



CITY OF WEST COVINA

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY

**MARCH 3, 2026, 7:00 PM
REGULAR MEETING**

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1444 W. GARVEY AVENUE SOUTH
WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA 91790**

**Mayor Letty Lopez-Viado
Mayor Pro Tem Ollie Cantos
Councilwoman Rosario Diaz
Councilmember Brian Gutierrez
Councilman Tony Wu**

MINUTES

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INVOCATION

Led by Pastor Samuel Martinez from Amazing Love Ministries

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Students Participating in Student Government Day

ROLL CALL

Council Members

Present: Council Members, Rosario Diaz, Gutierrez, Wu (Arrived by 7:18), Mayor Pro Tem Ollie Cantos, Mayor Letty Lopez-Viado

REPORTING OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

The March 3, 2026 Closed Session Meeting was cancelled.

PRESENTATIONS

- Certificate of Recognition celebrating Marinelli Bros Circus
- Certificates of Recognition — Student Government Day
- Taste of West Covina Presentation Recognizing Dough Dudes Pizza

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager's report on current City projects.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - Three (3) minutes per speaker

Josh Murry
John Shewmaker
Nikki Ahern
Jerri Potras
Nick Lewis
Darryl Spivey.
Rita Pruszyński
Doug Fore
Don Cook.
Vivian Teran
Ivan Canpos
Melissa Perez
Sage Newman
Glenn Kennedy
Ray Vargas.
Mario Sobalvarro.

CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: Motion by Councilman Wu and Second by Councilwoman Diaz, 4-0-1 (Abstain: Gutierrez) to: Approve Consent Calendar Item 1. (Item No. 2 was pulled by Mayor Pro Tem Cantos, Item No. 3 was pulled by Lopez-Viado, and Item No. 4 was pulled by Councilmember Gutierrez.)

ACTION: Motion by Councilwoman Diaz and a second by Councilman Wu, 3-2 (No: Gutierrez, Cantos) to: Approve Consent Calendar Item No. 2. (Item No. 2 was pulled by Mayor Pro Tem Cantos)

ACTION: Motion by Councilman Wu and a Second by Councilmember Gutierrez, 5-0 to: Approve Consent Calendar Item 3. (Item No. 3 was pulled by Mayor Lopez-Viado)

ACTION: Motion by Councilman Wu and a Second by Mayor Pro Tem Cantos, 5-0 to: Approve Consent Calendar Item No. 4. (Item No. 4 was pulled by Councilmember Gutierrez)

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1) CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 17, 2026, CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES, THE FEBRUARY 17, 2026, AND THE DECEMBER 2, 2025 CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES.

Carried 4-0-1 (Abstain: Gutierrez) to: That the Council approve the February 17, 2026, City Council/Successor Agency Regular Session Meeting Minutes, the February 17, 2026, City Council/Successor Agency Closed Session Meeting Minutes and the December 2, 2025, City Council/Successor Agency Regular Session Meeting Minutes.

ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION - Procedural Waiver. *Waive full reading of each ordinance on the agenda and authorize the approval of each ordinance by title only.*

2) CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2537 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE WEST COVINA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD ARTICLE XII, ENTITLED "CODE OF CONDUCT"

Carried 3-2 (No: Gutierrez, Cantos) to: It is recommended that the City Council adopt the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2537 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE WEST COVINA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD ARTICLE XII, ENTITLED "CODE OF CONDUCT"

FIRE DEPARTMENT

3) CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE OF A FIRE UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLE (UTV) AND ASSOCIATED BUDGET AMENDMENT

There was a mistake in the report made by the Fire Department, there was no impact to the general fund for the purchase of this vehicle. There were funds available in the Vehicle Replacement Fund.

Carried 5-0 to: It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

1. Find that compliance with the City's bidding requirements and procedures is not in the best interest of the City for the procurement of a Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) configured for emergency response, patient transport and mutual aid

deployment requirements in accordance with Section 2-335(10) of the West Covina Municipal Code.

2. Authorize the purchase of one (1) 2026 Prowler Crew Cab 4x4 Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) configured for emergency response, patient transport, and mutual aid deployment requirements with emergency lights and siren upfitting from Ultimate Performance Corporation dba ATV Corp. in the amount of \$60,894.71 (including sales tax, delivery, and options) and authorize the Acting City Manager to execute the purchase order for such purchase.
3. Authorize the purchase and installation of Fire Department logo and numbering decals from Graphix Systems in the amount of \$587.52 and authorize the Acting City Manager to execute the purchase order for such purchase.
4. Approve a 5% contingency, totaling \$3,074.11, for miscellaneous equipment associated with the UTV purchase.
5. Adopt the following resolution:

There was a mistake in the report made by the department, there was no impact to the general fund.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-18 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026 (FIRE UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLE)

PUBLIC WORKS

4) REVIEW OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR CITY FACILITIES

Carried 5-0 to: Public Works staff recommends that the City Council authorize the Public Works Department to issue a formal Request for Proposals (RFP) to obtain competitive proposals for janitorial services for City facilities.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

DEPARTMENTAL REGULAR MATTERS

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

5) REVIEW OF INVESTIGATION REPORT PREPARED BY GEMELLI EMPLOYMENT LAW REGARDING CONCERNS RAISED BY COUNCILMEMBERS AT SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING

ACTION: Motion by Councilwoman Diaz and a Second by Councilman Wu, 3-1-1(Abstain: Cantos, No: Gutierrez) to: move to agendize a censure hearing.

ACTION: Motion by Councilman Wu and a second by Councilwoman Diaz, 5-0 to: terminate the contract with Plante Moran into the financial impropriety and refer all financial impropriety claims to the District Attorney's Office.

ACTION: Motion by Councilman Wu and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Cantos, 4-1 (No: Gutierrez) to: receive and file the Confidential Investigation Report prepared by Gemelli Employment Law dated February 26, 2026.

ACTION: Motion by Councilman Wu and a second by Councilwoman Diaz, 5-0 to: direct staff and/or outside counsel to prepare and present recommendations addressing governance structure, lines of authority, and appropriate administrative protocols within the council-manager form of government for consideration at a future duly noticed City Council meeting.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

None

CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR REPORTS, STUDIES OR INVESTIGATION

None

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilmember Gutierrez commented that tonight's action is a point to retaliate against him for reporting misconduct.
- Mayor Pro Tem Cantos mentioned that on March 14 2026 Ridge Riders will be a place of activity to work on painting the fences and revitalize the equestrian center.
- Mayor Lopez-Viado stated that she loves hearing about positive news and the community coming together.
- Councilman Wu asked if dogs could join in.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting was made, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Regular Closed City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 1444 West Garvey Avenue South, West Covina, California.

Submitted By:

Lisa Sherrick
Assistant City Clerk

ATTACHMENT NO. 1

Letty Lopez Viado
Mayor

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