



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, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026
5:30 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 6:30 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

1.3. 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 Valerie Vandever, Councilmember Phil Ayala

Absent: Councilmember Alonso Ledezma

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

Ayes: **Vandever, Ayala, Sanchez, Ruiz**
Nays: **None**
Absent: **Ledezma**
Abstain: **None**

1.5. Invocation

Councilmember Vandever gave the invocation.

1.6. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Ayala led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.7. Special Presentation(s)

1.7.1. Employee of the Month Recognition for August – Tessa Murphy

1.7.2. Nominator of the Month Recognition for August – Veronica Perez

1.8. Mayor/Council Member Reports

Councilmembers provided their reports.

1.9. Late Items

There were no late items.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were eight (8) public comments:

- Katie Ruiz
- Michael Siordia
- Sonia Ramos
- Lynn Peterson
- Jesse Uribe
- George Evans
- Marianne
- Shane Watson (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 August 18, 2026/City Clerk/Approved

- 3.A.3. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of September 1, 2026/City Clerk/Approved
- 3.A.4. Warrants and Disbursements – August 2026/Finance/ Approved
- 3.A.5. Tract Map No. 32955-1 Subdivision into 129 Residential Lots, Located of the North Side of Esplanade Street, About 1,300 feet West of Cawston Avenue/Engineering/Approved
- 3.A.6. Resolution No. 4149 to Support Proposition 1 Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026/City Manager/Approved
- 3.A.7. Adding Section 33.075 of Title 8 of the San Jacinto Municipal Code to Add SB 1383 Self-Hauler Requirements/Public Utilities/Approved
- 3.A.8. Letter Requesting Governor’s Veto of Senate Bill 1087 (Cabaldon)/City Council/Approved

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

Ayes: Sanchez, Vandever, Ayala, Ruiz
Nays: None
Absent: Ledezma
Abstain: None

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

4.1. Tract 31886 Landscape and Irrigation Improvements (SJ-545)

Contract City Engineer Stuart McKibbin presented the staff report.

M/S/C (Sanchez/Vandever) made a motion to approve the plans and specifications for Tract 31886 Landscape and Irrigation improvements; Award the construction contract to the lowest bidder submitting a responsive bid, Conserve LandCare, for the sum of \$986,944.25; Allocate 8% of total bid (\$78,955.54) for administration, inspection, and testing; Allocate 10% of total bid (\$98,694.43) for construction contingencies; and authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the construction contract. Motion carried 4/0.

Ayes: Vandever, Sanchez, Ayala, Ruiz
Nays: None
Absent: Ledezma
Abstain: None

5. CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Deputy City Manager Tom Prill stated the City Manager update will be moved to the next City Council meeting on October 6, 2026.

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 7:34 p.m.

CITY OF SAN JACINTO:

Crystal Ruiz
Crystal Ruiz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julia Espinoza
Julia Espinoza, City Clerk

Approved as read: **October 6, 2026**
Approved as amended: