

**CLAREMONT CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, June 23, 2026 – 6:30 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE – In honor of Daniel Patrick Sauter Jr., Scott Evans, and J. Michael Faye.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT COUNCILMEMBER: CALAYCAY, LEANO, MEDINA, REECE, STARK

ABSENT COUNCILMEMBER: NONE

ALSO PRESENT Adam Pirrie, City Manager; Alisha Patterson, City Attorney; Mike Ciszek, Chief of Police; Jeremy Starkey, Director of Finance; Brad Johnson, Director of Community Development; Shelley Desautels, City Clerk

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

There was no closed session meeting.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS, PRESENTATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This item starts at 14:19 in the archived video.

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

UPCOMING FEDERAL HOLIDAYS – Independence Day, July 4, 2026

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council Items – None

Council Assignment Reports

This item starts at 17:23 in the archived video.

Councilmember Reece reported on the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority.

Councilmember Calaycay shared that the House of Mexico is currently highlighting the City's sister City, Guanajuato.

Councilmember Medina added that he hopes the City of Guanajuato exhibit mentioned by Councilmember Calaycay could be displayed here in Claremont.

Councilmember Leano reported that Tri City Mental Health recently approved its first integrated plan as well as its annual budget.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

This item starts at 23:09 in the archived video.

City Manager Pirrie reported on the implementation of SB 707, and invited all to community workshop regarding coyotes on July 16 as well as the City's 4th of July events.

PUBLIC COMMENT

This item starts at 24:37 in the archived video.

City Clerk Desautels announced no general written public comment had been received.

Mayor Stark invited public comment.

John spoke about the incident involving Diego Rios.

Isabel questioned the City's body worn camera policy and spoke about the body worn cameras that were worn during the incident involving Diego Rios.

Gabriel White, Claremont resident, spoke about field permits and asked the City Council to take action on the Youth Sports Committee's inability to review an application submitted by Athletics SC.

Maricela, Claremont Pacifica property manager, shared negative impacts related to the loss of parking at St. Ambrose Church.

Montar Zalabe, Claremont resident, spoke about the parking issues taking place at Claremont Pacifica.

Mayor Stark closed public comment.

Katie Wand, Deputy City Manager, provided an update on the parking issues mentioned during public comment and responded that additional information will be provided before the City Council at a July meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

This item starts at 42:38 in the archived video.

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

Mayor Stark invited public comment on the Consent Calendar.

There were no requests to speak.

Mayor Stark closed public comment.

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

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

1. Adoption of a Resolution Approving the City Warrant Register
Adopted Resolution No. 2026-31, 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 June 18, 2026.
2. City Council Minutes of June 9, 2026 (Special and Regular)
Approved the special and regular City Council meeting minutes of June 9, 2026.
3. Authorization to Enter Into an Agreement with the Claremont Chamber of Commerce for Visitor Center and Business Support Services (Funding Source: General Fund)
Approved a two-year agreement with the Claremont Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$60,000 annually to provide visitor center and business support services on behalf of the City, for a term commencing July 1, 2026, and authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement.
4. Authorization to Enter Into a Professional Services Agreement with Blais & Associates for Grant Research and Management Services (Funding Source: General Fund)
Authorized the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with Blais & Associates for a term beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, with the option to extend the agreement for one additional year, in an amount not-to-exceed \$40,000 per year.
5. Authorization to Amend the Agreement with West Coast Arborists, Inc. to Increase Compensation for Urban Forest Maintenance Services (Funding Sources: Landscape and Lighting District and Cemetery Funds)
Authorized the City Manager to execute an amendment to the existing agreement with West Coast Arborists, Inc. increasing compensation by \$137,900, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$854,000 for 2025-26.
6. Award of Contract to Clear Cloud Solutions, Inc. for Installation of the Badge Access System Project Phase II (Funding Source: Equipment and Facility Revolving Reserve)
 - A. Awarded a contract to Clear Cloud Solutions in the amount of \$199,999 and authorized a five percent contingency of \$10,000, for a total project cost of \$209,999, for the installation, configuration, and deployment of the Badge Access System Project Phase II; and
 - B. Appropriated \$209,999 from the Equipment and Facility Revolving Reserve Fund to fully fund this project.
7. Authorization to Enter Into an Agreement with Model 1 Commercial Vehicles for Two Claremont Dial-A-Ride Vans (Funding Source: Transportation Fund)
 - A. Authorized the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Model 1 Commercial Vehicles in the amount of \$261,309.63 for the purchase of two MobilityTRANS Class V Dial-a-Ride vehicles; and
 - B. Appropriated \$261,309.63 in available Federal, State, and local transportation funds to fully fund the purchases.

8. Resolution Adopting a List of Projects for Fiscal Year 2026-27 Funded by SB:1 Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (Funding Source: State Gas Tax Fund)
Adopted Resolution No. 2026-32, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 FUNDED BY SB 1: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017.
9. School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding with the Claremont Unified School District (Funding Source: General Fund)
Authorized the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Claremont Unified School District for School Resource Officer services for an initial term of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, with four optional one-year extensions.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Revised Delinquent Sanitation Account Report of June 23, 2026, Ordering the Placement of Liens Upon Real Property for the Unpaid Sanitation and Sewer Maintenance Fees Reported Delinquent

This item starts at 45:16 in the archived video.

Jeremy Starkey, Finance Director, highlighted the staff report.

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

Mayor Stark invited public comment and opened the public hearing.

There were no requests to speak.

Mayor Stark closed public comment and the public hearing.

Mr. Starkey and City Manager Pirrie responded to questions from the City Council regarding sanitation fees, cost recovery, late fees, and best practices for collection of fees.

Councilmember Calaycay moved to adopt Resolution No. 2026-33, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE REVISED DELINQUENT SANITATION ACCOUNT REPORT OF JUNE 23, 2026, ORDERING THE PLACEMENT OF LIENS UPON REAL PROPERTY FOR THE UNPAID SANITATION AND SEWER MAINTENANCE FEES REPORTED DELINQUENT, seconded by Councilmember Reece, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

11. Amendment to the Claremont Municipal Code Pertaining to Accessory Dwelling Units

This item starts at 55:00 in the archived video.

Chris Veirs, City Planner, gave a PowerPoint presentation.

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

Mayor Stark invited public comment and opened the public hearing.

Carolee Monroe cautioned all to be aware of any liquefaction zones in the City of Claremont requiring additional geotechnical requirements.

Douglas Lyon, Claremont resident, spoke about State laws and expressed frustration in the State's governance. He asked the City Council to not support staff's recommendation.

There were no other requests to speak.

Mayor Stark closed public comment and the public hearing.

City Manager Pirrie and Mr. Veirs responded to a question regarding liquefaction zones and additional geotechnical work as mentioned during public comment.

Councilmember Calaycay expressed frustration in State legislators for their lack of regard for local government.

Mr. Veirs responded to an additional question from the City Council regarding maximum allowed height.

Mayor Stark reminded all that City Councilmembers are elected non-partisan and spoke in support of policy decisions in concurrence with State laws.

Councilmember Calaycay moved to:

A. Introduce for first reading and that reading be by title only, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING EXISTING MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 16.333 - ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (24-CA01); and

B. Find this item is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);

Seconded by Councilmember Leano, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: Councilmember – None

12. User Fee Rate Increase of 3.7 Percent Based Upon the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from April 2025 to April 2026 and Adoption of a Resolution Approving New Fees for Various City Programs and Services and Automatic Annual Cost of Living Increases, Effective July 1, 2026 (Funding Sources: Various Funds)

This item starts at 1:12:18 in the archived video.

Jeremy Starkey, Finance Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions from the City Council related to a lien fee proposed, non-resident camp Claremont fees, cost determination, banner installation and removal, and short-term rental permit inspection fee.

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

Mayor Stark invited public comment and opened the public hearing.

Andrew Alonzo questioned whether repeat events would be charged the event fee and asked for clarification regarding that fee.

There were no other requests to speak.

Mayor Stark closed public comment and the public hearing.

Councilmember Leano spoke in support of staff's recommendations and asked that Camp Claremont fees be evaluated based on this year's lower subscription rates.

City Manager Pirrie responded to an additional question from the City Council regarding Camp Claremont fees.

Mayor Stark spoke in support of fees that are balanced.

Councilmember Calaycay asked the schedule of fees be modified to explain the term "resident vs. non-resident" when referring to Camp Claremont. He would like it to reflect that a the definition of resident is based on enrollment in the Claremont Unified School District.

Councilmember Medina spoke in support of the proposed Citywide User Fee Schedule.

Councilmember Calaycay moved to:

***A. Receive and file the 2026 Citywide User Fee Schedule, effective July 1, 2026; and
B. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-34, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A SCHEDULE OF NEW FEES
FOR VARIOUS CITY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND AUTOMATIC ANNUAL
COST OF LIVING INCREASES;***

Seconded by Councilmember Leano, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: Councilmember – None

13. Claremont Dial-A-Ride Fare and Service Hour Changes (Funding Source: Transportation Fund)

This item starts at 1:45:10 in the archived video.

Kristin Mikula, Community Services Manager, gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Ms. Mikula and Nichole Carranza, Pomona Valley Transit Authority, responded to questions from the City Council related to review of rate increases, analysis of rides during non-impacted hours, communication with ridership, Pomona Valley Transportation Authority Board, legislation increasing salaries, Foothill Transit class pass, and connection to other transportation sources.

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

Mayor Stark invited public comment and opened the public hearing.

There were no requests to speak.

Mayor Stark closed public comment and the public hearing.

Councilmember Calaycay moved to implement the following Claremont Dial-a-Ride fare and service hour changes effective September 1, 2026:

A. Increase Claremont Dial-a-Ride General Public fares from \$2.50 to \$4.50 for trips within the City of Claremont boundaries and from \$4.00 to \$7.00 for trips outside the City of Claremont; and

**B. Update Claremont Dial-a-Ride hours of operation to 7:00 AM-8:00 PM daily;
Seconded by Councilmember Leano, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:**

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

NOES: Councilmember – None

ORDINANCES – None

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM

14. Short-Term Rental Ordinance – Pilot Program Review and Policy Discussion Items (Funding Source: General Fund)

This item starts at 2:03:33 in the archived video.

Alex Cousins, Senior Management Analyst, gave a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions from the City Council related to the platform Rentalscape, citations issued, payment of citations, multiple structures on one parcel, applications denied, egregious complaints, and issued permits.

City Clerk Desautels announced three written public comments had been received on this item.

Mayor Stark invited public comment.

Unidentified speaker spoke in support of the program as well as the proposed policy changes incorporating SB 346.

Mark Schoeman, Claremont resident, spoke in support of the program and shared the successes of the program.

Unidentified speaker stated that she is a short-term rental host and spoke in support of the City's program.

Andrew Alonzo questioned the number of permits issued, if revenue fees are greater or less than staff time to enforce the ordinance, and if any property was cited became a complaint short-term rental.

Unidentified speaker spoke in support of the proposed program as a current short-term rental host.

There were no other requests to speak.

Mayor Stark closed public comment.

Mr. Cousins responded to questions raised during the public comment period and responded to additional questions from the City Council regarding requirement to list the

City's permit number on the booking site, and management of an un-hosted short-term rental.

Councilmember Reece spoke against policy discussion Item No. 4 as he believes a primary resident should remain present during the stay.

Councilmember Medina stated that he would be comfortable allowing un-hosted stays as long as a designated person responsible for the property can report to the property within 30 minutes.

Mayor Stark expressed concerns related to policy discussion Item No. 4.

Councilmember Calaycay spoke in support of implementing policy discussion Items No. 1-3, but does not support Item No. 4.

Councilmember Reece moved to receive and file the update, and direct staff to prepare amendments to Claremont Municipal Code Chapter 16.110 for Planning Commission review that would: extend the home-sharing eligibility to qualifying primary-resident tenants with written landlord consent; codify the scope of what a short-term rental permit authorizes, including multi-room home-sharing and coverage of eligible accessory structures on the same parcel; and incorporate language invoking California Senate Bill 346 (Chapter 751, Statutes of 2025) to authorize platform data reporting and strengthen enforcement; seconded by Councilmember Calaycay, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Stark adjourned the regular meeting of the Claremont City Council at 9:17 PM. The next regular meeting of the Claremont City Council will be held on July 14, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk