

City of La Cañada Flintridge
City Council Minutes
Special Meeting



Thursday, May 21, 2026
City Council Chambers
One Civic Center Drive
La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Call to Order:

Mayor Bowman called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

Roll Call:

Councilmember Michael T. Davitt, Councilman Keith Eich, Councilmember Stephanie Fossan, Mayor Pro Tem Jeanne K. Hobson, and Mayor Kim Bowman.

Staff Present:

City Manager Jordan, Assistant City Attorney Matt Cohen, Assistant City Manager Parseghian, Director of Administrative Services Cook, Director of Community Development Koleda, Director of Finance Kim, Director of Public Works/City Engineer El-Rabaa, Assistant Director of Administrative Services Cho, Senior Management Analyst Dederick, City Clerk Garcia, City Clerk Specialist Yesayan.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mayor Bowman.

Comments from the Public:

Public comment was received from David Haxton.

Item for Consideration

Mayor Bowman opened the public comment period at 3:06 p.m. Seeing no comments, he closed the public comment period.

The City Council reordered the agenda to consider Item 2 prior to Item 1.

1) Review of Fiscal Year 2026-27 Preliminary Budget; and the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Council Consideration Items

City Manager Jordan presented an overview of the Fiscal Year 2026–27 Preliminary Budget and the Fiscal Year 2026–27 City Council Consideration Items during the third budget meeting, highlighting updates to the budget and the difference between one-time reserve-funded expenditures and ongoing General Fund costs. He and City staff responded to questions from the City Council.

City Manager Jordan presented a detailed summary of budget adjustments, including the financial impact of requests from community groups. He also reviewed the historical range of reserve fund percentages and stressed the importance of maintaining a healthy reserve to support the City's long-term financial stability.

Mayor Bowman opened the public comment period at 3:41 p.m.

Public comment was received from David Haxton.

Mayor Bowman closed the public comment period at 3:45 p.m.

The City Council and staff reviewed Council Consideration Items (CCIs) for the City Manager's Office, Community Development Department, and Public Works Department. The City Council approved several Public Works projects, including Hillard Safety Improvement, the Green Alley Project, Inverness Storm Drain and Resurfacing, the Angeles Crest Highway at Green Lane Traffic Signal (PW-14, \$100,000), and the Memorial Park Improvement Project under the Administration Department. The audio/visual staff for broadcasting was deferred to the mid-year budget, and ADA-related document accessibility improvements (PDF compliance) were also discussed.

Mayor Bowman opened the public comment period at 5:45 p.m.

Public comment was received from David Haxton.

Mayor Bowman closed the public comment period at 5:48 p.m.

City Council and staff reviewed the street resurfacing program, including a pavement study showing significant deterioration and insufficient current funding. They discussed options ranging from maintaining current spending to significantly increasing investment or using debt financing. The City Council emphasized the need for a long-term financing plan, while considering a short-term allocation of about \$1.5 million from the General Fund as an interim step.

Mayor Bowman opened the public comment period at 6:00 p.m.

Public comment was received from David Haxton.

Mayor Bowman closed the public comment period at 6:03 p.m.

The City Council and staff discussed budget priorities, including street resurfacing, public safety, and other Council Consideration Items, and made preliminary adjustments but did not finalize the budget. The City Council agreed to defer final action and directed staff to return in early June with a revised budget proposal that better balances reserves, infrastructure needs, and ongoing public safety and operational priorities.

2) Receive and File City Council Proclamations for June 2026: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Pride Month; Caribbean American Heritage Month; and Immigrant Heritage Month

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Davitt, seconded by Councilmember Fossan, and carried (4 – 0 - 1, Councilman Eich abstained) to receive and file City Council proclamations for June 2026: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Pride Month; Caribbean American Heritage Month; and Immigrant Heritage Month.

Comments from the City Council: None

Comments from City Staff: None

Adjournment

Mayor Bowman adjourned the Special City Council meeting at 6:04 p.m.

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Arpi Yesayan, City Clerk Specialist

Minutes approved by the City Council on July 21, 2026.