

CITY OF ALISO VIEJO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
March 18, 2026, 7:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 12 Journey
Aliso Viejo, California

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Duncan called the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Aliso Viejo to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: MAYOR MAX DUNCAN
MAYOR PRO TEM MIKE MUNZING
COUNCILMEMBER GARRETT DWYER
COUNCILMEMBER TIM A. ZANDBERGEN

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER TIFFANY ACKLEY

STAFF PRESENT: ANN EIFERT, INTERIM CITY MANAGER/FINANCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR
SCOTT SMITH, CITY ATTORNEY
LAUREN TORRES, DEPUTY CITY CLERK
SHAUN PELLETIER, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
SO KIM, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
LIZZY MENDOZA, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER
ISAAC AZIZ, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER
SGT. JASON DURAN, ALISO VIEJO POLICE SERVICES
DIVISION FIRE CHIEF REID GIBSON

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Luca (local student) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

1.1 BUSINESS OF THE MONTH – BROWN SUGAR OAT BAR

Mayor Duncan introduced a video and presented a certificate of recognition to Sahar and Izel Zahir, co-owners of Brown Sugar Oat Bar, who provided a brief history of the business and expressed appreciation.

2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, REORDERING TO THE AGENDA:

None.

3. **COMMUNITY INPUT:**

1. Marie T. commented on affordable housing in Aliso Viejo.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Unless otherwise indicated below, the following pertains to all items on the Consent Calendar.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem moved and Councilmember Dwyer seconded to approve the recommended actions. (All excluding item 4. 4) Motion carried 4-0.

4.1 **WAIVE THE READING OF ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Recommended Action: Approve the reading by title only of all ordinances and resolutions wherein the titles appear on the public agenda; said titles shall be determined to have been read by title, and further reading is waived.

4.2 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes as submitted for the March 4, 2026, Regular Meeting.

4.3 **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Recommended Action: Ratify accounts payable checks and electronic funds transfers issued between February 13, 2026, and February 26, 2026, in the amount of \$198,754.24.

4.4 **TREASURER'S STATEMENT – JANUARY 2026**

Interim City Manager Ann Eifert introduced Community Development Director So Kim who provided an overview. Councilmember Zandbergen thanked staff for the overview.

Recommended Action:

- 1) Find that the action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5);
- 2) Receive and file the 2025 General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR); and
- 3) Direct Staff to submit the APR to the Governor's Office of Land Use & Climate Innovation (LCI) and the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)

Motion: Councilmember Zandbergen moved and Mayor Pro Tem Munzing seconded to approve the recommended action. Motion carried 4-0.

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None.

6. **DISCUSSION:**

6.1 **FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Interim City Manager Ann Eifert provided an overview. Staff responded to questions regarding; total surplus from 2024-25 fiscal year, sales tax revenue, Transient Occupancy Tax, local hotels, City investments and park in-lieu fees. Mayor Duncan opened for public comment and there were no requests to speak.

Recommended Action:

- 1) Receive and file the fiscal year (FY) 2025-26 financial update; and
- 2) Authorize the Finance Director to amend the FY 2025-26 Budget.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Munzing moved and Councilmember Zandbergen seconded to approve the recommended action. Motion carried 4-0.

6.2 **COUNCIL INITIATED ACTION ITEM: PUMP TRACK AD-HOC COMMITTEE UPDATE (MAYOR DUNCAN) – VERBAL PRESENTATION ONLY**

Mayor Max Duncan provided an update and introduced Orange County Mountain Bike Association (OCMTBA) President David Browning who provided additional information. Staff responded to questions regarding Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) sanctioned events, potential for City revenue, OCMTBA, track layout and design, e-bikes, and process for appropriation of City funds. Mayor Duncan opened for public comment and the following persons spoke:

1. Keval Shah expressed support for the pump track.

Recommended Action: Receive update on the activities of the Pump Track Ad-Hoc Committee, discuss next steps, and authorize further action as necessary.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Munzing moved and Councilmember Zandbergen seconded to receive update on the activities of the Pump Track Ad-Hoc Committee, discuss next steps, and authorize an appropriation of \$825,000 in park in-lieu fees for the project. Motion carried 4-0.

7. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Interim City Manager Ann Eifert announced the City's 25th Anniversary Logo Contest and encouraged residents under 18 to submit entries by April 22, 2026; American Red Cross Blood Drive to be held on Wednesday, April 8, from Noon to 6 p.m. at Aliso Viejo Ranch; and Movie Night featuring *Shrek* to be held at Aliso Viejo Ranch on Friday, April 17 at 6 p.m.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS / COUNCIL COMMENTS / COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

Councilmember Dwyer:

- Attended Nourishing Great Futures Market.
- Provided an update on the City Manager Recruitment Ad-Hoc Committee.
- Provided an update on the 25th Anniversary Celebration Ad-Hoc Committee.
- Attended Aliso Viejo Chamber of Commerce lunch event.
- Presented on financial literacy at Aliso Niguel High School.
- Encouraged residents to report any concerns regarding mosquitos, rodents, or pests to www.ocvector.org.

Councilmember Zandbergen:

- Attended Aliso Viejo Chamber of Commerce lunch event.
- Thanked fellow Councilmembers for leading ad-hoc committees.

Mayor Pro Tem Munzing:

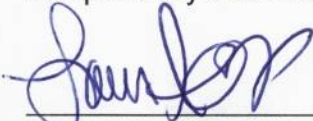
- Attended the Artisans Market at Aliso Viejo Ranch.
- Attended Aliso Viejo Chamber of Commerce lunch event.
- Attended OCFA Budget and Finance Committee Meeting.
- Attended OCFA Open House.

Mayor Duncan:

- Did not provide comments.

6. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Duncan adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting of April 1, 2026.

Respectfully submitted:



LAUREN TORRES
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Approved by:



MAX DUNCAN
MAYOR