



City of Sunnyvale

Excerpt Meeting Minutes - Draft Housing and Human Services Commission

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

7:00 PM

Online and City Hall,
Bay Conference Room,
456 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Duncan called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Bay Conference Room.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Chair Scott Duncan
Vice Chair Carol Weiss
Commissioner Morgan Friedlander
Commissioner Ken Hiremath
Commissioner Elizabeth Steward

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Jim Davis
Commissioner Leesa Riviere

Commissioner Davis' and Commissioner Riviere's absence is unexcused.
Council Liaison Sell (present)

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2 [24-0985](#) Biennial Review of Priority Needs for Human Services and Supplemental Human Services Funding Recommendations.

Housing Program Analyst, Matt Hazel, provided the staff report. Housing Officer Jenny Carloni and Matt H. answered questions from commissioners.

After some clarifying questions of staff, Chair Duncan opened the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Upwards Community Impact Manager, Melanie F. spoke on behalf of in-home daycare facilities in Sunnyvale. Melanie offered to collaborate with Sunnyvale staff to continue the prioritization of economic development and childcare in Sunnyvale.

Chair Duncan asked Melanie if the organization is receiving funding from the City.

Melanie stated that the organization is not currently partnered with the City and that the organization hopes to in the future.

Chief Community Resources Officer Pilar F. with Bill Wilson Center spoke in support of continuing to prioritize low income and special needs residents.

Sunnyvale Community Services (SCS) Executive Director Marie B. shared information on how SCS supports residents in the community. Marie B. shared current statistics on the population that SCS serves and noted that many of the families need food and housing assistance.

Chair Duncan asked and Marie B. clarified the SCS unduplicated clients statistics.

Erika Laguna, Director of Program Operations for Downtown Streets Teams shared information on the WorkFirst Sunnyvale Program.

Commissioner Friedlander asked if the program tracks the employment retention rates and Erika confirmed the program does.

Commissioner Steward asked and Erika clarified what barriers have been removed for clients who are in the program.

David H. with SCS shared information on a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funded program and spoke in support of the agenda item.

Rose G. with Helping Hands spoke about her experience with the unhoused in the Sunnyvale community.

Commissioner Steward asked Rose how she receives information from the unhoused.

Rose confirmed that she speaks directly with the unhoused by phone.

Shaunn C. spoke in favor of new funding for the unhoused community support. Shaunn recommended the continued support from the City for SCS.

Michelle S. attorney with Senior Adults Living Assistance (SALA) shared information about how the organization assists seniors within the community. She also spoke in support of the supplemental human services funding recommendations.

Samantha P. Grant Manager of Child Advocates of Silicon Valley shared information about the program and how they support and serve the youth in the community. Samantha P. spoke in favor of the supplemental human services funding.

Chair Duncan closed the public hearing at 8:02 p.m.

After a lengthy discussion and additional questions of staff, Chair Duncan asked for a motion.

MOTION: Commissioner Weiss moved and Commissioner Steward seconded the motion to approve Alternative 1 and Alternative 3 with modification of Alternative 1 to direct staff to adjust the General Fund appropriation for human services grants to \$150,000 for FY 2025/26 and FY 2026/27 to be included in the FY 2025/26 Recommended Budget; and increase the General Fund supplemental grant based on Consumer Price Index (CPI) every two years starting in FY 2027/28 from the base of \$150,000.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Duncan
Vice Chair Weiss
Commissioner Friedlander
Commissioner Hiremath
Commissioner Steward

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Davis
Commissioner Riviere