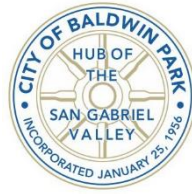


**CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Minutes**

April 1, 2026, 7:00 PM



Mayor	Daniel Damian
Mayor Pro Tem	Jean M. Ayala
Councilmember	Alejandra Avila
Councilmember	Emmanuel J. Estrada
Councilmember	Manuel Lozano

These minutes are presented in Agenda order.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Damian.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Pastor Flores.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by City Treasurer Joanna Valenzuela.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Saenz performed roll call:

MEMBERS:

Councilmember Alejandra Avila (present)
Councilmember Emmanuel Estrada (present)
Councilmember Manuel Lozano (present)
Mayor Pro Tem Jean M. Ayala (present)
Mayor Daniel Damian (present)

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Bettenhausen announced that the City Council met in closed session on the items listed on the Special Meeting Agenda, all Councilmembers were present. He reported that on Item #1 a motion was made by Daniel Damian and seconded by Alejandra Avila to file a complaint. The motion passed 5-0. On the remaining items there is no reportable action.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Ed Reece, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) President presented the 2026 President's Introduction.

The Mayor and the City Council proclaimed April 2026 as Donate Life Month, proclamation presented to Jolene Vargas, OneLegacy Ambassador

The Mayor and the City Council presented to Cecelia Bernal with a Certificate of Recognition for receiving the Woman of the Year in the 48th District from Assemblywoman Blanco E. Rubio

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Damian opened Public Communications at approximately 7:39 p.m., the following spoke:

1) Irma Morales 2) John Rios

Seeing no one else wishing to speak, public communications was closed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **City of Baldwin Park's Warrants and Demands**

Motion to ratify the attached Warrants and Demands Register.

MOTION: It was moved by Daniel Damian, seconded by Manuel Lozano to adopt.
Motion Passed [5–0]. **AYES: AVILA, ESTRADA, LOZANO, AYALA, DAMIAN**

2. **Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2026**

Motion to approve the following meeting minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting, Finance Authority Meeting and Housing Authority Meeting held on March 18, 2026.

MOTION: It was moved by Daniel Damian, seconded by Manuel Lozano to adopt.
Motion Passed [5–0]. **AYES: AVILA, ESTRADA, LOZANO, AYALA, DAMIAN**

3. **Authorization to Publish a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Citywide Tree Trimming Services**

Motion to authorize the Public Works Department to publish a Request for Proposals for Citywide Tree Trimming Maintenance Services to commence July 1st, 2026. The current contract with West Coast Arborists is set to expire in July 2026.

Item # 3 was pulled for further discussion.

MOTION: It was moved by Emmanuel Estrada, seconded by Jean M Ayala to adopt.
Motion Passed [5–0]. **AYES: AVILA, ESTRADA, LOZANO, AYALA, DAMIAN**

4. **Resolution No. 2026-005, Initiating the Proceedings and Ordering the preparation of the Engineer's Report for the Landscape and Lighting Maintenance Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2026-2027**

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-005 entitled, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Baldwin Park, California, authorizing the initiation of the proceedings and ordering the preparation of the Engineer’s Report for the FY2026-2027 levy of annual assessments for the City of Baldwin Park Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District pursuant to the provisions of Division 15, Part 2 of the State of California Streets and Highway Code.”

MOTION: It was moved by Daniel Damian, seconded by Manuel Lozano to adopt.
Motion Passed [5–0]. **AYES: AVILA, ESTRADA, LOZANO, AYALA, DAMIAN**

5. **Resolution No. 2026–004 Initiating the Proceedings and Ordering the Preparation of the Engineer's Report for the Parks Maintenance Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2026-2027**

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-004 entitled, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Baldwin Park, California, authorizing the initiation of the proceedings and ordering the preparation of the Engineer’s Report for the FY 2026-2027 levy of annual assessments for the City of Baldwin Park Parks Maintenance District pursuant to the provisions of Division 15, Part 2 of the State of California Streets and Highways Code.”

MOTION: It was moved by Daniel Damian, seconded by Manuel Lozano to adopt.
Motion Passed [5–0]. **AYES: AVILA, ESTRADA, LOZANO, AYALA, DAMIAN**

6. Waive Formal Bidding and Authorize the Cooperative Purchasing of Hyperconverged Infrastructure from Portola Systems.

Motion to:

1. Waive Formal Bidding and Authorize Cooperative Purchasing to purchase Nutanix hyperconverged infrastructure system pursuant to Baldwin Park Municipal Code Section 34.23; and
2. Authorize the Director of Finance to make appropriation from Federal Asset Forfeiture (Fund #205), State Asset Forfeiture (Fund 206), and General Fund 100) to and budget adjustments related to this acquisition;
3. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all required documentation for the purchase and installation of Nutanix hyperconverged infrastructure.

MOTION: It was moved by Daniel Damian, seconded by Manuel Lozano to adopt.

Motion Passed [5-0]. **AYES: AVILA, ESTRADA, LOZANO, AYALA, DAMIAN**

7. Review of the Fiscal Year 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program and Review Period

Motion to:

1. Review the attached FY 2025 JAG Grant application and project budget documentation; and
2. Provide any comments or feedback to the grant manager within the 30-day review period; and
3. Authorize the Mayor to execute the "Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government" form upon conclusion of the required 30-day governing body review period.
4. Authorize the Director of Finance to make the appropriation and necessary budget adjustments.

MOTION: It was moved by Jean M Ayala, seconded by Emmanuel Estrada to adopt.

Motion Passed [5-0]. **AYES: AVILA, ESTRADA, LOZANO, AYALA, DAMIAN**

PUBLIC HEARING

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

CITY COUNCIL ACTING AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY OF THE DISSOLVED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

CITY COUNCIL / CITY CLERK / CITY TREASURER / STAFF REQUESTS & COMMUNICATION

Councilmember Avila sought consensus from the City Council to direct staff to flag the Donate for Life Flag and light up the Baldwin Park Transit Bridge with blue and green lights, and reach out to Royal Coaches regarding the clean-up of accidents. Also, reach out to the owners of Francisquito & Ramona Blvd. Plaza to clean up their location.

Councilmember Estrada sought consensus from the City Council to direct staff to look into CA Art Council for a possible Grant for Public Arts in Baldwin Park.

Councilmember Lozano sought consensus from the City Council to direct staff to reach out to the business owners to clean-up locations at Ramona & Syracuse.

Mayor Pro Tem Ayala thanked the Recreation and Community Services Staff for the BPUSD Showcase. Also, in reference to City Clerk Saenz comment, have staff look into the freight trucks that are parking on Baldwin

Park Blvd for hours, they are obstructing the view of our community drivers.

Mayor Damian sought consensus from the City Council to direct staff to reach out to the business owners to clean up the location at Olive and Maine (Okina informed the Council that the location will be making improvements). Announced that the City will be hosting a Spring Fest on Saturday.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Damian adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:14 p.m.

APPROVED: April 15, 2026

Signed by:

Daniel Damian

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Daniel Damian, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Christopher Saenz

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Christopher Saenz, City Clerk