



# 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, February 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's: 8331004901, 8331004047

Negotiating Parties: Brandon 26 Management, LLC

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 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**

Mayor Sandoval 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  
Karla Shipman, Assistant City Clerk  
Michael Ellis, Pomona Police Chief

## **PRESENTATIONS**

\*A proclamation of the City Council of the City of Pomona Recognizing February 2026 as "Black History Month" in the City of Pomona.

Mayor Sandoval presented the proclamation to Jeanette Ellis Royston, President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Chara Swodeck from the African American Advisory Alliance and Jamie Lindsay, Madam President of National Council Negro Women Pomona Valley Section of NCNW. Jeanette Ellis Royston spoke a few words about the work of the NAACP. Dr. Trudy Coleman and Chara Swodeck also spoke a few words about the importance of the month and the work of their respective organizations.

\*Installation of the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association President.

Scott Tiedemann, general counsel to the LACPCA, spoke a few words about the role of the association president and briefly summarized Pomona Police Chief Ellis's professional history. Mayor Sandoval noted Pomona PD Chief Ellis's selection as the Association's President was a historical first for the City of Pomona. LA County District Attorney Nathan Hochman administered the Oath of Office to Pomona PD Chief Ellis. Mayor Sandoval presented a certificate of recognition to Pomona PD Chief Ellis on behalf of the City Council. Pomona PD Chief Ellis expressed words of gratitude and briefly spoke about how the association supports the region.

\*2026 Public Safety Vision for LA County

Los Angeles County District Attorney Nathan Hochman gave a verbal presentation on the Public Safety Vision for Los Angeles County.

### **MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Sandoval directed City Manager Scott to prioritize addressing safety and trespass concerns brought forward by the community. Mayor Sandoval requested a resolution for Ramiro's release.

Councilmember Garcia discussed her duties to the constitution of the United States, expressed solidarity with Minnesota, called on the legislative branch to put checks on the executive branch, and requested the City Council support the creation of an ordinance to restrict federal immigration agents from using City owned property.

Vice Mayor Ontiveros-Cole spoke positively about residents participating in protest and expressed hope for the future. Vice Mayor Ontiveros-Cole expressed gratitude to the Pomona Police Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking Team.

Councilmember Canales announced the upcoming Lunar New Year celebrations during the Second Saturday Art Walk, congratulated the new girls softball league starting at Ted Greene Park, and expressed pride for PUSD students participating in a peaceful and organized walk. Councilmember Canales discussed the importance of all members of the community coming together to address human trafficking crime in the City.

Councilmember Lustro commended a group of developers that took public comment from the community about a possible project bringing multiple homes to Pomona. Councilmember Lustro discussed feeling encouraged by District Attorney's Hochman's presentation.

Councilmember Preciado gave congratulations to Minerva's Flower Shop for celebrating 30 years of service in the City, gave congratulation to Mi Cafecito for celebrating their 10-year anniversary in the City, gave thanks to the Latino Roundtable, and gave a shout out to the literacy program Cafecito Con Libros. Councilmember Preciado also enjoyed Canani's grand opening and attended Career Day at Vejar Elementary. Councilmember Preciado highlighted the opening of the skate park at Martin Luther King Jr. Park. Councilmember Preciado announced the upcoming CommUnity Pull-Up event, the District 2 Area Commander Meeting. Lastly, Councilmember Preciado expressed pride for the students that participated in the recent protests.

Councilmember Martin welcomed Assemblymember Michelle Rodriguez's representative, thanked Pomona PD for a successful Area Commander meeting in District 1, thanked various staff members for their work. Councilmember Martin attended various ribbon cutting events throughout the City, attended the Optimist Club fundraiser and attended a Woman's Conference which featured State Senator Rubio as a speaker. Councilmember Martin expressed concerns about graffiti and illegal dumping; Councilmember Martin encouraged folks to use the PomonaGo App to report issues to staff. Lastly, Councilmember Martin requested a discussion about increasing crossing guards to be agendaized for a future meeting.

Mayor Sandoval expressed support for the City collaborating with Pomona Unified School District to address funding for crossing guards and expressed support for Councilmember Garcia's request to develop an ordinance. Mayor Sandoval expressed pride for students in Pomona and throughout the country for speaking up about the injustices occurring in the country. Mayor Sandoval attended the Optimist Club fundraiser.

### **CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Scott gave the following updates: Los Angeles County Fire Department and the City have reached a mutual interim agreement; a contract would be brought forward soon. The Ethics Commission intends on bringing forward an updated Ethics Policy to the City Council by April 2026. Measure Z Community Meetings have taken place and dates of future meetings will be available on the City's website. The City Council Goals and Priorities Workshop will take place at the Union in February.

### **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:**

Kamille Hemsworth, Office of Assemblymember Michelle Rodriguez, announced an upcoming Tacos and Taxes event.

Lisa Russi, Casa Colina Hospital and Center for Healthcare, discussed Casa Colina's CDBG project – a book and care kit to address diabetes.

Donald Jones discussed concerns about the City's and the Pomona Police's responses to a neighborhood dispute.

Shirley M. discussed an encounter with Immigration Border Patrol Agents and requested Pomona PD enforce Senate Bill 627.

Daisy P. Discussed an encounter with Immigration Border Patrol Agents and expressed disappointment in Pomona PD not enforcing Senate Bill 627.

Mayra Langarica discussed concerns with a judgement issued by a court regarding her dogs.

Francisco Ballardo, Ted Greene Little League, thanked City Council for the bathroom rehabilitation project at Ted Greene Park and discussed the importance of community and the City collaborating.

Darlene Johnson discussed concerns regarding unhoused individuals in her neighborhood.

Renee Johnson expressed concerns about speeding cars in her neighborhood and requested crosswalks be added to streets.

Theodore Pampalos discussed his housing needs and requested assistance with accessing affordable housing.

Piccola Ford expressed concerns about hazardous waste being dumped around the neighborhood by homeless individuals.

Jerry Ramirez discussed concerns regarding hazardous waste being dumped in the neighborhood by homeless individuals.

Saba Labib was called to speak but was not present and did not give comment.

Jeffrey Michaelson, Hope 4 Holt Initiative, discussed the importance of property owners and homeless individuals working together.

Jack Foster discussed concerns regarding tickets issued for street sweeping parking violations in the City.

Carla Munoz, Costanoan Rumsen Carmel Tribe, requested support for the annual Big Time Gathering at Tony Cerda Park and invited folks to attend the event.

Brenda Munoz, Costanoan Rumsen Carmel Tribe, expressed concerns about the bathroom conditions at Tony Cerda Park.

Gustavo Ramirez, World Peace Now, expressed support for students protesting in Pomona, and expressed support for I.C.E. out of Pomona.

Elsa Padres, expressed support for the City creating an Ordinance to prohibit Border Patrol from using City facilities and asked questions about the procedure for creating ordinances.

## **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. 6 pulled by Councilmember Garcia for comments.**

1. Approval of City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes

It is recommended that the City Council approve the following City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes:

December 15, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 5, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE-MAYOR ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to approve City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Regular Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2025 and January 5, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.**

2. Ratification of Emergency Expenses for Towne Avenue Repairs

It is recommended that per Municipal Code Section 2-998, the City Council approve the ratification of an emergency repair to Towne Avenue conducted by Gentry Bros, Inc. in the amount of \$146,295.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE-MAYOR ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the ratification of an emergency repair to Towne Avenue conducted by Gentry Bros, Inc. in the amount of \$146,295.**

3. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 4363, Amending City of Pomona Zoning and Development Code Section 830.A (Accessory Dwelling Units) Pertaining to Accessory Dwelling Unit and Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit Regulations in Compliance with State Law

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 4363 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CITY OF POMONA ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT CODE SECTION 830.A (ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS) PERTAINING TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT AND JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT REGULATIONS IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW AND DETERMINING THE ORDINANCE TO BE EXEMPT FROM CEQA UNDER PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE § 21080.17**

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE-MAYOR ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Ordinance No. 4363.**

4. Approve a Resolution to Amend Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operating Budget and Sole-Source Purchase of Six (6) 2026 Dodge Durango Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles and Vehicle Builds

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2025-26 BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND TO INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS BY \$459,000 FROM BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND RESERVES**

- 2) Approve a sole-source purchase of six (6) replacement Police interceptor utility vehicles from Carville Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Dealership in the amount of \$258,000; and
- 3) Approve a sole-source to 10-8 retrofit, Inc. for vehicle builds in the amount of \$201,000.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE-MAYOR ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2026-06; and approve a sole-source purchase of six (6) replacement Police interceptor utility vehicles from Carville Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Dealership in the amount of \$258,000; and approve a sole-source to 10-8 retrofit, Inc. for vehicle builds in the amount of \$201,000.**

5. Receive and File Quarterly Summary of Approved City Council Sponsorships and Remaining Fund Balances

It is recommended that the City Council receive and file the summary of approved City Council Sponsorships and remaining fund balances.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE-MAYOR ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to receive and file the summary of approved City Council Sponsorships and remaining fund balances.**

6. Receive and File Report Required by City Ordinance No. 4244 Related to the California Values Act (SB 54)

It is recommended that the City Council receive a status report of the City's compliance with City of Pomona Ordinance No. 4244 and the State of California Values Act (SB 54).

This item was pulled by Councilmember Garcia for comments.

Councilmember Garcia requested City Manager Scott make clarifications.

City Manager Scott discussed the Police Department's and City staff's compliance with SB 54.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, CARRIED 7-0, to receive a status report of the City's compliance with City of Pomona Ordinance No. 4244 and the State of California Values Act (SB 54).**

7. Notice and Call of Primary Municipal Election on June 2, 2026 to be Consolidated with the Los Angeles County Presidential (Statewide) Primary Election for the Election of Three (3) Members of the City Council for Districts 2, 3, and 5

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the following resolutions in order to conduct a Primary Municipal Election on June 2, 2026:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-09 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, CALLING FOR THE HOLDING OF A PRIMARY MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026, FOR THE ELECTION OF THREE (3) MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND ONE (1) MEASURE AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RELATING TO CHARTER CITIES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO CONSOLIDATE A PRIMARY MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON JUNE 2, 2026, WITH THE STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE DATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 10403 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE**

**RESOLUTION NO 2026-11 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATES STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT A PRIMARY MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026**

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE-MAYOR ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2026-09, Resolution No. 2026-10, and Resolution No. 2026-11.**

8. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Two Continuum of Care Grant Awards from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Amend the FY 2025-26 Operating Budget, and Award a Professional Services Agreement to Volunteers of America of Los Angeles (VOALA)

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-07 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF TWO CONTINUUM OF CARE GRANTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) TOTALING \$3,918,172 AND AMENDMENT OF THE FY 2025-26 OPERATING BUDGET**

- 2) Award a Professional Services Agreement to Volunteers of America of Los Angeles (VOALA) in the amount of \$1,240,997; and
- 3) Authorize the City Manager to execute all contracts, subcontracts, amendments and any other documentation requested for acceptance of the award and operation of the above listed Continuum of Care Programs for submission to funders and subcontractor VOALA, 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. 2026-07; and award a Professional Services Agreement to Volunteers of America of Los Angeles (VOALA) in the amount of \$1,240,997; and authorize the City Manager to execute all contracts, subcontracts, amendments and any other documentation requested for acceptance of the award and operation of the above listed Continuum of Care Programs for submission to funders and subcontractor VOALA, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.**

9. Adoption of a Resolution Delegating Certain Authority to Non-Elected Decision-Making Bodies and Officials Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-12 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, DELEGATING CERTAIN AUTHORITY TO NON-ELECTED DECISION-MAKING BODIES AND OFFICIALS UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE-MAYOR ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2026-12.**

**DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

- 10.** Receive and File a Report Back on Code Compliance Nuisance Abatement Process for Vacant Buildings and Properties

It is recommended that the City Council receive and file a report back on Code Compliance nuisance abatement process for vacant buildings and properties.

Code Compliance Manager J.D. Whitaker gave the staff presentation.

Public Speaker Arelly Cedillo requested the Council to consider other avenues to assist elderly and low-income residents when addressing property maintenance issues.

Public Speaker Jeffery Michaelson expressed the need to involve the Housing Dept. and others in the Nuisance Abatement Process.

Councilmembers gave comments expressing support for the work of Code Compliance.

**NO MOTION WAS MADE; THIS WAS A RECEIVE AND FILE ITEM.**

- 11.** Approval of Rent Stabilization Relocation Assistance Policy

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-14 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF UNIT-SIZE SCHEDULE RELOCATION ASSISTANCE POLICY**

- 2) Receive and file the Relocation Assistance Study that was prepared by RSG, Inc., dated September 2025.

Housing Manager Donyielle introduced Tarah Broughton from RSG who gave the staff representation.

The following public speakers spoke in opposition to the item:

Debra Mendez	Claudia Bautista	Jesus Rojas	John Nolte	Evelia Rocha
Emely Andreo	Yesenia M. Meza	Xiomara Barrera	Lucia Zepeda	

Public Speaker Arelly Cedillo submitted a speak card late and did not get to speak, however the card indicated opposition to the item.

Councilmembers gave comments and asked questions.

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN FOR THIS ITEM.**

**12. Report Back in Options for the Development and/or Disposition of 252 E. 4th Street Property**

It is recommended that the City Council discuss options related to the development or disposition of the property located at 252 E. 4th Street, Pomona, CA 91766 and provide direction to staff. The options are:

- 1) Rehabilitate the Property and Award a Construction Contract to Fidelity Builders, Inc. (FD428, CIP Fund | CC1702, Housing Administration | Project Worktag No. 71210, 252 E. 4th Street - Major Rehabilitation) to include base bid items plus a 15% contingency, in the total amount of \$5,264,355;
- 2) Sell the Property and Use Proceeds to Purchase a Comparable Property for Use as Affordable Housing; and,
- 3) Demolish the Property and Use Land and Grant Funds Toward Developing New Affordable Housing.

Housing Services Manager Maria Siacunco and George Montano gave the staff presentation.

**MOTION BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTIN, CARRIED 7-0, to rehabilitate the Property and Award a Construction Contract to Fidelity Builders, Inc. (FD428, CIP Fund | CC1702, Housing Administration | Project Worktag No. 71210, 252 E. 4th Street - Major Rehabilitation) to include base bid items plus a 15% contingency, in the total amount of \$5,264,355.**

**13. Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget Kickoff**

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

- 1) Approve the attached Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Budget Guiding Principles; and
- 2) Review the FY 2026-27 Budget Preparation Calendar and Budget Process.

Finance Director Andrew Mowbray gave the staff presentation.

**MOTION BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the attached Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Budget Guiding Principles; and review the FY 2026-27 Budget Preparation Calendar and Budget Process.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 10:57 p.m. on February 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