

CITY OF DANA POINT

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING



**TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 17, 2026
5:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

Location: City Council Chamber, 33282 Golden Lantern, Suite 210, Dana Point, California 92629

Next City Council Ordinance No. 26-03

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Dana Point, California, was called to order by Mayor Gabbard at 5:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, 33282 Golden Lantern, Dana Point.

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

John Gabbard, Mayor
Mike Frost, Mayor Pro Tem
Jamey M. Federico, Council Member
Matthew Pagano, Council Member - ABSENT
Michael Villar, Council Member

STAFF PRESENT: Patrick Munoz, City Attorney; Shayna Sharke, City Clerk; Sea Shelton, Director of Administrative Services; Captain Frank Gonzalez; Matthew Sinacori, Director of Public Works/City Engineer; Jeff Rosaler, Interim Director of Community Development; Ray Oropeza, Code Enforcement Supervisor; Jaimie To, Economic Development & Housing Manager; Ryan Haworth, Deputy City Clerk.

CLOSED SESSION

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, Government Code § 54956.9 (d)(2), (1 case)
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, Government Code § 54956.9 (d)(1), (3 cases):
 - a. Center For Natural Lands Management v City of Dana Point, Orange County Superior Court Case No: 30-2021-01219668
 - b. ST Apartments vs. City of Dana Point; Orange County Superior Court Case No 30-2024-01397922

- c. City of Dana Point v. Sunshine Group LLC (Seaside Inn), Orange County Superior Court
Case No. 30-2017- 00915900

Mayor Gabbard recessed the meeting into Closed Session at 5:01 PM pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.

RECESS OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING UNTIL 6:00 P.M.

RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Gabbard reconvened the meeting at 6:04 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Villar.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Certificate of Recognition – Bob Zasa, Sister Cities

Mayor Gabbard presented Certificates of Recognition to Bob Zasa from the City of Dana Point, Senator Tony Strickland, Assemblymember Laurie Davies, and Supervisor Katrina Foley for his efforts with the Sister Cities program.

READING OF ORDINANCE TITLES

City Clerk, Shayna Sharke, read two (2) Ordinance titles.

CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FEDERICO, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM FROST, THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS BE ACCEPTED FOR ALL ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Federico, Frost, Villar, Gabbard

NOES: None

ABSENT: Pagano

1. WAIVE THE READING OF ORDINANCES AND APPROVE READING BY TITLE ONLY

APPROVED THE READING BY TITLE ONLY OF ALL ORDINANCES AND THAT FURTHER READING OF SUCH ORDINANCES BE WAIVED.

2. REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, FEBRUARY 3, 2026

APPROVED THE MINUTES.

3. PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES, JANUARY 26, 2026

RECEIVED AND FILED THE MINUTES.

4. CLAIMS AND DEMANDS

RECEIVED AND FILED THE CLAIMS AND DEMANDS.

5. STAGE, SOUND, AND LIGHTING CONTRACT FOR SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK, SUMMER CONCERT SERIES, AND DIA DE LOS MUERTOS EVENT

AUTHORIZED THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SOUND, STAGE AND LIGHTING CORPORATION FOR STAGE, SOUND, AND LIGHTING SERVICES FOR SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK, SUMMER CONCERTS IN THE PARK, AND THE DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS EVENT.

6. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE 4th OF JULY AERIAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY AND BARGE SERVICES

AUTHORIZED THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE TWO CONTRACTS FOR THE 4TH OF JULY AERIAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY:

- 1) A CONTRACT WITH GARDEN STATE FIREWORKS, INC. FOR FIREWORKS; and,
- 2) A CONTRACT WITH CURTIN MARITIME FOR THE BARGE SERVICES.

7. COPIER AGREEMENTS WITH KC DIGITAL SOLUTIONS

AUTHORIZED THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH KC DIGITAL SOLUTIONS TO LEASE SEVEN COPIERS AND PROVIDE COPIER MAINTENANCE SERVICES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. 2026 WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM

Ray Oropeza, Code Enforcement Supervisor, provided a Staff Report.

Mayor Gabbard opened the Public Hearing at 6:14 P.M.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Gabbard closed the Public Hearing at 6:14 P.M.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FEDERICO, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VILLAR, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1) **ADOPT RESOLUTION 26-02-17-01 ENTITLED:**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANA POINT, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING WEEDS A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND INITIATING ABATEMENT PROCEEDINGS; and,

2) **ADOPT RESOLUTION 26-02-17-02 ENTITLED:**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANA POINT, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING WEED ABATEMENT ON PROPERTIES

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Federico, Frost, Villar, Gabbard

NOES: None

ABSENT: Pagano

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING DANA POINT MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 6.14

Matthew Sinacori, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, provided a Staff Report.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VILLAR, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM FROST, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1) **INTRODUCE AND HOLD THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 26-XX OF THE CITY OF DANA POINT ENTITLED:**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANA POINT, CALIFORNIA AMENDING CHAPTER 6.14 OF THE DANA POINT MUNICIPAL CODE

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Federico, Frost, Villar, Gabbard

NOES: None

ABSENT: Pagano

NEW BUSINESS

10. CONSIDERATION OF A COMMEMORATIVE INSTALLATION TO LUCY CHAVARRIAS

Council Member Villar provided a report.

Bob Goodwin (Capistrano Beach) spoke in support of recognition for Lucy Chavarrias.

Jodie Goodwin (Capistrano Beach) shared the history of Lucy Chavarrias' life, spoke about her start in the restaurant industry, and supported recognition for her.

Ida Chavez (daughter of Lucy Chavarrias) shared the history of her mother's life, her generosity for others, and stated it would be an honor to have her mother recognized.

Roberto Chavez (son of Lucy Chavarrias) shared the history of his mother's life, spoke about her patriotism, and expressed his support for recognizing her legacy.

Norma Banda (daughter of Lucy Chavarrias) shared the history of her mother's life, spoke about her time working at the restaurant, described how she was a mother figure to many, and expressed her support for recognizing her legacy.

Margarita Diaz-Moore (Dana Point) spoke about her positive experience working at the restaurant, shared her experiences with Lucy as a supervisor, and expressed her support for Lucy's recognition.

Joyce Gligo (San Clemente) spoke about her experience working at the restaurant, highlighted Lucy's strong leadership as a supervisor, and expressed her support for Lucy's recognition.

Barbara Johannes (Dana Point Historical Society) shared a quote from former Dana Point Historian, Doris Walker, highlighting Lucy's impact on the community. She also noted that she has a folder of articles and other Historical Society documents available for the City

Keith Johannes (Dana Point Historical Society) spoke regarding historic signs listed in the City's historic registry and offered the assistance of the Historical Society.

Discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM FROST, SECONDED BY MAYOR GABBARD, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO ASSEMBLE A GROUP TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR A COMMEMORATIVE INSTALLATION TO LUCY CHAVARRIAS.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Federico, Frost, Villar, Gabbard

NOES: None

ABSENT: Pagano

11. INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE BANNING THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF KRATOM PRODUCTS

Jeff Rosaler, Interim Director of Community Development, provided a Staff Report.

Discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM FROST, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VILLAR, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL INTRODUCE AND CONDUCT THE FIRST READING OF **ORDINANCE 26-XX** ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANA POINT, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 5.41 (PROHIBITION OF THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF KRATOM) TO TITLE 5 OF THE DANA POINT MUNICIPAL CODE

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Federico, Frost, Villar, Gabbard

NOES: None

ABSENT: Pagano

12. STATUE COMMISSION FOR WATERMAN'S PLAZA – LORRIN "WHITEY" HARRISON

Jaimie To, Economic Development & Housing Manager, provided a Staff Report.

Jean-Paul Van Swae (San Juan Capistrano) spoke regarding his grandfather's history and contributions to the surfing culture in Dana Point and stated his support for the statue.

Nancy Blackburn (Dana Point) spoke regarding Ron Drummond's impact on the community, noted that she had been his neighbor, and encouraged the City Council to consider creating a statue in his honor.

Discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VILLAR, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM FROST, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION OF A STATUE OF LORRIN "WHITEY" HARRISON TO BE INSTALLED AT WATERMAN'S PLAZA; AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ARTIST BILL LIMEBROOK.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Federico, Frost, Villar, Gabbard

NOES: None

ABSENT: Pagano

COUNCIL REPORTS, INCLUDING CITY RELATED MEETINGS ATTENDED

Council Member Federico stated that he has turned in his list of meetings and spoke about an upcoming item on the OCTA Board of Directors agenda related to the City's reporting of trolley numbers.

Council Member Villar stated that he has turned in his list of meetings and had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Frost stated that he will turn in his list of meetings and encouraged the public to attend *Shrek The Musical KIDS!* being performed at the Porthole Theater at Dana Hills High School on February 28th and March 1st.

Mayor Gabbard stated that he has turned in his list of meetings and mentioned upcoming events around the City.

STAFF REPORTS

Jeff Rosaler, Interim Director of Community Development, had nothing to report from the City Manager's Office.

City Attorney, Patrick Munoz, had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this session, Mayor Gabbard adjourned the meeting at 7:03 P.M. He announced that the next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be March 3, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber located at 33282 Golden Lantern, Suite 210, Dana Point, California.



SHAYNA SHARKE, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AT THE MEETING OF MARCH 3, 2026.

Meetings attended since February 4, 2026

Mayor Gabbard

02/05/2026 SCAG CEHD Committee Meeting
02/05/2026 SCAG Regional Council
02/05/2026 OC Parks Commission
02/06/2026 Olivia's Closet Ribbon Cutting
02/12/2026 Alohana Acai Bowls Ribbon Cutting
02/12/2026 Dana Point Sister Cities Mixer

Mayor Pro Tem Frost

Council Member Pagano

Council Member Federico

02/04/2026 OCTA CEO Meeting
02/04/2026 DP5MRSG Advisory Board
02/09/2026 OCTA Board Meeting
02/15/2026 Legal Subcommittee Call

Council Member Michael Villar

No meetings attended.