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CITY OF WEST COVINA

**CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/
COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD**

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2026, 7:00 PM
REGULAR MEETING**

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

INVOCATION

Led by Pastor Al Richards from New Beginning Christian Fellowship of West Covina

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Lopez-Viado

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Rosario Diaz, Councilwoman

REPORTING OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

PRESENTATIONS

- Taste of West Covina Presentation Recognizing George's Cafe
- Taste of West Covina Presentation Recognizing Lazy Dog

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager's report on current City projects.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - Three (3) minutes per speaker

Josh Murry
Jerri Potras
Lisa Mayo
Erilz Figueroa
Herman
Steve Bennett
Miss Nikki
Bill Robinson
Carlos Yado (remote)
John Shewmaker (remote)

CONSENT CALENDAR

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- 1) CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL FOR THE AUGUST 18, 2026, CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY CLOSED AND REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES.**

Motion by Councilman Tony Wu, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ollie Cantos to remove the motion and the second for the Commissioner Appointment Item #4 on the August 18, 2026, minutes and note that this item was a receive and file.

(Item was pulled by Councilmember Gutierrez)
(Councilwoman Diaz: Absent)

AYES: 3 NOES: None. OTHER: Council Member Brian Gutierrez (ABSTAIN) Motion: Carried

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

- 2) CONSIDERATION OF FOOTHILL TRANSIT RIDERSHIP DATA AND UPDATE REGARDING CLEAR CHANNEL OUTDOOR'S SHELTERS**

Recommendation is to receive and file.
(Pulled by Councilmember Gutierrez)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

3) CONSIDERATION OF THE WEST COVINA COMMUNITY SERVICES FOUNDATION FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 ANNUAL REPORT

Recommendation is to receive and file.
(Pulled by Councilmember Gutierrez)

4) CONSIDERATION OF NEW AGREEMENT WITH DELL MARKETING L.P. FOR MICROSOFT PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

Motion by Councilman Tony Wu, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ollie Cantos (Pulled by Councilmember Gutierrez)

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

HUMAN RESOURCES/RISK MANAGEMENT

5) CONSIDERATION OF REPEAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATIONS

Item is pulled by the City Manager

POLICE DEPARTMENT

6) CONSIDERATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 CANNABIS TAX FUND GRANT PROGRAM (CTFGP) LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT AND BUDGET AMENDMENT

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

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

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

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

(In accordance with AB 1234, Councilmembers shall make a brief report or file a written report on any meeting/event/conference attended at City expense.)

None

CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR REPORTS, STUDIES OR INVESTIGATION

(Per City of West Covina Standing Rules 4.f - Requests for reports, studies, or investigations that are not readily available must be placed on the City Council/Successor Agency agenda as items of business and must be approved by a majority of the City Council/Successor Agency Board.)

Mayor Pro Tem Cantos -

1. Requested status of the data center matter. City Manager Mriakich confirmed that it would be brought to Council at the November 15, 2026, meeting.. No objection.
2. Residents facing problems regarding hillside submitted a claim, in some cases twice have not heard back from anyone. The issue was delegated to staff with a date to respond. Residents have not heard from staff members. Can residents hear from the third-party claim's administrator, and can the City Manager dispatch public works to take steps appropriately right away to stop the land shifting? Asked for staff to keep up timeframes. No objection.
3. Asked for protocols to be set in place regarding fires that take place, such as response to issuing notices whenever there are fires, because it has direct implications not only to the fears that people have in the hillsides and other places, but also when there is a lack of communication as to what's happening or what's causing this it can lead to insurance premiums going up. And is Galster park closed? And can Public Safety staff be stationed at the closed park? Mayor Lopez-Viado requested Fire to present an update on the fires. Councilmember Gutierrez requested, in the presentation, to present the resources that are available and in coordination with other agencies, and to have the police explain the drone program in that area. City Manager Mrakick stated that Galster Park is closed every evening. No objection.
4. Requested reporting information for Caltrans to report issues in the jurisdiction of Caltrans. Councilmember Gutierrez referenced the Caltrans website.City Manager Mrakich confirmed to have the Caltrans reporting information on the City's website. No objection.
5. Asked to have a beautification section in the City Manager presentation. No objection

Councilman Wu -

- 1 requested an update on the status of the Azusa synchronization project. City Manager Mrakick stated that an update and presentation will be at the September 15, 2026, Council meeting. The City is waiting for information from Caltrans.No objection.
2. Asked about the Fullerton underpass that is still under construction. Councilmember Gutierrez suggested reaching out to the Assembly Woman's office. No objection.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Gutierrez -

- Congratulated the new Assistant Fire Chief.

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted By:

Lisa Sherrick
Assistant City Clerk

Letty Lopez-Viado
Mayor