

City Council Minutes — July 14, 2026

Meeting	Regular meeting, Council Chambers, City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza
Present	Mayor Elena Ruiz, Vice Mayor Marcus Webb, Councilmembers Rosa Delgado, Tom Halvorsen, Grace Lindqvist
Absent	None
Staff	City Manager Andre Whitfield, City Attorney Mei Chen, City Clerk Priya Shah, Public Works Director Michael Bell, Police Chief Laura Brennan

1. Call to order and pledge

Mayor Ruiz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public comment on items not on the agenda

Six speakers. Topics: speeding on Granite Way (two speakers), the Riverbend Park restroom hours, the Harbor Way bike lane design, a request for more library weekend hours, and support for the farmers market expansion. The Mayor referred the Granite Way comments to staff.

3. Consent calendar

Items 3a through 3f were approved on one motion (Lindqvist / Halvorsen), 5-0: minutes of June 23, 2026; warrant register for June; treasurer's report for May; second reading of Ordinance 1186 (parking time limits on Station Avenue); award of the traffic signal maintenance contract; and acceptance of the Fire Station 2 roof project as complete.

4. Elm Street Sidewalk Repair Program (Resolution 2026-41)

Public Works Director Michael Bell presented the program: 3.2 miles of sidewalk on Elm Street and adjacent blocks, prioritized by trip-hazard survey, with the City absorbing the full cost rather than assessing adjacent owners. Two speakers supported. Moved by Delgado, seconded by Webb, to adopt Resolution 2026-41. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Short-term rental registration (Ordinance 1187), introduction

Staff presented a registration requirement, a 90-night annual cap for non-hosted rentals, and a three-strike revocation rule. Nine speakers: five in support, four opposed (three hosts and a property manager). Councilmember Halvorsen moved to introduce with the cap raised to 120 nights; the motion failed 2-3 (Halvorsen, Lindqvist in favor). Moved by Webb, seconded by Ruiz, to introduce as presented. Motion carried 4-1 (Halvorsen opposed). Second reading set for July 28, 2026.

6. Police use-of-force annual report, 2025

Chief Laura Brennan presented the annual report (filed separately). Received and filed; Councilmember Lindqvist requested that next year's report include a three-year trend. No action.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m. to the regular meeting of July 28, 2026.

Approved by the City Council on July 28, 2026. Video of the meeting is available on the City's meeting portal.

Priya Shah

City Clerk

Elena Ruiz

Mayor