



City of Pomona

505 S. Garey Ave
Pomona, CA 91766

Regular Meeting Minutes

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

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

Monday, March 3, 2025

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

CLOSED SESSION

A) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))

City Attorney

City Clerk

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 Steve Lustro
Councilmember Debra Martin
Councilmember Victor Preciado
Councilmember Nora Garcia
Councilmember Lorraine Canales

Absent: Councilmember Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole

STAFF PRESENT

Anita D. Scott, City Manager
Sonia Carvalho, City Attorney
Karla Shipman, Assistant City Clerk
Diana Robles, Deputy City Clerk
Michael Ellis, Pomona Police Chief

PRESENTATIONS

* A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Pomona Recognizing March 2025 as “National Nutrition Month” in the City of Pomona

Mayor Sandoval presented the proclamation to Christina Scovel, who expressed gratitude for the proclamation and emphasized the importance of nutritional education to improve health outcomes.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Martin gave thanks to Public Works staff and to City Manager Scott for their quick response in addressing concerns at Ganesha Park. Councilmember Martin participated in a ride along with Pomona Police Department.

Councilmember Preciado attended the Jaycee Park ribbon cutting event. Councilmember Preciado invited folks to attend various upcoming events in the City: the ribbon cutting event at Ralph Welch Park combined with a CommUnity Pull-Up event, the Harriet Tubman Unity Walk, the Ted Greene Little League Opening Ceremonies, and the Second Saturday Art Walk.

Councilmember Garcia thanked staff for their responsiveness in addressing concerns at Washington Park, thanked Mayor Sandoval for contributing some of his CDBG designated funds to the repairs and gave apologies to the American Little League for the repairs causing delays. Councilmember Garcia also wished everyone who celebrates, a happy Ash Wednesday.

Vice Mayor Lustro discussed attending the Jaycee Park ribbon cutting event, and would be attending the upcoming Ralph Welch ribbon cutting event. Vice Mayor Lustro announced the upcoming Athens Spring Clean-Up event.

Mayor Sandoval discussed attending the Lotus Medical College LVN graduation ceremony, and the impact of the personal stories of the graduates.

Councilmember Canales gave thanks to Lt. Miller and to the Quality of Life Unit for their responsiveness to issues in District 6, and announced the upcoming baseball opening ceremonies for Ted Greene Little League. Councilmember Canales also announced the community center at Willie White Park was open.

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Scott announced the upcoming Community Budget Meetings regarding the proposed FY 25-26 budget: Monday, March 24 at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, April 2 at 3 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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:

Joseph McLellan discussed the City's good performance on the Public Institute of Health's Cannabis Scorecard which measures local policy regarding cannabis regulations.

Oscar Mauricio Faguada discussed safety concerns on Orange Grove Ave. and requested the City conduct a traffic survey in the area.

M. Joyce Bakersmith requested discussion items be presented in a different order and expressed concern with the rent stabilization proceedings during the previous meeting.

Merelyn discussed the recently passed Measure Y.

Miguel discussed ideas for how Measure Y can address housing anxieties in the community.

Linette discussed ways Measure Y can address the concerns of immigrants in the community.

Trina Armstrong expressed concerns with the Flock system surveillance program in traffic cameras.

John Barge III discussed the possibility of setting a Guinness world record during the 2028 Olympics and requested the City Council's support.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE MAYOR LUSTRO, CARRIED 6-0 (COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE ABSENT), to approve the entire Consent Calendar except for Item No. 1 pulled for public comment.

1. Consideration of Monument Sign to Commemorate Manuel Castillejos Plaza

It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Approve a monument sign “Manuel Castillejos Plaza” for placement at the corner of Garey Avenue and Second Street, at an estimated cost of \$500 plus staff time for installation of a large boulder with mounted plaque; and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute any necessary documents to procure the materials needed to construct the monument sign, and any subsequent changes thereto on behalf of the City.

Public Speaker Miriam Castillejos expressed gratitude for the City’s approval of the plaque, and spoke about the impact her husband Manuel Castillejos had on the Pomona community.

Mayor Sandoval commented on the history of the item and requested staff to collaborate with Manuel Castillejos’ family to develop language for the plaque.

Councilmember Canales expressed support and asked about the funding for the item.

Vice Mayor Lustro expressed the preservation of the outdoor plaza be prioritized should the property ever be developed in the future.

Councilmember Martin expressed gratitude for having known Manuel Castillejos and expressed support for the item.

Councilmember Garcia also commented on the importance of preserving the outdoor plaza should the property ever be developed.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, CARRIED 6-0 (COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE ABSENT), to approve a monument sign “Manuel Castillejos Plaza” for placement at the corner of Garey Avenue and Second Street, at an estimated cost of \$500 plus staff time for installation of a large boulder with mounted plaque; and authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute any necessary documents to procure the materials needed to construct the monument sign, and any subsequent changes thereto on behalf of the City.

2. Resolution to Amend the FY 2024-25 CIP Budget by Creating a New Project, "Pomona Emerging Transportation Technologies (PETT)," Project No. 428-2590-XXXXX-68597

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-36 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2024-25 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET BY CREATING A NEW PROJECT, "POMONA EMERGING TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGIES (PETT)," PROJECT NO. 428-2590-XXXXX-68597 AND ACCEPTING, INCREASING REVENUE ESTIMATES, AND APPROPRIATING \$10,621,872 OF FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA) FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION (ATTAIN) PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS TO THE PROJECT

- 2) Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the agreement and other documentation requested for acceptance and implementation of the grant awards, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE MAYOR LUSTRO, CARRIED 6-0 (COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE ABSENT), to adopt Resolution No. 2025-36; and authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the agreement and other documentation requested for acceptance and implementation of the grant awards, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

3. Approval of Lot Merger LM9-2024 for the Property Located at 618-642 W. Fernleaf Avenue, Pomona, CA, Assessor Parcel Number 8343-006-007, Related to the Four Unit Townhome (Council District 2)

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-21 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING LOT MERGER LM9-2024 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 618-642 W. FERNLEAF AVENUE, ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 8343-006-007; and

- 2) Authorize the City Engineer to sign Lot Merger LM9-2024 on behalf of the City of Pomona.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE MAYOR LUSTRO, CARRIED 6-0 (COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE ABSENT), to adopt Resolution No. 2025-21; and authorize the City Engineer to sign Lot Merger LM9-2024 on behalf of the City of Pomona.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

4. Finding of Public Benefit to the Community at Large-Recommended Expenditure(s) and Recap of Expended Funds

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

- 1) Approve the expenditure(s) recommended and make the finding that the community at large will receive a public benefit from the expenditure of funds for the recommended item(s); and
 - A) Amount to be determined to God's Pantry in support of the Annual Golf Classic: Requested Amount: \$10,500
 - B) Amount to be determined to Healed Women Heal in support of United Voices: Requested Amount: \$1,250
 - C) Amount to be determined to East Side of the River in support of Washington Park Mural Unveiling: Requested Amount: \$1,000
- 2) Receive and file the recap of final amounts.

MOTION BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, CARRIED 6-0 (COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE ABSENT), to make a finding of public benefit for items A-C.

5. Adoption of Resolution Amending the FY 2024-25 Operating Budget to Appropriate \$36,982 for Street Sweeping Signs and Update on Downtown Trash Enclosures

It is recommended that the City Council receive an update on the Street Sweeping Program and Downtown Trash Enclosures and adopt the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-32 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 OPERATING BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING \$36,982 FROM REFUSE ADMINISTRATION FUND RESERVES (FUND 145) TO CONTROLLABLE CONTRACTS (145-2520-52285-00000) FOR STREET SWEEPING SIGNS

Public Works Director Meg McWade gave the staff presentation.

Public Speaker Heidi Ortega asked a variety of questions regarding the downtown enclosures.

Councilmember Canales asked questions about the street sweeping signs.

Councilmember Garcia gave suggestions on how to improve communications with residents to help avoid misinformation and misunderstandings, and expressed a desire to keep services in-house.

Councilmember Preciado asked various questions about the signs, street sweeping operations, and the downtown enclosures.

Councilmember Martin requested communications to residents be sent through mail, made comments about street sweeping practices, and asked questions about the downtown enclosures.

Vice Mayor Lustro asked questions about street sweeping practices.

Mayor Sandoval gave comments about past practices of street sweeping operations, stressed the importance of clear communication to residents and asked questions.

Councilmember Preciado asked additional questions about the item.

MOTION BY VICE MAYOR LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, CARRIED 6-0 (COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE ABSENT) to adopt Resolution No. 2025-32.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. Approving an Amendment to the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Plan for years 2021, 2022, and Authorizing Submittal to the State Department of Housing and Community Development

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

- 1) Conduct a Public Hearing to receive comments on the amendments to the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Plan for years 2021, 2022 and 2023;
- 2) After receiving public comment and testimony, close the Public Hearing and adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-15 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO THE PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION (PLHA) PLAN FOR YEARS 2021, 2022 AND 2023 AND AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- 3) Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the Standard Agreement any subsequent amendments or modifications thereto, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

Housing Services Manager Maria Siacunco gave the staff presentation.

Mayor Sandoval opened the Public Hearing.

Public Speaker M. Joyce Bakersmith asked questions about the item.

Mayor Sandoval closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, CARRIED 6-0 (COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE ABSENT), to adopt Resolution No. 2025-15; and authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the Standard Agreement any subsequent amendments or modifications thereto, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

7. Amending the Consolidated Plan, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Annual Action Plan and City Operating Budget by Increasing/Decreasing Revenue Estimates and Appropriations for Various Federal and State Funded Housing Grant Programs, and Amending the FY 2024-25 Capital Improvement Program Budget for "252 E. 4th Street Major Rehabilitation" Project by Appropriating \$643,023 of HOME-ARP funds and \$785,920 of HOME Program Funds to the Project

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

- 1) Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the Amendments to the Consolidated Plan, the FY 2024-25 Annual Action Plan and City Operating Budget; and,
- 2) After receiving public comment and testimony, close the Public Hearing and adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-16 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN, THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2024-25 ANNUAL ACTION AND CITY OPERATING BUDGET BY INCREASING/DECREASING REVENUE ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG), HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME), HOME - AMERICAN RECOVERY PROGRAM (ARP), EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG), ESG-RAPID UNSHELTERED SURVIVOR HOUSING (RUSH), LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION AND HEALTHY HOMES GRANT, OLDER ADULT HOME MODIFICATION PROGRAM, HEALTHY HOMES PRODUCTION GRANT (HHPG), PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION (PLHA) AND CALHOME REUSE PROGRAM FUNDS

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-17 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, TO AMEND THE FY 2024-25 OPERATING BUDGET AND FY 2024-25 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET BY UNAPPROPRIATING \$567,836 OF HOME-AMERICAN RECOVERY PROGRAM (ARP) FUNDS AND APPROPRIATING \$643,023 OF HOME-AMERICAN RECOVERY PROGRAM (ARP) FUNDS AND \$785,920 OF HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME) FUNDS TO THE "252 E. 4th STREET MAJOR REHABILITATION," PROJECT NO. 428-2590-XXXXX-71210

Neighborhood Services Department Director Beverly Johnson gave a brief introduction of the item.

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

Councilmember Preciado expressed excitement for the project and discussed past transitional housing projects.

Councilmember Canales asked various questions about the item.

Councilmember Garcia encouraged fellow Councilmembers to visit the site and expressed excitement for the project.

Mayor Sandoval commented on past transitional housing projects and expressed looking forward to the completion of this item as it is one of ways the City is addressing housing insecurity.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTIN, CARRIED 6-0 (COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE ABSENT), to adopt Resolution No. 2025-16 and Resolution No. 2025-17.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m. on March 3, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

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

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

TRASH ENCLOSURE QUESTIONS

1. How will locations for new or retrofitted enclosures be determined?
2. If centralized locations are determined, who pays for the new enclosures?
 - a. How will these locations be serviced as to maintenance, broken locks, etc.
3. If multiple buildings and/or multiple tenants of multiple owners are sharing, how will it be determined who pays the bills. Who pays the bill to build the new enclosure?
4. In the downtown area we have over 100 public trash cans that are emptied daily, and in some areas twice daily. How can we possibly sort this trash?
5. Given the experience downtown with existing enclosures, we assume that all enclosures will have tops on them, and secure locking gated entry.
6. Some buildings have private space for trash collection. We assume those will continue to be able to meet the standards and do not have to "participate" in any effort to collect funds to support new enclosures
7. To cut costs, can existing enclosure be left in place and used, with an adjacent smaller structure added to it to create extra space, or an additional bin, perhaps for the composting materials (It does mean probably giving up some parking spaces)
8. Review suggestions during meeting on new parking structure: consolidating existing enclosures. enlarging enclosure space on the east side of the parking lot (behind DPOA), all in one space along Garey
9. What is the cost of enclosure sufficient to house the 3 required containers?