



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

5:30 PM

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

Special Meeting: Closed Session - 5:30 PM | Regular Meeting - 7 PM

5:30 P.M. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING (Closed Session)

Call to Order

Vice Mayor Mehlinger called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Mayor Larry Klein
Vice Mayor Richard Mehlinger
Councilmember Alysa Cisneros
Councilmember Murali Srinivasan
Councilmember Linda Sell
Councilmember Charlsie Chang
Councilmember Eileen Le

Councilmember Le joined the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

Mayor Klein participated via teleconference under the "Just Cause" provision of California Government Code Section 54953.8.3(c)(4).

Public Comment

Public Comment opened at 5:33 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 5:33 p.m.

Convene to Closed Session

Council convened to Closed Session in the Council Conference Room at 5:34 p.m.

A [26-0324](#) Closed Session Held Pursuant to California Government Code
Section 54956.9: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL
COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION (Paragraph (1) of

Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9); Discussion and Potential Action to Authorize Filing an Appeal to the California Court of Appeal; Name of Case: 1230 Oakmead Parkway, LLC. v. City of Sunnyvale, Santa Clara County Superior Court Case Number: 25CV457580

- B** [26-0221](#) Closed Session Held Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6:
CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
Agency Designated Representatives: Sarah Johnson-Rios,
Interim Director of Human Resources
Employee Organization: Sunnyvale Employees' Association (SEA)/IFPTE Local 21 and Service Employees International Union (SEIU)

Adjourn Special Meeting

Vice Mayor Mehlinger adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

7 P.M. COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Mehlinger called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Vice Mayor Mehlinger led the salute to the United States flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Larry Klein
Vice Mayor Richard Mehlinger
Councilmember Alysa Cisneros
Councilmember Murali Srinivasan
Councilmember Linda Sell
Councilmember Charlsie Chang
Councilmember Eileen Le

Mayor Klein participated via teleconference under the "Just Cause" provision of California Government Code Section 54953.8.3(c)(4).

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Vice Mayor Mehlinger Closed Session Held Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9: reported that Council met in CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION (Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9); Discussion and Potential Action to Authorize Filing an Appeal to the California Court of Appeal; Name of Case: 1230 Oakmead Parkway, LLC. v. City of Sunnyvale, Santa Clara County Superior Court Case Number: 25CV457580; direction was given to file an appeal of the trial court decision.

Vice Mayor Mehlinger reported that Council met in Closed Session Held Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS Agency Designated Representatives: Sarah Johnson Rios, Interim Director of Human Resources Employee Organization: Sunnyvale Employees' Association (SEA)/IFPTE Local 21 and Service Employees International Union (SEIU); nothing to report.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

C [26-0273](#) International Transgender Day of Visibility

Vice Mayor Richard Mehlinger spoke in recognition of International Transgender Day of Visibility.

Heritage Preservation Commissioner Aaron Sofaer spoke in recognition of International Transgender Day of Visibility.

Crystal Haney, Community Outreach Specialist, Santa Clara County Office of LGBTQ Affairs, spoke in recognition of International Transgender Day of Visibility.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Vice Mayor Mehlinger presented a proclamation in honor of American Red Cross

Ruxandra Muys, American Red Cross, spoke in recognition of American Red Cross Month and presented the City with a historical American Red Cross pin.

Councilmember Cisneros announced the Sustainability Speaker Series Webinar, Board and Commission Recruitment, 2026 Community Event and Neighborhood Grant Program, and the Earth Day Festival.

Tha-an Lin spoke in recognition of International Transgender Day of Visibility.

Russ Melton, Chief Executive Officer, Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce, spoke to the past and upcoming Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce events.

Aarav Iyer, Vice President, Indigenous Justice Coalition, asked the City Council to write a letter of support for the Muwekma Ohlone indigenous tribe's efforts to be federally recognized.

David Alex, Indigenous Justice Coalition, advocated for the City Council to write a letter of support for the Muwekma Ohlone indigenous tribe's efforts to be federally recognized.

Micah Chiang, Indigenous Justice Coalition, asked the City Council to write a letter of support for the Muwekma Ohlone indigenous tribe's efforts to be federally recognized.

Sangth Krishna, Indigenous Justice Coalition, advocated for the City Council to write a letter of support for the Muwekma Ohlone indigenous tribe's efforts to be federally recognized.

Carlene, Bay Area Cats, advocated for Council to consider supporting Bay Area Cats in the upcoming budget cycle.

Stephen Meier shared information about the 250th year anniversary of the Anza Expedition's arrival in the San Francisco Bay Area.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Public Comment opened at 7:55 p.m.

Afsaneh Jabbar requested agenda item 1.B be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

Public Comment closed at 7:56 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Srinivasan moved and Mayor Klein seconded the motion to approve agenda items 1.A and 1.C. through 1.J.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Mehlinger
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Srinivasan
Councilmember Sell
Councilmember Chang
Councilmember Le

No: 0

1.A [26-0140](#) Approve the List(s) of Claims and Bills Approved for Payment by the City Manager

Approve the list(s) of claims and bills.

1.B [26-0303](#) Approve a \$90,000 Increase in the Construction Contingency for the Construction Contract with Vellutini Corporation DBA Royal Electric Company for the SMaRT Station NexGen Electrical Upgrade Project (F26-321)

Public Hearing opened at 7:58 p.m.

Afsaneh Jabbar shared their questions and concerns regarding the proposed contract.

Public Hearing closed at 8:00 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Sell moved and Councilmember Srinivasan seconded the motion to approve a \$90,000 increase in the construction contingency for the construction contract with Vellutini Corporation DBA Royal Electric Company for the SMaRT Station NexGen Electrical Upgrade project, for a not to exceed contract amount of \$885,708.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Mehlinger
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Srinivasan
Councilmember Sell
Councilmember Chang
Councilmember Le

No: 0

- 1.C** [26-0325](#) Modify an Existing Purchase Agreement with the California Department of Technology for the Purchase of Microsoft Online Subscription Services, Increasing the Amount from \$2,234,910 to a new Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$2,251,724.05, and Award a new Five-Year Purchase Agreement with the California Department of Technology for the Purchase of Microsoft Online Subscription Services for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$5,428,038.70 (F26-318 & F26-362)

Take the following actions:

- Modify an existing Purchase Agreement (PA) with the California Department of Technology for Microsoft online subscription services, increasing the amount from \$2,234,910 to a new not-to-exceed amount of \$2,251,724.05 to cover licensing requirements for the remaining PA term set to expire on March 31, 2026;
- Award a new five-year agreement with the California Department of Technology for the purchase of Microsoft Online Subscription Services in the amount of \$4,934,581.70; and
- Approve a 10% contingency in the amount of \$493,458 to accommodate additional license needs for new staff and to purchase other required license types through this agreement.

- 1.D** [26-0258](#) Authorize the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Safeware, Inc. in an Amount Not-to Exceed \$458,078.96 for one (1) Lenco BearCat Vehicle (F26-317)

Authorize the issuance of a Purchase Order in the amount of \$458,078.96 (including tires, delivery fees, and applicable sales tax) for one (1) Lenco BearCat Vehicle to Safeware, Inc. of Lanham, MD; and approve a 10% contingency in the amount of \$45,808.

- 1.E** [26-0247](#) Approve the First Amendment to the Services Agreement with Goats R Us to Increase the Not-to-Exceed Amount to \$345,000 and Extend the Term Through February 8, 2027 (F26-244)

Take the following actions:

- Approve First Amendment to the Services Agreement with Goats R Us, increasing the contract by \$115,000 for a new not-to-exceed total of \$345,000 and extending the contract through February 8, 2027;
- Authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment when all necessary conditions have been met;

- Authorize the City Manager to increase compensation subject to budget appropriation and pricing/service acceptability; and
- Authorize the City Manager to execute the remaining two optional one-year extensions through February 2029 at the latest.

1.F [26-0004](#) Accept Housing Incentive Pool (HIP) Program Grant Funds, Approve Budget Modification No. 13 to Appropriate \$1,000,000 in Housing Incentive Pool Program Funds to Install Sidewalks on Poplar Avenue, Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Grant Agreement and Related Documents, and Find that the Project is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the CEQA Guidelines

Accept Housing Incentive Pool (HIP) Program Grant Funds, approve Budget Modification No. 13 to appropriate \$1,000,000 in Housing Incentive Pool Program Funds for the Install Sidewalk on Poplar Avenue Project, authorize the City Manager to execute a grant agreement and any other related documents necessary to implement the grant award, and find that the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the CEQA Guidelines.

1.G [26-0068](#) Adopt a Resolution Amending the City of Sunnyvale Local Conflict of Interest Code

Adopt a Resolution amending the City of Sunnyvale Local Conflict of Interest Code.

1.H [26-0265](#) Approve the Downtown Sunnyvale Business Improvement District (BID) Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2025/26 and Adopt Resolution of Intention to Levy and Collect an Annual Assessment to Reauthorize the BID for Fiscal Year 2026/27

Approve the Fiscal Year 2025/26 BID Annual Report, adopt a Resolution of Intention to Levy and Collect an Assessment and Reauthorize the Business Improvement District for Fiscal Year 2026/27, and schedule the public hearing for May 5, 2026.

1.I [26-0382](#) Update the 2026 Seating Arrangements for City Council

Update the City Council seating arrangements for 2026 as shown in Attachment 2 to the report.

1.J [26-0364](#) Adopt Ordinance No. 3251-26 to Amend Chapter 20.10 (Certified Unified Program Agency Program Administration) of Title 20 (Hazardous Materials) of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code

Adopt Ordinance No. 3251-26 to amend Chapter 20.10 (Certified Unified Program Agency Program Administration) of Title 20 (Hazardous Materials) of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code.

City Council took a recess at 8:02 p.m. and reconvened at 8:09 p.m. with all Councilmembers present with Mayor Klein participating via teleconference.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2 [26-0075](#) Approve the 2025 Housing Element Annual Progress Report
Housing Specialist Ryan Dyson provided the staff report and presentation.

Public Hearing opened at 8:42 p.m.

Himanshu Sethi spoke to unbalanced development centered in north Sunnyvale and the need to address the lack of development of community serving businesses in north Sunnyvale.

Marie Bernard, Executive Director, Sunnyvale Community Services, advocated for Sunnyvale to continue progress in building affordable housing.

Public Hearing closed at 8:48 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Cisneros moved and Councilmember Sell seconded the motion to approve Alternative 1: Approve the 2025 Housing Element Annual Progress Report and direct staff to submit it to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Mehlinger
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Srinivasan
Councilmember Sell
Councilmember Chang
Councilmember Le

No: 0

City Council took a recess at 9:25 p.m. and reconvened at 9:30 p.m. with all Councilmembers present and Mayor Klein participating via teleconference.

- 3** [26-0259](#) Review, Discussion and Potential Action to Adopt Council Policy 7.3.31 Council Action on Matters Outside Its Subject Matter Jurisdiction, and Amend or Delete Selected Policies in the Council Policy Manual

City Manager Tim Kirby provided the staff report and presentation.

Public Hearing opened at 9:33 p.m.

Zachary Kaufman shared comments and offered suggestions on the proposed Council Policy modifications.

Public Hearing closed at 9:35 p.m.

MOTION: Mayor Klein moved and Councilmember Chang seconded the motion to approve Alternatives 1 through 8:

1. Approve adoption of Council Policy 7.3.31 Council Action on Matters Outside Its Subject Matter Jurisdiction;
2. Approve amendment of Council Policy 5.1.1 Socio-Economic - Goals and Policies;
3. Approve amendment of Council Policy 7.3.11 Seating Arrangements/City Council;
4. Approve amendment of Council Policy 7.4.1 Provision of Staff/Administrative Support to Councilmembers;
5. Approve deletion of Council Policy 3.2.2 Reusable Diapers;
6. Approve deletion of Council Policy 3.7.2 Reduction of Carbon Dioxide Emissions from City Operations;
7. Approve deletion of Council Policy 7.3.7 Standard Conflict of Interest Code; and
8. Approve deletion of Council Policy 7.3.8 Postings of Agendas and Procedure for Confirming Proper Posting and Notice of Meetings.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Mehlinger
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Srinivasan
Councilmember Sell
Councilmember Chang
Councilmember Le

No: 0

COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Councilmember Sell reported on a Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority workshop and plans to improve the bus network. They also reported on a recent Bay Area Air Quality Management District board meeting and that they will be attending the League of California Cities National Congressional City Conference.

Councilmember Srinivasan announced their appointment as chair of the Silicon Valley Clean Energy Finance and Admin Committee.

Mayor Klein shared they will be presenting at the Civic I/O Mayors' Summit at SXSW (South by Southwest).

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

-Council

D [26-0370](#) Colleagues Memorandum: Prohibiting the Use of City Properties for Civil Immigration Enforcement Purposes and Related Policies to Provide Resources for City Property Owners, Businesses and Residents

MOTION TO AGENDIZE: Councilmember Cisneros moved and Councilmember Le seconded the motion agenzize the Colleagues Memorandum: Prohibiting the Use of City Properties for Civil Immigration Enforcement Purposes and Related Policies to Provide Resources for City Property Owners, Businesses and Residents as soon as practical and no later than June 1, 2026.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Mehlinger
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Srinivasan
Councilmember Sell
Councilmember Chang
Councilmember Le

No: 0

-City Manager

None.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

- [26-0096](#) Tentative Council Meeting Agenda Calendar
- [26-0097](#) Board/Commission Meeting Minutes
- [26-0198](#) Boards and Commissions Annual Attendance Report, July to December 2025 (Information Only)

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Mehlinger adjourned the meeting at 9:49 p.m.