



City of San Pablo

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Monday, February 2, 2026

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pabon-Alvarado led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Councilmember Arturo Cruz, Councilmember Patricia Ponce, Councilmember Abel Pineda, Vice Mayor Rita Xavier, and Mayor Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado

Staff Present:

City Manager, Matt Rodriguez

Assistant City Manager, Maria Ojeda

City Attorney, Brian P. Hickey

Police Chief, Brian Bubar

Community Services Director, Greg Dwyer

Economic Development, Housing and Project Manager, Kieron Slaughter

Interim Deputy City Clerk, Casey Erlenheim

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

One Oral Communication was received from the following: Marco Sandoval

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

PROCLAMATIONS

1. [26-039](#) CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION 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.

Presented.

PRESENTATIONS

An additional late submitted Oral Communication was allowed and received at this time from the following: Joyce Synnott.

2. [25-530](#) BI-ANNUAL UPDATE FROM SAN PABLO YOUTH COMMISSION (SPYC).

No Public Comments were received.

Presented.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager Matt Rodriguez made the following announcements:

1. Consent Calendar Line item 3, File ID 26-035 is withdrawn from consideration at this time, and will be brought back to City Council at a later date.
2. City Council Discussion/Consideration Line Item 13, File ID 26-038 is withdrawn from consideration at this time, and will be brought back to City Council at a later date.
3. Community Services Department is hosting a Valentine's Day Family Dance on February 13, 2026, from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at the San Pablo Community Center.

CONSENT CALENDAR**PERIODIC REPORTS**

3. [26-035](#) CONSIDER APPROVING THE REVISED BUDGET CALENDAR FOR THE FY 2026-27 AND FY 2027-28 BIENNIAL BUDGET

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

Withdrawn.

4. [26-037](#) CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,242 TO THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES (CAL CITIES) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026

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

Approved.

CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION

- 5. [25-531](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO APPOINTING NINETEEN COMMISSIONERS TO THE SAN PABLO YOUTH COMMISSION

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

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2026-011

- 6. [26-032](#) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO (1) ACCEPTING A PRESENTATION ON THE SAN PABLO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT PROGRAM; (2) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND AND OPTIMIZE BUDGET RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE ANNUAL SAN PABLO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES, PROGRAM CRITERIA, AND POLICY CHANGES FOR FY 2026-27 PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION; (3) RECOMMENDING A TOTAL FUNDING ALLOCATION OF \$75,000 TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DRAFT FY 2026-27 AND FY 2027-28 CITY BIENNIAL GF OPERATING BUDGET UNDER THE CITY COUNCIL DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET (100-110-44050) FOR SCHEDULED ADOPTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2026

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

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2026-012

- 7. [26-029](#) CONSIDER RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO (1) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH A PROPOSED IT PROJECT PLAN; (2) AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME FUNDING ALLOCATION FROM FY 2025-26 GFDR FUND 110 OPERATING RESERVE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,041,124 FOR IT PROJECT PLAN EXPENSES UNDER THE CITY MANAGER'S BUDGET AUTHORITY OR FORMAL BIDDING UNDER THE PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE, IF REQUIRED; (3) REALLOCATING AND APPROPRIATING \$1,041,124 FROM GFDR FUND 110 FOR TO MULTI-DEPARTMENT GENERAL FUND OPERATING FUND 100-1430; AND (4) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A THREE YEAR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH APEX TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT, LLC, FOR REMEDIATION PROJECTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$431,165

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

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2026-013

8. [26-025](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION (1) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TRIPEPI SMITH & ASSOCIATES FOR EDUCATION AND OUTREACH CONSULTING FOR A POTENTIAL SALES TAX MEASURE FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000; AND (2) APPROPRIATING \$100,000 FROM FY 2025-26 GENERAL FUND DESIGNATED RESERVES BY BUDGET TRANSFER TO INCREASE THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BUDGET LINE BY \$100,000 TO FUND THE AGREEMENT

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

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2026-014

9. [26-010](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A \$1,000 SPONSORSHIP FOR BIKE EAST BAY'S ANNUAL BIKE-TO-WHEREVER DAY ON THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026

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

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2026-015

10. [25-546](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO DESIGNATING LCC ENGINEERING & SURVEYING, INC. AS THE CITY OF SAN PABLO'S CITY SURVEYOR THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028

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

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2026-016

11. [25-526](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO ADOPTING THE ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC (SPEED) STUDY FINAL REPORT PREPARED BY GHD AND THE RECOMMENDED SPEED LIMITS SET FORTH THEREIN

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

Adopted.

Enactment No: 2026-017

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Vice Mayor Xavier, seconded by Councilmember Pineda, and approved by vote of those present, to adopt all items in the Consent Calendar except Item 3, File ID 26-035, which was Withdrawn. The motion passed as follows:

Aye: 5 - Cruz, Ponce, Pineda, Xavier, and Pabon-Alvarado

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

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION

ORDINANCES

12. [26-026](#) CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO ADDING CHAPTER 9.70 (JUST CAUSE FOR EVICTION PROTECTIONS) AND CHAPTER 9.80 (HOUSING STABILITY AND ANTI-HARASSMENT PROTECTIONS) TO THE SAN PABLO MUNICIPAL CODE

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

There were 14 (fourteen) Public Comments received from the following: Ana Romero, Linda Jackson on behalf of Clara Faria, Linda Jackson, Renee Bartels, Flor Castro, Elia M., Rosie Quijano. Ayesha Smith, Tomasa Espinoza, Rhoivy Lyn Antonio, Peter J. Pan, Rolanda Wilson, Gabi Rivas, and Victor Reyes.

This ORDINANCE was Denied.

A motion was made by Mayor Pabon-Alvarado, seconded by Vice Mayor Xavier to refer the ordinance back to staff for the following revisions and return to Council at a later date:

1. Differentiate the small and large housing providers that are subject to the "Just Cause for Evictions Protections Ordinance."
2. Remove the tenant's right to move back into the unit at the same rent they were paying when they were evicted if the unit is rented again within one (1) year after a no-fault eviction.
3. Make the "Just Cause for Evictions Protections Ordinance" apply to tenants after one (1) year of continuous tenancy.

Motion Passed as follows:

Aye: 3 - Cruz, Xavier, and Pabon-Alvarado

No: 2 - Ponce, Pineda

Meeting went into Recess 7:59 PM

Meeting Reconvened 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

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

13. [26-038](#) SAN PABLO PLANNING COMMISSION
- A) INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENTS:
- (1) CONDUCT INTERVIEWS, AND
- (2) APPOINT COMMISSIONERS TO FILL THREE VACANCIES BY RESOLUTION FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM (FEBRUARY 2026 THROUGH FEBRUARY 2030) OR PROVIDE OTHER DIRECTION TO STAFF
- B) ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS

Withdrawn.

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS (IF ANY)

14. [25-518](#) 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 8:07 PM to the Special City Council Meeting - Closed Session of Monday, February 9, 2026 at 5:00 PM in memory of Carlos Jimenez, Father to Juan Jimenez, Maintenance Worker I.

Respectfully Submitted,

Casey Erlenheim, Interim Deputy City Clerk