

City of Fontana

8437 Sierra Avenue
Fontana, CA 92335



Minutes

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

2:00 PM

Steelworkers' Auditorium

City Council Meeting

Acquanetta Warren - Mayor
Peter A. Garcia - Mayor Pro Tem
John B. Roberts - Council Member
Jesus "Jesse" Sandoval - Council Member
Phillip Cothran - Council Member
Germaine Key - City Clerk
Janet Koehler-Brooks, City Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

A. 2:00 P.M. Call To Order/Roll Call:

The Regular Meeting of the Fontana City Council was held in the Steelworkers' Auditorium, 8437 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, CA 92335, on Tuesday, March 24, 2026.

Mayor Warren called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Warren, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, Council Members Roberts and Sandoval.

City Treasurer Janet Koehler-Brooks and City Clerk Germaine Key were also present.

ABSENT: Council Member Cothran

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The invocation was given by Council Member Roberts, followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Council Member Sandoval.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

A. Mayor Warren and City Council to recognize San Bernardino County Fire Captain, Jim Grigoli on his retirement.

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PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

The following individuals spoke under public communications:

Karyme Sanchez, Giselle Cueva, Daisey San Martin, and Makayla Smith, Cal State San Bernardino students presented findings from a community assessment, identifying affordable housing and lack of awareness of housing assistance programs as primary concerns. They urged the City Council to prioritize affordable housing, expand outreach, and improve public awareness of available resources to support residents and prevent displacement.

John Pedroza requested the removal of a Parks, Community and Human Services Commissioner, citing alleged involvement in a homicide and ongoing investigations, and urged the Council to agendaize the matter and open the position for new applicants.

Manyjh O'Quin expressed concerns regarding lack of housing assistance, describing ongoing homelessness and difficulty accessing services, and urged the City to improve support, funding transparency, and responsiveness to families in need.

Caroline Ambrose, supported prior comments requesting the removal of a Parks, Community and Human Services Commissioner, citing alleged involvement in a homicide, and urged the Council to agendize removal and open the position to new applicants.

At Mayor Warren's request, Deputy City Manager Phil Burum discussed the City's housing efforts, noting significant investments in affordable housing, homelessness programs, and new developments, while acknowledging ongoing high demand, long waitlists, and the broader regional housing crisis that limits the City's ability to fully meet community needs. Mayor Warren also invited the students to meet with staff to review available housing resources and share their research.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Motion was made by Council Member Roberts, seconded by Council Member Sandoval, and passed unanimously by a vote of 4-0 to approve Consent Calendar Items "A-O." The motion carried by the following vote: AYES: Warren, Garcia, Roberts, and Sandoval; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Cothran

- A. Approval of Minutes 26-0879**
Approve the minutes of the March 10, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting.

- B. Approve the Task Order for Phase II of the Geotechnical Engineering and Materials Testing Services for the City Hall Renovation Project (City Hall; SQ-87-DE-19-92). 26-0824**
 - 1. Approve and authorize the City Manager to enter into the Task Order with Ninyo & Moore Geotechnical and Environmental Sciences Consultants, Inc. for Phase II of the Geotechnical Engineering, Materials Testing Services and Building Envelope Testing Services for the City Hall Renovation Project (Request for Proposals SQ-87-DE-19-92) in the amount of \$554,325.00.
 - 2. Approve and authorize the City Manager to enter into future Amendments to the Task Order for the Phase II of the Geotechnical Engineering Testing Services and Building Envelope Testing Services for City Hall Renovation not to exceed \$55,400.

- C. Approval of a Purchase Order with Complete Paperless Solutions for the digitization of planning project files for purposes of permanent records retention. 26-0852**
 - 1. Authorize the Purchasing Division to utilize the RFP 2024-16 contract awarded by the City of Menifee for document scanning services per

Purchasing Policies and Procedure Manual 3.1.5 Non-Competitive Proposal; and,

2. Approve a Purchase Order with Complete Paperless Solutions in the amount of \$220,000 for the digitization of approximately 1.25 million sheets of Planning project paper files that are to be kept for permanent record retention; and,
3. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to enter into all related documents and take any actions necessary to carry out the intent of this approval.

D. Final Acceptance of Zeco, Inc's work for the Southridge Dog Parks (East and West) Project (Bid No. DE-25-97-SB) 26-0856

Accept as complete the work performed by Zeco, Inc. for the Southridge Dog Parks (East and West) Project (#37200008 and #37200009).

E. Police Department Monthly Information Update 26-0858

Accept the Police Department monthly information update for January 2026.

F. Award a Construction Contract for the City Hall Renovation Project - Phase II (City Hall; Bid No. DE-26-91-SB) 26-0859

Award bid and authorize the City Manager to enter into a construction contract with Swinerton Builders for the construction of the City Hall Renovation Project - Phase II (City Hall) in the amount of \$49,422,000.00 and authorize a 10% contingency in the amount of \$4,942,200.00 (Bid No. DE-26-91-SB).

G. Approve Fifth Contract Change Order for Asphalt Grind and Overlay Paving for the Construction of Traffic Signal at Duncan Canyon Road and Citrus Avenue, as Part of the Reimbursement Agreement with HDO4, LLC 26-0866

1. Approve fifth contract change order for asphalt grind and overlay paving for the construction of traffic signal at Duncan Canyon Road and Citrus Avenue, as part of the Reimbursement Agreement with HDO4, LLC.
2. Approve appropriation and allocate the amount of \$31,194.08 from Fund 604 - Measure T.

H. Approve an Increase in Construction Contingency for FY 2024/2025 Citywide Pavement Rehabilitation Project (DE-25-102-SB) 26-0867

Approve and authorize the City Manager to increase the construction contingency amount by \$300,000.00, for a total contingency amount of \$747,652.83 (DE-25-102-SB).

- I. Amendment No. 1 to a Settlement Agreement between the City of Fontana and Prime Point Property Corp. 26-0872**
 Approve the amendment to a 2019 Settlement Agreement between the City of Fontana and Prime Point Property Corp regarding the use of properties located at 15252, 15244, 15170, 15132 Valley Boulevard, and 9987 Fontana Avenue (APNs: 0235-072-09, -10, -11, -12, and 0235-063-15).
- J. Approve Release of K-9 Unit Dog “Goose” and Accompanying K-9 Equipment to His Handler, Mark Wyrick 26-0873**
 Approve and Authorize City Manager to enter into a contract PD-26-107-MS between the City of Fontana and Mark Wyrick to release K-9 dog “Goose” and accompanying K-9 dog equipment, including a kennel, transportation kennel, custom fit muzzle, Dogloo, and two leashes to the handler.
- K. Approve Donations of Dog “Chico” and Present and Future Accompanying K-9 Dog Equipment from Fontana Police K-9 Pals, a California Nonprofit Corporation 26-0874**
 Approve the donation of the dog “Chico” from Fontana Police K-9 Pals, a California nonprofit corporation, to the City of Fontana in order for “Chico” to become part of the Fontana Police Department’s K-9 Unit. Approve present and future accompanying K-9 dog equipment from Fontana Police K-9 Pals to support the Fontana Police Department’s K-9 Unit operations.
- L. Consideration of Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) Participation in the San Bernardino Regional Housing Trust (SBRHT) 26-0875**
1. Approve **Resolution No 2026-017**, a resolution of the City Council of Fontana authorizing participation in the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) for the establishment of the San Bernardino Regional Housing Trust.
 2. Allow City Manager, or City Manager’s designee, to enter into the agreement and any necessary amendments and related documents to implement the project.
- M. Approval of Environmental Permit Agreements and Environmental Mitigation Purchase for the Building A Better Connected Inland Empire (RAISE) Project 26-0883**
1. Authorize the City Manager, or City Manager’s designee, to enter into permit agreements for the Building A Better Connected Inland Empire (RAISE) Project.
 2. Authorize the City Manager, or City Manager’s designee, to purchase environmental mitigation credit from the appropriate mitigation banks for the Building A Better Connected Inland Empire (RAISE) Project.
 3. Authorize the City Manager, or City Manager’s designee, to enter any future amendments to the agreements for the Building A Better Connected Inland Empire (RAISE) Project.
 4. Authorize the City Manager, or City Manager’s designee, to enter into any and all utility agreements and any related items on behalf of the City of

Fontana for the Building A Better Connected Inland Empire (RAISE) Project.

N. Prohousing Incentive Program Resolution Authorizing 26-0884 Submittal of Application and Other Grant Related Documents

1. Adopt **Resolution No. 2026-018**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Fontana authorizing application for, and receipt of, up to the eligible award amount of \$1,250,000 of Prohousing Incentive Program Funds.
2. Authorize the City Manager, or City Manager's designee, to enter into and transmit any documents necessary or appropriate to ensure the City's timely submission of the Prohousing Incentive Program application.

O. Increase for Fontana Experience Network (FXN Studio) for Design, Build and Installation. 26-0886

Approve and authorize City Manager to increase the purchase order with Devlin Design Group for Studio Design and installation in the amount of \$54,285.00 for a total amount of \$454,188.84 and increase the 10% contingency in the amount of \$5,428.50 for a total amount of \$45,418.88.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Quarterly Lien Action for Delinquent Sewer and Solid Waste Accounts 26-0885

1. Authorize staff to complete and record lien against real property for those sewer accounts sixty days or more delinquent and solid waste accounts more than ninety days delinquent as described in attached resolutions and written reports and to direct staff to file for the recording of liens for such properties.
2. Adopt **Resolution No. 2026-019**, of the City Council of the City of Fontana authorizing the collection of certain annual wastewater and solid waste service charges, including delinquent charges for each service, on the County property tax rolls and determining and record liens against current delinquent parcels.

Chief Financial Officer Jessica Brown provided the staff report.

Mayor Warren opened the public hearing.

City Clerk Key stated that no written public communications were received.

Chief Financial Officer Jessica Brown provided the staff report.

With no one interested to speak in favor or opposition of this item Mayor Warren closed the Public Hearing.

ACTION: Motion was made by Council Member Roberts, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, and passed unanimously by vote of 4-0 to approve Public Hearing Item “A.” The motion carried by the following vote: AYES: Warren, Garcia, Roberts, and Sandoval; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Cothran

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager Matt Ballantyne highlighted consent calendar items, including the award of a contract for the new City Hall project with upcoming construction activity, additional street paving work, and the retirement of a police K-9, along with recognition of community support for the K-9 program.

ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:

City Clerk Key offered congratulations on Fire Captain Grigoli’s retirement and expressed appreciation for a local business for providing assistance.

City Treasurer Koehler-Brooks also congratulated Captain Grigoli on his retirement.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia highlighted recent and upcoming events at Stage Red, including a successful record night and live performances, and noted efforts to expand programming, encouraging the public to visit the venue and stay informed on future events.

Council Member Sandoval requested a report regarding concerns about the commissioner mentioned during public communications, expressed interest in improving communication and outreach on homelessness resources, including potential language access and hotline options, and shared personal remarks recognizing his daughter’s achievements.

Council Member Roberts congratulated Captain Grigoli on his retirement, recognized efforts to restore a historic local church, and extended Easter greetings to the community.

Mayor Warren highlighted the City’s extensive housing efforts, resources, and outreach, noting ongoing challenges due to high demand and statewide constraints, while emphasizing continued advocacy for funding and partnerships. Mayor Warren also shared updates on community events, new amenities, school engagement, and public safety reminders, and encouraged residents to utilize City programs and stay informed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Warren and the City Council led a moment of silence in memory of the following individual:

1. Pastor Emeritus James Reese

Mayor Warren adjourned the meeting at 2:59 p.m. to the Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in the Steelworkers' Auditorium located at 8437 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California.

Christina Rudsell, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

THE FOREGOING MINUTES WERE ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY THE FONTANA CITY COUNCIL ON APRIL 14, 2026.

Germaine Key
City Clerk