

City of La Cañada Flintridge
City Council Minutes
Special Meeting



Wednesday, June 3, 2026
City Council Chambers
One Civic Center Drive
La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Call to Order: Mayor Bowman called the Special Meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

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

Staff Present: City Manager Jordan, Assistant City Attorney Cohen, 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, Assistant Director of Community Development Gardea, and City Clerk Garcia.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Carson Dunbar, a member of Boy Scout Troop 509.

Comments from the Public:

Public comments were received from Boy Scout Leader Mike W. and members of Scouts BSA Troop 509: Casey Yoshida, Harrison Yoshida, Schyler Wokosin, and Carson Dunbar. Additionally, comments were provided by David Haxton.

Item for Consideration:

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

During the fourth budget hearing, City Manager Jordan presented an updated financial overview, including reserve ratio impacts, proposed reductions, and use of special funds (Measure M, R, and C, and Proposition A).

The City Council and staff discussed long-term reserve targets, operating versus capital transfers, Council Consideration Items (CCIs), and future financing options for citywide street resurfacing, including Foothill Boulevard improvements and ADA compliance planning.

After further discussion and deliberation, the City Council gave direction on several key CCIs. They agreed to fund the Lanterman Auditorium stage floor repair in partnership with the school district and approved funding for a pickleball noise study at La Cañada High School as a prerequisite to any pilot project. Additionally, the City Council agreed to continue funding the La Cañada Elementary School (LCE) crossing guard while seeking data on effectiveness, approved funding for a battery-powered rescue tool for the Fire Department, and confirmed plans to move forward with the Foothill Boulevard ADA and resurfacing concept plan.

The City Council gave staff direction on budget adjustments that included: (1) reducing the street resurfacing General Fund allocation below the initially proposed \$2.8 million (while remaining above the prior year level), (2) reducing the Memorial Park playground project budget from

\$1,000,000 to \$800,000 and proceeding to obtain bids, and (3) reducing the Sheriff e-bike request from four bikes to two. This direction was supported by Mayor Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem Hobson, Councilmember Fossan, and Councilmember Davitt. Councilmember Eich did not support the proposed adjustments, expressing opposition to reducing the street resurfacing allocation.

The Council declined to add new permanent staffing at this time including a permit technician, in-house code enforcement, opting instead to await the results of an external operations/permit-process review before reconsidering those items.

During the meeting, the Mayor initially opened public comments at approximately 3:55 p.m., but no speakers came forward. The Mayor reopened public comment a second time at approximately 4:49 p.m., during which David Haxton spoke.

Public comment was reopened a third time at approximately 5:15 p.m., and Tom Reynolds spoke.

The City Council noted that these were directional changes, and that the final budget would be considered for adoption on June 16, 2026.

Comments from the City Council:

The City Council thanked staff for their work on the budget.

Comments from City Staff: None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bowman adjourned the Special City Council meeting at 5:37 p.m. in memory of longtime resident William "Bill" Brown Olhasso.

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Tania Garcia, City Clerk

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