



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, July 21, 2025

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

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CITY COUNCIL/LOCAL SUCCESSOR AGENCY

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NOTICE:

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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.

• 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.

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

1. [25-313](#) CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2025

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

Recommendation: Approve by Minute Order

Attachments: [MIN 2025-03-10 DRAFT](#)

2. [25-319](#) CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 1, 2025

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

Recommendation: Approve by Minute Order

Attachments: [MIN 2025-07-01 DRAFT](#)

PERIODIC REPORTS

3. [25-028](#) CONSIDER APPROVING VENDOR CHECK REGISTER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2025

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

Recommendation: Approve by Minute Order

Attachments: [June 2025 Checks Register](#)

LIABILITY CLAIMS

4. [25-314](#) CONSIDER DENYING LIABILITY CLAIM OF ABASI BUFORD (DOL 06/21/25)

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

5. [25-265](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO AND THE SAN PABLO LOCAL SUCCESSOR AGENCY BOARD APPROVING AND ADOPTING A REVISED INVESTMENT POLICY FOR FY 2025-26

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

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution

Attachments: [Att. A - Resolution 2025-### City Investment Policy](#)
[Att. B - Resolution 2025-### LSA Investment Policy](#)
[Att. C -Revised Investment Policy](#)

6. [25-269](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO AUTHORIZING: (1) AN EVENT SPONSORSHIP FOR THE 2025 FIESTAS PATRIAS EVENT / LATIN AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE (\$5,000); (2) TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF STREETS FOR THE FOR THE PARADE; (3) WAIVER OF TRAFFIC CONTROL FEES; AND (4) PROVISION OF POLICE, COMMUNITY SERVICES, AND PUBLIC WORKS STAFF TO SUPPORT THE PARADE (ESTIMATED \$25,000 OF IN-KIND SERVICES) FOR A TOTAL SPONSORSHIP AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000

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

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution

Attachments: [Att A - RES 2025-### Fiestas Patrias Parade](#)
[Att B - 2025 Map/Street Closures](#)
[Att C - 2025 Parade Route Map.docx](#)
[Att D - 2025 Parade Exit and Staging Area.pdf](#)
[Att E - 2025 Support Request Letter from Manzanillo Sister City](#)

7. [25-316](#)

CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND FOR THE MCNEIL PARK PROJECT (0501)

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. DEQA 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 would involve 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 would 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-### LWCF Approval to Apply](#)

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. [25-225](#)

CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO AMENDING THE SAN PABLO MUNICIPAL CODE (TITLE 17 - ZONING ORDINANCE) CHAPTER 17.32, RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS, ALLOWED USES, AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, CHAPTER 17.34, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS, ALLOWED USES, AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND CHAPTER 17.38, OVERLAY AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS, SECTION 17.38.080, SPECIFIC PLAN DISTRICTS; AMENDMENTS TO THE SAN PABLO ZONING MAP TO REDESIGNATE 139 LAND PARCELS TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE LAND USE DESIGNATIONS OF THE SAN PABLO GENERAL PLAN UPDATE 2035; AND AMENDMENTS TO THE SAN PABLO AVENUE SPECIFIC PLAN FIGURE 2-4, LAND USE DIAGRAM, TO REDESIGNATE 18 PARCELS TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE LAND USE DESIGNATIONS OF THE SAN PABLO GENERAL PLAN 2035.

CEQA: The proposed zoning text amendments, zoning map amendments, and San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan amendments implement the updated land use map and policies of the San Pablo General Plan Update 2035. An Addendum to the General Plan 2030 EIR (certified on April 18, 2011) has been prepared for the proposed San Pablo General Plan Update 2035, which found that there would not be any new or additional significant environmental impacts that have not been previously evaluated.

Recommendation: Conduct public hearing; waive first reading; introduce Ordinance

Attachments: [Attachment A. Proposed City Council Zoning Amendment Ordinance.](#)
[Exhibit 1. Proposed Zoning Map](#)
[Exhibit 2. Proposed San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan Land Use Diagram](#)
[Attachment B. Properties Proposed to be Rezoned](#)
[Attachment C. San Pablo Avenue Properties Proposed to be Rezoned](#)
[Attachment D. Resolution PC25-12](#)
[Attachment E. Public Comments Received](#)
[Attachment F. Proof of Publication](#)

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS (IF ANY)

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 agendaized 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 the regular City Council Meeting of August 4, 2025 at 6:00 PM.