

City of Chula Vista
Regular City Council Meeting
MINUTES

Date: April 14, 2026, 5:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, CA

Present: Councilmember Chavez, Deputy Mayor Fernandez, Councilmember Inzunza, Councilmember Preciado, Mayor McCann

Also Present: City Manager Allen, City Attorney Verdugo, City Clerk Bigelow, Deputy Director of City Clerk Services Turner,

Minutes are prepared and ordered to correspond to the agenda.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Bigelow called the roll.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Led by Councilmember Preciado.

4. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

4.1 Special Recognition of the 2025-2026 Chula Vista Elementary School District Speech Contest Winners

The speech contest winners delivered their speeches, and the Mayor and City Council members congratulated them.

4.2 Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming April 24th as Arbor Day in the City of Chula Vista

The proclamation was presented.

4.3 Presentation of a Proclamation to Police Communications Systems Manager Kimberly Howard in Recognition of Telecommunications Week in the City of Chula Vista

The proclamation was presented.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 5.1 through 5.8)

Item 5.7 was removed from the consent calendar at the request of Councilmember Fernandez.

The following members of the public spoke regarding various topics:

- *John Acosta, Chula Vista resident*
- *Cesar Javier*

Moved by Mayor McCann

Seconded by Councilmember Preciado

To approve the recommended actions appearing below consent calendar Items 5.1 through 5.6 and 5.8. The headings were read, text waived. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes (5): Councilmember Chavez, Deputy Mayor Fernandez, Councilmember Inzunza, Councilmember Preciado, and Mayor McCann

Result, Carried (5 to 0)

5.1 Approve Meeting Minutes

Approve the minutes dated: March 17, 2026

5.2 Waive Reading of Text of Resolutions and Ordinances

Approve a motion to read only the title and waive the reading of the text of all resolutions and ordinances at this meeting.

5.3 Community Benefit Districts: Adopt an Ordinance Adding Chapter 5.14 (Community Benefit Districts) to the Chula Vista Municipal Code Establishing Procedures for the Formation of Community Benefit Districts

Adopt an ordinance adding Chapter 5.14 (Community Benefit Districts) to the Chula Vista Municipal Code to establish procedures for the formation of Community Benefit Districts in the City of Chula Vista. **(Second Reading and Adoption)**

Item 5.3 heading:

ORDINANCE NO. 3619 OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ADDING CHAPTER 5.14 "COMMUNITY BENEFIT DISTRICTS" TO TITLE 5 OF THE CHULA VISTA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE FORMATION OF COMMUNITY BENEFIT DISTRICTS IN THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA **(SECOND READING AND ADOPTION)**

5.4 Agreement: Approve a Legal Services Agreement with Best, Best & Krieger LLP for Community Facilities Districts and Public Financing Legal Services

Adopt a resolution approving a legal services agreement with Best, Best & Krieger LLP for community facilities districts and public financing legal services.

Item 5.4 heading:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-049 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING A LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BEST, BEST & KRIEGER LLP FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC FINANCING LEGAL SERVICES

5.5 Joint Powers Agreement: Approve a Joint Powers Agreement Between the City of Chula Vista and the County of San Diego for the Planning, Operations, and Maintenance of the Otay Ranch Open Space Preserve

Adopt a resolution approving a renewed and revised 30-year Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Chula Vista and the County of San Diego for the Planning, Operations, and Maintenance of the Otay Ranch Open Space Preserve and authorizing the City Manager to execute the renewed and revised 30-year Joint Powers Agreement.

Item 5.5 heading:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-050 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING A 30-YEAR JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA AND THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO FOR THE PLANNING, OPERATIONS, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE OTAY RANCH OPEN SPACE PRESERVE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE 30-YEAR JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

5.6 Agreements: Landscape Maintenance Agreements with HomeFed Village 8E, LLC and California Department of Transportation Related to Maintenance of Caltrans Right-of-Way in Otay Ranch Village 8 East

Adopt a resolution A) approving the Landscape Maintenance Agreement between the City of Chula Vista and HomeFed Village 8E, LLC for the maintenance of a specified area within the Caltrans right-of-way associated with the Otay Ranch Village 8 East project; and B) authorizing the City Manager to execute a Landscape Maintenance Agreement with the California Department of Transportation for the same right-of-way area.

Item 5.6 heading:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-051 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING A LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH HOMEFED VILLAGE 8E, LLC, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE WITHIN OTAY RANCH VILLAGE 8 EAST

5.8 Grant Award and Appropriation: Accept and Appropriate Grant Funds from Kaiser Foundation Hospitals for Operation Splash Community Swim Program

Adopt a resolution 1) accepting \$93,500 in grant funds from Kaiser Foundation Hospitals for the Operation Splash Community Swim Program, 2) authorizing City Manager to execute grant documents, and 3) amending the fiscal year 2025-26 budget by appropriating funds to the Parks and Recreation Section of the Other Grants Fund. **(4/5 Vote Required)**

Item 5.8 heading:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-052 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ACCEPTING FUNDS FROM KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITALS FOR THE OPERATION SPLASH COMMUNITY SWIM PROGRAM, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR **(4/5 VOTE REQUIRED)**

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

5.7 City Boards and Commissions: Place an Ordinance on First Reading Amending the Municipal Code to Implement District-Based Nominations for Certain Boards and Commissions

City Clerk Bigelow gave a presentation on the item.

John Acosta, Chula Vista resident spoke in opposition to the item.

Rita Byers submitted written comments in opposition to the item.

At the request of Councilmember Preciado, there was a consensus of a majority of the City Council to direct staff to return at a future meeting with a revised draft ordinance to require district residency for the Traffic Safety Commission.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Acosta, Chula Vista resident, spoke regarding various topics.

The following members of the public spoke regarding environmental issues:

- *Purita Javier*
- *Cesar Javier*

The following members of the public spoke in support of Police Chief Kennedy:

- *Bob Sutherland*
- *Dr. Chanda Simmons*
- *Janet Lambert*
- *Angelique Williams*
- *Brandon Claypool*

Deborah Schlemmer spoke in support of installing a memorial in Valle Lindo Park.

Angelica Martinez spoke regarding concerns related to district representation and community matters.

Ben Delgado, representing Chula Vista Futbol Club, spoke regarding the soccer community.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

7.1 Housing Grant Funding: Receive Recommendations for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Annual Action Plan

Notice of the hearing was given in accordance with legal requirements, and the hearing was held on the date and no earlier than the time specified in the notice.

Mayor McCann stated that he would abstain from discussion of the item due to a potential property-related conflict of interest and left the dais during discussion of the item.

Principal Management Analyst Gonzalez gave a presentation on the item.

Deputy Mayor Fernandez opened the public hearing.

John Acosta, Chula Vista resident, spoke in opposition to the item.

The following members of the public spoke regarding the item:

- *Cesar Javier*
- *Rebecca Rader, representing Voices for Children*
- *Adam Reed, representing Mama's Kitchen*

The following members of the public submitted written comments in support of the item:

- *Elsa Hernandez, representing Harborside Elementary*
- *Mauricio Medina, representing the San Diego Food Bank*
- *Laura Franco, representing*

There being no further members of the public who wished to speak, Deputy Mayor Fernandez closed the public hearing.

The meeting was recessed at 6:55 p.m. and reconvened at 7:01 p.m.

7.2 Comprehensive Code Update: Consideration of Amendments to the Chula Vista Municipal Code

Notice of the hearing was given in accordance with legal requirements, and the hearing was held on the date and no earlier than the time specified in the notice.

Mayor McCann announced that the item would be continued to the May 5, 2026, City Council meeting.

Mayor McCann opened the public hearing.

The following members of the public spoke regarding the item:

- *John Acosta, Chula Vista resident*
- *Cesar Javier*

There being no further members of the public who wished to speak, Mayor McCann closed the public hearing.

8. ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Consider Items Removed From the Consent Calendar, if Any

For action on this item, refer to the section Items Removed from the Consent Calendar, above.

8.2 Lease Agreement: Approve a Lease Agreement with the Board of Trustees of the California State University Acting on Behalf of San Diego State University for a portion of the City-Owned Building Located at 1775 Millenia Avenue

Real Property Manager Dickson and Special Projects Manager Relph gave a presentation on the item.

Ian Gibson, representing San Diego State University, School of Nursing, spoke regarding the item.

John Acosta, Chula Vista resident, spoke in opposition to the item.

The following members of the public spoke in support of the item:

- *Lisa Schmidt, representing Assemblymember David Alvarez's office*
- *Victoria Barba, representing Sharp Healthcare*

Councilmember Preciado stated that he was employed by San Diego State University, that the disclosure was made at the direction of the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC), and that the FPPC advised that he did not have a disqualifying conflict and could participate in and vote on the item.

Moved by Mayor McCann

Seconded by Councilmember Inzunza

To adopt Resolution No.2026-053, the heading was read, text waived. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes (5): Councilmember Chavez, Deputy Mayor Fernandez, Councilmember Inzunza, Councilmember Preciado, and Mayor McCann

Result, Carried (5 to 0)

Item 8.2 heading:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-053 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY ON BEHALF OF SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY FOR A PORTION OF THE CITY-OWNED BUILDING LOCATED AT 1775 MILLENIA AVENUE

The meeting was recessed at 7:58 p.m. and reconvened at 8:04 p.m.

8.3 Contract Amendment: Approve an Amendment to the Consultant Services Agreement with Dudek to Provide Civil Engineering Services and Planning Services and Appropriate Funds for that Purpose

Deputy City Managers Chase and Schoen gave a presentation on the item.

Moved by Mayor McCann

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Fernandez

To adopt Resolution No. 2026-054, the heading was read, text waived. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes (5): Councilmember Chavez, Deputy Mayor Fernandez, Councilmember Inzunza, Councilmember Preciado, and Mayor McCann

Result, Carried (5 to 0)

Item 8.3 heading:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-054 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA (1) APPROVING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND DUDEK TO PROVIDE CIVIL ENGINEERING AND PLANNING SERVICES, INCREASING THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT WITH OPTIONS TO EXTEND THE TERM, AND (2) AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR **(4/5 VOTE REQUIRED)**

8.4 Employee Compensation and Positions: Approve Amended Classification and Compensation Plan, Authorized Position Counts, Revised Compensation Schedule; Budget Amendments; and Updated Conflict of Interest Code

Human Resources Director Tomlinson announced that approval of the item would affect executive compensation.

John Acosta, Chula Vista resident, spoke in opposition to the item.

Moved by Councilmember Preciado

Seconded by Mayor McCann

To adopt Resolution Nos. 2026-055 through 2026-058, the headings were read, text waived. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes (5): Councilmember Chavez, Deputy Mayor Fernandez, Councilmember Inzunza, Councilmember Preciado, and Mayor McCann

Result, Carried (5 to 0)

Item 8.4 headings:

A) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-055 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, COMPENSATION SCHEDULE AND AUTHORIZED POSITION COUNT IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

B) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-056 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING THE REVISED FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 COMPENSATION SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE APRIL 17, 2026, AS REQUIRED BY CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2, SECTION 570.5

C) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-057 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA MAKING VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR **(4/5 VOTE REQUIRED)**

D) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-058 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA MODIFYING THE APPENDIX TO THE LOCAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE TO AMEND THE LIST OF DESIGNATED FILERS AND ASSOCIATED DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES, AND DESIGNATING THE FILERS AS LOCAL AGENCY OFFICIALS THAT MUST COMPLETE STATE-MANDATED ETHICS AND FISCAL AND FINANCIAL TRAINING

8.5 Citywide Holiday Renaming: Adopt Amendments to the Memoranda of Understanding with Collective Bargaining Groups and Introduce an Ordinance Renaming Cesar Chavez Day to Farmworkers Day

Human Resources Director Tomlinson gave a presentation on the item.

Cesar Javier spoke in opposition to the item.

Moved by Councilmember Preciado

Seconded by Councilmember Chavez

To adopt Resolution No. 2026-059 and place the ordinance on first reading, the headings were read, text waived. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes (5): Councilmember Chavez, Deputy Mayor Fernandez, Councilmember Inzunza, Councilmember Preciado, and Mayor McCann

Result, Carried (5 to 0)

Item 8.5 headings:

A) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-059 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING HOLIDAYS FOR THE FOLLOWING BARGAINING UNITS: ASSOCIATION OF CHULA VISTA EMPLOYEES; CHULA VISTA MID MANAGERS/ PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION, SEIU LOCAL 221; NON-SAFETY LOCAL 2180, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS; LOCAL 2180, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIREFIGHTERS; CHULA VISTA POLICE OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION; AND THE WESTERN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERS

B) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA AMENDING CHULA VISTA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 10.08.110 RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF HOLIDAYS FOR PARKING METERS AND ZONES AND SECTION 12.50.050 RELATING TO THE TIMES WHEN SIGNS CAN BE TEMPORARILY PLACED IN DESIGNATED PORTIONS OF THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY **(FIRST READING)**

8.6 Brown Act Updates (SB 707): Hear a Presentation, Adopt Technology Disruption and Outreach Policies, and Consider Direction to Staff

City Clerk Bigelow gave a presentation on the item.

Moved by Councilmember Inzunza

Seconded by Councilmember Chavez

To adopt Resolution Nos. 2026-060 through 2026-062, the headings were read, text waived. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes (5): Councilmember Chavez, Deputy Mayor Fernandez, Councilmember Inzunza, Councilmember Preciado, and Mayor McCann

Result, Carried (5 to 0)

Item 8.6 headings:

A) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-060 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ADOPTING A NEW CITY COUNCIL POLICY ADDRESSING A DISRUPTION OF TELEPHONIC OR INTERNET SERVICE DURING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

B) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-061 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA DETERMINING REASONABLE EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE § 54953.4

C) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-062 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA RESCINDING CITY COUNCIL POLICY 104-02, "REMOTE COUNCIL MEETING PARTICIPATION BY COUNCILMEMBERS"

8.7 Strategic Plan: Presentation and Discussion of the City's Draft 2026–2031 Strategic Plan

Kymerly Garrett, consultant, gave a presentation on the item.

At the request of Deputy Mayor Fernandez, there was a consensus of the City Council to return the item for discussion at a future City Council workshop.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS (CONTINUED)

There were none.

10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

There were none.

11. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor McCann reported on attendance at recent events and made community announcements.

12. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

City Councilmembers reported on attendance at recent events and made community announcements.

At the request of Councilmember Preciado, there was a consensus of a majority of the City Council to refer the following matters to staff for further guidance: (1) City logo use; and (2) Councilmember events and meetings held in the community, including allowable budget, staff, and equipment that may be used.

At the request of Deputy Mayor Fernandez, there was a consensus of the City Council to make a referral to staff to return with: 1) an evaluation of the naming of the new park at 4th Avenue and Oxford Street, including consideration of naming the park in honor of Roy Franzen Jr.; and 2) recommendations regarding possible revisions to the Asset Naming Policy.

13. CITY CLERK'S REPORTS

There were none.

14. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

City Attorney Verdugo expressed appreciation to City Clerk Bigelow for her work on the Brown Act update item and acknowledged International Be Kind to Lawyers Day.

15. CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Resolution No. 13706 and City Council Policy No. 346-03, the City Attorney maintains official minutes and records of action taken during closed session.

City Attorney Verdugo announced that the City Council would convene in closed session to discuss the items listed below.

The meeting was recessed at 9:42 p.m. and reconvened in closed session at 9:45 with all members present.

15.1 Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

A) Name of case: Maria Enriquez, et al. v. City of Chula Vista, et al., Southern District of California, Case No. '25CV3832 BTM DEB

Action: No reportable action

B) Name of case: In Re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, Case No. 1:17-md-02804-DAP, pending in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. (Remnant Defendants settlements: Associated Pharmacies, Inc., American Associated Pharmacies, J.M. Smith Co., Louisiana Wholesale Drug Co., Inc., Morris and Dickson, North Carolina Wholesale Drug Co., Inc., and UNFI/SuperValu)

Action: No reportable action

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Tyshar Turner, Deputy Director, City Clerk Services

Kerry K. Bigelow, MMC, City Clerk