



City of Sunnyvale

Administrative Meeting Minutes Charter Review Committee

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

5:30 PM

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

Special Joint Meeting with City Council - 5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 10 - Chair Gustav Larsson
Vice Chair Kristel Wickham
Member Galen Kim Davis
Member Kathryn Filley
Member David Newswanger
Member Timothy Oey
Member Ken Olevson
Member Martin Pyne
Member Gail Rubino
Member Barry Vickrey

City Council

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

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Eileen Le

Councilmember Le joined the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Public Comment opened at 5:33 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 5:33 p.m.

MOTION: Committee Member Oey moved and Vice Chair Wickham seconded the motion to approve agenda item 1.A.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Chair Larsson
Vice Chair Wickham
Member Davis
Member Filley
Member Newswanger
Member Oey
Member Olevson
Member Pyne
Member Rubino
Member Vickrey

No: 0

A [26-0194](#) Approve the Charter Review Committee Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2025

Approve the Charter Review Committee Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2025 as submitted.

PUBLIC HEARING/GENERAL BUSINESS

B [26-0313](#) Transmittal of Charter Review Committee Report and Discussion and Direction on Next Steps

Deputy City Manager Connie Verceles provided the staff report and presentation.

Public Hearing opened at 6:27 p.m.

Zachary Kaufman shared their concerns with the proposed charter amendment to increase Councilmember and Mayor salaries.

Steve Scandalis provided a presentation highlighting their concerns with the proposed charter amendments in the Charter Review Committee Report.

Mike Serrone spoke in support of the proposed charter amendments and emphasized the amendment to increase Councilmembers and Mayor salaries.

Mei-Ling Stefan provided a presentation of their concerns with the proposed

charter amendment to increase Councilmember and Mayor salaries.

Public Hearing closed at 6:41 p.m.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Mehlinger moved and Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion to approve Alternatives 1, 2, and 3:

1. Accept the Charter Review Committee Final Report and release the Charter Review Committee Members;
2. Prioritize the Charter Review Committee Recommendations as follows:
 1. Public Works Contracting (Charter Section 1309): Allow public works project delivery methods permitted by state law;
 2. City Manager Authority to Settle Claims (Charter Section 1314): Amend the Charter to allow the City Manager to align the City Manager's claim settlement authority to the City Manager's contracting authority, which is updated at Council direction by ordinance;
 3. City Council Vacancies (Charter Section 606): Amend the Charter to require Council appointments to fill vacancies to last until the next general municipal election only (November of even-numbered years);
 4. City Council and Mayor Compensation (Charter Section 605): Increase monthly salaries to \$6,000 for councilmembers and \$9,000 for the mayor, and retain the existing annual increase based on Consumer Price Index (CPI); and
3. Direct Staff to poll on the four proposed amendments and return to Council in May 2026 with polling results; with the following modifications:
 - The polling on the Mayor and City Council salary increases should reflect the proposed numbers of the Charter Review Committee; and
 - The polling on the City Manager Settlement authority will be at the high-end of \$250,000 and additional numbers to be determined by the pollster (polling vendor).

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Klein adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.