



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes Sustainability Commission

Monday, May 18, 2026

7:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nabhan called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Redwood Conference Room (Room 140) at City Hall.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Nabhan led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Chair Jeffery Nabhan
Vice Chair Kristina Pistone
Commissioner Madeline Chang
Commissioner Colin Ford
Commissioner Cortney Jansen
Commissioner Douglas Kunz
Commissioner Richard Parenteau

Council Liaison - Councilmember Cisneros (present)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Nabhan opened oral communications at 7:05 p.m.

Chair Nabhan announced the City's Community Equity Assessment effort, which seeks resident feedback on experiences with city programs and services to help improve access, reduce barriers, and create more welcoming services.

Chair Nabhan closed oral communications at 7:07 p.m.

STUDY SESSION

[26-0509](#)

Overview of the Draft 2025 Urban Water Master Plan (UWMP) and Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP)

Mansour Nasser, Interim Director of Environmental Services, and Winola Cheong, Deputy Director of Environmental Services - Water Distribution/Sewer Collection, provided an update on the Draft 2025 Urban Water Master Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan. Commissioners asked questions, and staff provided answers.

Chair Nabhan opened public comment at 7:51 p.m.

AJ discussed the potential for future customer water-use reporting if the City implements an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) program. AJ highlighted critical water safety strategies, including monitoring wastewater for disease and ensuring untreated well water undergoes proper treatment before entering the potable system. Finally, AJ recommended stormwater recharge for groundwater management and noted how Sunnyvale's shift from an agricultural to a service-based economy has changed local water consumption.

Chair Nabhan closed public comment at 7:55 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

[26-0527](#) Approve the Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2026

Chair Nabhan opened public comment at 7:55 p.m.

No public comment.

Chair Nabhan closed public comment at 7:56 p.m.

Commissioner Parenteau moved, and Commissioner Ford seconded, a motion to approve the consent calendar.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Nabhan
Vice Chair Pistone
Commissioner Chang
Commissioner Ford
Commissioner Jansen
Commissioner Kunz
Commissioner Parenteau

No: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

[26-0528](#)

Annual Review of City Manager's Recommended Budget
Full budget available online at:
Sunnyvale.ca.gov/your-government/governance/city-budget

Staff addressed comments and questions from the Commissioners on the City Manager's FY 2026/27 Recommended Budget (Recommended Budget), highlighting operations and service changes in Volume 1 - Summary and Operating Budget. The Commission discussed the Recommended Budget and asked clarification questions of staff.

Chair Nabhan opened the Public Hearing at 8:48 p.m.

No public comment.

Chair Nabhan closed the Public Hearing at 8:49 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Parenteau moved, and Commissioner Chang seconded, a motion to provide the following recommendations on the City Manager's Recommended Budget for FY 2026/27 to City Council, and to nominate Chair Nabhan to convey these recommendations to City Council verbally and in writing:

- Support Budget Supplement 1 Items, DPS 2026-13 – Reinventing and Revitalizing Sunnyvale's Safe Routes to School Program and DPW 2026-4 – Clearing the Sidewalk Maintenance Backlog

- Maintain and enhance sustainable library activities:

- Encourage expansion of sustainable library activities to the Lakewood Library

- Request sustainable librarian position be considered for another term/long term position

- Update CPP OCM 2026-1 – Support Neighborhood-Serving Retail in Sunnyvale to include an objective to evaluate the impacts on Climate Action Playbook goals

- Support Budget Supplement 2, Item 2B.1 – supporting implementation of street tree repopulation with equity lens

- Expand outreach to community college and high school students with the goal of increasing participation in:
 - Safe Routes to School Working Group through the inclusion of student representatives (CPP 2026-13)

 - Advisory Committees (CPP 2026-11)

- Consider expansion of the Sunnyvale Citywide Microtransit Service to include transportation to and from local community colleges

- Rephrase “using computer assistance” within CPP CDD 2026-22 – Streamlining the Permitting Process to ensure the goal of removing AI is achieved and clarify the intent

- Do not support Budget Supplement 2, Item 2A.1: Remove 1 FTE Parks Worker 1

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Nabhan
Vice Chair Pistone
Commissioner Chang
Commissioner Ford
Commissioner Jansen
Commissioner Kunz
Commissioner Parenteau

No: 0

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Jansen recently checked out the Sunnyvale Reusable Party Pack for a gathering and praised staff for their responsiveness and great service. Commissioner Jansen suggested adding small salad plates to the inventory. Commissioner Jansen also recommended leaving a pack at the Columbia Neighborhood Center to reduce vehicle miles traveled for pick-ups. Additionally, Commissioner Jansen shared her experience riding in a Waymo vehicle.

Commissioner Parenteau thanked Commissioner Jansen for sharing her

experience using the reusable party pack and noted interest in using it soon.

Commissioner Ford highlighted the Silicon Valley Bike Coalition's Bike to Wherever Day on May 14th, and encouraged the community to track their cycling miles throughout May. Commissioner Ford noted that city staff tabling at the Sunnyvale Caltrain station were gathering input on which section of the East Channel Trail should be built first. Commissioner Ford requested to see those results when available.

Councilmember Cisneros thanked staff and commissioners for their detailed and thoughtful discussion during budget season. Councilmember Cisneros shared appreciation for the library's sustainability initiatives. Councilmember Cisneros also highlighted their positive experience at the library's sewing lab, and commended it as an excellent, accessible space for clothing repair and DIY projects.

-Staff Comments

Christina Raby, Environmental Engineering Coordinator, reported on previous and upcoming events.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

[26-0529](#)

Updated Annual Work Plan May 2026

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.