

**ARCADIA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Cheng called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **INVOCATION** – Pastor David Park, Arcadia Fire Department Chaplain
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Pastor David Park, Arcadia Fire Department Chaplain
4. **ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

PRESENT: Cao, Han, Kwan, Fu, and Cheng
ABSENT: None

5. **REPORT FROM CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING CLOSED/STUDY SESSION ITEMS**

City Attorney Maurer reported that prior to the Regular Meeting, the City Council met in a Special Meeting to discuss the two items listed on the posted agenda. Regarding the Study Session item on electric bicycles, motorized scooters, and group cyclists, he reported that the City Council formed an Ad Hoc Committee for further evaluation, and appointed Mayor Pro Tem Fu and Council Member Han to serve on the Committee. He further reported that the City Council met in a Closed Session and that no reportable action was taken.

6. **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FROM CITY MANAGER REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS**

City Manager Lazzaretto noted a typographical error in the staff report for Consent Calendar Item 8.d - Foothill Air Support Team ("FAST") annual Joint Powers Authority ("JPA") cost in the amount of \$87,895 for Fiscal Year 2026-27, clarifying that the information in the table is accurate; however, the year shown in the table should reflect Fiscal Year 2026-27.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Pete Siberell, representing Santa Anita Park, appeared and stated that Santa Anita Park is honored to serve as an official venue for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games and partner with LA28; he invited the public to attend a meeting at Santa Anita Park on Thursday, August 27, at 5:00 p.m. related to the planning of the Games, stating that concerns related to the proposed removal of 34 oak trees on the proposed cross-country course would be further discussed.

Colin Campbell, CEO of ADAPPS Inc., appeared and encouraged the City Council to support the Stargate AI initiative and efforts to upgrade power, water, police, fire, and emergency medical services throughout Los Angeles County.

Burton Brink, an Arcadia resident, appeared and announced his candidacy for City Council District 2; he expressed his opposition to the removal of oak trees at Santa Anita Park; and he encouraged the public to attend the meeting on Thursday, August 27.

The following speakers appeared and expressed their opposition to the proposed removal of 34 protected native oak trees at Santa Anita Park for the LA28 equestrian cross-country course:

Lisa Quin	Karen Suarez
Katheleen Diener	Charisma Chen
Kristin Ochoa	Clare Robinson (participated remotely)
Lauren Dowd	Paloma (participated remotely)
Theresa Dowd	

City Manager Lazzaretto encouraged the public to attend the upcoming meeting and provide suggestions for preserving additional trees; and he stated that Santa Anita Park intends to retain and utilize the course following the Games.

Council Member Kwan requested to discuss the proposed removal of the protected oak trees.

City Attorney Maurer advised that the City Council could not discuss the matter because it was not listed on the posted agenda, as doing so could constitute a violation of the Brown Act; and he recommended proceeding to the Consent Calendar.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Special and Regular Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2026.
CEQA: Not a Project
Recommended Action: Approve
- b. Resolution No. 7708 determining the amount of revenue to be raised from property taxes for Fiscal Year 2026-27 to pay for the debt service on the 2021 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Series Bond Measure A and Series Police Station Project).
CEQA: Not a Project
Recommended Action: Adopt

- c. Memorandum of Agreement with San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments to receive Measure A funds for City homeless programs.
CEQA: Not a Project
Recommended Action: Accept
- d. Foothill Air Support Team ("FAST") annual Joint Powers Authority ("JPA") cost in the amount of \$87,895 for Fiscal Year 2026-27.
CEQA: Not a Project
Recommended Action: Approve
- e. Professional Services Agreement with PFM Asset Management LLC for investment advisory services in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.
CEQA: Not a Project
Recommended Action: Approve
- f. Contract with DBX Inc. for the Centennial Way Traffic Signal Improvements Project in the amount of \$719,065, with a 10% contingency.
CEQA: Exempt
Recommended Action: Approve
- g. Contract with General Pump Company, Inc. for the inspection and rehabilitation of the Peck Well Project in the amount of \$417,540, with a 10% contingency.
CEQA: Exempt
Recommended Action: Approve
- h. Contract with All Source Company Building Group, formerly known as All Source Coatings, Inc., for the Arcadia Police Department Painting Project in the amount of \$142,631.93, with a 5% contingency.
CEQA: Exempt
Recommended Action: Approve
- i. Contract with Horizons Construction Co. Int'l Inc. for the Debris Removal Project in the amount of \$399,898.
CEQA: Exempt
Recommended Action: Approve
- j. Purchase Order with Calgon Carbon Corporation for carbon exchange services for the Live Oak Granular Activated Carbon ("GAC") Treatment System in the amount of \$202,400.
CEQA: Exempt
Recommended Action: Approve

- k. Accept all work performed by Carrier Corporation for the Library Cooling Tower Replacement Project as complete.

CEQA: Exempt

Recommended Action: Approve

- l. Accept all work performed by KYA Services, LLC for the Fire Station 105 Boiler Replacement Project as complete.

CEQA: Exempt

Recommended Action: Approve

Council Member Kwan pulled Consent Calendar Item 8.f - Contract with DBX Inc. for the Centennial Way Traffic Signal Improvements Project in the amount of \$719,065, with a 10% contingency, for separate discussion, noting that the staff report referenced Santa Anita Park hosting the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games as a reason for advancing the Centennial Way Traffic Signal Improvements; and inquired whether LA28 or Santa Anita Park would contribute toward the project costs.

City Manager Lazzaretto clarified that the traffic signal improvements are an existing need unrelated to the Games and are intended to address traffic and pedestrian activity near USC Arcadia Hospital; and he noted that the hospital has offered to contribute toward the cost.

City Engineer/Deputy Public Works Services Director Merrill stated that no General Fund monies would be used for the two traffic signals; he indicated that they are funded through Measure A, Measure R, and traffic impact fee funds; he explained that the intersections were previously studied and met the criteria for traffic signal improvements, primarily for pedestrian safety; and he noted that construction, labor, and material costs have increased in recent years.

Council Member Kwan reiterated that if the improvements were being made as a result of the Games, LA28 and Santa Anita Park should contribute toward the costs.

City Manager Lazzaretto stated that the City's agreement with LA28 requires LA28 to pay for costs incurred above the City's normal and customary expenses, as a result of the Games; however, these traffic signal improvements have been planned for several years and are not attributable to the Olympic and Paralympics.

Mayor Pro Tem Fu noted that the project was included in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Capital Improvement Program budget and remains within the proposed budget amount.

A motion was made by Council Member Cao, seconded by Mayor Cheng, and carried on a roll call vote to approve Consent Calendar Items 8.a through 8.c, and 8.e through 8.l.

AYES: Cao, Cheng, Han, and Fu

NOES: Kwan
ABSENT: None

Council Member Kwan pulled Item 8.d – Foothill Air Support Team ("FAST") annual Joint Powers Authority ("JPA") cost in the amount of \$87,895 for Fiscal Year 2026-27, for separate discussion. She clarified that her concern was not with the helicopter program, but with the recommendation regarding future renewals to be approved administratively; she questioned why the agreement would not continue to return to the City Council annually; and she emphasized the importance of City Council oversight and approval.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Fu, seconded by Council Member Cao, and carried on a roll call vote to approve Consent Calendar Item 8.d – Foothill Air Support Team ("FAST") annual Joint Powers Authority ("JPA") cost in the amount of \$87,895 for Fiscal Year 2026-27, including staff's recommendation as presented in the staff report.

AYES: Fu, Cao, Han, and Cheng
NOES: Kwan
ABSENT: None

9. AB 1234 REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL (*limited to legally required reports*).

City Council had nothing to report.

10. REQUEST FOR FUTURE ITEMS

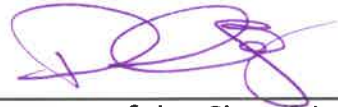
Council Member Kwan requested City Council support to place an item on a future agenda to discuss the proposed removal of 34 protected oak trees at Santa Anita Park for the LA28 Games equestrian cross-country course. Council Member Han concurred; however, sufficient support was not received to place the item on a future agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Fu requested City Council support to place an item on a future agenda for Council Member Kwan to address her participation in a Closed Session concerning pending litigation against the City, including her involvement and any potential financial interest in the litigation. Council Member Cao concurred; however, sufficient support was not received to place the item on a future agenda.

Council Member Kwan requested City council support to place an item on a future agenda to discuss campaign contributions received from EDI Media Inc. and alleged activities involving the Chinese Communist Party. Mayor Cheng offered a friendly amendment to Council Member Kwan's request. Sufficient support was not received for Mayor Cheng's friendly amendment or Council Member Kwan's original request.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned in memory of Tony Parrille, long-time Arcadia resident, at 8:18 p.m. to Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers.



Mayor of the City of Arcadia

ATTEST:



City Clerk