

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
City Council of the Town of Colma
Town Hall Council Chamber
1198 El Camino Real , Colma CA

Wednesday, July 8, 2026
Regular Session - 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Slaughter called the meeting to order at 07:01 PM.

Council Present – Mayor Carrie Slaughter, Vice Mayor Helen Fisicaro, Council Member Joanne del Rosario, Council Member Thomas Walsh, Council Member Ken Gonzalez

Council Absent – None

Staff Present – City Manager Daniel Barros, City Attorney Christopher Diaz, Chief of Police John Munsey, Director of Planning and Public Works Brad Donohue, Administrative Services Director Nathan Bassett, City Planner Farhad Mortazavi, Recreation Services Manager Angelika Abellana, City Clerk Michelle Estabillo, Deputy City Clerk Abigail Dometita, and Recreation Coordinator Daisy Esquivias

Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mayor Slaughter announced that Item #4 - Public Hearing on El Camino Real Veterinary Conditional Use Permit and Design Review Permit has been withdrawn.

Action: A motion was made by Council Member Thomas Walsh, seconded by Council Member Joanne del Rosario, to adopt the agenda with the removal of Agenda Item #4.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:	Carrie Slaughter, Helen Fisicaro, Joanne del Rosario, Thomas Walsh, Ken Gonzalez
No:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None
Vote Result:	Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0

PRESENTATION

- Proclamation Recognizing July as Parks and Recreation Month

The Mayor read a proclamation recognizing July as Parks and Recreation Month and invited Recreation Services Manager Angelika Abellana and Recreation Coordinator Daisy Esquivias to the podium to accept it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments on the Consent Calendar and Non-Agenda Items will be heard at this time.
Comments on Agenda Items will be heard when the item is called.

There were no Public Comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Motion to Adopt a Resolution Approving and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Second Amendment to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Cooperation Agreement With the County of San Mateo for Federal Fiscal Years 2027, 2028, and 2029, and One Subsequent Three-Year Period Thereafter
2. Motion to Accept Information Report on Recreation Department Program, Activities, Events, and Trips for the Second Quarter of 2026
3. Motion to Adopt a Resolution Approving the Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Agreements with the California Department of Transportation for the Colma Boulevard Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Plan and Amending the Town's 2026-2027 Capital Improvement Plan Pursuant to CEQA Guideline 15306

There were no Public Comments.

Action: A motion was made by Council Member Ken Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Thomas Walsh, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:	Carrie Slaughter, Helen Fisicaro, Joanne del Rosario, Thomas Walsh, Ken Gonzalez
No:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None
Vote Result:	Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0

PUBLIC HEARING

4. **El Camino Real Veterinary Conditional Use Permit and Design Review Permit**
Consider: Motion to Adopt a Resolution Approving a Conditional Use Permit and Design Review Permit for a Specialized Veterinary Hospital at 1300 El Camino Real and Finding the Project Exempt from Environmental Review Pursuant to CEQA Guideline 15301

Item was withdrawn; no action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

5. **Flag Policy Discussion**
Consider: Discussion and Direction Regarding Councilmember Gonzalez's Request to Fly Police, Firefighter, and Military Flags in Lieu of the Town Flag at the Colma Community Center and/or Potentially Other Town Properties

City Manager Barros presented the staff report.

Public Comments were received from the following residents:

- John Goodwin (written comment)
- Laura Walsh (in-person comment)

Council discussion followed; City Attorney Diaz answered their questions.

Action: A motion was made by Council Member Ken Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Thomas Walsh, to fly 1 or more of the following flags during the corresponding recognition period to be determined at the location to be determined and amend the flag policy accordingly.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes:	Ken Gonzalez
No:	Carrie Slaughter, Helen Fisicaro, Thomas Walsh
Abstain:	Joanne del Rosario
Absent:	None
Vote Result:	Yes 1, No 3, Abstained 1

Mayor Slaughter called for another motion.

Action: A motion was made by Vice Mayor Helen Fisicaro, seconded by Council Member Thomas Walsh, to make no further changes to the list of flags that will be flown.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:	Carrie Slaughter, Helen Fisicaro, Joanne del Rosario, Thomas Walsh
No:	Ken Gonzalez
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None
Vote Result:	Yes 4, No 1, Abstained 0

REPORTS

Mayor/City Council

- The Mayor announced the July 22 and August 12 City Council meetings are cancelled. The next regular City Council meeting is on August 26, 2026.

Committee

- There were no reports.

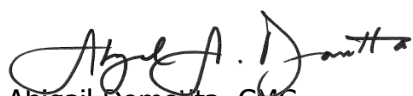
City Manager

- City Manager Barros reported the following:
 - California judge struck down regulations affecting non-tribal cardrooms, including Lucky Chances Casino, that would have banned certain games, allowing Lucky Chances to continue operating under its current business model.
 - Community Fair is this Saturday from 11-3pm at the Colma Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 07:32 PM in memory of Julieta G. Talisayon. Council Member Gonzalez also recognized that the day marked what would have been the 67th birthday of his late wife, former Council Member Rae Gonzalez.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abigail Dometta', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Abigail Dometta, CMC
Deputy City Clerk