



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

6:00 PM

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

Special Meeting: Board and Commission Appointments - 6 PM

6 P.M. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING (Board and Commission Appointments)

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klein called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Larry Klein
Vice Mayor Murali Srinivasan
Councilmember Russ Melton
Councilmember Alysa Cisneros
Councilmember Omar Din
Councilmember Richard Mehlinger
Councilmember Linda Sell

Councilmember Din participated in the meeting via teleconference.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

1 [24-0690](#) CONTINUED FROM MAY 21, 2024
Appoint Applicants to the Arts Commission, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission, Board of Library Trustees, Heritage Preservation Commission, Housing and Human Services Commission, Human Relations Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Personnel Board, Planning Commission and Sustainability Commission

City Clerk David Carnahan provided the staff report.

Public Hearing opened at 6:08 p.m.

Andi Brewster shared their hope to make the world a better place.

Peggy Shen Brewster shared their advocacy for Council to appoint Geeta Gollakota to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Public Hearing closed at 6:13 p.m.

City Clerk David Carnahan distributed the paper voting ballots, tallied the votes and reported the results as follows:

Arts Commission (1 vacancy)

Kathryn Besser (only preference)

Vote: 3-0-4 (Abstentions by Councilmembers Melton, Cisneros, Din and Mehlinger)

Kathryn Filley (only preference) – Incumbent

Vote: 7-0-0

Charles McMannis (9th preference)

Vote: 0-0-7 (Abstentions by all Councilmembers)

Michelle Wu (only preference)

Vote: 2-0-5 (Abstentions by Mayor Klein, Vice Mayor Srinivasan, and Councilmembers Cisneros, Mehlinger and Sell)

Atee Zolghadr (1st preference)

Vote: 0-0-7 (Abstentions by all Councilmembers)

Kathryn Filley was appointed to the Arts Commission to serve a term expiring 6/30/2028.

Housing And Human Services Commission (2 vacancies)

Scott Duncan (only preference) – Incumbent

Vote: 7-0-0

Morgan Friedlander (only preference)

Vote: 7-0-0

Charles McMannis (6th preference)

Vote: 0-0-7 (Abstentions by all Councilmembers)

Ravi Nayarana (1st preference)

Vote: 2-0-5 (Abstentions by Mayor Klein and Councilmembers Cisneros, Din, Mehlinger and Sell)

Scott Duncan and Morgan Friedlander were appointed to the Housing and Human Services Commission to serve terms expiring 6/30/2028.

Human Relations Commission (2 vacancies)

Delia Ayala (Category One - only preference)

Vote: 0-0-7 (Abstentions by all Councilmembers)

Nili Helman-Caspi (Category One - only preference)

Vote: 2-0-5 (Abstentions by Mayor Klein, Vice Mayor Srinivasan, and Councilmembers Melton, Cisneros and Sell)

Charles McMannis (Category One - 5th preference)

Vote: 0-0-7 (Abstentions by all Councilmembers)

Jaqueline Martinez (Category One - only preference)

Vote: 0-0-7 (Abstentions by all Councilmembers)

Venkata Ramisetty (Category One - only preference) – Incumbent

Vote: 7-0-0

Esther Rosenfeld (Category One - 1st preference)

Vote: 5-0-2 (Abstentions by Councilmembers Din and Mehlinger)

Marcos Sandoval Barajas (Category One - only preference)

Vote: 1-0-6 (Abstentions by Mayor Klein and Councilmembers Melton, Cisneros, Din, Mehlinger and Sell)

Yuriana Valencia Landa (Category One - only preference)

Vote: 4-0-3 (Abstentions by Vice Mayor Srinivasan, and Councilmembers Melton and Sell)

MOTION: Councilmember Din moved and Councilmember Melton seconded the motion to appoint Venkata Ramisetty to the Human Relations term expiring on 6/30/2028.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Srinivasan
Councilmember Melton
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Din
Councilmember Mehlinger
Councilmember Sell

No: 0

Venkata Ramisetty was appointed to the Human Relations Commission to serve a term ending 6/30/2028.

Esther Rosenfeld was appointed to the Human Relations Commission to serve a term ending 6/30/2026.

City Council took a recess at 6:58 p.m. and returned at 7:05 p.m. with all Councilmembers present; Councilmember Din participated via teleconference.

Personnel Board (2 vacancies)

Carmel Johnson (1st preference)

Vote: 7-0-0

Charles McMannis (10th preference)

Vote: 0-0-7 (Abstentions by all Councilmembers)

MOTION: Councilmember Din moved and Councilmember Melton seconded the motion to appoint Carmel Johnson to the Personnel Board term expiring on 6/30/2028.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Srinivasan
Councilmember Melton
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Din
Councilmember Mehlinger
Councilmember Sell

No: 0

Carmel Johnson was appointed to the Personnel Board to serve a term ending 6/30/2028.

Heritage Preservation Commission (2 vacancies)

Charles McMannis (8th preference)

Vote: 7-0-0

Charles McMannis was appointed to the Heritage Preservation Commission to serve a term expiring 6/30/2028.

Parks and Recreation Commission (1 vacancy)

Daniel Bremond (only preference) – Incumbent

Vote: 7-0-0

Daryl Danielski (only preference)

Vote: 1-0-6 (Abstentions by Vice Mayor Srinivasan, and Councilmembers Melton, Cisneros, Din, Mehlinger and Sell)

Sergio Figueroa (only preference)

Vote: 0-0-7 (Abstentions by all Councilmembers)

Geeta Gollakota (1st preference)

Vote: 4-0-3 (Abstentions by Councilmembers Melton, Din and Mehlinger)

Cortney Jansen (1st preference)

Vote: 1-0-6 (Abstentions by Mayor Klein, Vice Mayor Srinivasan, and Councilmembers Melton, Cisneros, Mehlinger and Sell)

Ravi Narayana (2nd preference)

Vote: 0-0-7 (Abstentions by all Councilmembers)

Atee Zolghadr (2nd preference)

Vote: 0-0-7 (Abstentions by all Councilmembers)

Daniel Bremond was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission to serve a term expiring 6/30/2028.

Planning Commission (2 vacancies)

Chris Figone (only preference)

Vote: 7-0-0

David Hohmann (only preference)

Vote: 5-0-2 (Abstentions by Councilmembers Cisneros and Mehlinger)

Gopalachary Ramachandran (1st preference)

Vote: 0-0-7 (Abstentions by all Councilmembers)

Parthiv Rawal (1st preference)

Vote: 0-0-7 (Abstentions by all Councilmembers)

Ilan Sigura (only preference)

Vote: 6-0-1 (Abstention by Councilmember Din)

Chris Figone and Ilan Sigura were appointed to the Planning Commission to serve terms ending 6/30/2028.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission - Category 1 or 2 (2 vacancies)

Geeta Gollakota (Category Two - 2nd preference)

Vote: 5-0-2 (Abstentions by Mayor Klein and Councilmember Sell)

Sharlene Liu (Category One - only preference) – Incumbent

Vote: 3-0-4 (Abstentions by Councilmembers Melton, Cisneros, Din and Mehlinger)

Tamir Ram (Category One - only preference)

Vote: 0-0-7 (Abstentions by all Councilmembers)

Parthiv Rawal (Category One - 2nd preference)

Vote: 0-0-7 (Abstentions by all Councilmembers)

James Van Pernis (Category One - only preference)

Vote: 1-0-6 (Abstentions by Mayor Klein, Vice Mayor Srinivasan, and Councilmembers Cisneros, Din, Mehlinger and Sell)

Stephen Williams (Category One - 1st preference)

Vote: 1-0-6 (Abstentions by Vice Mayor Srinivasan, and Councilmembers Melton, Cisneros, Din, Mehlinger and Sell)

Jonathan Wilson (Category One - only preference)

Vote: 7-0-0

Geeta Gollakota and Jonathan Wilson were appointed to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission to serve terms ending 6/30/2028.

Board of Library Trustees (2 vacancies)

Yael Hod (only preference)

Vote: 6-0-1 (Abstention by Councilmember Din)

Meena Juttukonda (only preference) – Incumbent

Vote: 7-0-0

Stephen Williams (2nd preference)

Vote: 0-0-7 (Abstentions by all Councilmembers)

Yael Hod and Meena Juttukonda were appointed to the Board of Library Trustees to serve terms ending 6/30/2028.

Sustainability Commission (3 vacancies)

Maria Dohadwala (Category One - only preference)

Vote: 3-0-4 (Abstentions by Vice Mayor Srinivasan, and Councilmembers Cisneros, Mehlinger and Sell)

Cortney Jansen (Category One - 2nd preference)

Vote: 7-0-0

Tomek Jasionowski (Category One - only preference)

Vote: 3-0-4 (Abstentions by Mayor Klein, Vice Mayor Srinivasan, and Councilmembers Din and Sell)

Richard Parenteau (Category One - only preference)

Vote: 6-0-1 (Abstention by Councilmember Mehlinger)

Gopalachary Ramachandran (Category One - 2nd preference)

Vote: 0-0-7 (Abstentions by all Councilmembers)

Tonya Veitch (Category One - only preference) – Incumbent

Vote: 7-0-0

MOTION: Councilmember Mehlinger moved and Councilmember Melton seconded the motion to appoint Richard Parenteau to the term expiring 6/30/2027 and Cortney Jansen and Tonya Veitch to terms expiring 6/30/2028.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Srinivasan
Councilmember Melton
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Din
Councilmember Mehlinger
Councilmember Sell

No: 0

Richard Parenteau was appointed to the Sustainability Commission to serve a term ending 6/30/2027.

Cortney Jansen and Tonya Veitch were appointed to the Sustainability Commission to serve terms ending 6/30/2028.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS

A [24-0691](#) Colleagues Memorandum: Study Session on City Support for Organizing Community Events

MOTION: Vice Mayor Srinivasan moved and Councilmember Mehlinger seconded the motion to agendize the colleagues memorandum to hold a study session on City support for organizing community events.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Klein
 Vice Mayor Srinivasan
 Councilmember Melton
 Councilmember Cisneros
 Councilmember Din
 Councilmember Mehlinger
 Councilmember Sell

No: 0

-Council

Councilmember Mehlinger proposed a study issue to study Fair Oaks traffic. Mayor Klein, Vice Mayor Srinivasan, and Councilmembers Melton, Cisneros, Din, Mehlinger and Sell co-sponsored the study issue.

Councilmember Mehlinger proposed a study issue to study cell phone coverage mapping. Mayor Klein, Vice Mayor Srinivasan, and Councilmembers Melton, Cisneros, Din, Mehlinger and Sell co-sponsored the study issue.

Councilmember Melton suggested adding disaster response planning regarding cellular coverage to the study issue. Councilmember Mehlinger accepted the suggestion.

Mayor Klein announced the pride flag raising at City Hall.

-City Manager

City Manager Kent Steffens announced the City completed the purchase of the property at 922 E. California Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Klein adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.