted.

Enactment No: 2025-115

5. [25-386](#) CONSIDER CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO RATIFY AN OPPOSITION LETTER (UNLESS AMENDED) FOR SENATE BILL 707 – OPEN MEETINGS: MEETING AND TELECONFERENCE REQUIREMENTS TRANSMITTED ON AUGUST 28, 2025 FROM SAN PABLO MAYOR CRUZ TO THE STATE SENATOR DURAZO (D- 26TH DISTRICT) WITH COPTIES TO THE CITY'S STATE LEGISLATORS (STATE SENATOR JESSE ARREQUIN (D-7th; AND STATE ASSEMBLYMEMBER BUFFY WICKS (D-14TH)

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

Approved.

6. [25-384](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BAY AREA COMMUNITY RESOURCES (BACR) FOR AN ELEVEN-MONTH FULL-TIME FELLOW IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS DIVISION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,000

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

Adopted.

Enactment No: 2025-116

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 4 - Ponce, Pineda, Xavier, and Cruz

Absent: 1 - Pabon-Alvarado

*** END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ***

PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. [25-380](#) PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$13,318 IN AWARDED GRANT FUNDS FROM THE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING USE OF THE AWARDED GRANT FUNDS TO PAY FOR SIXTY-TWO (62) PORTABLE CHARGERS AND TWENTY-FIVE (25) SPARE BATTERIES FOR EBRCSA EMERGENCY RADIOS

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

The public hearing opened at 7:05 PM

No Public Comment was received.

The public hearing closed at 7:05 PM

It was moved by Councilmember Pineda, seconded by Councilmember Xavier, and approved by vote of those present, to adopt this Resolution. The motion passed as follows:

Aye: 4 - Ponce, Pineda, Xavier, and Cruz

Absent: 1 - Pabon-Alvarado

Enactment No: 2025-117

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS (IF ANY)

8. [25-351](#) 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) Mayor Arturo Cruz
- (b) Vice Mayor Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado
- (c) Councilmember Rita Xavier
- (d) Councilmember Abel Pineda
- (e) Councilmember Patricia Ponce

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 7:15 PM to the regular City Council meeting of Monday, October 6, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Gantt, City Clerk

Arturo Cruz, Mayor