



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, August 4, 2025

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

CLOSED SESSION

A) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

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

Jack Foster v. Officers Nguyen, Bostrom, and Brzeczowski, et al.

U.S. District Court

Case No. 2:23-cv-06262-ODW-SSC

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 advised the City Council by vote of 6-0 (Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole absent) approved a settlement in the amount of \$100,000 for Closed Session Item A.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Canales 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 Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole
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 Chief

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Martin thanked the community members that attended the District 1 Area Commander meeting, and thanked Pomona PD staff for hosting it.

Councilmember Lustro discussed an email from the County Assessor's office regarding property assessments.

Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole expressed thanks to the Public Works Department for the work completed on E. Holt Ave, attended a tribute to Ron VanderMolen and shared kind word about him.

Councilmember Preciado expressed condolences for Ron VanderMolen and for Omar Fernando Meza. Councilmember Preciado thanked City Manager Scott and Pomona PD Chief Ellis for addressing and discussing roadblocks. Councilmember Preciado attended the summer concert in downtown Pomona and announced future concert events. Councilmember Preciado also announced upcoming summer events hosted by Community Services. Lastly, Councilmember Preciado discussed his recommendation to resume the Activate Pomona program used during the pandemic.

Councilmember Garcia invited folks to attend the upcoming National Night Out event, wished everyone a safe school year and encouraged neighbors to support each other. Councilmember Garcia expressed support for Councilmember Preciado's recommendation to resume the Activate Pomona program.

Councilmember Canales expressed condolences to Ron VanderMolen's family, announced an upcoming CommUnity Pull-up event in District 6, encouraged people to attend National Night Out and announced the upcoming Second Saturday Art Walk.

Mayor Sandoval commented on the community experiencing de-stabilization as a result of federal immigration raids, expressed gratitude to the community groups supporting community members, and commented on the resiliency demonstrated by the community. Mayor Sandoval requested City Attorney Carvalho to comment on the lawsuit the City had joined.

City Attorney Carvalho gave a brief summary of the Special Closed Session Meeting that took place on July 11, 2025.

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Scott had nothing to report.

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:

Monique Robles, Rotary Club, invited folks to join the Rotary Club's upcoming fundraiser event to benefit Project Resilience and Everyone Free.

Jeff Michaelson, Hope for Holt Initiative, discussed the importance of taking innovative approaches to address homelessness.

Jazmin Diaz, discussed an incident with Code Compliance division while attempting to vend in the downtown area.

Geraldine Mendoza alleged discrimination by the Code Compliance division when addressing sidewalk vendors.

Ira Mazer, Hope for Holt Initiative, discussed possibility of increase in the population of houseless after the opening of the Pomona Metro station.

Heidi Ortega, Downtown Pomona District, discussed concerns with unpermitted sidewalk vending and the use of parklets, and invited the public to attend the upcoming Second Saturday Art Walk.

Michelle Maldonado spoke in support of Tacolandia.

Mark Pineda discussed concerns with street maintenance throughout the City.

Stella Mejia requested improvements at the Ganesha Park pool locker room area and requested more excursions for seniors.

Gwendolyn Blume, Serenity Senior Advocacy Group, discussed ongoing challenges at the Serenity Villas senior living complex.

Minerva Hernandez, Camara de Comercio, discussed the negative economic impacts caused by the ongoing federal immigrations raids.

Jose Luis Zavala discussed his experience while in custody of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and requested character letters.

Denise Zavala-Murillo spoke about her and her family's experience during the time her father was in custody of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

M. Joyce Bakersmith discussed an upcoming Optimist Club event, the Annual Acknowledgement of Safety Officers of the year, and shared concerns about Athens.

Maria Murillo discussed her family's experience while her husband was in custody of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and requested character letters.

Brandon Mejia spoke in support of Tacolandia.

Deborah Clifford discussed the history of Spadra Cemetery.

Alejandra Guzman expressed support for Tacolandia.

Ivan Castro expressed support for Tacolandia.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE MAYOR LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the entire Consent Calendar except for Items No. 3 and No. 11 pulled by Councilmember Canales, Item No. 13 pulled by Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole and Items No. 2, No. 7, and No. 8 pulled for public comment.

****After the Consent Calendar, items were heard in the following order: Consent Calendar Item No. 2, Consent Calendar Item No. 3, Consent Calendar Item No. 7, Consent Calendar Item No. 8, Consent Calendar Item No. 11, Public Hearing Item No. 17, Public Hearing Item No. 18, Public Hearing Item No. 19, Discussion Calendar No. 16 and Consent Calendar Item No. 13.**

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:

July 7, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE MAYOR LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to approve City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes of July 7, 2025.

2. Approval of Third Amendment to Interim Use Agreement with Fairplex Regarding Processing of Specific Plan Application and Interim Use of Property

It is recommended that the City Council approve a Third Amendment to the Interim Use of Fairplex Agreement ("Agreement") and authorize the City Manager to execute on behalf of City.

Councilmember Canales and Councilmember Martin asked questions about the item.

City Manager Scott answered their questions.

Public Speaker Judith St. John asked questions about the status of the Fairplex completing an environmental impact report.

City Manager Scott gave comments to address the public comment questions.

MOTION BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, SECOND BY VICE MAYOR LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to approve a Third Amendment to the Interim Use of Fairplex Agreement ("Agreement") and authorize the City Manager to execute on behalf of City.

3. Adoption of a Resolution Approving Criteria for a Public Art Registry for the City of Pomona

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-92 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CRITERIA FOR A CITY PUBLIC ART REGISTRY

*Item was pulled by Councilmember Canales for questions, but Councilmember Canales clarified she had no questions.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, CARRIED 7-0, to approve Resolution No. 2025-92.

4. Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Art in Public Places Program Staff to Apply for the California Art Council Grant Opportunity in Partnership with the dA Center for the Arts and Downtown Pomona Owner's Association to Establish the City of Pomona as a California Cultural District and Committing to \$10,000 from the Art in Public Places Fund as a Match If Awarded

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-93 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PROGRAM STAFF TO APPLY FOR THE CALIFORNIA ART COUNCIL GRANT OPPORTUNITY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DA CENTER FOR THE ARTS AND DOWNTOWN POMONA OWNER'S ASSOCIATION TO ESTABLISH THE CITY OF POMONA AS A CALIFORNIA CULTURAL DISTRICT AND COMMITTING TO \$10,000 FROM THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES FUND AS A MATCH IF AWARDED

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE MAYOR LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-93.

5. Approval of Submittal for a Parks California Grant Opportunity

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

- 1) Authorize staff to submit a grant application to Parks California; and,
- 2) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents related with this action, with approval of the City Attorney as to form.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE MAYOR LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to authorize staff to submit a grant application to Parks California; and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents related with this action, with approval of the City Attorney as to form.

6. Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Statement of Investment Policy for the City of Pomona

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-97 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE 2025-26 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS BY THE CITY TREASURER

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE MAYOR LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-97.

7. Adopt a Resolution to Accept Tri-City Mental Health Services Act Funding for Hope for Home Crisis Shelter Operations and Amend FY 25-26 Operating Budget to Include Carryover Funds

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-86 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF \$1,943,625 IN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT FUNDING FROM TRI CITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER TO OPERATE 71 CRISIS SHELTER BEDS AT THE HOPE FOR HOME HOMELESS SERVICES CENTER (H4H), CARRYING OVER \$381,465 FROM FY 2024-25 TO FY 2025-26, AND INCREASING REVENUE ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS BY THE SAME AMOUNT

- 2) Approve the third amendment to the Tri-City Mental Health revenue/grant agreement.
- 3) Authorize the City Manager to execute all agreements, amendments, and any other documentation requested for acceptance of the award, distribution of the funding and operation of the Hope for Home Crisis Housing Program, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

*This item was pulled for public comment.

Public Speaker Ira Mazer expressed support for the item and asked questions.

Councilmember Preciado left the Council Chambers at 8:20 p.m. and missed the roll call for the vote.

Councilmember Preciado re-entered the Council Chambers at 8:24 p.m.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTIN, CARRIED 6-0 (COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO ABSENT), to adopt Resolution No. 2025-86; and approve the third amendment to the Tri-City Mental Health revenue/grant agreement; and authorize the City Manager to execute all agreements, amendments, and any other documentation requested for acceptance of the award, distribution of the funding and operation of the Hope for Home Crisis Housing Program, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

8. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Measure A Funds to Administer the Homeless Incentive Program (HIP) and Amendment of the FY 2025-26 Operating Budget

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-94 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF \$93,645 IN MEASURE A FUNDS TO ADMINISTER THE HOMELESS INCENTIVE PROGRAM (HIP) AND AMENDMENT OF THE FY 2025-26 OPERATING BUDGET

- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all agreements, amendments and any other documentation requested for acceptance of the award, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

*This item was pulled for public comment.

Vice Mayor Lustro asked questions about the item.

City Manager Scott answered Vice Mayor Lustro's questions.

Public Speaker Jeffrey Michaelson gave comments regarding strategies used to address homelessness.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-94; and, authorize the City Manager to execute all agreements, amendments and any other documentation requested for acceptance of the award, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

9. Acceptance of a Standards and Training for Corrections (STC) Grant

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-98- A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2025-26 OPERATING BUDGET BY INCREASING REVENUE ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,113

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE MAYOR LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-98.

10. Adopt a Resolution to Amend FY 2025-26 CIP Budget by Closing “Traffic Signal Pole Replacement - Citywide,” Project No. 428-2590-XXXXX-68579 and Reappropriating the

Balance of Measure M Funds to “Garey Avenue Rehabilitation - Aliso Street to Monterey Avenue,” Project No. 428-2590-XXXXX-68573

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-84 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2025-26 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET BY CLOSING “TRAFFIC SIGNAL POLE REPLACEMENT - CITYWIDE,” PROJECT NO. 428-2590-XXXXX-68579 AND REAPPROPRIATING THE BALANCE OF MEASURE M FUNDS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$441,106, TO “GAREY AVENUE REHABILITATION - ALISO STREET TO MONTEREY AVENUE,” PROJECT NO. 428-2590-XXXXX-68573

- 2) Approve a First Amendment to the construction contract (awarded by City Council on October 21, 2024) with Gentry Brothers, Inc. to increase the contract price by \$1,731,887, for a total contract price of \$10,040,634, to add Additive Alternate No. 3 to the scope of work; and
- 3) Find that the project referenced above is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301(c) and that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment; and
- 4) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the contract amendment and any subsequent change orders on behalf of the City.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE MAYOR LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-84; and approve a First Amendment to the construction contract (awarded by City Council on October 21, 2024) with Gentry Brothers, Inc. to increase the contract price by \$1,731,887, for a total contract price of \$10,040,634, to add Additive Alternate No. 3 to the scope of work; and find that the project referenced above is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301(c) and that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment; and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the contract amendment and any subsequent change orders on behalf of the City.

11. Resolution to Amend the FY 2025-26 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget by Unappropriating Funding from “Memorial Park Building Renovation and Retrofitting,” and Appropriating funding to “Pomona Library Facility Improvements,” to Provide Office Space for Community Services Staff

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-96 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, TO AMEND THE FY 2025-26 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET BY UNAPPROPRIATING \$448,244 OF GENERAL FUNDS FROM “MEMORIAL PARK BUILDING RENOVATION AND RETROFITTING,” PROJECT NO. 428-2590-XXXXX-71084, AND APPROPRIATING THIS \$448,244 OF GENERAL FUND TO “POMONA LIBRARY FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS,” PROJECT NO. 428-2590-XXXXX-74120

*This item was pulled by Councilmember Canales for questions.

The following public speakers spoke in opposition to the item.

Alice Gomez

Deborah Clifford

M. Joyce Bakersmith

Maria Mckinney

City Manager Scott gave comments to clarify that the memorial at Memorial Park will not be modified, and the item was addressing only the building on the park.

After some discussion and comments from City Council, Councilmember Martin made a motion.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTIN, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE, FAILED 3-4 (COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, VICE MAYOR LUSTRO and MAYOR SANDOVAL OPPOSED) to keep the money set aside for Memorial Park and not appropriate the funds for the Library facility improvements.

After that motion failed, Councilmember Garcia made a new motion.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE MAYOR LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-96 and direct staff to return with recommendations for improvements at Memorial Park and identify funding sources for those improvements.

12. Resolution to Amend the FY 2025-26 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget by Adding District 6 CIP Carryover Discretionary Funding to “Ted Greene Park Restroom Renovations”

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-101 - 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 \$30,000 OF AVAILABLE DISTRICT 6 CIP CARRYOVER DISCRETIONARY FUNDS TO “TED GREENE PARK RESTROOM RENOVATIONS,” PROJECT NO. 428-2590-XXXXX-71121

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE MAYOR LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-101.

13. Approve Pomona Choice Energy Peak Demand Response Incentive Program

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

- 1) Approve Pomona Choice Energy Peak Demand Response Incentive Program; and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, the authority to negotiate and execute all contracts and policies, if applicable, on behalf of the City, with City Attorney approval.

*This item was heard after Discussion Calendar No. 16

*This item was pulled by Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole

MOTION BY VICE MAYOR LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, CARRIED 6-1 (COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE OPPOSED), to approve Pomona Choice Energy Peak Demand Response Incentive Program; and, authorize the City Manager, or designee, the authority to negotiate and execute all contracts and policies, if applicable, on behalf of the City, with City Attorney approval.

14. Approve the Purchase of Specialized Trucks, Utility Trucks, and Equipment for the Water Resources Department

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

- 1) Approve the purchase of four (4) Ford Lightning pickup trucks in the amount of \$292,963 from Transwest Truck Centers, piggyback price extended via City of Ontario awarded bid #1718;
- 2) Approve the purchase of two Ford F350 utility trucks, one Ford F-550 Gate Valve Utility truck, and one Ford F-750 Dump truck in the amount of \$659,776 from PB Loader, utilizing Sourcewell contract #96675;

- 3) Approve the purchase of one Easement Machine in the amount of \$116,458 from Sewer Equipment, utilizing Sourcewell contract #12207-SCA; and,
- 4) Approve the purchase of one Backhoe Loader in the amount of \$160,163 from Coastline Equipment, utilizing Sourcewell contract #011723-JDC.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE MAYOR LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the purchase of four (4) Ford Lightning pickup trucks in the amount of \$292,963 from Transwest Truck Centers, piggyback price extended via City of Ontario awarded bid #1718; and approve the purchase of two Ford F350 utility trucks, one Ford F-550 Gate Valve Utility truck, and one Ford F-750 Dump truck in the amount of \$659,776 from PB Loader, utilizing Sourcewell contract #96675; and approve the purchase of one Easement Machine in the amount of \$116,458 from Sewer Equipment, utilizing Sourcewell contract #12207-SCA; and, approve the purchase of one Backhoe Loader in the amount of \$160,163 from Coastline Equipment, utilizing Sourcewell contract #011723-JDC.

15. Adopt a Resolution Accepting a Federal Environmental Protection Agency Grant and Amending the Design/Build Well 34 Groundwater Treatment Plant CIP Project Budget; and, award of a Design-Build contract to RC Foster

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-100 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING A FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) GRANT AND AMENDING FY 2025-26 CIP BUDGET BY INCREASING REVENUE ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS BY A TOTAL OF \$1,600,000 OF U.S. EPA GRANT FUNDING AND APPROPRIATIONS BY \$500,000 FROM WATER FUND BALANCE TO THE "WATER TREATMENT - VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUND TREATMENT PLANT", PROJECT NO. 528-2590-XXXXX-95087

- 2) Approve entering into an agreement with RC Foster Corp. for design-build services for the "Water Treatment - Volatile Organic Compound Treatment Plant", Project No. 528-2590-XXXXX-95087 in the amount of \$4,091,377; and,
- 3) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement with RC Foster Corp. 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 LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-100; and, approve entering into an agreement with RC Foster Corp. for design-build services for the “Water Treatment - Volatile Organic Compound Treatment Plant”, Project No. 528-2590-XXXXX-95087 in the amount of \$4,091,377; and, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement with RC Foster Corp. on behalf of the City and any subsequent documents or amendments, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

16. Request to Establish a Compassionate Fund to Assist Families Impacted by Federal Immigration Activities

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

- 1) Discuss establishment and City funding for a *Compassionate Fund* to assist families impacted by Federal immigration enforcement activities; and,
- 2) Direct staff to bring back an appropriation and/or a contribution from respective City Councilmember’s discretionary Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 General Fund Budgets for future Council action to seed and support the establishment of a Compassionate Fund; and,
- 2) Direct staff to identify an organization to administer the Compassionate fund and related activities.

*Please see attachment for emails received regarding this item.

*This item was heard after Public Hearing Item No. 19

Public Speaker Monique Robles was not present when called to speak but indicated support for the item on the speaker card.

Public Speaker Naomi Chavez spoke in support of the item.

Public Speaker Yesenia De La Fuente spoke in support of the item.

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

Public Speaker Claudia Bautista submitted a speaker card to indicate support for the item.

Mayor Sandoval expressed support for the item and gave comments about the importance of helping vulnerable members of the community.

Councilmember Garcia expressed support for the item and recommended the addition of including small businesses are qualified recipients.

Councilmember Preciado asked questions about the item.

Councilmember Canales asked questions about the item.

Councilmember Martin asked questions about the item.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTIN, CARRIED 7-0 to bring back at City Council meeting in September the authorization of an appropriation of \$100,000 to seed and support the establishment of a Compassionate Fund; and direct staff to bring back the recommendation of an organization to administer the Compassionate fund and related activities.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

17. Public Hearing to Consider an Appeal of Historic Preservation Commission Decision for a Determination of Historic Significance for a Colonial Revival Bungalow Located at 1060 West Mission Boulevard (Case Files: DHS-000357-2025, APL-000475-2025)

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

- 1) Conduct a public hearing and receive public testimony; and
- 2) Uphold the decision of the Historic Preservation Commission and adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-99 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, DENYING APPEAL REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (DHS-000048-2025) AND UPHOLDING HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION'S DECISION DETERMINING THAT THE COLONIAL REVIVAL BUNGALOW LOCATED AT 1060 WEST MISSION BOULEVARD (APN: 8342-019-010) IS HISTORIC

*This item was heard after Consent Calendar Item No. 11

Senior Planner Alina Barron gave the staff presentation.

Mayor Sandoval stepped out of the Council Chambers at 9:35 p.m.

Mayor Sandoval returned to the dais at 9:40 p.m.

Mayor Sandoval opened the Public hearing.

Public Speaker Mike Sater, property owner, spoke in opposition to the item.

Public Speaker Milad Oueijan, property owner, spoke in opposition to the item.
Mayor Sandoval closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Garcia expressed support for the item.

City Council asked various questions and discussed the item.

Vice Mayor Lustro expressed support for the item.

Councilmember Martin expressed support for the item.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTIN, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution no. 2025-99.

- 18.** Adopt a Resolution to Amend the FY 2025-26 Operating Budget and Award a Professional Services Agreement to Volunteers of America of Los Angeles

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-85 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN, FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2025-26 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN, AND FY 2025-26 CITY OPERATING BUDGET TO REALLOCATE \$200,000 IN EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS, RAPID UNSHELTERED SURVIVORS HOUSING (ESG-RUSH) FUNDS FOR RAPID RE-HOUSING ACTIVITIES

- 2) Award a Professional Services Agreement to Volunteers of America of Los Angeles (VOALA) in the amount of \$200,000; and,
- 3) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all contracts, amendments and any other documentation requested for administering grant funds, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

*This item was heard after Public Hearing No. 17

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

Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole exited Council Chambers at 10:21 p.m. and did not return in time to cast a vote on this item.

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

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTIN, CARRIED 6-0 (COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE ABSENT), to adopt Resolution No. 2025-85; and award a Professional Services Agreement to Volunteers of America of Los Angeles (VOALA) in the amount of \$200,000; and, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all contracts, amendments and any other documentation requested for administering grant funds, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

19. Public Hearing - Draft 2025 Water Quality Public Health Goals Report

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

- 1) Conduct a public hearing to accept comments to the attached Draft 2025 Water Quality Public Health Goals Report; and,
- 2) Upon the conclusion of the public hearing, direct staff to incorporate appropriate comments received into the Final 2025 Water Quality Public Health Goals report.

Water Resources Department Director Chris Diggs gave a brief overview of the item.

Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole re-entered Council Chambers at 10:24 p.m.

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

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE MAYOR LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to direct staff to incorporate appropriate comments received into the Final 2025 Water Quality Public Health Goals report.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned at 11:01 p.m. August 4, 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

Robles, Diana

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Importance: High

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Good afternoon Rosalia:

Regarding Agenda item #16 for tonight's city council meeting, please note that I would like to make the following statement be placed on record and/or read out loud as a public comment during this evenings city council meeting.

This is my recommendation as a board member for the Pomona Chamber and business owner in the city of Pomona:

I strongly agree to the aforementioned agenda item!

In regards to establishing a Compassionate Fund to Assist Families Impacted by Federal Immigration Activities:

I highly recommend that a Compassionate Fund to Discuss establishment and City funding for a Compassionate Fund to assist families impacted by Federal immigration enforcement activities; and,

To Direct staff to bring back an appropriation and/or a contribution fund from respective City Councilmember's discretionary Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-25 General Fund Budgets for future Council action to seed and support the establishment of a Compassionate Fund; and,

Direct staff to identify an organization to administer the Compassionate fund and related activities.

Thank you!

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Dear Mayor Sandoval,

I hope this message finds you well.

As a local business owner, I want to thank you for your openness to hearing directly from the business community. I'm reaching out to share how recent federal immigration activities have significantly impacted my business and to express interest in applying to any Fund established to assist families and businesses affected.

Our business serves a community that is approximately 80% Hispanic. Over the past couple of months, we have seen a noticeable decline in customer activity due to fear and uncertainty surrounding immigration enforcement. Many of our clients have expressed anxiety about leaving their homes, which has directly affected our operations and financial stability.

We are committed to continuing to serve our community and support local families, but we are in need of assistance to stay afloat during this challenging time. I would be grateful for the opportunity to apply for any support made available through city resources.

Thank you for your leadership and your efforts to support both families and small businesses in our city.

Warm regards,

Daniela Franco

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