

DRAFT



CITY OF WEST COVINA

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2026, 7:00 PM
REGULAR MEETING**

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

MINUTES

INVOCATION

Led by Assistant City Clerk Lisa Sherrick

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Pro Tem Cantos

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

Closed Session was canceled.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Taste of West Covina Presentation Recognizing Code Ninjas**
- **Taste of West Covina Presentation Recognizing Kumon**
- **Certificate Celebrating City2City Basketball**

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager's report on current City projects.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - Three (3) minutes per speaker

Please step forward to the podium and state your name and city of residence for the record when recognized by the Mayor.

Josh Murray
Leslie Garcia
Howard VanderEb
Yvonne VanderEb
Francine Santamaria
Sherrie Berillon
Jerri Potras
Ray Vargas
Cassandra Cuenca
Mark VanderEb
Mario Sobalvarro
Lisette Velasquez
JD
Steve Bennett
John-Ray Ingalla

CONSENT CALENDAR

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- 1) CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL FOR THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2026, CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES.**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ollie Cantos, seconded by Councilwoman Rosario Diaz (item was pulled by Mayor Pro Tem Cantos) to approve the September 1, 2026 City Council minutes with a correction regarding the date the Data Center item will return to Council. The change will reflect a change in date from Sunday to Tuesday (the next Council Meeting).

AYES: 4 NOES: None. OTHER: Council Member Brian Gutierrez (ABSTAIN) Motion: Carried

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

2) BIENNIAL REVIEW OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

Motion by Councilman Tony Wu, seconded by Councilwoman Rosario Diaz (item was pulled By Councilmember Gutierrez)

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

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

3) CONSIDERATION OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN GABRIEL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE REGIONAL FOOD RECOVERY PROGRAM

Motion by Councilman Tony Wu, seconded by Councilwoman Rosario Diaz

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

CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR REPORTS, STUDIES OR INVESTIGATION

4) CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED AZUSA SYNCHRONIZATION PROJECT

This item is receive and file, there is no vote taken.

5) CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CITY POLICY OPPOSING LARGE-SCALE DATA CENTERS AND COMMERCIAL BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM FACILITIES IN WEST COVINA AND DIRECTING STAFF TO FURTHER EVALUATE AND DEVELOP APPROPRIATE REGULATORY APPROACHES

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ollie Cantos, seconded by Mayor Letty Lopez-Viado

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

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 Lopez-Viado is requesting city staff to provide council with a comprehensive review of just the city's current special event process, fee structure permit requirements, and related city services and what the current permitting process is regarding TUP's. (fees, inspection, requirements, fee waivers, comparison with other cities). Second by Mayor Pro Tem Cantos, no objection.

Mayor Pro Tem Cantos requested the Council to instruct the staff to immediately conduct a geological study to check into the safety of the hill. And then, upon the finding of that study, we move forward with determining our options. Second by Councilman Wu, no objection.

Mayor Pro Tem asked when a detailed report regarding street sweeping would be brought back. City Manager stated before the end of the year.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted By:

Lisa Sherrick
Assistant City Clerk

Letty Lopez-Viado
Mayor