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CITY OF WEST COVINA

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY

**JUNE 16, 2026, 7:00 PM
REGULAR MEETING**

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

MINUTES

INVOCATION

Led by Pastor Samuel Martinez from Amazing Love Ministries

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Councilmember Gutierrez

ROLL CALL

Present: Brian Gutierrez, Council Member; Tony Wu, Councilman; Rosario Diaz, Councilwoman;
Ollie Cantos, Mayor Pro Tem; Letty Lopez-Viado, Mayor

REPORTING OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

With regard to Item No. 2, John Doe v. West Covina on a motion by Councilwoman Diaz and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Cantos voted 3-0 to defend Mayor Lopez-Viado and Milan Mrakich since they were named as defendants in the John Doe case.

PRESENTATIONS

- Certificate Recognizing the San Gabriel Valley Senior Softball Team and President Ed Rhoads
- Taste of West Covina Presentation Recognizing South Hills Academy
- Taste of West Covina Presentation Recognizing Anna's Pizza

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager's report on current City projects.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - Three (3) minutes per speaker

John Shewmaker
Speaker A
Mario Moet
AnnaMarie Lopez
AnaMarie Ruiz
Steve Bennett
Sherrie Berillon
Fredrick Sykes
Mario Sobalvarro
Josh Murry
Frank Auckley
Patricia Mendoza
Jesus Gomez
Keila Hernandez
John Rodriguez
Ralph J Beltran
Hollywood

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilwoman Rosario Diaz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ollie Cantos Approve Consent Calendar Item No. 1, 2 and 5-9. (Councilmember Gutierrez voted no on Item No. 1 and 5. Item No.3, and 4 were pulled by Councilmember Gutierrez.)

Motion by Councilman Wu and Second by Councilwoman Diaz, 4-1 (No: Gutierrez) to: Approve Consent Calendar Item No. 3. (Item No.3 was pulled by Councilmember Gutierrez)

Motion by Councilman Wu and Second by Councilwoman Diaz, 4-1 (No: Gutierrez) to: Approve Consent Calendar Item No. 4. (Item No.4 was pulled by Councilwoman Diaz)

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- 1) **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 2, 2026, CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES AND THE JUNE 2, 2026, CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES.**

Motion by Councilwoman Rosario Diaz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ollie Cantos

AYES: 4 NOES: Council Member Brian Gutierrez ABSENT: None. Motion: Carried

ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION - Procedural Waiver.

- 2) **CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2540 APPROVING CODE AMENDMENT NO. 26-01, AMENDING CHAPTER 26 OF THE WEST COVINA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR SUPPORTIVE AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, UPDATE THE LAND USE TABLE REGARDING HOTEL AND MOTEL CONVERSIONS, AND ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR THE AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL OF INACTIVE OR INCOMPLETE PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Motion by Councilwoman Rosario Diaz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ollie Cantos

AYES: Unanimous. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Motion: Carried

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- 3) **CONSIDERATION OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR TRANSTECH ENGINEERS**

Motion by Councilman Tony Wu, seconded by Councilwoman Rosario Diaz

AYES: 4 NOES: Council Member Brian Gutierrez ABSENT: None. Motion: Carried

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- 4) **CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES**

Motion by Councilman Tony Wu, seconded by Councilwoman Rosario Diaz

AYES: 4 NOES: Council Member Brian Gutierrez ABSENT: None. Motion: Carried

- 5) **CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSITION A EXCHANGE WITH FOOTHILL TRANSIT**

Motion by Councilwoman Rosario Diaz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ollie Cantos

AYES: 4 NOES: Council Member Brian Gutierrez ABSENT: None. Motion: Carried

AYES: Unanimous. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Motion: Carried

6) AUDIT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Motion by Councilwoman Rosario Diaz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ollie Cantos

AYES: Unanimous. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Motion: Carried

FIRE DEPARTMENT

7) CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH ON DUTY HEALTH FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT WELLNESS PROGRAM

Motion by Councilwoman Rosario Diaz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ollie Cantos

AYES: Unanimous. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Motion: Carried

PUBLIC WORKS

8) CONSIDERATION OF NEED TO CONTINUE EMERGENCY REPAIRS AT FIRE STATION 3

Motion by Councilwoman Rosario Diaz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ollie Cantos

AYES: Unanimous. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Motion: Carried

9) CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FLEET SERVICES OPERATIONS – FLEET VEHICLE REPAIRS AND FUEL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Councilwoman Rosario Diaz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ollie Cantos

AYES: Unanimous. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Motion: Carried

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

HEARINGS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

10) CONSIDERATION OF A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, ZONE CHANGE, PRECISE PLAN, TENTATIVE TRACT MAP, AND TREE REMOVAL PERMIT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A 232-UNIT RESIDENTIAL PROJECT LOCATED AT 1501 W. DEL NORTE STREET

Public Comments in Favor

James Olvera
Marrio Sobalvarro
Sherrie Berillon
Jerri Potras

Public Comments Neither in Favor nor Opposed

Laura Vieyra
Steve Bennett
Andrea Hernandez
Adriana Padilla
Pete Limon
Ricardo Quintero
Javier Vega
J.D.

Public Comments in Opposition

Elvia Lima Ortiz
Glenn Kennedy
Justin

ACTION: Motion by Councilwoman Diaz and a second by Councilman Wu, 3-2 (No: Gutierrez, Cantos) to adopt Resolution No. 2026-39.

ACTION: Motion by Councilwoman Diaz and a Second by Councilman Wu, 3-2 (No: Gutierrez, Cantos) to adopt Resolution No. 2026-40.

ACTION: Motion by Councilwoman Diaz and a Second by Councilman Wu, 4-1 (No: Gutierrez) to approve Ordinance No 2541.

ACTION: Motion by Councilwoman Diaz and a Second by Councilman Wu, 4-1 (No: Gutierrez) to approve Resolution to 2026-41 with following corrections:

- \$25,000 for first time home buyers;
- \$250,000 cap for grading irrigation and sod for the baseball field;
- Fix typo on Condition of Approval Letter W, moving it from 23 to 19;
- Removes Conditions of Approval 3–6 except for number 5, only being the sidewalk at their property

11) REPORT ON JOB VACANCIES AND RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION EFFORTS PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 2561

Public Comments in Favor

None

Public Comments Neither in Favor nor Opposed

None

Public Comments in Opposition:

None

This item is a receive and file item; no motion or vote is needed.

DEPARTMENTAL REGULAR MATTERS

12) CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

Motion by Councilman Tony Wu, seconded by Councilwoman Rosario Diaz

AYES: Unanimous. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Motion: Carried

13) CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 WEST COVINA COMMUNITY SERVICES FOUNDATION BUDGET

Motion by Councilman Tony Wu, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ollie Cantos

AYES: 4 NOES: Council Member Brian Gutierrez ABSENT: None. Motion: Carried

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

14) CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET

Motion by Councilman Tony Wu, seconded by Councilwoman Rosario Diaz

AYES: Unanimous. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Motion: Carried

15) REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S ALLOWANCE AND COUNCIL EXPENSE AND REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

This item is a receive and file item; no motion or vote is needed.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

AB 1234 Conference and Meeting Report (verbal, if any)

None

CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR REPORTS, STUDIES OR INVESTIGATION

- Mayor Lopez-Viado requested a presentation on Precision Concrete Cutting. There was no objection.
- Councilwoman Diaz requested a cap of \$10,000 on Council allowance, with any remaining funds being returned to the general fund. There was no objection.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilmember Gutierrez read into the record history on Former Councilmember Lloyd Johnson. There was no objection in adding the statement to the record.
- Council members expressed their thoughts on Former Councilmember Lloyd Johnson

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting was made, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 a.m. The next regularly scheduled Regular Closed City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 7, 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

Letty Lopez-Viado
Mayor