



# City of Pomona

505 S. Garey Ave  
Pomona, CA 91766

## Regular Meeting Minutes

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### City Council / Housing Authority / Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency

*Mayor Tim Sandoval*  
*Vice Mayor Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole*  
*Councilmember Debra Martin*  
*Councilmember Victor Preciado*  
*Councilmember Nora Garcia*  
*Councilmember Steve Lustro*  
*Councilmember Lorraine Canales*

#### VISION STATEMENT

*Pomona will be recognized as a vibrant, safe, beautiful  
community that is a fun and exciting destination and the home of  
arts and artists, students and scholars, business and industry.*

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Monday, March 2, 2026

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### CLOSED SESSION

#### A) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: APN: 8341011901  
Negotiating Parties: State of California, Department of General Services  
City's Negotiator: Anita Scott, City Manager; Ata Khan, Deputy Director, Office  
of Economic and Business Affairs  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms

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Property: 605 N. Park Ave., 855 E. Kingsley Ave., 690 Medina St.,  
1515 W. Mission Blvd., 2394-2470 S. Garey Ave.  
Negotiating Parties: Pomona Unified School District, Superintendent Darren  
Knowles  
City's Negotiator: Anita Scott, City Manager; Ata Khan, Deputy Director, Office  
of Economic and Business Affairs  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sandoval called the City Council Closed Session to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Tim Sandoval  
Vice Mayor Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole  
Councilmember Debra Martin  
Councilmember Victor Preciado  
Councilmember Nora Garcia  
Councilmember Steve Lustro  
Councilmember Lorraine Canales

Absent: Councilmember Lorraine Canales

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public speakers.

**OPEN SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Sandoval called the City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

City Attorney Carvalho stated there was no reportable action.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Martin led the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Tim Sandoval  
Vice Mayor Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole  
Councilmember Debra Martin  
Councilmember Victor Preciado  
Councilmember Nora Garcia  
Councilmember Steve Lustro  
Councilmember Lorraine Canales

Absent: None

## **STAFF PRESENT**

Anita D. Scott, City Manager  
Sonia Carvalho, City Attorney  
Rosalia A. Butler, City Clerk  
Diana Robles, Deputy City Clerk  
Michael Ellis, Pomona Police Captain

## **PRESENTATIONS**

\*A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Pomona Recognizing March 2026 as “National Nutrition Month” in the City of Pomona

This proclamation was not presented as no one was present to receive it.

\*A Proclamation by the City Council of the City of Pomona Recognizing March 2026 as “Red Cross Month” in the City of Pomona

Mayor Sandoval presented the proclamation to Red Cross volunteer Christine Connor who spoke a few words about the Red Cross organization, gave thanks to the City and encouraged folk to sign up to volunteer.

\*Recognize the Pomona Champions Elite S.C. Team for Their Win of the Fall Season 2025-SoCal Academy

Councilmember Garcia presented the certificates to Claudia Tabares, Champions Soccer League Director and to the student team. Ms. Tabares shared a few words about the team and expressed gratitude to the City.

## **MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

This item was moved to the end of the agenda however Mayor and Councilmembers did not share any communications.

## **CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Scott had no reportable action.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

*At the direction of the City Council Emergency Sub Committee, beginning with the July 18, 2022 Council meeting, emailed comments will no longer be read into the record during Council meetings. However, they will be included as part of the record/meeting minutes.*

**Live Comments were as follows:**

David Judah Oliver requested the poems he gifted the City be posted and read a poem to honor Chris Toovey.

Gary Aguirre discussed a concern regarding dim lights along White St. contributing to increased crime in the neighborhood.

Diana Aguirre, Combat Mindset Solutions, discussed an upcoming community collaboration event.

Lisette Gonzalez, Combat Mindset Solutions, gave thanks to the City for supporting the community event.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE-MAYOR ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the entire Consent Calendar except for Item No. 2 pulled for public comment.**

*After the Consent Calendar, items were heard in the following order: Consent Calendar Item No. 2, Discussion Calendar Item No. 12, Discussion Calendar Item No. 11, Discussion Calendar Item No. 9, Discussion Calendar Item No. 10, and Public Hearing Item No. 13.*

1. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 4366 Amending the City's Purchasing Ordinance Related to Cooperative Purchasing for Public Works Projects

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the following ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NO. 4366 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA AMENDING SECTION 2-1007 OF CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VII. PURCHASING. DIVISION 5 - PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS OF THE POMONA CITY CODE PERTAINING TO THE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR BIDDING PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS**

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE-MAYOR ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Ordinance No. 4366.**

2. Adoption of a Resolution Calling for the Release of Ramiro Santiago Pacheco Martinez from ICE Detention and Reaffirming the City's Commitment to Stand in Solidarity with the Immigrant Community

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-26 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, CALLING FOR THE RELEASE OF RAMIRO SANTIAGO PACHECO MARTINEZ FROM ICE DETENTION AND STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY**

\*This item was pulled for public comment.

The following public speakers spoke in support of the item:

Alejandro Ibarra	Lydia Henry	Angela Sanbrano
Natalia Saca	Alessandro Morosin	Jim Sanbrano
Josue Itzep	Erik Plumeda	Jax Santana
Claudia Bautista	Shonique Williams	

Everia Condon submitted a speaker card but was not present when called to speak.

City Council gave comments to thank the community for showing up and expressed support for Ramiro Santiago Pacheco Martinez and his family.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2026-26.**

Mayor Sandoval called a recess at 8:03 p.m.

Mayor Sandoval resumed the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

3. Accept a Donation from Councilmember Lustro (District 5) and Adopt a Resolution to Appropriate the Funds for the Restriping of Country Crossings Park Parking Lot

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-17 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING A DONATION OF \$1,965 FROM COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO (DISTRICT 5) AND AMENDING THE FY 2025-26 OPERATING BUDGET TO INCREASE REVENUE ESTIMATES BY \$1,965 AND APPROPRIATE THE FUNDS TO FD101, GENERAL FUND | CC2562, PAINT AND SIGN | CONTROLLABLE CONTRACT SERVICES FOR THE RESTRIPIING OF COUNTRY CROSSINGS PARK PARKING LOT**

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE-MAYOR ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2026-17.**

4. Award Construction Contract to Superb Engineering, Inc., in the Amount of \$249,109 for “Washington Park Soccer Field Rehabilitation,” FD428, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) | CC2590 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) | Project No. 71122 and “Palomares Park Soccer Field Rehabilitation,” FD428, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) | CC2590 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) | Project No. 71129

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Award a construction contract to the lowest responsive bid from Superb Engineering, Inc. for “Washington Park Soccer Field Rehabilitation,” FD428, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) | CC2590 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) | Project No. 71122 and “Palomares Park Soccer Field Rehabilitation,” FD428, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) | CC2590 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) | Project No. 71129 in the total amount of \$249,109 subject to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) environmental clearance and notice to proceed; and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the construction contract and any subsequent change orders on behalf of the City of Pomona (City).

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE-MAYOR ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to award a construction contract to the lowest responsive bid from Superb Engineering, Inc. for “Washington Park Soccer Field Rehabilitation,” FD428, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) | CC2590 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) | Project No. 71122 and “Palomares Park Soccer Field Rehabilitation,” FD428, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) | CC2590 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) | Project No. 71129 in the total amount of \$249,109 subject to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) environmental clearance and notice to proceed; and authorize the City Manager to execute the construction contract and any subsequent change orders on behalf of the City of Pomona (City).**

5. Adopt a Resolution to Amend the FY 2025-26 Capital Improvement Program Budget for Worktag: Project 81058 - Pedley Spreading Grounds - Pond Enhancements

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Adopt the following Resolution

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-20 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2025-26 CIP BUDGET FOR WORKTAG: PROJECT 81058 - PEDLEY SPREADING GROUNDS - POND ENHANCEMENTS BY INCREASING REVENUE ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATING \$1,238,820 FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT'S SAFE CLEAN WATER - REGIONAL PROGRAM /MEASURE W (DISTRICT); AND APPROPRIATING \$400,000 FROM WATER FUNDS TO THE PROJECT; AND,**

- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City and any subsequent documents or amendments, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE-MAYOR ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2026-20; and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City and any subsequent documents or amendments, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.**

6. Amend Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget and Award a Contract to Willdan Engineering

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Approve the categorical exemption from CEQA pursuant to Sections 15301, 15302, and 15303 for the replacement and reconstruction of existing utility pipelines along with installation of new stormwater capture and minor landscape improvements.
- 2) Adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2025-26 CIP BUDGET BY INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS BY A TOTAL OF \$30,000 FROM THE SEWER FUND TO THE WORKTAG: PROJECT 86022 - SEWER PIPELINE REPLACEMENT - CITYWIDE (PHASE IV)**

- 3) Approve an agreement with Willdan Engineering to provide Professional Civil Engineering, Construction Management, Inspection, and Sampling Services for Various Water Resources Construction CIP Projects in the amount of \$1,320,730 covering five projects.
- 4) Authorize the City Manager, to execute the agreement on behalf of the City and any subsequent documents or amendments.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE-MAYOR ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the categorical exemption from CEQA pursuant to Sections 15301, 15302, and 15303 for the replacement and reconstruction of existing utility pipelines along with installation of new stormwater capture and minor landscape improvements; and adopt Resolution No. 2026-02; and approve an agreement with Willdan Engineering to provide Professional Civil Engineering, Construction Management, Inspection, and Sampling Services for Various Water Resources Construction CIP Projects in the amount of \$1,320,730 covering five projects; and authorize the City Manager, to execute the agreement on behalf of the City and any subsequent documents or amendments.**

7. Purchase of CEQA Mitigation Credits for Worktag: Project 81058 - Pedley Spreading Grounds - Pond Enhancements

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Approve entering into an agreement with Land Veritas Corporation for the purchase of CEQA mitigation credits for Worktag: Project 81058 - Pedley Spreading Grounds - Pond Enhancements in the amount of \$332,000; and,
- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Land Veritas Corporation on behalf of the City and any subsequent documents or amendments.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE-MAYOR ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to approve entering into an agreement with Land Veritas Corporation for the purchase of CEQA mitigation credits for Worktag: Project 81058 - Pedley Spreading Grounds - Pond Enhancements in the amount of \$332,000; and, authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Land Veritas Corporation on behalf of the City and any subsequent documents or amendments.**

8. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-03 Amending the FY 2025-26 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget and Award of Contract to Pacific Hydrotech Corporation

It is recommended that the City Council take the following action:

- 1) Approve the categorical exemption from CEQA pursuant to Sections 15301 and 15302;
- 2) Adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2025-26 CIP BUDGET BY INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS BY A TOTAL OF \$5,732,177 FROM THE WATER FUND TO THE WORKTAG: PROJECT 95082 - RESERVOIR/ TREATMENT/ PRODUCTION REHABILITATION**

- 3) Approve a construction contract with Pacific Hydrotech Corporation (PHC) for Worktag: Project 95082 - Reservoir/Treatment/Production (for Design-Build Reservoir 6 Roof Replacement) in the amount of \$8,193,900; and,
- 4) Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City and any subsequent documents and amendments subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE-MAYOR ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the categorical exemption from CEQA pursuant to Sections 15301 and 15302; and adopt Resolution No. 2026-03; and approve a construction contract with Pacific Hydrotech Corporation (PHC) for Worktag: Project 95082 - Reservoir/Treatment/Production (for Design-Build Reservoir 6 Roof Replacement) in the amount of \$8,193,900; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City and any subsequent documents and amendments subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.**

**DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

9. Discussion Regarding Proposed Projects to be Included in the Pomona Safety Action Plan

It is recommended that the City Council discuss and take one of the following actions:

- 1) Approve all the proposed projects in the attachment proposed for inclusion in the Pomona Safety Action Plan, FD428, Capital Improvement (CIP) | CC2590, Capital Improvement (CIP) | Project Work Tag No. 68590; or
- 2) Direct staff to add, edit, or remove projects for inclusion in the Pomona Safety Action Plan which will be presented for adoption at a future meeting.

*\*This item was heard after Discussion Calendar Item No. 11.*

Public Works Director Meg McWade introduced City Engineer Arnold Dichosa and consultant Ruta Jariwala, TJKM who gave the presentation.

City Council gave comments and asked brief questions about the item.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE-MAYOR ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to approve all the proposed projects in the attachment proposed for inclusion in the Pomona Safety Action Plan, FD428, Capital Improvement (CIP) | CC2590, Capital Improvement (CIP) | Project Work Tag No. 68590.**

10. Appointment of a Council Ad Hoc Committee to Review Applications from Potential Applicants to Serve on the Police Oversight Commission Pursuant to Section 806 of the Charter of the City of Pomona

It is recommended that the Mayor appoint an ad hoc committee of three (3) Councilmembers to review applications from potential applicants to fill a vacancy on the Police Oversight Commission.

*\*This item was heard after Discussion Item No. 9*

City Clerk Butler gave a brief overview of the item.

**Mayor Sandoval appointed Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Lustro, and himself to the ad hoc committee to review Police Oversight Commission applications.**

11. Receive and File a Report on Human Trafficking and The East Holt Avenue Corridor and The Holt Avenue Corridor Needs Assessment

It is recommended that the City Council receive and file a report on the Police Department's Human Trafficking Enforcement and Intervention Efforts along the East Holt Avenue Corridor and the Development Services Department's Holt Avenue Corridor Needs Assessment.

*\*This item was heard after Discussion Calendar Item No. 12.*

Pomona Police Chief Ellis introduced the item and Sgt. Angela Torres who gave the staff presentation.

Code Compliance JD Whitaker gave the second half of the staff presentation.

Public Speaker Mitchell Stein expressed support for the item and discussed his experience with managing a commercial space along E. Holt Ave.

Public Speaker Angel Arellano expressed support for the Police Department's efforts to address human trafficking crimes in the City.

City Council gave comments, and asked questions.

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN FOR THIS ITEM; THIS WAS A RECEIVE AND FILE ITEM.**

12. Amendment to FY 2025-26 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget; Approval of Agreement and Allocation for Fox Theater Improvement Program; and Allocation of Pomona Development Accelerator Fund

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

1. Adopt the following Resolution (Attachment No. 1):

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-23 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, TO AMEND THE FY 2025-26 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET BY CLOSING WORKTAG: 73368-DOWNTOWN PARKING STRUCTURES, RELEASING THE REMAINING SERIES BI (AW) \$1,416,248 AND SERIES BI (AX/AI) \$12,440,004 BOND PROCEEDS TOTALING \$13,856,252; CREATING WORKTAG: PRJ-00001 - DOWNTOWN POMONA COMMERCIAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING A TOTAL OF \$13,856,252 OF WHICH \$1,416,248 IS FROM SERIES BI (AW) AND \$12,440,004 IS FROM SERIES BI (AX/AI) OF AVAILABLE BOND PROCEEDS**

2. Approve Agreement for Fox Theater Improvement Program (Attachment No. 2) and Allocating \$600,000 from the Downtown Pomona Commercial Improvement Program CIP [Series BI (AW)].
3. Approve Allocating \$5,000,000 for the Pomona Development Accelerator Fund (PDAF) (Attachment No. 3) from the Downtown Pomona Commercial Improvement Program CIP [Series BI (AX/AI)].

*\*This item was heard after Consent Calendar Item No. 2*

Office of Economic and Business Affairs Deputy Director Ata Kahn gave the staff presentation.

Public Speaker Karl Gunthrie expressed concern about the item and asked about funding for the library, police department and schools.

Councilmember Garcia asked questions about the item.

City Council asked various questions about the item and gave comments.

Deputy Director Ata Kahn answered their questions.

**MOTION BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, SECOND BY VICE MAYOR ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2026-23; and approve Agreement for Fox Theater Improvement Program (Attachment No. 2) and Allocating \$600,000 from the Downtown Pomona Commercial Improvement Program CIP [Series BI (AW)]; and Approve Allocating \$5,000,000 for the Pomona Development Accelerator Fund (PDAF) (Attachment No. 3) from the Downtown Pomona Commercial Improvement Program CIP [Series BI (AX/AI)].**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 13.** A Public Hearing and adoption of a resolution approving the city of Pomona Housing Authority's Annual Plan for FY 2026-27 and Administrative Plan

It is recommended that the City Council, sitting as the governing board of the city of Pomona Housing Authority, take the following actions:

- 1) Conduct a Public Hearing for the city of Pomona Housing Authority's Annual Plan for FY 2026-27 and Administrative Plan to receive testimony and comments; and,
- 2) Adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, SITTING AS THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE POMONA HOUSING AUTHORITY, APPROVING THE PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY CERTIFICATION OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN, THE CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY ANNUAL PLAN AND MOVING TO WORK (MTW) SUPPLEMENT TO THE ANNUAL PLAN AND SUBMISSION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)**

*\*This item was heard after Discussion Item No. 10.*

Jacqueline Contreras gave the staff presentation.

Mayor Sandoval opened the public hearing, and with no public speakers, Mayor Sandoval closed the public hearing.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE MAYOR ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2026-08.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 10:46 p.m. on March 2, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

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ROSALIA A. BUTLER, MMC  
City Clerk/Secretary of the Pomona  
Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the  
to the Redevelopment Agency

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TIM SANDOVAL  
Mayor/Chair of the Pomona  
Housing Authority/Successor Agency  
Redevelopment Agency