



**CITY OF PLEASANTON
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, February 3, 2026
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Balch called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at the hour of 7:00 p.m. from the Council Chamber located at 200 Old Bernal Avenue.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Eicher, Gaidos, Nibert (teleconference), Testa, Mayor Balch
Absent: None.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Balch opened public comment. There being no speakers, Mayor Balch closed the public comment.

MOTION: It was m/s by Councilmember Eicher/Councilmember Gaidos to approve the consent calendar as recommended. Motion passed by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

City Manager

1. Approve meeting minutes of January 13, 2025 and January 20, 2025

Recommendation: Approve meeting minutes of January 13, 2025 and January 20, 2025.

Library and Recreation

2. Authorize the City Manager to enter into the second amendment to the services agreement with Folger Graphics for Activities Guide and City Newsletter printing services in an amount not to exceed \$51,525 until November 30, 2026, for a total amount not to exceed \$411,829

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into the second amendment to the services agreement with Folger Graphics for Activities Guide and City Newsletter printing services in an amount not to exceed \$51,525 until November 30, 2026, for a total amount not to exceed \$411,829.

Public Works

3. Accept public improvements performed by Sierra Nevada Construction, Inc., for the Annual Slurry Sealing of Various Streets Project, CIP No. 25504, and approve a budget amendment to return \$83,939 to the Gas Tax Fund

Recommendation:

1. Accept the project as complete and authorize the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion.
2. Authorize release of the retention in the amount of \$14,743 to Sierra Nevada Construction, Inc., 30 days after the recordation of the Notice of Completion.
3. Approve a budget amendment to return the project's unused balance of \$83,939 to the Gas Tax fund balance (Fund 160).

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

4. Public Comment regarding items not listed on the agenda – Speakers are limited to 3 minutes.

Mayor Balch opened public comment. The following individuals provided comment: Herb Hastings, Jan Coleman-Knight, Huiling Song, Cindi Sabatini, Linda Kelly, Kathryn Stroud, and Brian Jenkins.

Mayor Balch closed the public comment.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OTHER MATTERS

5. Receive an update on the Regional Groundwater Facilities Improvement Project – Phase 1 Feasibility Study Results

Recommendation: Receive an update on the Regional Groundwater Facilities Improvement Project – Phase 1 Feasibility Study Results.

Presentation by Siew-Chin Young, Public Works Director, and Todd Yamello, Utilities Planning Manager.

Mayor Balch opened public comment. There being no speakers, Mayor Balch closed the public comment.

6. Receive an update on stakeholder engagement and provide direction on a potential Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) measure on the November 2026 ballot

Recommendation:

1. Direct staff to proceed with development of a Transient Occupancy Tax ballot measure for the November 2026 election;
2. Provide direction on a target rate of 12 percent, with phased implementation (10 percent effective July 1, 2027; 12 percent effective July 1, 2028); and
3. Authorize staff to return with draft ballot language for City Council consideration.

Presentation by Melinda Denis, Deputy Director of Community and Economic Development.

Mayor Balch opened public comment. The following individuals provided comment: Tim Howard.

Mayor Balch closed the public comment.

MOTION: It was m/s by Councilmember Nibert/Councilmember Testa to approve the item to proceed with developing the measure with phased implementation and to return with draft ballot language for City Council consideration. Motion passed by the following vote:

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

7. Consider developing a policy for evaluation of development-related General Plan amendments and re-zoning requests

Recommendation: Direct staff to develop a policy for evaluation of development-related General Plan amendments and re-zoning requests.

Presentation by Ellen Clark, Community Development Director.

Mayor Balch opened public comment. There being no speakers, Mayor Balch closed the public comment.

MOTION: It was m/s by Councilmember Testa/Councilmember Eicher to approve development of a policy for early review and direction on discretionary property re-zone requests to be considered by the City Council for future consideration and adoption.

Motion passed by the following vote:

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

Councilmember Nibert left the meeting at 10:14 p.m.

MATTERS INITIATED BY COUNCIL

Councilmember Testa requested a discussion on alternatives for mitigating downtown vacancies. The City Council agreed that the item could be part of the planned City Council workshop in March.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmembers reported on regional and local meetings attended.

CITY MANAGER UPDATES

The City Manager provided informational updates on the community and organization.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Balch adjourned the meeting at 10:35 p.m.


Jocelyn Kwong, City Clerk