

# City of San Pablo

# **Meeting Minutes - Draft**

# **City Council**

Monday, November 3, 2025

5:30 PM City Council Chambers
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# **CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Cruz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ROLL CALL**

Present: 4 - Councilmember Abel Pineda, Councilmember Rita Xavier, Vice Mayor Elizabeth

Pabon-Alvarado, and Mayor Arturo Cruz

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Patricia Ponce

Staff Present:

City Manager, Matt Rodriguez Assistant City Manager, Maria Ojeda City Attorney, Brian P. Hickey City Clerk, Dorothy Gantt Administrative Clerk II, Casey Erlenheim

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Adjourned to Closed Session at 5:31 PM

1. 25-475 CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Potential initiation of litigation pursuant to Gov't Code section 54956.9(d)(4): 1

potential case

No Public Comments were received.

## **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Reconvened to Open Session at 6:09 PM

## **ROLL CALL**

Present: 4 - Councilmember Abel Pineda, Councilmember Rita Xavier, Vice Mayor Elizabeth

Pabon-Alvarado, and Mayor Arturo Cruz

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Patricia Ponce

Staff Present:

City Manager, Matt Rodriguez
Assistant City Manager, Maria Ojeda
City Attorney, Brian P. Hickey
Police Chief, Brian Bubar
City Clerk, Dorothy Gantt
Administrative Clerk II, Casey Erlenheim
Community Services Director, Greg Dwyer
Administrative Services Director, Arturo Castillo

## **REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

No reportable action on Closed Session.

#### **Motion to Decrease Public Comment Time**

It was moved by Councilmember Xavier, seconded by Mayor Cruz to limit Public Comment time to two (2) minutes, motion failed as follows:

Aye: 2 - Xavier, Cruz

No: 2 - Pineda, Pabon-Alvarado

# **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Six Oral Communications were received from the following: Shawn Moberg, John Gioia, Auroura Bettancourt, Linda Jackson, Reyna Canales and Franklin Hernandez

#### **CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

2. 25-455 CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION OF **PROCLAMATION** RECOGNIZING 2025 AS **HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS** NOVEMBER MONTH IN THE CITY OF SAN PABLO AND RECOGNIZING DECEMBER 21, 2025. AS PERSONS' **HOMELESS MEMORIAL** DAY, TO **HONOR** THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES WHILE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

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

No Public Comments were received.

Presented.

25-446 **PRESENTATION** OF PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF 3. OCTOBER 2025 AS **NATIONAL DOMESTIC** VIOLENCE **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.

**PRESENTATION** 25-401 CITY COUNCIL OF **PROCLAMATION** FOR **CONTRA** COSTA CAER (COMMUNITY AWARENESS **EMERGENCY** RESPONSE) RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 5, 2025 AS SHELTER-IN-PLACE EDUCATION DAY

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

No Public Comments were received.

#### Presented.

**5**. <u>25-444</u> PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2025 AS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER 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.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

6. 25-472 PRESENTATION AND UPDATE BY STATE SENATOR JESSE ARREGUIN ON CURRENT LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES, RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION WITH THE CITY OF SAN PABLO

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

No Public Comments were received.

Presented.

Mayor Cruz Called a Recess at 7:28 PM

Meeting Reconvened at 7:36 PM

## **ROLL CALL**

Present: 4 - Councilmember Abel Pineda, Councilmember Rita Xavier, Vice Mayor Elizabeth

Pabon-Alvarado, and Mayor Arturo Cruz

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Patricia Ponce

25-103 PRESENTATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL BY PUBLIC PROFIT ON THE ANNUAL SAN PABLO BEACON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS INITIATIVE FOR FY 2024-25 EVALUATION

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

There were Two (2) Public Comments were received from the following: Tana Montero and Joyce Synnott.

Presented.

### **CITY MANAGER REMARKS**

City Manager Matt Rodriguez made the following announcements:

- 1. San Pablo Police Department's Business Watch Program and Economic Development Corporation are hosting a Zoom Webinar on Nov 5, 2025 from 4PM to 5PM regarding theft prevention for Small Businesses.
- 2. Community Services Department is hosting it's Annual Veteran's Day Celebration Event Thursday, Nov 6, 2025 at 11:30 AM at the Senior Center.
- 3. City offices will be closed Tuesday, Nov 11, 2025 in observance of Veteran's Day.

# **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **MINUTES**

8. <u>25-473</u> CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 20, 2025

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

Approved.

## LIABILITY CLAIMS

 25-396 CONSIDER DENYING LIABILITY CLAIMS OF TERESA J. LOPEZ AND JOSE MELGAR ESPINOZA (DOL 12/01/24)

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

Denied.

#### CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION

25-378 CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO AMENDING THE CITY OF SAN PABLO'S CONFLICT **INTEREST** CODE TO (1) **UPDATE** THE **FILING INSTRUCTIONS SPECIFIC** §87200 FILERS **AND UPDATE** THE LIST TO (2) **DESIGNATED POSITIONS** 

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

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2025-133

**CONSIDER 25-457 ADOPTING** RESOLUTION **APPROPRIATING** \$246,572 FROM 11. SUPPLEMENTAL LAW **ENFORCEMENT** SERVICES **GRANT REVENUES** 210 FUND) FOR THE **PURCHASE AND** PROCUREMENT **TWENTY** REPLACEMENT MOTOROLA AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE **READERS** WITH **BACKHAUL** COMPONENTS 10% WITH Α CONTINGENCY INCLUDED IN THE OVERALL APPROPRIATION

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

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2025-134

12. 25-458 CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF SAN PABLO'S REVISED COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

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

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2025-135

**13**. <u>25-469</u>

CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION FOR AN ART **PERMIT** PROPOSED PUBLIC ART TILE MOSAIC TO BE **PLACED** ON THE EXTERIOR OF AN EXISTING THREE-STORY OFFICE BUILDING AT 13201 SAN PABLO AVENUE, APN 526-011-012, AND DETERMINE PROPOSAL IS CONSISTENT WITH THE REGULATIONS SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 17.63 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

CEQA: This project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) "common sense exemption", because it will only involve placement of artwork on the exterior of an existing building, and it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the project will have an impact on the environment.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2025-136

**14**. **25-471** 

CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH **RICHMOND SANITARY ONE-TIME** SERVICES, INC. (RSS) FOR A RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER CREDIT FOR SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS, AND **MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS** WITH **LESS** THAN 5 UNITS. TO FOR PICK-UP **EVENTS** COMPENSATE RESIDENTS MISSED **DURING** THE RSS WORK STOPPAGE THAT OCCURED IN JULY 2025

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

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2025-137

#### Approval of the Consent Agenda

No Public Comments were received on the Consent Calendar.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Ponce

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

# CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION

**15**. **25**-459 CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE **SUPPORT** SAN PABLO (1) EXPRESSING FOR THE ITS **PROPOSED** POST-COLLECTION **AGREEMENT BETWEEN** THE **WEST** CONTRA COSTA **INTEGRATED WASTE** MANAGEMENT **AUTHORITY** (RECYCLEMORE); AND (2) **PROVIDING** ITS **FORMAL** RECOMMENDATION THAT THE CITY'S APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE(S) TO THE RECYCLEMORE BOARD APPROVE THE POST-COLLECTION AGREEMENT

CEQA: The Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority, as lead agency, is in the process of completing a CEQA review of the project and determined it is likely Categorically Exempt in accordance with Section 15301, Existing Facilities, and Section 15308, Actions by a Regulatory Agency for the Protection of the Environment. Authority staff will complete additional analysis, as necessary, and file the appropriate CEQA documents, if any, pending approval of the agreement.

No Public Comments were received.

A motion was made by Councilmember Pineda, seconded by Mayor Cruz, that this RESOLUTION be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ave: 4 - Pineda, Xavier, Pabon-Alvarado, and Cruz

Absent: 1 - Ponce

Enactment No: RES 2025-138

#### SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS (IF ANY)

MATERIALS SUBMITTED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA WILL 16. 25-358 THIS APPENDED AFTER THE COUNCIL MEETING. IS NOT **MERELY ACTION ITEM** BUT Α **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 8:43 PM to Monday, November 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM in memory of Rosalina Figueroa Acosta, Mother-In-Law to Senior Administrative Clerk, Edith Figeuroa and Maria Concepción Vera, Grandmother to Elizabeth Lopez, Management Analyst.

Respectfully Submitted,

Casey Erlenheim, Interim Deputy City Clerk