

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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MAYOR
CLAUDIA M. FROMETA

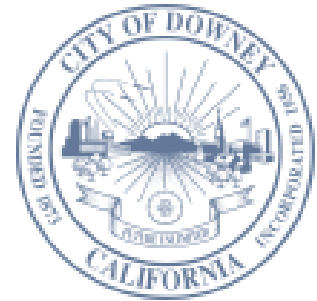
Regular Meeting

5:30 p.m. - Closed Session

6:30 p.m. - Open Session

MAYOR PRO TEM
HORACIO ORTIZ

Council Chambers
11111 Brookshire Avenue
Downey, CA 90241



COUNCIL MEMBERS
DOROTHY PEMBERTON
HECTOR SOSA
MARIO TRUJILLO

Notice regarding Public Comment: In order to ensure that limited English proficiency speakers receive the same opportunity to directly address the City Council, the City of Downey will continue to follow Government Code Section 54954.3(b)(2) and provide limited English proficiency speakers double the allotted time to make their public comments utilizing a translator during public meetings of the City Council. All other speakers will be given the allotted 3-minute speaking time for public hearing and closed session items, and one 3-minute speaking time for agenda, consent calendar and non-agenda items established by the Downey Municipal Code. To request oral language interpretation at a City Council meeting contact the City Clerk's Office at (562) 904-7280, 48-hours in advance of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – CLOSED SESSION - 5:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Pemberton, Sosa, Trujillo, Mayor Pro Tem Ortiz, Mayor Frometa

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

Persons wishing to address the City Council on any item on the Closed Session Agenda items may do so at this time. Please limit your comments to no more than three (3) minutes, unless otherwise limited by the Mayor for good cause including number of speakers, as permitted by the City's meeting rules.

RECESS TO A CLOSED SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL UNDER THE FOLLOWING AUTHORITIES:

1. Government Code Section 54957.6 - Conference with labor negotiator James McQueen re: direction for labor negotiations with Downey Public Safety Auxiliary Association and Downey Police Management Association.

RECONVENE AND ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTION

CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - OPEN SESSION - 6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Pemberton, Sosa, Trujillo, Mayor Pro Tem Ortiz, Mayor Frometa

INVOCATION

Pastor David Beary, First Presbyterian Church of Downey

FLAG SALUTE

Boy Scout Troop 441

PRESENTATIONS

1. Mayor's Legacy Award to Dr. Xochitl Ortiz, Principal, Columbus High School.
2. Proclamation in honor of Public Service Recognition Week, May 3 - 9.
3. Proclamation in honor of Municipal Clerk's Week, May 3 - 9.
4. Proclamation in honor of National Police Week, May 15 - 21.
5. Proclamation in honor of National Public Works Week, May 17 - 23.
6. Proclamation in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. REQUEST FOR FRANCHISE AGREEMENT RENEWAL WITH TESORO SOCIAL PIPELINE COMPANY LLC

That the City Council:

1. Conduct a public hearing to consider granting an oil pipeline franchise to Tesoro Pipeline Company LLC; and,
2. Introduce an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey Granting a Renewal of an Oil Pipeline Franchise Agreement to Tesoro Social Pipeline Company LLC.

2. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN UNCODIFIED URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 26-1541, EXTENDING A MORATORIUM ON SINGLE PRICE OVERSTOCK/DISCOUNT STORES FOR AN ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR

That the City Council:

Adopt Uncodified Urgency Ordinance No. 26-1541, extending a Moratorium on the approval, commencement, establishment, relocation, or expansion of Single Price Overstock/Discount Stores within City limits for an additional one (1) year.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA, CONSENT CALENDAR, AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

This portion provides an opportunity for the public to address the City Council on agenda, consent calendar and items not listed on the agenda within the jurisdiction of the City Council. It is requested, but not required, that you state your name, address and subject matter upon which you wish to speak. Please limit your comments to no more than three (3) minutes, unless otherwise limited by the Mayor for good cause including number of speakers, as permitted by the City's meeting rules. The total public comment period is limited to 30 minutes. Pursuant to the Brown Act, no discussion or action, other than a brief response, referral to the City Manager/staff or schedule for a subsequent agenda, shall be taken by the City Council/Agency on any issue brought forth under this section.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed on the Consent Calendar are to be approved with one motion unless a City Council Member requests an item be removed. Removed items will be considered following approval of the Consent Calendar.

3. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting of April 28, 2025.

4. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS ISSUED

Warrant Nos. 398727 - 398925 (City) and 130 - 138 (CMSC); Payroll Wire Nos. 30004700; 30004706 - 30004707; 30004709 - 3004710; EFT Nos. 15909 - 15974 (City) and 50022 - 50025 (CMSC); and, Manual Wire Nos. 2820-2826; in the total amount of \$4,833,009.46.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF WORK FOR THE DOWNEY AVENUE PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP) NO. 23-03

That the City Council:

1. Accept the work for the Downey Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation Project, Capital Improvement Project (CIP) No. 23-03;

2. Approve Onyx Paving Company, Incorporated's final construction contract amount of \$3,034,813; and,

3. Authorize the Director of Public Works/City Engineer to file a Notice of Completion indicating the work is complete and has been accepted by the City.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF WORK FOR (1) BARBARA J. RILEY COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 23-17; (2) SOUTH ALLEY / PARKING LOT REHABILITATION AT WILDERNESS PARK, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 24-10; AND (3) CITY PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 25-06

That the City Council:

1. Accept the work for the Barbara J. Riley Community Center, Capital Improvement Project (CIP) No. 23-17, South Alley / Wilderness Park, CIP No. 24-10, and City Parking Lot Improvements, CIP No. 25-06 Project;
2. Approve Pavewest, LLC's final construction contract amount of \$763,258; and,
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works/City Engineer to file a Notice of Completion for indicating the work is complete and has been accepted by the City.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7. DISCOVER DOWNEY BRAND UPDATE

That the City Council:

Receive and file an update on the refreshed Discover Downey brand.

8. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CITY OF DOWNEY CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS DEPOSIT

That the City Council:

1. Discuss the current method for calculating Construction and Demolition debris deposits in the City;
2. Consider staff recommendations to reduce the percentage used in the calculation from 3 percent to 1.5 percent; reduce the minimum amount from \$2,000 to \$500; and create a maximum amount of \$25,000 for deposits; and,
3. Direct staff to return with an ordinance to amend the Downey Municipal Code to reflect these changes.

9. CITY OF DOWNEY COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE STATUS REPORT

That the City Council:

Receive and file a status report on the City's Comprehensive General Plan update.

10. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF DOWNEY CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT

That the City Council:

Consider amending the City of Downey Code of Ethics and Conduct governing members of the City Council and City Commissions, Committees, and Boards.

This is a City Council-initiated action that is entirely within the City Council's discretion and is therefore not accompanied by any staff recommendation.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS; REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS; CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS

CITY MANAGER/STAFF MEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

In memory of Sergeant Theo K. Gekas, 55, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, who served at the Lakewood Sheriff's Station for over 20 years and succumbed to a long battle with cancer; and, retired Downey Fire Captain Ron McDearmon, who joined the Downey Fire Department in October 1966 as a firefighter and retired in 2001, serving the Downey community for nearly 35 years.

FUTURE COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS

1. Options for limiting live music at residential properties - (D. Pemberton)
2. Traffic Study for crosswalks by Furman Park - (D. Pemberton)
3. Conduct a survey of traffic signs and stop signs along Brookshire Ave. - (H. Ortiz)
4. Research adding crosswalk on Florence Ave. between Arrington Ave. and Vultee St. - (C. Frometa)
5. Evaluate road conditions on Stewart & Gray Rd. from Garfield Ave. - (H. Sosa)
6. Evaluate a Hotel Users Tax - (M. Trujillo)
7. Discuss Council travel and conference attendance - (H. Ortiz)
8. Research expanding City school zone designation to include City parks - (H. Ortiz)

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I, Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC, City Clerk, City of Downey, do hereby certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing notice was posted pursuant to Government Code Section 54950 Et. Seq., at the following locations: Downey City Hall, Downey City Library, and Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC, City Clerk

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Zoom Teleconference: (888) 788-0099 or (877) 853-5247

Meeting ID: 842 8892 3601

Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84288923601>

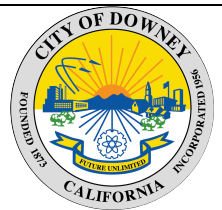
YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/c/DowneyCityCouncilMeetings>

Members of the public wishing to submit written public comment can do so by sending an email to ccpubliccomment@downeyca.org or by submitting their written comments to the City Clerk's Office in person no later than 2:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

Note: All written public comments received shall become public record as defined under the California Public Records Act.

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Date Posted: May 7, 2026