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CITY OF WEST COVINA

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY

**OCTOBER 6, 2026, 7:00 PM
REGULAR MEETING**

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

MINUTES

INVOCATION

Led by Pastor Matt Chavez from One and All Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Councilwoman Diaz

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

City Attorney Thomas Duarte reported that no reportable action was taken during the Closed Session Meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Taste of West Covina Presentation Recognizing Partea NYC**
- **Taste of West Covina Presentation Recognizing Bahia Ensenada Grill**
- **Proclamation Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month**

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 Murry
Valerie Merrell
Britt Vargas
Ray Vicent Vargas Jr
Lisa Mayo
Mario Sobalvarro
Doug Fore
Pedro Gonzalez
Rafael Castellon
Mark van der Eb
Howard van der Eb
Diane Torres
Yvonne van der Eb
Patricia Mendoza
Jesus Gomez
Colleen Rozatti
Herman's Friend
Carlos Yado
Herman (Trump)
Francine Santamaria
Steve Bennett
Bill Robinson
Lynn Bubbart
John Shewmaker

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under CONSENT CALENDAR are considered to be routine and can be acted on by one roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of the City Council/Community Development Commission request specific items to be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion or action.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1) CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL FOR THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2026, CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY'S REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES.

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

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

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

2) CONSIDERATION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LACMTA) FOR COLLECTING AND REPORTING DATA FOR THE NATIONAL TRANSIT DATABASE

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

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES

3) CONSIDERATION OF A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE YOUTH SCIENCE CENTER REGARDING THE GALSTER WILDERNESS PARK NATURE CENTER

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

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

4) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-100 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING THE SIDE LETTER OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE WEST COVINA FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION, I.A.F.F., LOCAL 3226 (WCFFA)

Pulled by Councilmember Gutierrez for discussion

Motion by Council Member Brian Gutierrez, seconded by Councilman Tony Wu

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

5) CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR 2026 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

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

6) CONSIDERATION OF 2026-27 OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY (OTS) GRANT

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.)

None.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilwoman Diaz thanked the City Manager regarding the City Manager Update that was given earlier in the meeting and thanked all staff for their hard work. Councilwoman Diaz mentioned that all staff have her support.
- Councilmember Gutierrez also thanked staff for doing a good job and that it is unfortunate that employees were terminated and one employee was placed on administrative leave.
- Mayor Lopez Viado also thanked the City Manager for his earlier presentation, and wished Susie Perez a happy birthday. The Mayor also mentioned the Trinket Box project and the Open House at the Fire Station.
- Councilman Wu thanked staff and also wished Susie Perez a happy birthday. Councilman Wu also discussed the Moon Festival event.

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted By:

Lisa Sherrick
Assistant City Clerk

Letty Lopez-Viado
Mayor