

# MINUTES

**City of Guadalupe**  
**Regular Meeting of the Guadalupe City Council**  
**Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 6:00 pm**  
**City Hall, Council Chambers, 918 Obispo Street, Guadalupe CA 93434**

**1. ROLL CALL:**

Council Member Eugene Costa Jr.  
Council Member Whitney Furness  
Council Member Amelia M. Villegas  
Mayor Pro Tempore Christina Hernandez  
Mayor Ariston Julian

*Mayor Julian called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.*

*All Present*

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. MOMENT OF THANKS, APPRECIATION OR CONDOLENCES**

Council Member Villegas gave condolences to Eloise Lanini resident of Guadalupe. Council Member Costa Jr. gave condolences to Concepcion Salinas resident of Guadalupe and for Frank Shamali he lost his son who served as a Marine.

**4. AGENDA REVIEW**

At this time the City Council will review the order of business to be conducted and receive requests for, or make announcements regarding, any change(s) in the order of business.

*No changes were made to the agenda.*

**5. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM**

Each person will be limited to a discussion of three (3) minutes or as directed by the Mayor. Pursuant to the provisions of the Brown Act, no action may be taken on these matters unless they are listed on the agenda, or unless certain emergency or special circumstances exist. City Council may direct staff to investigate and/or schedule certain matters for consideration at a future City Council meeting.

*Public Comment:*

*Debra Skyes. Ms. Skyes presented the Council Members with T-shirts displaying the Royal Theatre logo and a sample donor plaque, these will be used as tools to raise money for the Royal Theatre project.*

*Ken Westan, Former City Council Member. Mr. Westan spoke about and requested the Cesar Chavez Street be renamed after a deserving prominent local Guadalupe resident.*

**6. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR**

- A. Oath of Office – Jonathan Figg, Paid-Call Firefighter
- B. Proclamation recognizing March 2026 as Women’s History Month
- C. Proclamation designating the week of April 13-20, 2026, as International Dark Sky Week in Guadalupe.

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR (A-E)**

The following items are presented for City Council approval without discussion as a single agenda item in order to expedite the meeting. Should a Council Member wish to discuss or disapprove an item, it must be dropped from the blanket motion of approval and considered as a separate item.

- A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar will be adopted by the same vote cast as the first meeting unless City Council indicates otherwise.
- B. Ratify payment of warrants for the period ending March 6, 2026, and March 13, 2026.
- C. Approve the Minutes of the City Council regular meeting of March 10, 2026.
- D. Approval of need for continuing emergency regarding Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system.
- E. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-12 approving the Owner’s Agreement to construct and maintain private drainage improvements for water quality for the 4563 12<sup>th</sup> Street Apartments.

**Motion was made by Council Member Costa Jr. and seconded by Council Member Furness to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passed. 5-0**

**MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

**8. INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR: (Information Only)**

- A. Interim City Administrator’s report for March 24, 2026

**9. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY: (Information Only)**

- A. Director of Public Safety report for March 24, 2026
  - Insurance Services Office (ISO) and Public Protection Classification (PPC) Update
- B. Police Department report for February 2026
- C. Fire Department report for February 2026
- D. Code Compliance report for February 2026

**10. HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER: (Information Only)**

- A. Human Resources report for February 2026

**11. RECREATION SERVICES MANAGER: (Information Only)**

- A. Recreation and Parks report for February 2026

*Recreation Services Manager, Arnulfo Navarro III thanked Trust Pro for donating lumber to the Jack O'Connell Park.*

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**12. Measure A Local Program of Projects.**

Written report: Jeff van den Eikhof, City Engineer

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-13 approving the 2026/27 through 2030/31 Measure A Local of Projects for the City of Guadalupe.

*Mayor Julian opened public comment at 6:50 p.m. and closed at 6:51 p.m. there were no requests to speak.*

**Motion was made by Council Member Hernandez and seconded by Council Member Villegas to adopt Resolution No. 2026-13 approving the 2026/27 through 2030/31 Measure A Local of Projects for the City of Guadalupe. Motion passed. 5-0.**

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**13. Disposition of items of historical value from the Royal Theatre.**

Written report: Thomas Brandeberry, Royal Theatre Project Manager

Recommendation: That the City Council approve granting the Rancho de Guadalupe Historical Society the option to receive any objects from the Royal Theatre that it determines may have historic value to the community, which City staff and the construction team determined cannot be included in the renovated Royal Theatre and have been determined to be unsaleable.

*Council Member Villegas wanted to clarify that the Rancho de Guadalupe Historical Society had not yet agreed to take possession of the marquee and the board's decision was still in preliminary stages.*

*Council Member Furness asked if there were any other local organizations who had been contacted to take items from the theatre and if the city had considered keeping any for the display case.*

*Mayor Julian acknowledged the preliminary nature of historical society and expressed comfort in offering items to them first and exploring other options if needed.*

*City Attorney Phil Sinco addressed concerns about the historical society being given items and stated the items could be resold or returned to the city for disposal according to the surplus property policy.*

*Public Comment:*

*Albert Nunez. Mr. Nunez stated the historical society as a group discussed the topic in their last meeting and would be open to the option. And there may be a possibility of forming partnerships with other organizations.*

**Motion made by Council Member Furness and seconded by Council Member Hernandez to approve as noted granting the Rancho de Guadalupe Historical Society the option to receive any objects from the Royal Theatre that it determines may have historic value to the community. Motion passed. 5-0.**

**14. Selection of Capital Campaign Coordinator for the Royal Theatre Project.**

Written report: David Trujillo, Interim City Administrator

Recommendation: That the City Council:

- a. Appoint Tom Brandeberry as the City's Capital Campaign Coordinator for the Royal Theatre Project; and
- b. Receive a presentation from Mr. Brandeberry outlining his vision, progress to date, and strategy for completion of the Royal Theatre Capital Campaign; or
- c. Directs staff to initiate a Request for Proposals (RFP) process to solicit qualified firms or individuals to serve as Capital Campaign Coordinator.

*Public Comment:*

*Judy Wilson. Ms. Wilson spoke about her concerns regarding Mr. Brandeberry being appointed the City's Capital Campaign Coordinator.*

*Chachi Ramirez. Mr. Ramirez spoke regarding the appointment of Mr. Brandeberry being appointed the City's Capital Campaign Coordinator.*

*Mira Peyeler. Ms. Peyeler spoke regarding the appointment of Mr. Brandeberry being appointed the City's Capital Campaign Coordinator.*

*Deborah Skyes. Ms. Skyes stated her understanding in speaking with Mr. Brandeberry that he would be the coordinator as a volunteer.*

*Mayor Julian stated Mr. Brandeberry has the experience and has been influential in Guadalupe to be the Capital Campaign Coordinator.*

*Council Member Furness did not feel there was enough information for her to appoint Mr. Brandeberry as the Capital Campaign Coordinator.*

*Council Member Villegas agreed that Mr. Brandeberry be selected as the Capital Campaign Coordinator.*

*Council Member Hernandez could not make a qualified decision without financial information.*

**Motion was made by Council Member Villegas and seconded by Council Member Costa Jr. to appoint Tom Brandeberry as the City's Capital Campaign Coordinator for the Royal Theatre Project.**

**Motion Passed. 3-0. 2-0.**

**Council Member Villegas Aye**

**Council Member Costa Jr. Aye**

**Mayor Julian Aye**

**Council Member Furness Nay**

**Council Member Hernandez Nay**

## **15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

*Proclamation for Library week*

*Cesar Chavez Street*

*Gift Policy*

## **16. ANNOUNCEMENTS – COUNCIL ACTIVITY/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Council Member Hernandez attended a pesticide forum, performance by Las Cafeteras, Planned Parenthood event and wanted to thank Supervisor Steve Lavagnino's staff for returning the ballot box.*

*Council Member Villegas attended a zoom meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> for the housing and homeless. A Community Cares event by Planned Parenthood and a presentation by Trust Pro. The Friends of Guadalupe Library is having a puzzle contest.*

*Council Member Furness attended the Recreation and Parks pottery class and will be meeting with David Trujillo on the Capital Campaign for theatre updates.*

*Mayor Julian attended three meetings with the county and stated 500 air purifiers were given to the community.*

## **17. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION**

**Motion was made by Council Member Costa Jr. and seconded by Council Member Furness to adjourn to closed session. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:06 p.m.**

## **18. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

### **A. Public Employment**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

Title: City Administrator

## **19. ADJOURNMENT TO OPEN SESSION MEETING**

**Motion was made by Council Member Costa Jr. and seconded by Council Member Villegas to adjourn to open session. Motion passed. 5-0. Meeting adjourned to open session at 8:12 p.m.**

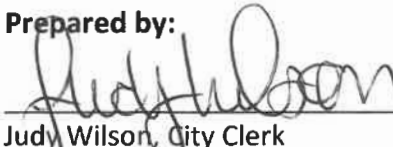
**20. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

*No reportable action.*

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion was made by Council Member Costa Jr. and seconded by Council Member Furness to adjourn the meeting. 5-0. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.**

**Prepared by:**

  
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Judy Wilson, City Clerk

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Ariston Julian, Mayor