



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026
6:30 p.m.

**Library Parks and Recreation Building
Council Chambers
901 Civic Campus Way, South San Francisco, CA**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Addiego called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Coleman, present
Councilmember Flores, present
Councilmember Nicolas, present
Vice Mayor Nagales, present
Mayor Addiego, present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Flores led the pledge.

AGENDA REVIEW

No changes.

LEVINE ACT DISCLOSURES (SB 1181)

Following an inquiry, no conflicts of interest were reported by City Council members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM STAFF

Library Director Sommers invited the community to Celebrate Lunar New Year with Lion Dance & Drafts on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at the Library Parks and Recreation Building, Banquet & Social Hall.

Assistant Library Director Elsholz introduced Sonia Gulatia, Amber Lee, and Annalisa Borja, who invited the community to participate in the Brain Explorations *Letters to Cancer Patients* workshop benefiting UCSF Children's Benioff Hospital, to be held Saturday, January 31, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Library Parks and Recreation Building Social Hall.

Police Sergeant Curme, on behalf of the South San Francisco Police Association, invited the community to attend the annual St. Patrick's Day dinner on Monday, March 1, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. at the South San Francisco Conference Center.

Parks and Recreation Director Mediati invited the community to attend the Cultural Arts Commission's upcoming art show, *What Is Love?*, scheduled for Friday, February 6, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Saturday, February 7, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Executive Assistant Patea invited the community to attend Vice Mayor Nagales' Westborough Neighborhood Town Hall on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Alice Bulos Center.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation recognizing January as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month (Mark Addiego, Mayor)

Mayor Addiego recognized January as Human Trafficking Prevention Month and welcomed Rose Mukhar, founder of Justice at Last, to receive the proclamation, presented by Councilmember Nicolas. Rose Mukhar accepted the proclamation and spoke about Justice at Last's mission and vision. Police Lieutenant Serrati then addressed the Council regarding the Department's human trafficking prevention efforts.

COUNCIL COMMENTS/REQUESTS

Vice Mayor Nagales thanked the Council and staff for a successful workshop and highlighted the City's priorities for the year. He noted his participation with the Buri-Buri Fil-Am Senior Association and invited the community to attend his upcoming annual town hall. He addressed recent federal immigration enforcement actions that resulted in the deaths of Renee Good and Alex Pretti, emphasizing the impact on communities, expressing concern for the fear and anxiety such events create, and reaffirming South San Francisco's commitment to being a welcoming city that values dignity, compassion, human rights, and due process.

Councilmember Nicolas expressed solidarity with previous remarks. She commended the Public Library staff for securing rights to screen the musical *Hamilton* at the Council Chambers and acknowledged the South San Francisco Chamber Mixer at Thai Satay, as well as the sold-out Kiwanis Club crab feed at the Elks Lodge, congratulating organizers and participants. She requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Roman Macapinlac Reyes.

Councilmember Coleman requested a moment of silence for the nine individuals killed thus far in 2026 by ICE, including Alex Pretti and Renee Goode, as well as Keith Porter, Heber Sanchez Dominguez, Victor Manuel Diaz, Luis Beltran Yanez Cruz, Luis Gustavo Nunez Caceres, and Geraldo Lunas Campos. He highlighted the City's efforts to support the immigrant community and noted that other jurisdictions have looked to South San Francisco as a model. He emphasized the importance of keeping families together and proposed that the Council consider agendaing an item at the February 4, 2026, meeting to restrict ICE from using city-owned property for

surveillance or staging, urging continued action to protect the community in light of increased immigration enforcement activity.

Councilmember Flores thanked the Council and staff for a successful and engaging workshop that set priorities and goals for the year. He reflected on recent events in Minneapolis, including the deaths of Alex Pretti and Renee Goode, highlighting the impact on immigrant communities and emphasizing the importance of standing against injustice, protecting families, and supporting immigrant rights. He noted the City's ongoing efforts and reaffirmed the Council's role in creating inclusive policies. He expressed hope and optimism, encouraging community engagement and participation in shaping local policies to uphold justice, democracy, and equity in South San Francisco.

Mayor Addiego expressed his support for considering an agenda item regarding ICE activity at the Special City Council meeting of February 4, 2026, if staff are prepared. He reflected on the fatal shooting of Minneapolis resident Renee Good, noting that South San Francisco police prioritize community safety and measured responses over risky pursuits. He then highlighted a recent successful apprehension by the South San Francisco Police Department and invited Captain Pinnell to report on it. Captain Pinnell described the arrest, and Mayor Addiego commended the department's approach and cited it as an example of effective and responsible policing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDA AND CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

The following individuals addressed the City Council:

- Sam Chetcuti
- Dolores Piper
- Cynthia Marcopulos
- Annie
- Fionnola

In response to a resident's concern regarding the location of the January 24, 2026, Council Workshop, Mayor Addiego stated that the venue was intentionally selected for its visibility and intimate setting. He noted that the environment allowed for direct engagement among Council members, fostered collaboration, and facilitated a better understanding of differing perspectives.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Assistant City Clerk Miranda duly read the Consent Calendar, after which the Council voted as follows. Items No. 6, 7, and 8 were pulled by Mayor Addiego for further discussion.

2. Motion to approve the Minutes from the meeting of January 14, 2026. (Office of the City Clerk)
3. Motion to accept the construction improvements of the Junipero Serra Boulevard Buffered Bike Lane Enhancement Project (Project No. tr2502, Bid No. 2703) as complete in accordance with plans and specifications at a Total Construction Cost of \$372,949.50. (Jeffrey Chou, Senior Civil Engineer)
4. Report regarding Resolution No. 03-2026 authorizing acceptance of grant funding from the San Mateo County Transportation Authority for Cycle 3 Transportation Demand

Management Program projects and creation of two capital improvement projects and associated Budget Amendment Number 26.045. (John Wilson, Associate Engineer)

5. Report regarding Resolution No. 04-2026 approving the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and other related Miscellaneous reports for Fiscal Year 2024-25. (Drew Corbett, Interim Finance Director)
6. Report regarding Resolution No. 05-2026 authorizing the acceptance of \$8,460.72 in funding from San Mateo County Registration and Elections Division to support an Early Vote Center at the Main Library, Library | Parks and Recreation Center, for the June 2, 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election and amending the Library Department's Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operating Budget via Budget Amendment Number 26.049. (Valerie Sommer, Library Director)
7. Report regarding Resolution No. 06-2026 accepting \$5,250 from the South San Francisco Friends of the Library to support Library collections, programs and services, amending the Library Department's Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operating Budget and approving Budget Amendment Number 26.053. (Valerie Sommer, Library Director)
8. Report regarding Resolution No. 07-2026 authorizing the acceptance of \$20,000 in grant funding from the Woodlawn Foundation to support Project Read's Learning Wheels Family Literacy Program, "Learning Wheels: The Mobile Community STEAM Classroom," and amending the Library Department's Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operating Budget and approving Budget Amendment Number 26.054 (Valerie Sommer, Library Director)

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individual addressed the City Council:

- *South San Francisco resident speaking on behalf of Luis Francisco Manzo*

Item No. 6: Library Director Sommer presented the report and noted the Early Vote Center would be open from May 4, 2026, through June 2, 2026, at the Library Parks and Recreation Center, second floor Community Room.

Item No. 7: Assistant Library Director Elsholz presented the report and shared the programs that will be supported by the Friends of the Library donations. He also shared the Friends of the Library are accepting volunteers and their next meeting will be held on Tuesday April 14, 2026, at the Library Parks and Recreation Center.

Item No. 8: Library Director Sommer presented the report and shared that Project Read received grant funding to support its Learning Wheels Family Literacy Program, which provides mobile literacy and STEAM activities, free books, and family learning resources to low-income families throughout North San Mateo County.

Motion – Councilmember Coleman/Second – Councilmember Nicolas: To approve Consent Calendar Items 2-8, by roll call vote: AYES: Councilmembers Coleman, Flores, and Nicolas, Vice Mayor Nagales, and Mayor Addiego; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

9. Report regarding Resolution No. 08-2026 awarding a construction contract to W. Bradley Electric, LLC of Novato, California for the Signalized Intersection Battery Backup Citywide project in an amount not to exceed \$1,251,407, authorizing a total construction contract authority budget of \$1,501,407 and execution of the agreement. (John Wilson, Senior Civil Engineer)

Senior Civil Engineer Wilson presented the report and confirmed following the completion of the project, all signals in South San Francisco will continue operating during power outages.

Motion – Councilmember Nicolas/Second – Councilmember Flores: To approve Resolution No. 08-2026 awarding a construction contract to W. Bradley Electric, LLC of Novato, California for the Signalized Intersection Battery Backup Citywide project in an amount not to exceed \$1,251,407, authorizing a total construction contract authority budget of \$1,501,407 and execution of the agreement, by roll call vote: AYES: Councilmembers Coleman, Flores, and Nicolas, Vice Mayor Nagales and Mayor Addiego; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None.

10. Report regarding Resolution No. 09-2026 approving Budget Amendment Number 26.050 and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for a professional services agreement in the amount of \$206,500 with Hello Housing to continue administering an Accessory Dwelling Unit Technical Services Program. (Adena Friedman, Chief Planner)

Chief Planner Friedman presented the report and introduced Jennifer Duffy, President of Hello Housing, who described the program’s work supporting homeowners through the ADU process.

The Council engaged in questions and discussed program details, highlighting its contribution to affordable housing in the City.

Motion – Councilmember Nagales/Second – Councilmember Coleman: To approve Resolution No. 09-2026 approving Budget Amendment Number 26.050 and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for a professional services agreement in the amount of \$206,500 with Hello Housing to continue administering an Accessory Dwelling Unit Technical Services Program, by roll call vote: AYES: Councilmembers Coleman, Flores, and Nicolas, Vice Mayor Nagales and Mayor Addiego; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL – COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Mayor Nagales noted that the BART Board of Directors will discuss its alternative budget on March 12, 2026, including potential station closures. He requested that staff monitor the situation, as the South San Francisco station closure could impact the community, and keep the Council informed.

Mayor Addiego shared concerns from community members about the DIY Black Panther Movement: Revolutionary Screen-printing event. He reflected on the historical context and events and expressed hope that the Library staff would provide opportunities for thoughtful discussion and balanced education.

CLOSED SESSION

Entered into Closed Session: 8:30 p.m.

- 11. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
 (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))
 Name of Case: Carlino, Ronald vs. City of South San Francisco
 (Worker’s Compensation Appeals Board Case Nos. ADJ19856946 and ADJ 1187542)
 Name of Case: Knittel, Timothy vs. City of South San Francisco
 (Worker’s Compensation Appeals Board Case Nos. ADJ18526456, ADJ17317788)
 (Sky Woodruff, City Attorney, Kyle Royer and Lauren Zalona, RTGR Law, and Leah Lockhart, Human Resources Director)

Resumed from Closed Session: 8:52 p.m.

Report out of Closed Session by Mayor Addiego: Direction given. No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Mayor Addiego adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:53 p.m.

**Adjourned in Memory of
Roman Macapinlac Reyes**

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Jazmine Miranda
Assistant City Clerk

Mark Addiego
Mayor

Approved by the City Council: _____ / _____ /2026

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