



**CITY OF PLEASANTON
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**Thursday, April 10, 2025
5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Balch called the Special Meeting of the City Council to order at the hour of 5:05 p.m. from the Council Chamber located at 200 Old Bernal Avenue.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Eicher, Gaidos, Nibert, Testa, Mayor Balch

Absent: None.

1. Public Comment - closed on April 8, 2025.
2. Receive a report on the Fiscal Years 2025/26 - 2026/27 preliminary budget reduction recommendations and provide direction to inform development of the two-year General Fund operating budget
By majority consensus, the City Council provided direction on the reduction items as follows.
 1. Further Reduce General Administrative Costs - support reduction - original scenario
 2. Internal personnel adjustments - support reduction - original scenario
 3. Reduce professional services and contracts - support reduction - original scenario
 4. Reduce weekly Library hours: support reduction - revised scenario
 5. Original scenario proposal: support reduction - support reduction - original scenario and add formation of ad-hoc subcommittee to evaluate a commission and committee restructure.
 6. Restructure Recreation Programs & Events - support reduction - revised scenario
 7. Reduce park and trail maintenance - support reduction - revised scenario
 8. Reduce janitorial services at City parks and facilities - support reduction - original scenario
 9. Reduce landscaping services citywide - support reduction - original scenario
 10. Reduce Community Support and Subsidies - support reduction - revised scenario with additional modifications to explore the possibility of TV 30 services with reduction of 10% in years 1 and 2, Museum on

Main services with reduction of 10% year 1 and year 2, Senior Support Services reduction total in years 1 and 2 for reduction to be a lower amount in line with other contracts.

11. Eliminate City-funded School Crossing Guard Program - support reduction -revised scenario with modification that the reduction amount is \$500,000.

Mayor Balch called a recess at 6:55 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

12. Reduce Business Partner Support Funding - support reduction -revised scenario with modification for reduction for iGate at 10% in year 2.
13. Eliminate Housing and Human Services Grants - support reduction - revised scenario
14. Eliminate Youth and Civic Arts Grants - support reduction - original scenario
15. Reduce Funding for Police Special Programs - support reduction - original scenario
16. Eliminate School Resource Officers (SRO) - do not support reduction
17. Reduce Special Enforcement and Investigation Units - support reduction -revised scenario
18. Eliminate Neighborhood Traffic Calming program - support reduction - original scenario
19. Reduce plan checking, long-range planning and permitting consultant contracts - support reduction - original scenario
20. Reduce in-person permit counter service to 2.5 days/week - support reduction - original scenario
21. Freeze Sustainability Manager position - support reduction - revised scenario
22. Close the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center - do not support reduction
23. Police and Fire - Close a Livermore-Pleasanton fire station - do not support reduction
24. Police and Fire - Reduce support for non-emergency calls - do not support reduction
25. Police and Fire - Reduce or eliminate Alternative Response Unit - do not support reduction
26. Community Support and Human Services - Reduce Firehouse Arts Center hours - do not support reduction
27. Community Support and Human Services - Reduce Senior Center hours -do not support reduction
28. Parks, Streets, and Facilities - Update City sidewalk maintenance obligations - do not support reduction

Mayor Balch called a recess at 7:39 p.m. and reconvened at 7:51 p.m.

Following City Council direction, staff reported out that the total estimated reductions based on the City Council's direction on items 1 through 28 is approximately \$6.2M in year one and approximately \$6.6M in year two.

The City Council provided additional direction regarding reduction item 7 to allow a possible reduction of future vacancies through attrition, allow staff to evaluate reduction of mowing contracts, and for staff to provide another alternative to this item.

3. Receive a report on General Fund dependent capital needs and other capital/infrastructure priorities for FY 2025/26 and FY 2026/27 and provide direction to inform the development of the two-year Capital Budget and five-year Capital Improvement Program

Recommendation: Receive a report on General Fund dependent capital needs and other capital/infrastructure priorities for FY 2025/26 and FY 2026/27 and provide direction to inform the development of the two-year Capital Budget and five-year Capital Improvement Program.

Presentation by Adam Nelkie, Assistant Director of Public Works/City Engineer.

MOTION: It was m/s by Nibert/Gaidos to approve the Capital Improvement Program General Fund recommended project list with the following projects: Annual Facility Replacement, Annual Storm Repair/Replacement, West Las Positas Multimodal Reconst Willow to Stoneridge, Library Fire Alarm Upgrade, West Las Positas Multimodal Reconst Design - Owens to Santa Rita, I-580 Overcrossing Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvements, Park Trail & Pathway Resurfacing Program, Nonfunctional Turf Conversion, Pleasanton Traffic Model.

Motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Eicher, Gaidos, Nibert, Testa, Mayor Balch
Noes: None
Absent: None

MOTION: It was m/s by Testa/Eicher to approve the Unfunded CIP General Fund Supported Requested Projects list with the following projects: City-Wide Access Control System Replacement and Security Integration, Fire Station 2 Emergency Generator Replacement, EOC and PW DOC/ Training Center, Aquatic Center 50m pool renovation, Fire Station 2 Kitchen Remodel, LPFD Fire Station 2 Building Exterior Repairs, LPFD Training Center Remodel, LPFD Fire Station 2 Bunks and Bathrooms Remodel, Playground Renovations Program, Bernal Park Synthetic Turf Replacement, All Abilities Playground, LPFD Fire Station 2 Sitework Renovation, Irrigation Upgrades Program, LPFD Fire Station 4 Shower Remodel, Court Resurfacing Program, PD Vehicle Storage, Pleasanton Skatepark, Railroad quiet zone, Century House Master Plan, Fire Station 3 Parking Lot Gate.

Motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Eicher, Gaidos, Nibert, Testa, Mayor Balch

Noes: None

Absent: None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Balch adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.



Jocelyn Kwong, City Clerk