



MEETING MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 5:00 P.M.
Council Chamber – City Hall – 300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA

Appearing Remotely Via Zoom:
Councilmember Poduri
28 North Franklin Street
Chicago, IL 60606

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<https://www.cityofpacificgrove.org/Zoom> **Closed**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Present in Chamber: Mayor Smith, Mayor Pro Tem Amelio, Councilmembers Garfield, McDonnell, Poduri, and Walkingstick. Appearing remotely: Councilmember Rau.

ACTION: Councilmember Rau appeared remotely pursuant to just cause under AB2449.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Amelio and seconded by Councilmember Garfield, Council voted to approve the Special Meeting Agenda.

Motion carried 7-0, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	Mayor Smith, Mayor Pro Tem Amelio, Councilmembers Garfield, McDonnell, Poduri, Rau, and Walkingstick.
Noes:	None.
Absent:	None.

SPECIAL MEETING / PUBLIC COMMENT ON SPECIAL MEETING MATTERS

No public comment received.

- A. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Government Code § 54956.8) Property: Point Pinos Grill, 79 Asilomar Blvd, Pacific Grove
Agency Negotiator(s): Matthew Mogensen, City Manager; Alex Lorca, City Attorney; Dan Gho, Public Works Director/Deputy City Manager; Fred Marsh, Administrative Services Director; Nick Cina, Management Analyst
Negotiating Party(ies): Jerry Regester & Gail
Grammatico Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment of lease.

- B. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code Section 54957.6)
City Negotiators: Matthew Mogensen, City Manager, Fred Marsh, Administrative Services Director, Che Johnson, Esq. Liebert Cassidy Whitmore and Leticia Livian, Human Resources Director Employee Organization: General Employees Association, Management Employees Association, Unrepresented Management, Confidential Employees, and Unrepresented Department Heads



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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

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Poduri 28 North Franklin Street

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CALL TO ORDER

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Rau led the pledge of allegiance.

ACTION: Councilmember Rau appeared remotely pursuant to just cause under AB2449.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Amelio and seconded by Councilmember McDonnell, Council voted to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda.

Motion carried 7-0, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Smith, Mayor Pro Tem Amelio, Councilmembers Garfield, McDonnell, Poduri, Rau, and Walkingstick.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

2. PRESENTATIONS

3. COUNCIL AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS (City-Related Items Only)

A. Report on Closed Session by City Attorney

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Grammatico Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment of lease.

City Attorney Alex Lorca reported no Council action was taken.

Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code Section 54957.6)
City Negotiators: Matthew Mogensen, City Manager, Fred Marsh, Administrative Services Director, Che Johnson, Esq. Liebert Cassidy Whitmore and Leticia Livian, Human Resources Director
Employee Organization: General Employees Association, Management Employees Association, Unrepresented Management, Confidential Employees, and Unrepresented Department Heads

City Attorney Alex Lorca reported no Council action was taken.

B. Council and staff made general announcements.

4. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

General Public Comment received from Vince Tuminello, Nina Beety, Christie Italiano-Thomas, and Inge Lorentzen Daumer.

A. Written General Public Comment

CONSENT AGENDA

Action: Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Amelio and seconded by Councilmember Garfield, Council voted to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried 7-0, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Smith, Mayor Pro Tem Amelio, Councilmembers Garfield, McDonnell, Poduri, Rau, and Walkingstick.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.

5. **APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

A. Minutes of the February 4, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting

Action: Approved the minutes.

CEQA: Does not constitute a Project per California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378

6. **RESOLUTIONS**

A. Allowance of an Administrative Leave Bank for Experienced New Hires

Action: Approved Resolution No. 26-005 Approving the Allowance of an Administrative Leave Bank for Experienced New Hires.

CEQA: Does not constitute a Project per California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378

7. **ORDINANCES**

8. **REPORTS – INFORMATION ONLY**

A. Monterey Salinas Transit Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: January 12, 2026

Action: Received the minutes.

CEQA: Does not constitute a Project per California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines

Section 15378

- B. FY26 Q2 Quarterly Investment Report
Action: Received the report.
CEQA: Does not constitute a Project per California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378
- C. Check Register, Purchase Order report, and Interim Financial Report - January 2026 / Q2
Action: Received the Check Register, Purchase Order Report, and Interim Financial Report.
CEQA: Does not constitute a Project per California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378

9. REPORTS – REQUIRING ACTION

- A. Pump Station 15.5 Replacement
Action: Awarded an agreement with Monterey Peninsula Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$197,500 plus a 15% contingency for the Pump Station 15.5 Rehabilitation Project.
CEQA: Categorical Exemption, CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class I, Existing Facilities
- B. PGUSD & City of Pacific Grove MOU for Expanded Learning Opportunities Program Summer Camp
Action: Approved the City of Pacific Grove to enter a Memorandum of Understanding with Pacific Grove Unified School District allowing Pacific Grove Recreation to operate the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) Summer Camp.
CEQA: Does not constitute a Project per California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378
- C. Letter Supporting the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District's Request for Modifications to State Water Resources Cease-and-Desist Order WR 2016-0016
Action: Authorized City Manager to Submit Letter of Support for Modifications to the Cease-and-Desist Order WR 2016-0016.
CEQA: Categorical Exemption, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)

10. MEETING MINUTES OF COMMISSIONS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

- A. Architectural Review Board Meeting Minutes: December 09, 2025
Action: Received the minutes.
CEQA: Does not constitute a Project per California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378
- B. Recreation Board Minutes October 23, 2025
Action: Received the minutes.
CEQA: Does not constitute a Project per California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378

REGULAR AGENDA

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Discussion and possible adoption of Resolution Calling And Giving Notice Of A Special Municipal Election To Be Held On June 2, 2026 For A Measure With A

Proposed Ordinance Increasing The Monthly Compensation And Permitting City Councilmembers And Mayor To Waive Any Or All Of Their Monthly Compensation; Requesting Consolidation with the County Of Monterey With The Statewide Direct Primary Election To Be Held On June 2, 2026; Directing The City Attorney To Prepare An Impartial Analysis Concerning Such Measure; Authorizing The Drafting Of Primary Arguments And Rebuttal Arguments Concerning Such Measure And Requesting The County Of Monterey To Conduct The Election
Public comment received from Bill Kampe, Vince Tuminello, Christie Italiano-Thomas, Carol Marquart, and Inge Lorentzen Daumer.

Action: Upon motion by Mayor Smith and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Amelio, Council voted to

1. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council Of The City Of Pacific Grove Calling And Giving Notice Of A Special Municipal Election To Be Held On June 2, 2026 For The Submission To The Voters Of The City Of Pacific Grove A Measure With A Proposed Ordinance Increasing The Monthly Compensation Of City Of Pacific Grove Councilmembers And The Pacific Grove Mayor And Permitting City Councilmembers And Mayor To Waive Any Or All Of Their Monthly Compensation; Requesting County Of Monterey To Consolidate The Special Election With The Statewide Direct Primary Election To Be Held On June 2, 2026; Directing The City Attorney To Prepare An Impartial Analysis Concerning Such Measure; Authorizing The Drafting Of Primary Arguments And Rebuttal Arguments Concerning Such Measure And Requesting The County Of Monterey To Conduct The Election (Resolution No. 26-006); and
2. Direct that the Resolution be submitted to the County of Monterey.

Motion carried 7-0, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Smith, Mayor Pro Tem Amelio, Councilmembers Garfield, McDonnell, Poduri, Rau, and Walkingstick.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.

CEQA: Does not constitute a Project per California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378

- B. Budget Amendment Request for the CalHome Reuse (Fund 36) Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget
No public comment received.

Action: Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Amelio and seconded by Mayor Smith, Council voted to introduce and hold first reading of an ordinance that amends the FY25/26 budget for the CalHome Reuse (Fund 36) Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget; and direct that publication of the ordinance will be satisfied by publication of a summary approved by the City Attorney.

Motion carried 7-0, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Smith, Mayor Pro Tem Amelio, Councilmembers Garfield,

McDonnell, Poduri, Rau, and Walkingstick.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.

CEQA: Categorical Exemption, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)

12. **UNFINISHED AND ONGOING BUSINESS**
13. **NEW BUSINESS**
14. **FULL PRESENTATIONS**
15. **CLOSED SESSION**

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Sandra Kandell (Mar 5, 2026 11:48:46 PST)

Sandra Kandell
City Clerk

Approved by Mayor: 
Nick Spina (Mar 5, 2026 12:30:46 PST) Date 03/05/2026

Attest by City Manager: 
Matt Mogensen (Mar 5, 2026 15:53:28 PST) Date 03/05/2026

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