



City of San Pablo

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Monday, April 6, 2026

5:30 PM

City Council Chambers

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CITY COUNCIL/LOCAL SUCCESSOR AGENCY/JOINT POWERS FINANCING AUTHORITY

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pabon-Alvarado led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Councilmember Arturo Cruz, Councilmember Patricia Ponce, Vice Mayor Rita Xavier, and Mayor Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Abel Pineda

Staff Present:

City Manager, Matt Rodriguez

City Attorney, Brian P. Hickey

Economic Development and Housing Manager, Kieron Slaughter

City Clerk, Dorothy Gantt

Deputy City Clerk, Casey Erlenheim

CLOSED SESSION

Adjourned to Closed Session at 5:32 PM regarding:

1. [26-103](#) CLOSED SESSION
CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: 1411 Rumrill Boulevard, San Pablo, CA

Agency Negotiators:

Matt Rodriguez, City Manager; and Kieron Slaughter, Economic Development & Housing Manager

Negotiating Parties:

Community Development Partners, a California corporation

Under Negotiation:

Price and Terms of Payment for Disposition of Property

Meeting Reconvened at 6:06 PM

No Public Comments were received.

ROLL CALL

- Present:** 4 - Councilmember Arturo Cruz, Councilmember Patricia Ponce, Vice Mayor Rita Xavier, and Mayor Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Abel Pineda

Staff Present:

City Manager, Matt Rodriguez

City Attorney, Brian P. Hickey

Police Chief, Brian Bubar

Community Development Director, Libby Tyler

Economic Development and Housing Manager, Kieron Slaughter

Community Services Coordinator II, Paola Cubias-Shirazi

Associate Planner, Mel Mackson

City Clerk, Dorothy Gantt

Deputy City Clerk, Casey Erlenheim

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Brian Hickey noted that there was no reportable action on Closed Session.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Five (5) Oral Communications were received from the following: Kevin Dimas, Paul Frank, Chivy Thath, Linda Jackson and Bielle Moore.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS**PROCLAMATIONS**

2. [26-045](#) CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION 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.

No Public Comments were received.

Presented.

3. [26-108](#) CONSIDER APPROVING AND PRESENTING PROCLAMATION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR ELIZABETH (LIBBY) TYLER ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT.

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

No Public Comments were received.

Presented.

PRESENTATIONS

4. [26-138](#) GENERAL UPDATE TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO ON MCE PROGRAMS

CEQA: With respect to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, this update on MCE services and enrolment rates and does not require CEQA review. However, the original project, joining Marin Clean Energy Community Choice Aggregation, was determined to be exempt in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(b)(3) and Section 15378(b)(5).

No Public Comments were received.

Presented.

5. [26-100](#) UC BERKELEY PUBLIC SERVICE INTERNSHIP ANNUAL PRESENTATION

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

No Public Comments were received.

Presented.

**Mayor Pabon-Alvarado Called a Recess at 7:39 PM
Meeting Reconvened at 7:48 PM**

ROLL CALL

- Present:** 4 - Councilmember Arturo Cruz, Councilmember Patricia Ponce, Vice Mayor Rita Xavier, and Mayor Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Abel Pineda

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager Matt Rodriguez made the following announcements:

1. Commends the Community Services Department for a Successful Eggstravaganza Holiday event held on March 28, 2026. It was estimated that approximately 800 Youth and Families attended.
2. On March 26, 2026, Mayor Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado and Economic Development and Housing Manager, Kieron Slaughter attended The East Bay Economic Development Alliance Awards and accepted an East Bay Innovation Award for the City of San Pablo Rumrill Streets Corridor Project. This marked the 6th Award received on this project.
3. The next Dumpster Day is Saturday, April 18, 2026.
4. The City is Hosting a media event on April 20, 2026 at 4:00 PM in front of City Hall, to introduce the new fleet of electric trash trucks serving San Pablo. San Pablo is the first city on the west coast and second in the nation to have an all electric trash retrieval fleet.

CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager added the following remarks regarding item 14 on the Consent Calendar:

In Compliance with the Brown Act, whenever the Council is considering any action that involves Executive Management compensation, a summary of the terms is to be included on the record as part of the Meeting. Agenda Item 14 on the Consent Calendar is an amendment to the City Attorney's Employment Contract that provides a 4% salary increase effective April 16, 2026. All other terms of the City Attorney's Contract remain the same.

MINUTES

6. [26-132](#) CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2026

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

Approved.

LIABILITY CLAIMS

7. [26-134](#) CONSIDER DENYING LIABILITY CLAIM OF VLADIMIR TIRADO (DOL 1/18/26)

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

Denied.

8. [26-148](#) CONSIDER DENYING LIABILITY CLAIM OF BEVERLY VILLANUEVA RAMOS (DOL 3/09/26)

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

Denied.

CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION

9. [26-139](#) CONSIDER APPROVAL TO RATIFY A LETTER FROM SAN PABLO MAYOR PABON-ALVARADO ON CITY OF SAN PABLO COMMUNITY CAPITAL FUNDING REQUESTS TO FEDERAL LEGISLATORS (U.S. SENATORS ALEX PADILLA (D-CA); ADAM SCHIFF, (D-CA); AND U.S. CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE JOHN GARAMENDI, D-8TH DISTRICT) FOR DISTRICT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR 2026-27 FEDERAL BUDGET CYCLE

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

Approved.

10. [26-092](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATIONS AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1411 RUMRILL BOULEVARD FOR NEGOTIATION OF A DISPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

CEQA: This proposed action is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(B)(5).

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2026-042

11. [26-098](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO (1) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES WITH CSW/STUBER-STROEH ENGINEERING GROUP, INC. FOR AN ARTIFICIAL TURF PRODUCT AND PROCUREMENT STUDY FOR THE MCNEIL PARK PROJECT (0501) AND THE RUMRILL TURF REPLACEMENT PROJECT (0503) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$219,013 FOR A TOTAL COMPENSATION UNDER THE AGREEMENT AS AMENDED NOT TO EXCEED \$764,153; (2) INCREASING THE CONTRACT CONTINGENCY AMOUNT TO \$76,415; AND (3) INCREASING THE CITY MANAGER'S TOTAL CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION FOR THE AGREEMENT FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION TO AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$840,568 INCLUDING ALL PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED CONTINGENCY FUNDS

CEQA Compliance Statement

The McNeil Park Project (formerly known as SPARC project) is 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 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.

The Public Works Department filed a Notice of Exemption (NOE), dated November 11, 2023, with the Contra Costa County Clerk and the State of California Office of Planning and Research.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2026-043

12. [26-116](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE JULY 1, 2025, LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH JARVIS FAY, LLP, INCREASING MAXIMUM COMPENSATION BY \$50,000, FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$100,000

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

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2026-044

13. [26-119](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO ACCEPTING MEASURE J PROGRAM 28B FUNDS FROM THE CONTRA COSTA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000 AND APPROPRIATING THOSE FUNDS TO THE WILDCAT CREEK CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (0702)

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

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2026-045

14. [26-133](#) CONSIDER A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH BRIAN HICKEY, CITY ATTORNEY: AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AMENDED EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT, EFFECTIVE APRIL 16, 2026

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2026-046

15. [26-135](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO APPROPRIATING FY2025-26 GENERAL FUND DESIGNATED RESERVES (FUND 110) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,755 TO THE CITY-WIDE BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT (0505) AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO UTILIZE SERVICES FROM EXISTING ON-CALL CONSULTANT, WATEARTH, INC., TO DEVELOP A FINAL CITY-WIDE BEAUTIFICATION PLAN

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

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2026-047

16. [26-158](#) CONSIDER RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO APPROVING AMENDMENT #1 TO CITY COUNCILMEMBER APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR PABON-ALVARADO OF INDIVIDUAL CITY COUNCILMEMBERS TO ALL TEMPORARY AD-HOC SUBCOMMITTEES, STANDING COMMITTEES AND REGIONAL/LOCAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026 PURSUANT TO SAN PABLO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.16.070, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TEMPORARY AD-HOC SUBCOMMITTEE FOR PROPOSED CITY-WIDE BEAUTIFICATION PLAN

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

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2026-048

17. [26-137](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO AUTHORIZING AN EVENT SPONSORSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500 TO UNITED BUSINESS ORGANIZATION FOR A MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION EVENT

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

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2026-049

Approval of the Consent Agenda

No Public Comments were received on the Consent Calendar.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ponce, seconded by Councilmember Cruz, to adopt all items in the Consent Calendar. The Motion passed as follows:

Aye: 4 - Ponce, Cruz, Xavier and Pabon-Alvarado

Absent: 1 – Pineda

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

Mayor Pabon-Alvarado Called a Recess at 7:58 PM
Meeting Reconvened at 8:05 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Councilmember Arturo Cruz, Councilmember Patricia Ponce, Vice Mayor Rita Xavier, and Mayor Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Abel Pineda

PUBLIC HEARINGS

18. [26-105](#) PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO CONSIDERING AN APPEAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DENIAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A RETAIL CANNABIS USE AT AN EXISTING COMMERCIAL BUILDING LOCATED IN THE MIXED USE CENTER NORTH DISTRICT IN THE SAN PABLO AVENUE SPECIFIC PLAN (SP-2) AT 14501 SAN PABLO AVENUE, APN: 413-352-017.

The public hearing opened at 8:31 PM

There were 32 Public Comments received from the following: Kayli Kinghorne, Pastor Patterson, Althen Brennan, Elliot Lawrence, Heather Dolan, Pastor Marvin Crisostomo, Annabel Peterson, Michael J. Hamilton, Stephanie Wong-Ortiz, Britne Lambert, Irving Williams, Pat McAllister, Antionette Martinez, Melanie E. Beasley, Wykeishia Orr, Ibilola Soyode, Genoveva Calloway, Iris Corina, Pastor Freddie Parham, Leona Greenlow Turner, Deborah Warren

Mayor Pabon-Alvarado Called a Recess at 9:40 PM
Meeting Reconvened at 9:50 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Councilmember Arturo Cruz, Councilmember Patricia Ponce, Vice Mayor Rita Xavier and Mayor Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Abel Pineda

Public Comments Continued: Karl Stanczak, Meghan Morrisen, Joe Summers, Yolanda (Abel) Pastor, Yesenia Melora, Jonathan Luong, Kehla Callahan, Josh Anijir, Luis Cortes, Melissa Phea, Korede Arg

Public Hearing closed at 10:24 PM

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

Enactment No: RES 2026-050

19. [26-106](#) CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO AMENDING THE SAN PABLO ZONING CODE, SECTION 17.32.030.B, RESIDENTIAL USES ALLOWED, EXCEPTIONS; SECTION 17.34.030.B, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL USES ALLOWED, EXCEPTIONS; SECTION 17.36.030.B, PUBLIC AND SEMI-PUBLIC DISTRICTS ALLOWED, EXCEPTIONS; AND SECTION 17.38.050, AIR QUALITY AND HEALTH RISK OVERLAY DISTRICT, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SENSITIVE USES, INCLUDING SCHOOLS, DAY CARE FACILITIES, HOSPITALS, AND PARKS OR PLAYGROUNDS TO BE LOCATED IN THE AIR QUALITY HEALTH RISK OVERLAY DISTRICT (D3) SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS

CEQA: This amendment to the San Pablo Zoning Code was previously evaluated in the Addenda to the 2030 General Plan EIR (certified on April 18, 2011) prepared for the General Plan Update 2035 (adopted on July 7, 2025), which found that there would not be any new or additional significant environmental impacts due to adoption of the General Plan Update. This amendment is also exempt from CEQA pursuant to Pub. Res. Code Section 21080.085 which states that CEQA does not apply to a rezoning that implements Housing Element actions. Finally, the ordinance is also categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA, in accordance with 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 because it consists of minor changes to land use regulations that do not, on their own, impact the environment. Any projects proposed pursuant to the changes proposed would be separately evaluated for their environmental impacts.

The Public Hearing Opened at 10:55 PM

No Public Comments were received.

The Public Hearing Closed at 10:55 PM

A motion was made by Councilmember Ponce, seconded by Vice Mayor Xavier, that this Ordinance First Reading be Adopted. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Cruz, Ponce, Xavier, and Pabon-Alvarado

Absent: 1 - Pineda

20. [26-069](#) CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO AMENDING CHAPTER 15.04 OF THE SAN PABLO MUNICIPAL CODE BY DELETING SECTION 15.04.020.D. IN ITS ENTIRETY

CEQA: This proposed action is not a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines

Section 15378(B)(5): organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment; and is also exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

The Public Hearing Opened at 11:00 PM

No Public Comments were received.

The Public Hearing Closed at 11:00 PM

A motion was made by Councilmember Ponce, seconded by Councilmember Cruz, that this Ordinance First Reading be Adopted The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Cruz, Ponce, Xavier, and Pabon-Alvarado

Absent: 1 - Pineda

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION

21. [26-125](#) SAN PABLO PLANNING COMMISSION
 A) INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENTS:
 (1) CONDUCT INTERVIEWS, AND
 (2) APPOINT ONE COMMISSIONER TO FILL ONE VACANCY BY RESOLUTION FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM (APRIL 2026 THROUGH APRIL 2030) OR PROVIDE OTHER DIRECTION TO STAFF
 B) ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONER.

No Public Comments were received.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Xavier, seconded by Councilmember Ponce, to amend and Adopt this Resolution Appointing Y'Anad Burrell as a Planning Commissioner. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Cruz, Ponce, Xavier, and Pabon-Alvarado

Absent: 1 - Pineda

Enactment No: RES 2026-051

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS (IF ANY)

22. [25-522](#) 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 11:41 PM to the Regular City Council meeting of Monday, April 20, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

Casey Erlenheim, Deputy City Clerk