

**CLAREMONT CITY COUNCIL, FINANCING AUTHORITY, AND
SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CLAREMONT
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 – 6:30 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Calaycay called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE – In honor of Marguerite McIntosh, Francis William O’Leary, Yolanda Villanuevo Lobo, and Diego Alfonso Rios.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

COUNCILMEMBER: CALAYCAY, LEANO, MEDINA, REECE, STARK

ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER: NONE

ALSO PRESENT

Adam Pirrie, City Manager; Jamie Earl, Assistant City Manager; Alisha Patterson, City Attorney; Mike Ciszek, Chief of Police; Jeremy Starkey, Director of Finance; Melissa Vollaro, Director of Recreation and Human Services; Jeremy Swan, Director of Community Services; Brad Johnson, Director of Community Development; Shelley Desautels, City Clerk; Jamie Costanza, Deputy City Clerk

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

There was no closed session meeting.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS, PRESENTATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This item starts at 06:22 in the archived video.

Katherine Loeser, Claremont Helen Renwick Library Manager, provided an update on upcoming Library events.

Michael Dela Cruz, Assistant Engineer, was introduced.

FEDERAL HOLIDAYS

Christmas Day, December 25, 2025

New Year’s Day, January 1, 2026

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council Item

1. **Appointment of a Mayor and Vice Mayor for the Upcoming Year**

This item starts at 27:52 in the archived video.

City Clerk Desautels called for nominations for the office of Mayor.

Councilmember Reece nominated Councilmember Stark for the office of Mayor.

Nominations were closed, and City Clerk Desautels invited public comment.

City Clerk Desautels announced no written public comment had been received on this item.

There were no requests to speak.

City Clerk Desautels closed public comment.

Councilmember Calaycay moved to appoint Councilmember Stark to the office of Mayor for a one-year term, seconded by Councilmember Medina, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: ***Councilmember – Calaycay, Leano, Medina, Reece, Stark***

NOES: ***Councilmember – None***

Mayor Stark called for nominations for the office of Mayor Pro Tempore/Vice Mayor.

Mayor Stark nominated Councilmember Leano for the office of Mayor Pro Tempore/Vice Mayor.

Councilmember Leano respectfully declined the nomination.

Councilmember Leano nominated Councilmember Reece for the office of Mayor Pro Tempore/Vice Mayor.

Nominations were closed, and Mayor Stark invited public comment.

City Clerk Desautels announced no written public comment had been received on this item.

There were no requests to speak.

Mayor Stark closed public comment.

Councilmember Leano moved to appoint Councilmember Reece to the office of Mayor Pro Tempore/Vice Mayor for a one-year term, seconded by Councilmember Calaycay, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: ***Councilmember – Calaycay, Leano, Medina, Reece, Stark***

NOES: ***Councilmember – None***

Councilmember Calaycay moved to adopt Resolution No. 2025-52, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING COUNCILMEMBER STARK AS MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REECE AS MAYOR PRO TEMPORE/VICE MAYOR, EACH TO A ONE-YEAR TERM, seconded by Councilmember Leano, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Councilmember – Calaycay, Leano, Medina, Reece, Stark
NOES: Councilmember – None

Council Assignment Reports

This item starts at 1:02:25 in the archived video.

Councilmember Reece announced that as President of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments he has been touring all Cities and has been meeting with their respective City Councilmembers.

Councilmember Leano announced that Tri City Mental Health is preparing for its next budget cycle and invited all to participate in Tri City's upcoming engagement opportunities.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

This item starts at 1:04:48 in the archived video.

City Manager Pirrie reported on the City of Claremont's Police Department Annual Toy Drive on December 13, invited all to participate in the City's priority setting workshops, and reminded all City offices will be closed December 24 and reopen January 5.

City Manager Pirrie presented Councilmember Medina with his 5-year service pin.

PUBLIC COMMENT

This item starts at 1:08:04 in the archived video.

City Clerk Desautels announced two general written public comments had been received.

Mayor Stark invited public comment.

Victor Rios spoke about the recent incident regarding Diego Rios and urged the City Council to release the names of the Police Officers involved in the incident.

Anthony Noriega, Director of the League of United Latin American Citizens, spoke about the incident regarding Diego Rios.

Victor Rios spoke about the recent incident regarding Diego Rios and urged the City Council to release the names of the Police Officers involved in the incident.

Unidentified speaker urged the City Council to release information regarding the incident involving Diego Rios.

Unidentified speaker spoke about Diego Rios.

Unidentified speaker spoke about the recent incident regarding Diego Rios.

Superio, Human and Civil Rights Advocate, spoke in support of the family of David Rios and asked that the investigation of the incident be transparent.

Elizabeth Lozano spoke about Diego Rios and urged the City Council to release the names of the Police Officers involved in the incident.

Unidentified speaker, Claremont resident, provided information on the investigation process and believes there is a lack of guidance for the process.

Krystal, Claremont resident, urged the City Council to release the names of the Police Officers involved in the incident involving Diego Rios.

John Piergosa spoke about Diego Rios and urged the City Council to release the names of the Police Officers involved in the incident.

Benjamin Wood spoke in support of the Rios family and urged the City Council to release pertinent information regarding the incident.

Unidentified speaker spoke about the incident involving Diego Rios.

Zarela Boza spoke about the incident involving Diego Rios.

Russ Binder, Claremont resident, invited all to Active Claremont's next speaker series regarding homelessness on January 15.

There were no other requests to speak.

Mayor Stark closed public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

This item starts at 1:52:57 in the archived video.

Mayor Stark invited public comment on the Consent Calendar.

City Clerk Desautels announced no written public comment had been received on the Consent Calendar Items.

There were no requests to speak.

Mayor Stark closed public comment.

Councilmember Calaycay moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilmember Reece, and carried on a vote as follows:

AYES: Councilmember – Calaycay, Leano, Medina, Reece, Stark

NOES: Councilmember – None

2. Adoption of a Resolution the Approving City Warrant Register
Adopted Resolution No. 2025-53, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID, dated December 4, 2025.
3. City Council Minutes of November 25, 2025 (Regular)
Approved the regular City Council meeting minutes of November 25, 2025.
4. Approval of the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 26-27) of the Dissolved Claremont Redevelopment Agency for the Period July 1, 2026 Through June 30, 2027 (Funding Source: Successor Agency Funds)
Adopted Resolution No. SA 2025-01, A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY OF THE FORMER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO THE CITY OF CLAREMONT APPROVING THE RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027.
5. Resolution Designating 611 West Eight Street as a Cultural Resource and Adding the Property to the Register of Structures of Historical and Architectural Merit of the City of Claremont. Applicants – David Medak and Elena Esquibel
 - A. Adopted Resolution No. 2025-54, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING REGISTER LISTING #25-RL02, DESIGNATING 611 WEST EIGHTH STREET AS A CULTURAL RESOURCE, AND ADDING THE PROPERTY TO THE REGISTER OF STRUCTURES OF HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL MERIT OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT. APPLICANTS - DAVID MEDAK AND ELENA ESQUIBEL; and
 - B. Found this item is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
6. Historical Property (Mills Act) Agreement #25-MA01, Between the City of Claremont and David Medak and Elena Esquibel, Property Owners of 611 West Eighth Street
 - A. Approved and authorized the City Manager to execute the Historical Property (Mills Act) Agreement between the City of Claremont and David Medak and Elena Esquibel, property owners of 611 West Eighth Street; and
 - B. Found this item is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
7. Historical Property (Mills Act) Agreement #25-MA03, Between the City of Claremont and Riley Richards and Avalon Alva-Richards, Property Owners of 424 Harrison Avenue
 - A. Approved and authorized the City Manager to execute the Historical Property (Mills Act) Agreement between the City of Claremont and Riley Richards and Avalon Alva-Richards, property owners of 424 Harrison Avenue; and
 - B. Found this item is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
8. Historical Property (Mills Act) Agreement #25-MA04, Between the City of Claremont and David Ryan and Jacqueline Muhr, Property Owners of 1111 North Indian Hill Boulevard
 - A. Approved and authorized the City Manager to execute the Historical Property (Mills Act) Agreement between the City of Claremont and David Ryan and Jacqueline Muhr, property owners of 1111 North Indian Hill Boulevard; and
 - B. Found this item is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

9. Resolution Designating 1230 Harvard Avenue as a Cultural Resource and Adding the Property to the Register of Structures of Historical and Architectural Merit of the City of Claremont, Applicants – Nickolas Sifuentes and Scott Shaw
 - A. Adopted Resolution No. 2025-55, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING REGISTER LISTING #25-RL04, DESIGNATING 1230 HARVARD AVENUE AS A CULTURAL RESOURCE AND ADDING THE PROPERTY TO THE REGISTER OF STRUCTURES OF HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL MERIT OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT. APPLICANTS - NICKOLAS SIFUENTES AND SCOTT SHAW; and
 - B. Found this item is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
10. Historical Property (Mills Act Agreement #25-MA05, Between the City and Nickolas Sifuentes and Scott Shaw, Property Owners of 1230 Harvard Avenue
 - A. Approved and authorized the City Manager to execute the Historical Property (Mills Act) Agreement between the City of Claremont and Nickolas Sifuentes and Scott Shaw, property owners of 1230 Harvard Avenue; and
 - B. Found this item is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
11. Acceptance of Public Improvements and Release of Subdivision Improvement Bonds for Final Tract No. 82123. Applicant – Claremont 96 Development LLC

Accepted and approved the public improvements and released the applicable improvement bonds for Final Tract Map No. 82123.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

ORDINANCES – None

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS – None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Stark adjourned the regular meeting of the Claremont City Council at 8:25 PM. The regular Claremont City Council meeting of December 23, 2025, has been cancelled.

The next regular meeting of the Claremont City Council will be held on January 13, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk