



City of San Pablo

Meeting Minutes - Final

City Council

Monday, November 17, 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 Rita Xavier, Vice Mayor Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado, and Councilmember Arturo Cruz

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Abel Pineda

Staff Present:

City Manager, Matt Rodriguez

Assistant City Manager, Maria Ojeda

City Attorney, Brian P. Hickey

Police Chief, Brian Bubar

Administrative Services Director, Arturo Castillo

Community Services Director, Greg Dwyer

City Clerk, Dorothy Gantt

Interim Deputy City Clerk, Casey Erlenheim

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

It was moved by Mayor Cruz, seconded by Councilmember Xavier, and approved to reduce Oral Communications time from 3 minutes to 2 minutes per speaker. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 3 - Ponce, Xavier, and Cruz

Noes: 1 - Pabon-Alvarado

Absent: 1 - Pineda

Seven Oral Communications were received from the following: Ana Solorzano, Franklin, Jose Baeza, Daniel Rosales, Juana Cano, Linda Jackson and James Anthony

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager Matt Rodriguez made the following announcements:

City offices and Police Department lobby will be closed to observe Thanksgiving November 26 through 28, 2025.

Community Services will host the Annual Winter Wonderland on December 4, 2025, 5:00 PM at the Community Center.

Mayor Cruz will record a Virtual Tree Lighting ceremony in the coming weeks.

Police Department Officers will participate in a Shop with a Cop event at Target in Pinole on Saturday, December 13, 2025 at noon.

The next Dumpster Day will be on Saturday December 13, 2025.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice Mayor Pabon-Alvarado requested to pull item 4, File ID 25-477 for discussion.

MINUTES

1. [25-478](#) CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 3, 2025

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

Approved.

PERIODIC REPORTS

2. [25-466](#) TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

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

Received and Filed.

3. [25-032](#) CONSIDER APPROVING VENDOR CHECK REGISTER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2025

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

Approved.

CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION

- 5. [25-479](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION (1) ALLOCATING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR FY 2025-26 ONE-TIME DISCRETIONARY SPECIAL EVENT SPONSORSHIPS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 UNDER THE CITY COUNCIL DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET (FUND: #100-1110-44050); AND (2) FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DEVELOP A NEW POLICY ON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL EVENT SPONSORSHIP FUNDING BEFORE JUNE 30, 2026

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

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2025-140

Approval of the Consent Agenda

No Public Comments were received on the Consent Calendar.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Pineda

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

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION

4. [25-477](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO (1) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL TO REDUCE YOUTH ACCESS TO ALCOHOL AND INCREASE SAFETY IN THE COMMUNITY, AND (2) ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000 OVER THE DURATION OF THE GRANT PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 2025 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2026, TO FUND GRANT-APPROVED ALCOHOL SAFETY ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS BY SAN PABLO POLICE PERSONNEL

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

No Public Comments were received.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Pabon-Alvarado, seconded by Mayor Cruz, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Pineda

Enactment No: RES 2025-139

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 6. [25-476](#) CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO (1) ADOPTING AN UPDATED CITY OF SAN PABLO MASTER FEE SCHEDULE FOR PLANNING, BUILDING, PUBLIC WORKS, COMMUNITY SERVICES, POLICE, AND OTHER CITY-WIDE MUNICIPAL SERVICES; AND (2) ADOPTING AN ANNUAL BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS EMPLOYMENT COST INDEX ADJUSTMENT TO MAINTAIN FEES RELATIVE TO INFLATION AS RECOMMENDED IN THE WILLDAN FINANCIAL CONSULTING GROUP FEE STUDY TO BE APPLIED EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST OF EACH FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

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

The public hearing opened at 7:05 PM

No Public Comments were received.

The public hearing closed at 7:05 PM

A motion was made by Councilmember Ponce, seconded by Vice Mayor Pabon-Alvarado, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Pineda

Enactment No: RES 2025-141

- 7. [25-467](#) CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO AMENDING THE SAN PABLO MUNICIPAL CODE (TITLE 17 - ZONING ORDINANCE) CHAPTER 17.26, ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONING DISTRICTS; CHAPTER 17.32, RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS, ALLOWED USES, AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS; CHAPTER 17.34, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS, ALLOWED USES, AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS; CHAPTER 17.38, OVERLAY AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS; CHAPTER 17.54, PARKING AND LOADING; CHAPTER 17.60, SPECIAL RESIDENTIAL USES; CHAPTER 17.62, SPECIAL NONRESIDENTIAL USES; CHAPTER 17.68, UNIVERSAL TERMS; AND CHAPTER 17.70, USE CLASSIFICATION DESCRIPTIONS, TO IMPLEMENT THIRTEEN PROGRAMS OF THE HOUSING ACTION PLAN OF THE SAN PABLO 2023-31 HOUSING ELEMENT; IMPLEMENT THE LAND USE DESIGNATIONS OF THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE 2035; AND UPDATE THE ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT DEED RESTRICTION PROVISIONS

CEQA: These amendments to the San Pablo Zoning Code implement the adopted Housing Element and were previously evaluated in the Addenda to the 2030 General Plan EIR (certified on April 18, 2011) prepared for the Housing

Element, Environmental Justice Element and Amendments to the Health and Safety & Noise Elements (adopted on March 18, 2024) and on 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 Housing Element. Further, the amendments would implement programs from the 2023-31 Housing Element and would implement the land use designations identified in the General Plan Update 2035, so they are exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.085 which states that CEQA does not apply to rezonings that implement the schedule of actions contained in an approved housing element. Finally, modifications to the accessory dwelling unit portion of the Zoning Code are statutorily exempt from CEQA, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.17, which exempts the adoption of ADU ordinances.

The public hearing opened at 7:26 PM

No Public Comments were received.

The public hearing closed at 7:26 PM

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Pabon-Alvarado, seconded by Mayor Cruz, that this ORDINANCE be Waived First Reading and Introduced. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Pineda

Enactment No: ORD 2025-004

Mayor Cruz called a recess at 7:42 PM

Meeting reconvened at 7:49 PM

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Abel Pineda

8. [25-468](#) CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO AMENDING THE SAN PABLO MUNICIPAL CODE (TITLE 17 - ZONING ORDINANCE), CHAPTER 17.60, SPECIAL RESIDENTIAL USES, SECTION 17.60.070, ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS, TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (ADUS) AS CONDOMINIUMS, AS AUTHORIZED BY ASSEMBLY BILL 1033 AND PURSUANT TO 2025-2027 CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY WORKPLAN POLICY 301.4

CEQA: This amendment to the ADU portion of the Zoning Ordinance is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.17, which exempts the adoption of accessory dwelling unit ordinances. Additionally, the ordinance would be 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 8:02 PM

No Public Comments were received.

The public hearing closed at 8:02 PM

A motion was made by Councilmember Xavier, seconded by Vice Mayor Pabon-Alvarado, that this ORDINANCE be Waived First Reading and Introduced. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Pineda

Enactment No: ORD 2025-005

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS (IF ANY)

9. [25-359](#) 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 8:20 PM to the Regular City Council meeting of December 1, 2025 in memory of Amalia Valencia Manzo, Grandmother to Melissa Garibay, Administrative Clerk II.

Respectfully Submitted,

Casey Erlenheim, Interim Deputy City Clerk