



City of San Pablo

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

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 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

City Attorney, Brian P. Hickey

Interim Public Works Director, Jill Mercurio

Economic Development and Housing Manager, Kieron Slaughter

City Clerk, Dorothy Gantt

Interim Deputy City Clerk, Casey Erlenheim

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No Public Comments were received for Oral Communications.

Motion to Change the Order of Agenda Items

A motion was made by Mayor Pabon-Alvarado, seconded by Councilmember Xavier for Council to consider moving Agenda Line item 16. File ID 26-047 for formal consideration after Ceremonial Matters and before the Consent Calendar. Motion Passed as follows:

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

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

PROCLAMATIONS

1. [26-073](#) CONSIDER APPROVING AND PRESENTING PROCLAMATION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS SUPERINTENDENT DANIEL GOMEZ ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

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

No Public Comments were received.

Presented.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

An oral communication received late was allowed by the Mayor from the following: Daniel Vidrio

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION

ORDINANCES

16. [26-047](#) 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 three Public Comments received from the following: Berta Alvarez, Tomasa Espinoza, Rhea Laughlin

A motion was made by Mayor Pabon-Alvarado, seconded by Vice Mayor Xavier to Waive First Reading and Introduce the Ordinance. The motion passed as follows:

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

Noes: 1 - Pineda

Abstain: 1 - Ponce

Mayor Pabon-Alvarado called a recess at 7:04 PM

Meeting was Reconvened at 7:13 PM

Rollcall

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

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager Matt Rodriguez made the following announcements:

Saturday, March 7, 2026 is the next Dumpster Day.

City Manager commends the Community Services Department on hosting a successful event - The Valentine's Day Family Dance.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MINUTES

2. [26-001](#) CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2026

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

Approved.

3. [26-051](#) CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 2026

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

Approved.

PERIODIC REPORTS

4. [26-042](#) CONSIDER APPROVING VENDOR CHECK REGISTER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2026

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

Approved.

5. [26-043](#) TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

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

Received and Filed.

- 6. [26-056](#) 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.

Approved.

LIABILITY CLAIMS

- 7. [26-036](#) CONSIDER DENYING LIABILITY CLAIM OF ABASI BUFORD (DOL 10/05/25)

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

Denied.

CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION

- 8. [26-070](#) CONSIDER APPROVING AND ISSUING A PROCLAMATION COMMENDING PASTOR OTHA JOHNSON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 103RD BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION, LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE TO THE SAN PABLO COMMUNITY

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

Approved.

- 9. [26-062](#) CONSIDER APPROVING PRELIMINARY STATE OF CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AND COMMUNITY FUNDING NEEDS FOR 2026-27 STATE OF CA LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND BUDGET PROCESS FOR THE CITY OF SAN PABLO

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

Approved.

- 10. [26-050](#) CONSIDER APPROVING REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2026 AS PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

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

Approved.

- 11. [26-067](#) CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EVENT SPONSORSHIP OF \$2,000 TO HELMS MIDDLE SCHOOL (WITH BAY AREA COMMUNITY RESOURCES AS NON-PROFIT 501c(3) ORGANIZATION ACTING AS FISCAL AGENT) TO SUPPORT A WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP FOR HELMS MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH THE CLOSE UP PROGRAM

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

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2026-018

- 12. [26-046](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO (1) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR THE TOBACCO GRANT PROGRAM; (2) ACCEPTING UP TO \$782,661 IN GRANT FUNDING OVER THREE FISCAL YEARS TO PARTIALLY FUND THE EXISTING FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER POSITION IN THE SAN PABLO POLICE DEPARTMENT TOBACCO OUTREACH UNIT AND PERSONNEL COSTS FOR QUALIFYING GRANT ACTIVITIES; AND (3) APPROPRIATING REIMBURSED GRANT FUNDING TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET, TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING AN EFFECTIVE, COMPREHENSIVE, AND STRATEGIC APPROACH TO COMBAT ILLEGAL TOBACCO USE AMONG MINORS

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

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2026-019

13. [26-028](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO ESTABLISHING THE STORMWATER UTILITY ASSESSMENT RATE FOR FY 2026-27 AND REQUESTING THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO ADOPT AN ANNUAL PARCEL ASSESSMENT FOR DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE AND THE NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PROGRAM

CEQA: Establishing the Stormwater Utility Assessment (SUA) does not trigger CEQA since it is not a project per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378. This Section of the CEQA Guidelines states that a project does not include continuing administrative or maintenance activities, or the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve a commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2026-020

14. [26-027](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO (1) AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO'S GRANT APPLICATION TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) SAN FRANCISCO BAY RESTORATION GRANT FOR THE SAN PABLO GREEN STORMWATER MONITORING AND MAINTENANCE PROJECT FOR APPROXIMATELY \$1.4 million; AND (2) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE GRANT APPLICATION AND TO TAKE OTHER NECESSARY ACTIONS TO RECEIVE SUCH GRANT FUNDING

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

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2026-021

15. [26-052](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO APPROVING A LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT BETWEEN CITY OF SAN PABLO-OWNED PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1050 GATEWAY AVENUE; APN 417-310-012 (PARCEL ONE), AND CITY OF SAN PABLO-OWNED PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1000 GATEWAY AVENUE; APN 417-310-013 (PARCEL TWO) FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSFERRING 2,347± SQUARE FEET FROM PARCEL TWO TO PARCEL ONE IN ORDER TO FACILITATE DRIVEWAY ALIGNMENT AND ACCESS

CEQA: The proposed project has been determined to be categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15305 - Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations (minor lot line adjustment not resulting in the creation of any new parcel).

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2026-022

There were two Public Comments on the Consent Calendar from the following: Ray Hernandez and Taura Monteiro.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

It was moved by Councilmember Cruz, 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 - Cruz, Ponce, Pineda, and Xavier

Absent: 1 - Pabon-Alvarado

*** END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ***

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS (IF ANY)

17. [25-519](#) 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 7:20 PM to the Regular City Council meeting of March 2, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

Casey Erlenheim, Interim Deputy City Clerk