



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

7:00 PM

Online and Council Chambers, City Hall,
456 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Regular Meeting - 7 PM

7 P.M. COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klein called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Klein led the salute to the United States flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Mayor Larry Klein
Vice Mayor Linda Sell
Councilmember Alysa Cisneros
Councilmember Richard Mehlinger
Councilmember Charlsie Chang
Councilmember Eileen Le

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Murali Srinivasan

Councilmember Srinivasan's absence is excused.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

A [26-0200](#) Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

Mayor Klein spoke in recognition of Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

Elaine Ketell, Santa Clara County Human Trafficking Task Force, spoke in recognition of Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Vice Mayor Sell spoke in recognition of the Sunnyvale's Budget Team and the City receiving the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and announced the upcoming Sustainability Speaker Series webinar.

Otto Lee, Santa Clara County Supervisor, spoke in honor of Vice Mayor Sell for their service as Vice Mayor this past year.

Maggie, Sunnyvale Girl Scout Troop 60506, provided a presentation in support of the adoption of a dark sky ordinance.

Sara, Sunnyvale Girl Scout Troop 60506, continued the presentation.

Grace, Sunnyvale Girl Scout Troop 60506, continued the presentation.

Malena, Sunnyvale Girl Scout Troop 60506, continued the presentation.

Kayt, Sunnyvale Girl Scout Troop 60506, continued the presentation.

Sophia, Sunnyvale Girl Scout Troop 60506, continued the presentation.

Steve Scandalis provided a presentation that reviewed Sunnyvale City Council vacancy history.

John Kehoe shared an update regarding the Sunnyvale Baylands Park pollinator project.

Aileen Honess spoke to their support for prioritizing bicycle and pedestrian transportation improvements and shared their data collection concerns regarding Flock Safety cameras.

Kathy Besser proposed enacting an emergency evacuation go-bag project for residents.

Tara Martin-Milius, Sunnyvale Rotary Club, announced the annual Sunnyvale Rotary Club fundraiser.

Russ Melton, Chief Executive Officer, Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce, shared the upcoming Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce events: the Murphy Awards and

the Art and Wine Festival.

Rani Fischer, Environmental Action Committee Chair, Santa Clara Valley Bird Alliance, advocated for the adoption of a dark sky ordinance.

Andrew Gasperini shared their concerns with potential of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) operations taking place in Sunnyvale.

Sharlene Liu spoke in recognition of Vice Mayor Sell and advocated for funding Active Transportation Plan projects.

Zachary Kaufman commented on the proposed Moffett Park agenda item heard during the December 9, 2025, City Council meeting and referenced discrepancies they observed in the staff report.

Steve, Washington Park Neighborhood Association, shared their concerns with the proposed MidPen Housing Corporation development at 295 S. Mathilda Avenue and concerns with nitrous oxide sales at Sunnyvale smoke shops.

Uday, Washington Park Neighborhood Association, communicated concerns with the proposed MidPen Housing Corporation development at 295 S. Mathilda Avenue.

Marie Bernard, Executive Director, Sunnyvale Community Services, advocated for Council to focus on the strategic priority - Housing Solutions: A model to prevent homelessness, prioritize new housing and support the unhoused community.

Dashiell Leeds, Conservation Coordinator, Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter, advocated for the adoption of a dark sky ordinance.

City Council took a recess at 7:59 p.m. and returned at 8:05 p.m. with Mayor Klein, Vice Mayor Mehlinger, and Councilmembers Cisneros, Sell, Chang and Le present.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Public Comment opened at 8:05 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 8:05 p.m.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Sell moved and Councilmember Mehlinger seconded the motion to approve agenda items 1.A through 1.K.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Sell
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Mehlinger
Councilmember Chang
Councilmember Le

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Srinivasan

1.A [26-0132](#) Approve City Council Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2025

Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2025 as submitted.

1.B [26-0059](#) Approve City Council Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2025

Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2025 as submitted.

1.C [26-0106](#) Approve City Council Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2025

Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2025 as submitted.

1.D [26-0081](#) Approve the List(s) of Claims and Bills Approved for Payment
by the City Manager

Approve the list(s) of claims and bills.

1.E [26-0025](#) Modify Existing Purchase Agreements with Valley Oil Company
in the Amount of \$1,555,000 and Western States Oil Company
in the Amount of \$740,000 for Fuel (F26-201 & F26-203)

Take the following actions:

- Amend an existing Purchase Agreement (PA) with Valley Oil Company, increasing the PA amount from \$875,000 to \$1,555,000 for fuel;
- Amend an existing Purchase Agreement with Western States Oil Company, increasing the PA amount from \$400,000 to \$740,000 for fuel;
- Authorize the City Manager to extend the terms of each Purchase Agreement through January 11, 2027; and
- Authorize the City Manager to amend the new PA amounts, subject to available

budget, if pricing and service remain acceptable to the City.

- 1.F** [26-0185](#) Authorize the City Manager, or Designee, to Execute the Regulatory Agreement Between the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority (CAEATFA) and the City of Sunnyvale for Sales Tax Exemption on Qualified Recycling Equipment for the SMaRT Station® NextGen Project

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Regulatory Agreement between the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority (CAEATFA) and the City of Sunnyvale for sales tax exemption on qualified recycling equipment for the SMaRT Station NextGen Project.

- 1.G** [26-0116](#) Accept \$811,845 of the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Transportation Development Act Article 3 Grant Funds and Approve Budget Modification No. 7

Accept \$811,845 of the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Transportation Development Act Article 3 Grant Funds and approve Budget Modification No. 7 to appropriate to Project 835980 - Evelyn Avenue Multi-Use Trail Project.

- 1.H** [26-0002](#) Resolution Granting City Right of Way to the State of California for Use in the Mathilda Avenue/Highway 101/State Route 237 Interchange Project and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Quitclaim Deeds, a Common Use Agreement, and Associated Documents Necessary to Complete the Right of Way Grant

Adopt a Resolution Granting City Right of Way to the State of California for Use in the Mathilda Avenue/Highway 101/State Route 237 Interchange Project and authorizing the City Manager to execute quitclaim deeds and a Common Use Agreement in substantially the forms attached to the report and associated documents necessary to complete the right of way grant.

- 1.I** [26-0083](#) Approve Updates to Board/Commission Application Questions and Remove Demographic Information Questions

Approve updates to Board/Commission Application Questions as submitted including removal of Demographic Information Questions.

- 1.J** [26-0175](#) Appoint Diana Bautista, Brad De Young, and Avanish Sahai to the NOVA Workforce Board

Approve and appoint Diana Bautista, Brad De Young, and Avanish Sahai to the NOVA Workforce Board.

- 1.K** [26-0190](#) Adopt Ordinance No. 3250-25 Approving a Development Agreement Between the City of Sunnyvale and BEP Moffett Park LLC for the Development of Property at 333-385 Moffett Park Drive

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PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

- 2** [26-0091](#) Selection of Vice Mayor for a One-Year Term Effective January 13, 2026

City Clerk David Carnahan provided the staff report.

Mayor Klein opened the floor for nominations for Vice Mayor.

Public Hearing opened at 8:08 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Hearing closed at 8:08 p.m.

Vice Mayor Sell nominated Councilmember Mehlinger to serve as Vice Mayor. They accepted the nomination.

Mayor Klein invited the nominee to speak to their nomination.

Councilmember Mehlinger provided remarks.

Mayor Klein announced Councilmember Mehlinger was selected by general consent to serve as Vice Mayor for a one-year term effective January 13, 2026, expiring on the first regular meeting in January 2027.

- 3** [26-0092](#) Appoint Councilmembers to Intergovernmental Assignments; Ratify Appointments of Councilmembers Made by Outside Agencies; and Take Action to Modify, Create, or Terminate Council Subcommittees

Public Hearing opened at 8:11 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Hearing closed at 8:11 p.m.

1.a. Community Member Appointments

MOTION: Vice Mayor Mehlinger moved and Councilmember Le seconded the motion to appoint Leah Mehlman to the VTA - Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to a term expiring on 6/30/2026.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Mehlinger
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Sell
Councilmember Chang
Councilmember Le

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Srinivasan

1.b. Board and Commission Liaison Assignments

MOTION: Vice Mayor Mehlinger moved and Councilmember Chang seconded the motion to approve the Board and Commission liaison assignments with the following modifications:

- Mayor Klein to serve as liaison to the Arts Commission and Councilmember Cisneros to serve as liaison to the Parks and Recreation Commission for the second half of the year.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Mehlinger
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Sell
Councilmember Chang

Councilmember Le

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Srinivasan

1.c. Council Subcommittees – Standing Committees

Councilmembers expressed interests in appointment to the Community Event and Neighborhood Grant Distribution Subcommittee.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Mehlinger moved and Councilmember Sell seconded the motion to appoint Councilmember Srinivasan, Chang and Councilmember Le to the Community Event and Neighborhood Grant Distribution Subcommittee.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Mehlinger
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Sell
Councilmember Chang
Councilmember Le

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Srinivasan

1.d. Appointments to External IGR Agencies

Councilmembers expressed interests and preferences in appointments to external intergovernmental agencies.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Mehlinger moved and Councilmember Chang seconded the motion to approve the following appointments to external IGR agencies:

Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) & San Francisco Bay

Area Regional Water System Financing Authority (RFA): Vice Mayor Mehlinger
Santa Clara County Expressway Policy Advisory Board: Councilmember Le and
Councilmember Mehlinger as Alternate.

North Valley (NOVA) Job Training Consortium Workforce Board: Councilmember
Cisneros

Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Board (RAB): Mayor Klein

South Bay Salt Ponds Restoration: Councilmember Le

Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority (SVCEA): Mayor Klein and Councilmember
Srinivasan as Alternate.

Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Authority (SVRIA): Councilmember
Srinivasan

Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Board of Directors: Councilmember Sell

Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Policy Advisory Committee (PAC):

Councilmember Le and Councilmember Cisneros as Alternate.

Valley Water Commission: Councilmember Srinivasan and Councilmember Chang
as Alternate.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Mehlinger
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Sell
Councilmember Chang
Councilmember Le

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Srinivasan

MOTION: Vice Mayor Mehlinger moved and Councilmember Cisneros seconded the
motion to appoint Councilmember Le to the Association of Bay Area Governments
(ABAG) General Assembly and Councilmember Cisneros as Alternate.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Mehlinger

Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Sell
Councilmember Chang
Councilmember Le

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Srinivasan

MOTION: Vice Mayor Mehlinger moved and Councilmember Chang seconded the motion to appoint Councilmember Sell to the ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Mehlinger
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Sell
Councilmember Chang
Councilmember Le

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Srinivasan

2.b. Mayor Klein announced appointments outlined in 2.b. would be announced at a future Council meeting.

3.a. Appointments Made by Outside Agencies

MOTION: Vice Mayor Mehlinger moved and Councilmember Le seconded the motion to ratify outside agency appointments as shown in Attachment 1 to the report.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Mehlinger
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Sell
Councilmember Chang
Councilmember Le

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Srinivasan

City Council took a recess at 8:40 p.m. and returned at 8:45 p.m. with Mayor Klein, Vice Mayor Mehlinger, and Councilmembers Cisneros, Sell, Chang and Le present.

- 4 [26-0153](#) Approve Funding for Calendar Year 2026 Community Events and Neighborhood Grant Program

Recreation Services Manager Angela Chan provided the staff report and presentation.

Public Hearing opened at 8:56 p.m.

Russ Melton, Chief Executive Officer, Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce, spoke to the Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce application and advocated for a community events grant for the Art & Wine Festival.

Public Hearing closed at 8:59 p.m.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Mehlinger moved and Councilmember Le seconded the motion to approve Alternative 1: Approve funding levels outlined in the 2026 Recommended Funding Summary tables in Attachment 2 to the report.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Mehlinger
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Sell
Councilmember Chang

Councilmember Le

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Srinivasan

- 5 [26-0151](#) Approve a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Sunnyvale and the Communication Officers Association, and Adopt a Resolution for Paying and Reporting the Value of Employer Paid Member Contributions to the California Public Employees' Retirement System for Employees of the Communication Officers Association

Assistant City Manager and Interim Human Resources Director Sarah Johnson-Rios provided the staff report.

Public Hearing opened at 9:17 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Hearing closed at 9:17 p.m.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Mehlinger moved and Councilmember Sell seconded the motion to approve Alternative 1: Authorize the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Sunnyvale and the Communication Officers Association (Attachment 2 to the report), and adopt a Resolution for Paying and Reporting the Value of Employer Paid Member Contributions to the California Public Employees' Retirement System for Employees of the Communication Officers Association (Attachment 3 to the report).

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Mehlinger
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Sell
Councilmember Chang
Councilmember Le

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Srinivasan

6 [26-0047](#) Determine the 2026 Seating Arrangements for City Council

MOTION: Vice Mayor Mehlinger moved and Councilmember Sell seconded the motion to continue this agenda item to January 27, 2026.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Mehlinger
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Sell
Councilmember Chang
Councilmember Le

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Srinivasan

COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Councilmember Le provided a Valley Transportation Agency Board update on the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) extension and various housing projects.

Mayor Klein spoke to the Cities Association of Santa Clara County achievements in 2025 and to the end of their term as President of the Association.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

-Council

Councilmember Le shared Sunnyvale resident Gail Rubino won the Community Service Award from Assembly Member Patrick Ahrens.

-City Manager

City Manager Tim Kirby spoke to the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Constituent Relationship Management (CRM) System Naming, information regarding the Council Priority Projects, and supportive comments on Senate Bill (SB)722 - Transit-oriented housing development: excluded parcels and sites.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

- [26-0066](#) Tentative Council Meeting Agenda Calendar
- [26-0067](#) Board/Commission Meeting Minutes
- [26-0079](#) Council Advocacy Letters
- [26-0110](#) Mayoral Announcement of Mayor-Appointed Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Constituent Relationship Management (CRM) System Naming

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Klein adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.