



City of Sunnyvale

Excerpt Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

5:00 PM

Telepresence Meeting: City Web Stream |
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Special Meeting: Closed Session - 5 PM | Special Meeting: Study Session - 6 PM |
Regular Meeting - 7 PM

7 P.M. COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to Government Code Subdivision 54953(e), the meeting was conducted telephonically; pursuant to state law, the City Council made the necessary findings by adopting Resolution No. 1089-21, reaffirmed on April 5, 2022.

Mayor Klein called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. via teleconference.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Larry Klein
Vice Mayor Alysa Cisneros
Councilmember Gustav Larsson
Councilmember Glenn Hendricks
Councilmember Russ Melton
Councilmember Omar Din
Councilmember Anthony (Tony) Spitaleri

Mayor Klein, Vice Mayor Cisneros and all Councilmembers attended via teleconference.

- 4 [22-0029](#) Introduce an Ordinance Amending Sunnyvale Municipal Code Chapter 2.30 (Appointment Process to Fill Vacancies on the City Council) to Remove Ranked Choice Voting Provisions and add Tie-breaker Language; and Approve Amendments to Council Policy 7.3.15 (Appointment of Interim Councilmembers) to Remove Ranked Choice Voting Provisions

City Clerk David Carnahan provided the staff report.

Public Hearing opened at 10:29 p.m.

Richard Mehlinger proposed a two-step appointment process, first conducting a yes or abstain vote on each candidate (similar to the Board and Commission appointment process) followed by a motion to appoint one candidate. He also referenced a piece he wrote on the subject of Councilmember appointments.

Martin Pyne voiced support for removing the ranked choice voting procedure and suggested tie-breaker provisions could be weighted based on the number of Councilmembers supporting each candidate.

Public Hearing closed at 10:35 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Melton moved and Councilmember Din seconded the motion to direct staff to return to Council with options to update Sunnyvale Municipal Code Chapter 2.30 (Appointment Process to Fill Vacancies on the City Council) and Council Policy 7.3.15 (Appointment of Interim Councilmembers) including:

1. Remove ranked choice voting provisions;
2. Language incorporating that Council will vote on each candidate and if no candidate receives four affirmative votes, Council may continue with subsequent motions;
3. Language incorporating that four or more Councilmembers may vote to initiate an impasse-breaker process lead by the City Attorney;
4. At least three options of determining which candidates would be included in an impasse-breaker process; and
5. Options for signature gathering requirements for candidates.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Cisneros
Councilmember Larsson
Councilmember Hendricks
Councilmember Melton
Councilmember Din
Councilmember Spitaleri

No: 0

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Klein adjourned the meeting at 11:33 p.m.