



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 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.*

Monday, March 16, 2026

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

CLOSED SESSION

A) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1))

Seidy Cuevas v. City of Pomona

Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. 24PSCV03864

B) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

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

City Attorney

City Clerk

City Manager

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Tim Sandoval
Councilmember Victor Preciado
Councilmember Nora Garcia
Councilmember Steve Lustro

Absent: Vice Mayor Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole
Councilmember Debra Martin
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 Lustro 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
Robert Sheppman, Pomona Police Lieutenant

PRESENTATIONS

*Presentation Recognizing Elliott Thong Attaining the Rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America

Mayor Sandoval presented the proclamation to Elliot Thong who shared a few words of gratitude.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Garcia announced Lt. Bostrom was promoted to Captain Bostrom, and invited folks to attend the upcoming District 3 Area Commander to meet the new District 3 Lt. Paulson.

Vice Mayor Ontiveros-Cole announced the grand opening of the Burlington Coat Factory store, attended State Senator Rubio's Woman of the Year award ceremony, and invited folks to attend the upcoming District 4 Area Commander meeting.

Councilmember Preciado discussed the fire that took place recently in District 2, attended the Ted Green Park grand opening, and the Second Saturday Art Walk.

Councilmember Canales expressed excitement for the Ted Green Park grand opening, attended Casa Colina's 90th Anniversary, and announced the Tea for the Soul event hosted by the Optimist Club.

Councilmember Martin attended several events throughout the City, including the Casa Colina and announced upcoming events: the Kennedy Park egg hunt event, and the Day of Prayer event hosted by the Fountain Church.

Mayor Sandoval attended the 90th Anniversary of Casa Colina, Ted Green Little League's season opening, a performance at the School of Arts and Enterprise, a public hearing from Los Angeles Mayor Bass, and announced a future Pomona public hearing to hear about the impact of Immigration and Customs Enforcement on the community.

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Scott clarified the upcoming budget meetings are community meetings, not City Council meetings, and they will take place on March 23rd at 7pm and April 1st at 3pm. City Manager Scott also stated there was minor discrepancy in Consent Calendar Item No. 2: the title of the item and the staff report had listed different amount and advised the number in the staff report was the correct amount. Lastly, City Manager Scott gave congratulations to Captain Bostrom who received the Woman of the Year award from Assemblymember Michelle Rodriguez.

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 Bolous, Just Us 4 Youth, described the services provided by Just Us 4 Youth and announced the upcoming grand opening of the organization's community center.

Mayra Langarica played an audio recording of a conversation between herself and Pomona Police Department.

Chara Swodeck, African American Advisory Alliance, expressed gratitude to the community for participating in the Harriet Tubman walk.

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. 4 pulled for public comment, Item No. 6 pulled for comment by Councilmember Preciado, and Item No. 9 pulled for comment by City Manager Scott.

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:

February 23, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE-MAYOR ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2026 and March 2, 2026.

2. Authorization to Purchase Calsense Smart Irrigation Controllers from Imperial Sprinkler Supply

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the purchase of Calsense Smart Irrigation Controllers from Imperial Sprinkler Supply for a period of three (3) years, at the prices bid or CPI-adjusted prices as permitted by the agreement and subject to annual budget appropriations.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, CARRIED 7-0, to authorize the purchase of Calsense Smart Irrigation Controllers from Imperial Sprinkler Supply for a period of three (3) years, at the prices bid or CPI-adjusted prices as permitted by the agreement and subject to annual budget appropriations.

3. Authorization to Increase the Not to Exceed Amount in the Agreement with West Coast Arborists, Inc. for Street Tree Planting for the Strategic Growth Council Transformative Climate Communities Grant

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

- 1) Authorize an increase of \$180,000 to the not to exceed amount in the agreement with West Coast Arborists, Inc. (allowed by the agreement's Extra Work term) for street tree planting to ensure compliance with the Strategic Growth Council Transformative Climate Communities Grant, in an amount not to exceed \$180,000.
- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment with West Coast Arborists, Inc., subject to review by the City Attorney.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE-MAYOR ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to authorize an increase of \$180,000 to the not to exceed amount in the agreement with West Coast Arborists, Inc. (allowed by the agreement's Extra Work term) for street tree planting to ensure compliance with the Strategic Growth Council Transformative Climate Communities Grant, in an amount not to exceed \$180,000; and authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment with West Coast Arborists, Inc., subject to review by the City Attorney.

4. Approve a Sole Source Purchase with LifeArk SPC in the Amount of \$2,245,001 for the Acquisition of Prefabricated Modular Housing Units for the Development of Permanent Supportive Housing

It is recommended that the City Council approve a sole-source purchase with LifeArk SPC in the amount of \$2,245,001 for the acquisition of prefabricated modular housing units for the development of permanent supportive housing.

This item was pulled for public comment.

Public Speaker Cedric Elias expressed various concerns about the project.

Public Speaker Paul Cho, LifeArk SPC, discussed past projects and highlighted aspects about the item project.

Neighborhood Services Department Deputy Director George Montano gave an overview of the item.

Councilmember Martin, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Lustro, Councilmember Canales, Vice Mayor Ontiveros-Cole, Councilmember Preciado and Mayor Sandoval asked questions and gave comments about the item.

MOTION BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, CARRIED 7-0, to approve a sole-source purchase with LifeArk SPC in the amount of \$2,245,001 for the acquisition of prefabricated modular housing units for the development of permanent supportive housing.

5. Approve an Increase to the Not-to-Exceed Amount with Walters Wholesale Electric Co. to Purchase As-Needed Electrical Supplies

It is recommended that the City Council approve an increase to the not-to-exceed amount with Walters Wholesale Electric Co. for the purchase of as-needed electrical supplies.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE-MAYOR ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to approve an increase to the not-to-exceed amount with Walters Wholesale Electric Co. for the purchase of as-needed electrical supplies.

6. Approval of MOU with Pomona Hope to Operate the “Community Garden” Project and Resolution to Amend the FY 2025-26 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget by Adding a Donation of \$10,000 to the “Community Garden” Project

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

- 1) Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Pomona Hope for the operation of the Community Garden located at 192 E. Center Street in Pomona; and
- 2) Approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-25 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, TO AMEND THE FY 2025-26 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET BY ACCEPTING, INCREASING REVENUE ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATING A DONATION OF \$10,000 TO WORKTAG: PROJECT 71114 COMMUNITY GARDEN, FD428, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) | CC2590 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) | RC087 DONATIONS

- 3) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the MOU and any subsequent amendments or agreements related to the Community Garden.

This item was pulled for comment by Councilmember Preciado.

Councilmember Preciado presented a certificate of recognition to the Pomona 5K/10K for their donation to the Community Garden.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, CARRIED 7-0, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Pomona Hope for the operation of the Community Garden located at 192 E. Center Street in Pomona; and approve Resolution No. 2026-25; and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the MOU and any subsequent amendments or agreements related to the Community Garden.

7. Approve Summary Vacation VU2-2025 and Approve Grant of Easement EC2-2025 to Southern California Edison for Electrical Infrastructure Installation on a Portion of City Property Located at 499 E. Arrow Highway, Pomona, CA, Assessor Parcel Number 8366-017-900, Related to Electrical Vehicle Infrastructure (Council District 6)

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-28 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE SUMMARY VACATION VU2-2025 AND APPROVING GRANT OF EASEMENT EC2-2025 TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON FOR ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE INSTALLATION ON A PORTION OF CITY PROPERTY LOCATED AT 499 E. ARROW HIGHWAY, ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 8366-017-900

- 2) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to sign the Grant of Easement to SCE on behalf of the City.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE-MAYOR ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2026-28; and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to sign the Grant of Easement to SCE on behalf of the City.

8. Approval for the Pomona Police Department Aero Bureau Engine Overhaul from Helicopter Engine Repair Overhaul Services in the Amount of \$168,399.62

It is recommended that the City Council approve the engine overhaul for Pomona Police Department Helicopter MD 500 from Helicopter Engine Repair Overhaul Services for the total amount of \$168,399.62 (ref# W/O 25168).

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE-MAYOR ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the engine overhaul for Pomona Police Department Helicopter MD 500 from Helicopter Engine Repair Overhaul Services for the total amount of \$168,399.62 (ref# W/O 25168).

9. Approval of a Three-Year Transitional Agreement with the Los Angeles County Fire District (LACoFD) for Fire and Emergency Services

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

- 1) Approve the proposed Three-Year Transitional Agreement with LACoFD in substantially the form submitted, and;
- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement upon approval by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

This item was pulled for comment by City Manager Scott.

Mayor Sandoval gave brief comments to thank City Manager Scott for her work on this item.

City Manager Scott gave brief comments about the goals for future agreements.

Councilmember Lustro, Councilmember Preciado, Councilmember Martin, gave comments about the item.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTIN, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the proposed Three-Year Transitional Agreement with LACoFD in substantially the form submitted, and; Authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement upon approval by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

10. Adopt a Resolution to Receive and Appropriate EV Charging Stations' Revenues and Expenditures

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-15 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2025-26 GENERAL FUND BUDGET BY INCREASING REVENUE ESTIMATES BY A TOTAL OF \$2,000 ANNUALLY FOR EVCS CHARGING STATIONS AT PALOMARES PARK

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-16 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2025-26 WATER FUND BUDGET BY INCREASING REVENUE ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS BY \$3,000 FOR CHARGEPOINT CHARGING STATIONS FOR THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE-MAYOR ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2026-15 and Resolution No. 2026-16.

11. Adoption of a Resolution Adopting the Annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) Adjustment for Business License Taxes, Cannabis Business Taxes, Utility Users' Maximum Annual Taxes, and Income Levels for Qualifying for Residential Utility Users' Tax Exemption Eligibility

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the following:

RESOLUTION 2026-29 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) ADJUSTMENT FOR BUSINESS LICENSE TAXES, CANNABIS BUSINESS TAXES, UTILITY USERS' MAXIMUM ANNUAL TAXES, AND INCOME LEVELS FOR RESIDENTIAL UTILITY USERS' TAX EXEMPTION ELIGIBILITY

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE-MAYOR ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2026-29.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

12. Approval of Agreement Between City of Pomona and Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) for Station Activation of Pomona North A Line Station

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

- 1) Discuss and provide recommendations to the Staff on activation types that can be incorporated into Exhibit A - Description of Activations in Agreement.
- 2) Approve the Agreement between the City of Pomona and LACMTA and authorize the City Manager to execute in substantial form, inclusive of completing necessary exhibits and activation details.

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

Councilmember Preciado, Councilmember Lustro, Councilmember Martin, Councilmember Canales, Councilmember Garcia, Vice Mayor Ontiveros-Cole, and Mayor Sandoval asked questions and gave comments about the item.

MOTION BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, CARRIED 7-0, to discuss and provide recommendations to the Staff on activation types that can be incorporated into Exhibit A - Description of Activations in Agreement; and approve the Agreement between the City of Pomona and LACMTA and authorize the City Manager to execute in substantial form, inclusive of completing necessary exhibits and activation details.

13. Fiscal Year 2025-26 General Fund Mid-Year Budget Review

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

1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-24 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 OPERATING BUDGET

2) Review the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 General Fund Mid-Year Budget Report

3) Receive and File the updated General Fund ten-year financial forecast presentation.

Finance Director Andrew Mowbray gave the staff presentations.

Councilmember Martin and Mayor Sandoval asked questions about the item.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2026-24; and receive and file the updated General Fund ten-year financial forecast presentation.

14. Approve the Appointment of One Police Oversight Commissioner Pursuant to Section 806 of the Charter of the City of Pomona

It is recommended that the City Council approve the appointment of Monica Canales as the new commissioner of the Police Oversight Commission pursuant to Section 806 of the City Charter.

City Clerk Butler gave a brief overview of the item.

MOTION BY VICE MAYOR ONTIVEROS-COLE, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the appointment of Monica Canales as the new commissioner of the Police Oversight Commission pursuant to Section 806 of the City Charter.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 15.** Public Hearing to Amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-28 Consolidated Plan, FY 2025-26 Annual Action Plan, and City Operating Budget to Adjust Revenue Estimates and Appropriations for Federal and State Housing Grant Programs and the FY 2025-26 Capital Improvement Program Budget for the 252 E. 4th Street Major Rehabilitation Project (71210)

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

- 1) Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the amendments to the FY 2023-28 Consolidated Plan, FY 2025-26 Annual Action Plan, the FY 2025-26 City Operating Budget, and Capital Improvement Program Budget; and
- 2) After receiving public comments and testimony, close the Public Hearing and adopt the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-18 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, TO AMEND THE FY 2023-28 CONSOLIDATED PLAN, FY 2025-26 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND THE CITY OPERATING BUDGET BY INCREASING/DECREASING REVENUE ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG), COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CORONAVIRUS (CDBG-CV), HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME), EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG), ESG RAPID UNSHELTERED SURVIVOR HOUSING (ESG-RUSH), LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION AND HEALTHY HOMES (LHRHH), OLDER ADULT HOME MODIFICATION PROGRAM (OAHMP), PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION (PLHA), CALHOME REUSE AND CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC) PROGRAM FUNDS

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-19 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, TO AMEND THE FY 2025-26 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING \$286,133 OF PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION (PLHA) PROGRAM FUNDS TO "252 E. 4TH ST. MAJOR REHABILITATION," FD215 GRANT-MISCELLANEOUS | CC1791 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT | GR42206-PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION (PLHA)-252 E. 4TH STREET | PROJECT 71210 252 E. 4TH STREET MAJOR REHABILITATION

Housing Services Manager Maria Siacunco gave the staff presentation.

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

MOTION BY VICE MAYOR ONTIVEROS-COLE, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2026-18 and Resolution No. 2026-19.

16. Public Hearing for Approval of Findings Under Government Code Sections 4217.10-4217.18 for Community Resilience Center at Palomares Park Senior Center and Entering Into an Energy Services Contract with Participate Energy

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

- 1) Conduct a public hearing on the approval of findings under Government Code Sections 4217.10-4217.18 for a Community Resilience Center at the Senior Center at Palomares Park.
- 2) After receiving public comments and testimony, close the Public Hearing and adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-30 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING FINDINGS UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 4217.10-4217.18 FOR A SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) FOR THE PALOMARES PARK SENIOR CENTER AND APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN ENERGY SERVICES CONTRACT WITH PARTICIPATE ENERGY, LLC

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

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

Councilmember Garcia and Councilmember Martin asked questions and gave comments about the item.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER CANALES, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2026-30.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. on March 16, 2026.

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