



Tuesday, May 26, 2026

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

MAYOR
CLAUDIA M. FROMETA

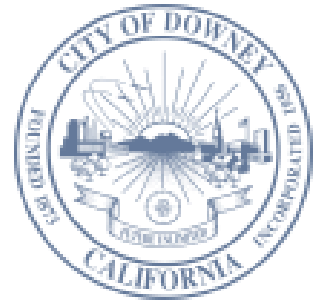
Regular Meeting

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

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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, Director of Human Resources re: direction for labor negotiations with 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 Sarinana, Action Faith Ministries

FLAG SALUTE

Girl Scout Troop 3648

PRESENTATIONS

1. Mayor's Legacy Award to Dr. Konita Wilks, DDS, Chief Executive Officer, Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.
2. Proclamation in honor of National Library Week, April 19-25.
3. Proclamation in honor Older Americans Month.
4. Certificates of Recognition to the Outgoing 2025-2026 Youth Commissioners.
5. Presentation to the City Council by the Downey Youth Commission: End of Year Recap.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT OF THE DOWNEY MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS**

That the City Council:

Introduce an Ordinance amending Article IX of the Downey Municipal Code relating to Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units.

2. **ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT – VARIOUS CITYWIDE UPDATES TO ARTICLE IX (LAND USE) OF THE DOWNEY MUNICIPAL CODE**

That the City Council:

Introduce an Ordinance amending Article IX of the Downey Municipal Code, a City-initiated Zoning Text Amendment relating to various sections of the Downey Municipal Code.

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

Special Meeting of June 3, 2025.

4. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS ISSUED

Warrant Nos. 399107 - 399524 (City) and 139 - 143 (CMSC); Payroll Wire Nos. 30004704 - 30004705, 30004708 and, 30004712-30004714; EFT Nos. 15975 - 16040 (City) and 50027 - 50029 (CMSC); Manual Wire Nos. 2827 - 2831; and, Cashier's Check Nos. 91207-91209, in the total amount of \$6,932,682.20.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR BELLFLOWER BLVD. WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP) NO. 18-10

That the City Council:

1. Award a contract to All Cities Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$2,433,669, for the construction of Bellflower Blvd. Water System Improvements, CIP No. 18-10;
2. Approve the transfers of \$150,000, \$500,000, and \$250,000 from Water Fund, CIP Account Nos. 51-1-8665, 51-1-8689, and 51-1-8695 to Water Fund, CIP Account No. 51-1-8680; and,
3. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute any change orders or additional scope of work for this project deemed necessary or desirable up to the approved project budget of \$3,150,000.

6. APPROVAL OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH BERNARDS BROS. INC. FOR THE INSPIRATION SHUTTLE EXHIBIT AND EDUCATION BUILDING, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 21-18

That the City Council:

1. Award a construction contract to Bernards Bros. Inc. (Bernards) in the amount of \$17,957,000; and,
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Construction Contract with Bernards in the amount of \$17,957,000, including up to a 10% contingency, for any non-substantive extensions, change orders, purchase orders, and amendments up to the authorized budget amount of \$21,951,700.

7. APPROVAL TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL 700TB OF DATA STORAGE FOR CITYWIDE OPERATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Approve the purchase of 700TB of storage from Stonefly for a total cost of \$48,509, and annual maintenance costs after April 2027 estimated at \$14,000 to \$16,000 per year; and,
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary purchase documents, including any non-substantive amendments.

8. AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR REGIONAL TASK FORCE RESPONSE TRAINING AND EXERCISE

That the City Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute Amendment No. 2 to Agreement A231012253 with the State of California Department of General Services in the amount of \$324,450 including any subrecipient agreements necessary for the equitable distribution of the funds to participating agencies in Regional Task Force-2 training and operations; and,
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute any future amendments to Agreement A231012253 related to the term or budgeted amount.

9. APPROVAL OF SECOND AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH STAR-DUST TOUR INC. FOR YOUTH AND ADULT FIELD TRIP TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

That the City Council:

Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute Amendment No. 2, and extension of the Professional Services Agreement with Star-Dust Tours, Inc., dba The Bus, extending the term for an additional one-year period through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$193,440.

10. APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CANNON CORPORATION FOR DESIGN OF UTILITIES YARD STRUCTURAL RETROFIT AND BUILDING RENOVATION

That the City Council:

1. Approve a professional services agreement with Cannon Corporation in the amount of \$100,900 for the design of the Utilities Yard Structural Retrofit and Building Renovation;
2. Authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement; and,
3. Authorize the City Manager to execute any and all amendments to the agreement as deemed necessary.

11. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LIST OF PROJECTS IN THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2026-2027 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) TO BE FUNDED BY SENATE BILL 1 (SB1), THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

That the City Council:

Adopt Resolution No. 26-8351, approving the list of projects in the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Capital Improvement Program to be funded by Senate Bill 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

12. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ORDERING PREPARATION OF ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR RENEWAL OF LANDSCAPING AND STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 121 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

That the City Council:

Adopt Resolution No. 26-8352, ordering preparation of the Engineer's Report in accordance with Article 4 of Chapter 1 of the "Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972" (Streets & Highways Code Section 22500, et, seq.), being Division 15, Part 2 of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California for the maintenance, operation, and servicing of street and public facility landscaping, lighting, traffic signals, and appurtenant work in the City of Downey for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

13. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DOWNEY TO WITHDRAW FROM THE INDEPENDENT CITIES RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

That the City Council:

Adopt Resolution No. 26-8353, authorizing the City to provide notice of the City's intent to withdraw from the Independent Cities Risk Management Authority.

14. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR COUNCIL DISTRICTS 2 AND 4

That the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 26-8354, calling for the holding of a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 for the Election of Certain Officers as required by the provisions of the City of Downey Charter;
2. Adopt Resolution No. 26-8355, requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to consolidate the City's General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, with the Statewide General Election to be held on the same date pursuant to Section 10403 of the California Elections Code; and,
3. Adopt Resolution No. 26-8356, adopting regulations for candidates for elective office pertaining to Candidates' Statements submitted to the voters at a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

15. ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING APPOINTMENT TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE FOR COUNCIL DISTRICT 5

That the City Council:

Adopt Resolution No. 26-8357, approving the appointment of Primavera Banuelos to the Public Works Committee for Council District 5.

16. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT RENEWAL WITH TESORO SOCAL PIPELINE COMPANY LLC

That the City Council:

Adopt Ordinance No. 26-1542, granting a renewal of an Oil Pipeline Franchise Agreement to Tesoro Socal Pipeline Company LLC.

17. FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG)

That the City Council:

1. Receive notice that the Downey Police Department has applied for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG); and,
2. Increase the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget by \$30,681 to account for these revenues and accompanying expenses, if awarded.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

18. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING A POLICY REGARDING DISRUPTION OF TELEPHONIC OR INTERNET SERVICE DURING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND RELATED ACTIONS AND UPDATES TO THE BROWN ACT UNDER SB 707

That the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 26-8358, approving a Policy Regarding Disruption of Telephonic or Internet Service during City Council meetings; and,
2. Designate Town Voice, a two-way audiovisual platform, as the means for remote public participation at City Council meetings occurring after July 1, 2026.

19. RESOLUTIONS AMENDING THE CITY OF DOWNEY CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS OF THE DOWNEY CITY COUNCIL AND CITY COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND BOARDS

That the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 26-8359, Amending the City of Downey Code of Ethics and Conduct for Members of the Downey City Council; and,
2. Adopt Resolution No. 26-8360, Amending the City of Downey Code of Ethics and Conduct for Members of 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 the United States Army service members, Lt. Kendrick Lamont Key Jr., 27, and Spc. Mariyah Collington, 19, who perished after falling off a cliff while participating in military exercises being conducted in Morocco; and, Fire Fighter Andrew Pontious, 52, 19-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Fire Department, who perished in the line of duty, after sustaining fatal injuries while battling a large vehicle fire in the City of Palmdale.

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)
9. Research adding nitrous oxide and kratom to the Tobacco Ordinance and banning the sell in smoke shops - (H. Ortiz)
10. Review parking options around CMSC due to 2nd building expansion - (H. Ortiz)
11. Discuss policy regarding naming a City facility after a person who has served the City in an exceptional and distinguished manner – (M. Trujillo)

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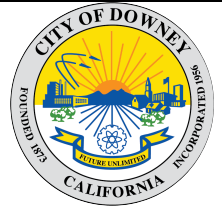
YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/c/DowneyCityCouncilMeetings>

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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 21, 2026