



CRYSTAL RUIZ, MAYOR
CLARISA SANCHEZ, MAYOR PRO TEM
PHIL AYALA, COUNCILMEMBER
VALERIE VANDEVER, COUNCILMEMBER
ALONSO LEDEZMA, COUNCILMEMBER

ACTION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAN JACINTO CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026
5:00 PM CLOSED SESSION
6:30 PM OPEN SESSION

COMMUNITY CENTER
625 S. PICO AVENUE
SAN JACINTO, CA 92583
951-487-7330

1. ORGANIZATION

Mayor Crystal Ruiz called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

1.1. Public Comments on Closed Session

1.2. Closed Session

1.2.1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION/ APPOINTMENT/ EMPLOYMENT

Title: City Manager

1.2.2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: 1 potential case

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1.3. Closed Session Report

City Attorney Craig Hayes indicated that there was no reportable action from the Closed Session.

1.4. Roll Call

City Clerk Julia Espinoza conducted the roll call:

Present: Mayor Crystal Ruiz, Mayor Pro Tem Clarisa Sanchez, Councilmember Alonso Ledezma, Councilmember Valerie Vandever

Absent: Councilmember Phil Ayala

M/S/C (Vandever/Sanchez) to approve the absence of Councilmember Ayala. Motion carried 4/0.

Ayes: Vandever, Sanchez, Ledezma, Ruiz

Nays: None

Absent: Ayala

Abstain: None

1.5. Invocation

Councilmember Vandever gave the invocation.

1.6. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Ledezma led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.7. Special Presentations

1.7.1. Employee of the Month Recognition for July – Rene Yarnall

1.7.2. Nominator of the Month Recognition for July – Crystal Williamson

1.8. Mayor/Council Member Reports

Councilmembers provided their reports.

1.9. Late Items

There were no late items.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were three (3) public comments:

- Marcelo Olivas
- George Evans
- Eric Anthony Devenzin (written)

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3.A. Consent Calendar - City Council

3.A.1. Waiver of Full Reading of Ordinance(s), and Reading by Title Only

3.A.2. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of July 21, 2026/City Clerk/Approved

3.A.3. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 4, 2026/City Clerk/Approved

3.A.4. Warrants and Disbursements – July 2026/Finance/Approved

3.A.5. Letter of Support for Eastern Municipal Water District Federal Funding Requests/City Manager/Approved

M/S/C (Ledezma/Sanchez) moved to approve the consent calendar. Motion carried 4/0.

Ayes: Ledezma, Sanchez, Vandever, Ruiz

Nays: None

Absent: Ayala

Abstain: None

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

4.1. City of San Jacinto Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Economic Development and Special Projects Administrator, Tara Magner, presented the staff report.

M/S/C (Sanchez, Ledezma) made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 4443, approving the City of San Jacinto Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and determining the adoption of the CEDS is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Motion carried 4/0.

Ayes: Vandever, Sanchez, Ledezma, Ruiz

Nays: None

Absent: Ayala

Abstain: None

5. CITY MANAGER UPDATE

6. FUTURE REQUESTS FROM CITY COUNCIL TO CITY MANAGER

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the City Council, Mayor Ruiz adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

CITY OF SAN JACINTO:

Crystal Ruiz
Crystal Ruiz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julia Espinoza
Julia Espinoza, City Clerk

Approved as read: September 15, 2026
Approved as amended: