



Tuesday, July 28, 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

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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 54956.95 - Liability Claim: Jaime Llamas v. City of Downey, Worker's Compensation Claim No.: 22-167123; Worker's Compensation Appeals Board No.: ADJ16732971; Agency claimed against: City of Downey.
2. Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) – Public Employee Appointment – Title: Finance Director and I.T. Director.

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 Chad Naaktgeboren, Calvary Chapel Downey

FLAG SALUTE

Girl Scout Troop No. 275

PRESENTATIONS

1. Mayor's Champion Award to Harley Herrera, Southland Young Marine.
2. Certificates of Recognition to Stay Arts Artists for paintings created during FIFA Downey Fan Zone Event and unveiling of paintings.
3. Certificate of Appointment to Jose Gutierrez, Recreation & Community Services Commission, District 3.
4. Proclamation in honor of "Parks Make Life Better!".
5. Presentation to the City Council by Kolar YMCA regarding project update.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE LIGHTING AND LANDSCAPING ASSESSMENT LEVY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

That the City Council:

1. Conduct a public hearing concerning the confirmation and levy assessments for Assessment District 121 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027; and,
2. Adopt Resolution No. 26-8372, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Downey Confirming the Diagram and Assessment and Ordering the Levy and Collection of Assessments for the City of Downey Lighting and Landscaping Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 pursuant to the provisions of Part 2 of Division 15 of the California Streets and Highways 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.

2. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS ISSUED

Warrant Nos. 400276 - 401216 (City) and 150 – 157 (CMSC); Payroll Wire Nos. 30004715, 30004721, 30004724, 30004726-30004729, 30004730-30004736; EFT Nos. 16154 - 16312 (City) and 50041 – 50049 (CMSC); Manual Wire Nos. 2841 - 2850; in the total amount of \$14,410,735.90.

3. APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NINYO & MOORE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION SERVICES AT 9255 IMPERIAL HIGHWAY, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP) NO. 17-01

That the City Council:

1. Approve the Professional Services Agreement with Ninyo & Moore for Environmental Remediation Services for a 12-month term beginning on July 29, 2026, for a total contract amount of \$149,897;
2. Authorize the Mayor to execute the Professional Services Agreement with Ninyo & Moore in the amount of \$149,897; and,
3. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute any non-substantive extensions, change orders and amendments to the agreement up to the authorized budget amount of \$350,000.

4. APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR PROPOSED TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION AT FIRESTONE BOULEVARD AND PANGBORN AVENUE, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP) NO. 26-09

That the City Council:

1. Approve plans and specifications and authorize solicitation for construction bids for the proposed traffic signal installation at Firestone Boulevard and Pangborn Avenue, CIP No. 26-09; and,
2. Authorize the procurement of City-furnished materials for this project.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF WORK FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE HVAC SYSTEM CONTROLS AT THE COLUMBIA MEMORIAL SPACE CENTER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP) NO. 26-16

That the City Council:

1. Accept the work for the Replacement of the Direct Digital Control System for the HVAC at the at the Columbia Memorial Space Center (CIP No. 26-16);
2. Approve the final construction contract amount of \$180,000; 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. PURCHASE OF PERMANENT ROADWAY EASEMENT AND ACQUISITION OF TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12603 PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD

That the City Council:

1. Approve the purchase of a partial fee and temporary construction easement for the property located at 12603 Paramount Boulevard pursuant to the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the "Paramount Boulevard at Imperial Highway Intersection Improvement Project"; and,
2. Authorize the Mayor to execute the purchase agreement with Maha LLC in the amount of \$22,400, including any non-substantive amendments, up to the authorized budget amount of \$50,000.

7. APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SUPPLIES FROM LIFE ASSIST, INC.

That the City Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the purchase order with Life Assist, Inc. in the amount of \$350,000 for the purchase of emergency medical equipment for Fiscal Year 2026-2027;
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute amendments to the purchase order; and,
3. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute purchase orders for Fiscal Years 2027-2028 and 2028-2029, in alignment with the Master Price Agreement through National Purchasing Partners up to the adopted budget amount for the given fiscal year.

8. APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MR. BILLS AUTO BODY AND PAINT INC. FOR AUTO BODY, PAINT, AND FRAME REPAIRS TO VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

That the City Council:

1. Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Mr. Bills Auto Body and Paint Inc. for auto body, paint, and frame repairs of the City's fleet of vehicles and equipment, for an initial term of (3) three years with the option for two (1) one-year extensions; and,
2. Authorize the Mayor to execute the Professional Service Agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute any all amendments to the agreement as deemed necessary.

9. APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH ALL CITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR CROSSING GUARD OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES

That the City Council:

1. Approve an agreement between the City of Downey and All City Management Services for crossing guard services, effective August 10, 2026, through August 9, 2029, which may be extended for up to two additional one-year terms upon mutual agreement by both parties; and,
2. Authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.

10. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER SERVICES FOR THE POLICE ON CAMPUS PROGRAM AT COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL

That the City Council:

1. Approve an Agreement with the Downey Unified School District for School Resource Officer Services at Columbus High School commencing on August 17, 2026, and terminating on August 15, 2027; and,
2. Authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement.

11. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE DOWNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

That the City Council:

1. Approve the Professional Services Agreement with the Downey Chamber of Commerce to promote civic and business services for a total contract amount of \$35,000, and;
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the agreement with the Downey Chamber of Commerce, including any non-substantive extensions and/or amendments.

12. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE LEASE AND OPERATING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DOWNEY AND YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN LOS ANGELES, KOLAR FAMILY YMCA CENTER FOR COMMUNITY WELL-BEING

That the City Council:

Authorize the the City Manager, or his designee, to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Lease and Operating agreement for Furman Park Building Number 3, for the operation of an Arts, Enrichment, and Neighborhood Center by the YMCA, for a one-year term through July 31, 2027, at a cost of \$1 for the extended year.

13. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RMI INTERNATIONAL TO PROVIDE SECURITY PATROL SERVICES

That the City Council:

1. Approve Amendment No. 3 to the professional services agreement with RMI International Inc. to extend the term of the agreement for one additional year, through June 30, 2027, for City-wide Security Patrol Services;
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute any and all amendments to the agreement as deemed necessary; and,
3. Approve an appropriation request in the amount of \$300,000 from the Measure D Fund.

14. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO MEASURE A FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESS PROGRAMS

That the City Council:

1. Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Measure A Funding Agreement with the County of Los Angeles; and,
2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to implement the amendment and receive the City's Fiscal Year 2026-2027 allocation.

15. APPROVAL OF A SERVICES AND LICENSE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, HERITAGE HOLDINGS, INC., DBA SUPREME PARKING SERVICES, AND THE DOWNTOWN DOWNEY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION FOR DOWNTOWN VALET PARKING

That the City Council:

1. Approve the services and license agreement by and between the City of Downey, Heritage Holdings, Inc., DBA Supreme Parking Services, and the Downtown Downey Improvement Association for Downtown valet parking for a one-year term; and,
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the agreement.

16. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN OBSOLETE POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS

That the City Council:

Adopt Resolution No. 26-8373, approving the destruction of certain obsolete records of the Police Department.

**17. ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A FIVE PERCENT INCREASE IN THE ASSESSMENTS
LEVIED ON PARCELS IN THE DOWNTOWN DOWNEY COMMUNITY BENEFIT DISTRICT**

That the City Council:

Adopt Resolution 26-8374, approving a five percent increase of the assessments levied on parcels in the Downtown Downey Community Benefit District.

18. STREET CLOSURE REQUEST - CITY OF DOWNEY'S 13TH ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT

That the City Council:

Approve a street closure at the intersection of Civic Center Drive and 3rd Street for the City of Downey's 13th Annual National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 4, 2026.

**19. APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC MEMBER TO THE DOWNEY ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE
FINANCING DISTRICT (EIFD) PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY**

That the City Council:

Appoint Hector Lujan to the Downey Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District - Public Financing Authority.

**20. APPROVAL OF STREET CLOSURE APPLICATION REQUEST BY THE LOS ANGELES CENTERS
FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE FOR THE 2026 DOWNEY PRIDE FESTIVAL EVENT**

That the City Council:

Approve the Street Closure Application for Saturday, August 8, 2026, starting at 10:00 a.m. and continuing to 2:00 a.m. on August 9, 2026, to accommodate the "Downey Pride Festival" taking place from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on August 8, 2026.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

21. SALARY RANGE ADJUSTMENT FOR POSITION OF CITY ATTORNEY

That the City Council:

Adopt Resolution No. 26-8375, establishing compensation for the position of City Attorney.

22. DISCUSSION REGARDING A CITY FACILITY NAMING POLICY

That the City Council:

1. Receive a report regarding a proposed City Facility Naming Policy and provide direction to staff; and,
2. Discuss the possible naming of a City playground in honor of lifelong Downey resident, Jerry Wetzstein.

23. ADOPTION OF THE THREE-YEAR STREET LIGHT INSTALLATION PLAN

That the City Council:

1. Adopt the Three-Year Street Light Installation Plan, funding the 50 highest-ranked street segments (246 new street lights) for Fiscal Years 2026-27 through 2028-29 within the existing \$500,000 annual Citywide Streetlight Program Capital Improvement Program (CIP) allocation; and,
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works/City Engineer to proceed with installation in accordance with the adopted schedule and to procure materials under the City's existing cooperative purchasing agreements.

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

CITY MANAGER/STAFF MEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

In memory of Diane DuBois, 87, former Council Member and Mayor of the City of Lakewood, who served 28 years on the Planning and Environment Commission and 15 years on the City Council; Laurie Guillen, former Council Member and Mayor of the City of Paramount, who served 30 years with the Los Angeles Police Department; the four military members killed during a missile and drone attack in Jordan: 1st Lieutenant Tyler Feehan, 25, Sergeant Angel Rampersad, 28, Sergeant Michael Emmanuel Swinton, 30, and Private Isabella Gonzales, 19; and, Darrell Jackson, 70, former Major League Baseball pitcher and founder of the 10-20 Club in Downey.

FUTURE COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS

1. Traffic Study for crosswalks by Furman Park - (D. Pemberton)
2. Conduct a survey of traffic signs and stop signs along Brookshire Ave. - (H. Ortiz)
3. Research adding crosswalk on Florence Ave. between Arrington Ave. and Vultee St. - (C. Frometa)
4. Evaluate road conditions on Stewart & Gray Rd. from Garfield Ave. - (H. Sosa)
5. Research expanding City school zone designation to include City parks - (H. Ortiz)
6. Research adding nitrous oxide and kratom to the Tobacco Ordinance and banning the sell in smoke shops - (H. Ortiz)
7. Review parking options around CMSC due to 2nd building expansion - (H. Ortiz)
8. Evaluate aesthetic improvements in the right of way along Vista del Rio between Stoakes and Brookshire – (M. Trujillo)
9. Conduct traffic study on Old River School Rd between Adwen St and Firestone Blvd. – (H. Sosa)
10. Provide Social Media information about the City's street infrastructure rehabilitation work since 2021 – (C. Frometa)

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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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Written Public Comments

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Date Posted: July 23, 2026