

CITY OF DANA POINT

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING



TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 1, 2026
5:00 P.M. Closed Session
6:00 P.M. Regular Business

MINUTES

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

Next City Council Ordinance No. 26-07

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 Chamber, 33282 Golden Lantern, Suite 210, 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
Michael Villar, Council Member

STAFF PRESENT: Kelly Reenders, City Manager; Jeff Rosaler, Assistant City Manager; Ryan Smith, Director of Administrative Services; Shayna Sharke, City Clerk; Patrick Munoz, City Attorney; Captain Frank Gonzalez; Matthew Sinacori, Director of Public Works/City Engineer; Jonathan Lightfoot, Director of Community Development; Jaimie To, Economic Development & Housing Manager; Taelor Vonjaroschkaohl, Assistant Administrative Analyst; 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), (4 cases):
 - a. Center For Natural Lands Management v City of Dana Point, Orange County Superior Court Case No: 30-2021-01219668
 - b. Center For Natural Lands Management v City of Dana Point (CEQA), Orange County Superior Court Case No: 30-2025-01524239

- c. City of Dana Point v California Coastal Commission, Orange County Superior Court Case No 30-2026-01558283
- d. Dana Point Advocates v City of Dana Point; Orange County Superior Court Case No 30-2026-01582868-CU-WM-CXC

Mayor Gabbard recessed the meeting into Closed Session at 5:01 P.M. 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 6:02 P.M.

City Attorney Patrick Munoz stated there was nothing to report out from Closed Session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Villar.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Certificate of Recognition: CERT Graduates

Mayor Gabbard presented Certificates of Recognition to Matthew Gora, Juan Ruano, Lance Rzepiejewski, David Steele, and Robert Wiltse for graduating from the CERT program.

Employee of the Quarter: DyAnne Weamire, Management Analyst

Mayor Gabbard presented DyAnne Weamire, Management Analyst, with a Certificate of Recognition for Employee of the Quarter.

READING OF ORDINANCE TITLES

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 8 was removed from the Consent Calendar by Mayor Pro Tem Frost.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM FROST, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PAGANO, THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS BE ACCEPTED FOR ALL ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM 8.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Federico, Frost, Pagano, Villar, Gabbard

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

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. CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES, AUGUST 17, 2026

APPROVED THE MINUTES.

3. PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES, JULY 27, 2026

RECEIVED AND FILED THE MINUTES.

4. CLAIMS AND DEMANDS

RECEIVED AND FILED THE CLAIMS AND DEMANDS.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT, JUNE 2026

RECEIVED AND FILED THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JUNE, 2026.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT, JULY 2026

RECEIVED AND FILED THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY, 2026.

7. APPROVAL OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH POINT DANA PROPERTIES, LLC FOR USE OF PARKING LOT AS SHARED PUBLIC PARKING AT 24582 DEL PRADO

APPROVED A PARKING LOT LEASE AGREEMENT WITH POINT DANA PROPERTIES, LLC; AUTHORIZED THE CITY ATTORNEY TO APPROVE MINOR NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES TO THE AGREEMENT; AND AUTHORIZED THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

8. 2026 COMMUNITY SURVEY CONTRACT AGREEMENT

Item 8 was removed from the Consent Calendar by Mayor Pro Tem Frost.

Discussion ensued.

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

- 1) APPROVE A CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH FAIRBANK, MASLIN, MAULLIN, METZ & ASSOCIATES (FM3) FOR THE 2026 COMMUNITY SURVEY; and
- 2) AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Federico, Frost, Pagano, Villar, Gabbard

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Kirby (Dana Woods) spoke regarding concerns over the recently removed Dana Woods monument sign.

Nancy Flynn (Dana Woods HOA President) spoke regarding concerns over the recently removed Dana Woods monument sign.

John Baker (Dana Woods) spoke regarding concerns over the recently removed Dana Woods monument sign and requested that the City not approve any additional permits at this time.

Chance Oberstein (Dana Woods) spoke regarding concerns over the recently removed Dana Woods monument sign.

Mabel Hill Garcia (Dana Woods) spoke regarding concerns over the recently removed Dana Woods monument sign.

Wayne Yost (Dana Woods) spoke regarding concerns over the recently removed Dana Woods monument sign.

Perrie Ilercel (Dana Woods) spoke regarding concerns over the recently removed Dana Woods monument sign.

Christie Roknich (Dana Woods) spoke regarding concerns over the recently removed Dana Woods monument sign.

Janna Evans (Dana Woods) expressed concern about the growing coyote population in her neighborhood and suggested the formation of a working group to address the issue. She also spoke regarding concerns over the recently removed Dana Woods monument sign.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT ZTA26-0002 RELATED TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

Jonathan Lightfoot, Director of Community Development, provided a Staff Report.

Mayor Gabbard opened the Public Hearing at 6:45 P.M.

There was one public comment received via email.

Mayor Gabbard closed the Public Hearing at 6:45 P.M.

Discussion ensued.

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

1) MAKE THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS TO ORDINANCE 26-XX:

- A) CORRECT A CLERICAL ERROR IN SECTIONS 9.07.212(E)(2)(G) AND 9.07.212(E)(3)(F) TO EXTEND THE INTERNAL CITATION IN BOTH SECTIONS FROM (F)(7) TO (F)(7)(A).**
- B) REVISE THE FIRST LINE OF SECTION 9.07.212(G) TO BEGIN: "IF AN APPLICATION FOR AN ADU TRIGGERS THE REQUIREMENT FOR A DISCRETIONARY PERMIT (INCLUDING...) ..."**
- C) REMOVE SECTION 9.07.210(D)(5) RELATED TO PERMIT REVOCATION.**

2) HOLD A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 26-XX ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANA POINT, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT ZTA26-0002 TO MODIFY THE ZONING CODE RELATED TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Federico, Frost, Pagano, Villar, Gabbard

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

10. ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT ZTA26-0003 REINSTATING SECOND DWELLING UNIT STANDARDS IN THE LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM (LCP)

Jonathan Lightfoot, Director of Community Development, provided a Staff Report.

Mayor Gabbard opened the Public Hearing at 6:50 P.M.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Gabbard closed the Public Hearing at 6:50 P.M.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PAGANO, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FEDERICO, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL HOLD A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 26-XX ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANA POINT, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT ZTA26-0003 TO REINSTATE SECOND DWELLING UNIT STANDARDS CONSISTENT WITH THE CITY'S CERTIFIED LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM (LCP)

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Federico, Frost, Pagano, Villar, Gabbard

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. CITYWIDE CANARY ISLAND DATE PALM PROTECTION PROGRAM AND PHASED TREATMENT PLAN FOR THE SOUTH AMERICAN PALM WEEVIL

Jeff Rosaler, Assistant City Manager, provided a Staff Report.

Discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VILLAR, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM FROST, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO CONDUCT COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND IMPLEMENT THE CRITERIA-BASED, PHASED TREATMENT AND MONITORING PROGRAM, AND TO RETURN WITH PHASE-SPECIFIC FUNDING REQUESTS THROUGH THE ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Federico, Frost, Pagano, Villar, Gabbard

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COUNCIL REPORTS, INCLUDING CITY RELATED MEETINGS ATTENDED

Council Member Federico stated that he has turned in his list of meetings. He thanked City staff and the Dana Point Chamber of Commerce for their work on the Dana Point Car Show and the Redo Market.

Council Member Villar stated that he has turned in his list of meetings and commented on the success of the Dana Point Car Show and the Redo Market. He also thanked City staff and the Dana Point Chamber of Commerce for their efforts in organizing the events.

Council Member Pagano stated that he will turn in his list of meetings and commented on the success of the Dana Point Car Show and the Redo Market.

Mayor Pro Tem Frost stated that he has turned in his list of meetings and referenced the email sent to Dana Woods residents regarding the monument sign from Kelly Reenders, City Manager.

Mayor Gabbard stated that he has turned in his list of meetings and commented on the success of the Dana Point Car Show and the Redo Market. He also stated that the Chamber of Commerce Executive Director is a genius and spoke regarding his meeting with the Mayor of Sorrento, Italy.

STAFF REPORTS

Kelly Reenders, City Manager, welcomed Ryan Smith, the City's new Director of Administrative Services.

Patrick Munoz, City Attorney, had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this session, Mayor Gabbard adjourned the meeting at 7:08 P.M. He announced that the next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be September 15, 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 SEPTEMBER 15, 2026.

Meetings attended since August 18, 2026

Mayor Gabbard

08/27/2026 Meeting with Sorrento Mayor Fattorusso - Sorrento Italy
08/31/2026 Meeting with OCTA Executive Director Johnson

Mayor Pro Tem Frost

08/20/2026 CUSD
08/21/2026 OCFA - HR
08/27/2026 DPCC - Shelter Distillery

Council Member Pagano

Council Member Federico

08/19/2026 OCTA Exec Briefing
08/19/2026 ACC-OC Exec Committee Meeting
08/20/2026 OCTA Finance Committee Meeting
08/23/2026 Dana Point Car Show
08/24/2026 OCTA Board Meeting
08/25/2026 OCTA Meeting with San Clemente
08/31/2026 Legal Subcommittee

Council Member Michael Villar

No meetings attended.