



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

5:30 PM

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

**Special Meeting: Closed Session - 5:30 PM | Special Meeting: Study Session - 6 PM |
Regular Meeting - 7 PM**

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

Call to Order

Vice Mayor Srinivasan called the meeting to order at 5:30 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

Public Comment

Public Comment opened at 5:34 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 5:34 p.m.

Convene to Closed Session

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

A [24-0460](#) Closed Session Held Pursuant to California Government Code
Section 54956.9 (d)(1)
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- PENDING
LITIGATION
Name of Case: O'Hara, Casey v. City of Sunnyvale (Workers
Compensation Appeal Board Case No. ADJ10063871)

Adjourn Special Meeting

Vice Mayor Srinivasan adjourned the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

6 P.M. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING (Study Session)

Call to Order

Vice Mayor Srinivasan called the meeting to order at 6:00 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

Study Session

B [24-0413](#) Study Session on Ambulance Services

Public Safety Chief Phan Ngo, Captain Chris Ketchum and Deputy Chief Dan Pistor provided the staff report and presentation.

Public Hearing opened at 6:55 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Hearing closed at 6:55 p.m.

Adjourn Special Meeting

Vice Mayor Srinivasan adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

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

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Vice Mayor Srinivasan reported that Council met in Closed Session Held Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1) Conference with Legal Counsel Pending Litigation Name of Case: O'Hara, Casey v. City of Sunnyvale (Workers Compensation Appeal Board Case No. ADJ10063871); nothing to report.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

C [24-0327](#) Arab-American Heritage Month

Mayor Klein spoke in honor of Arab American Heritage Month.

John Bader shared words in honor of Arab American Heritage Month.

D [24-0325](#) Poetry Month

Mayor Klein spoke in honor of Poetry Month.

E [24-0326](#) Library Week

Mayor Klein spoke in honor of Library Week.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Mehlinger announced the current Board and Commission recruitment openings.

Ayrtan Merino shared their concerns regarding homelessness in the community.

Rose voiced their concerns about HomeFirst and how they treated a unhoused resident with a disability.

Melissa Landaverde shared advocacy for additional housing to address the homelessness crisis.

Rickie Nguyen spoke in support for Study Issue CDD 24-03 Establishment of a Sanctioned Encampment for Unhoused Individuals in Sunnyvale.

Christy Liu communicated their safety concerns with bicycle lanes and spoke to how they can be improved.

Cortney Jansen shared concerns with the planned natural grass fields included in the Lakewood Park renovations.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Public Comment opened at 7:30 p.m.

No speakers on consent calendar items.

Public Comment closed at 7:30 p.m.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Srinivasan moved and Councilmember Melton seconded the motion to approve agenda items 1.A through 1.E.

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

1.A [24-0019](#) 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 [24-0414](#) Award of Contract to Graham Contractors, Inc. in the Amount of \$781,840.41 for Slurry Seal 2024 B-SB1 Project No. ST-23-07 and Finding of Categorical Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c)

Take the following actions:

- Award a contract in substantially the same form as Attachment 2 to the report in

the amount of \$781,840.41 to Graham Contractors, Inc. of San Jose;

- Approval of a 10% construction contingency in the amount of \$78,184;
- Authorize the City Manager to execute the contract when all necessary conditions have been met; and
- Make a finding of a categorical exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c).

1.C [24-0455](#) Authorize the Issuance of a Blanket Purchase Order in the Amount of \$300,000 to Priority 1 Public Safety Equipment, Inc. for Building and Equipping Public Safety Vehicles (F24-133)

Take the following actions:

- Authorize the issuance of a blanket purchase order to Priority 1 Public Safety Equipment, Inc. for building and equipping Public Safety vehicles, in the amount of \$300,000; and
- Authorize the City Manager to amend and renew the blanket purchase order for two additional one-year periods, subject to available budget and acceptable pricing and services.

1.D [24-0456](#) Review and Adopt Long-term Advocacy Positions (LAPs) Related to Local Law Enforcement Technology, the Fremont Union High School District (FUHSD) Districting Process, and Postal Service in Sunnyvale

Approval three (3) new long-term advocacy positions:

"Support legislation that provides local law enforcement agencies the ability to implement technology that would enhance public safety."

"Advocate for secure, reliable, and timely postal service for Sunnyvale residents."

"Advocate for Sunnyvale's communities of interest during the Fremont Union High School District (FUHSD) (re)districting process to support efforts that preserve equal Trustee representation. Advocate for Sunnyvale's communities of interest during the development of the trustee area boundary map."

1.E [24-0521](#) Adopt Ordinance No. 3226-24 Amending Chapter 19.73 (By-Right Approval) of Article 6 (Special Housing Issues) of Title 19 (Zoning) of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code

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Code.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

- 2 [24-0026](#) Receive Information Regarding Potential Shuttle Options and Authorize City Manager to Apply for Micro Transit Grants With 50% Maximum Local Match

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

Public Hearing opened at 9:00 p.m.

Zainab Chehime spoke in support of Sunnyvale joining the SV Hopper program.

Mohamad Mortada communicated their support for Sunnyvale joining the SV Hopper program.

Batoul Mortada, Fremont Union High School District Intradistrict Council, voiced support for Sunnyvale joining the SV Hopper program.

Diego Calderon Guerra shared their support for the City Manager applying for micro transit grants and for Sunnyvale joining the SV Hopper program.

Sufee Kathane voiced their support for Sunnyvale joining the SV Hopper program and how such a transit program would benefit students.

Chloe Dahl communicated their support for Sunnyvale joining the SV Hopper program and how such a transit program would benefit students.

Smyan Shanbhag shared their support for Sunnyvale joining the SV Hopper program and how such a transit program would benefit students.

Samantha Ruiz spoke in support for Sunnyvale joining the SV Hopper program and how such a transit program would benefit students.

Aayushma Adhigari voiced support for Sunnyvale joining the SV Hopper program and how such a transit program would benefit students.

Mike Johnson, Executive Director, Sunnyvale Downtown Association, spoke to the Association's position of support for Sunnyvale joining the SV Hopper program.

Tara Martin-Milius spoke in support for Sunnyvale joining the SV Hopper program but also noted this program would not solve all of the transportation challenges in the City.

Mike Serrone communicated their support for Sunnyvale joining the SV Hopper program.

Rafael Ibarra, Community Leader, Sunnyvale Community Services, spoke in support of Sunnyvale joining the SV Hopper program.

Gabriela Sanchez, Community Leader, Sunnyvale Community Services, spoke in support of Sunnyvale joining the SV Hopper program.

Yosenia Garcia, Community Leader, Sunnyvale Community Services, spoke in support of Sunnyvale joining the SV Hopper program.

Maria Ayala, Community Leader, Sunnyvale Community Services, spoke in support of Sunnyvale joining the SV Hopper program.

Luz Ayala, Community Leader, Sunnyvale Community Services, spoke in support of Sunnyvale joining the SV Hopper program.

Claudia Camacho, Community Leader, Sunnyvale Community Services, spoke in support of Sunnyvale joining the SV Hopper program.

Elizabeth Rodriguez, Community Leader, Sunnyvale Community Services, spoke in support of Sunnyvale joining the SV Hopper program.

Chuck Fraleigh, Livable Sunnyvale, shared their support for Sunnyvale joining the SV Hopper program.

Peggy Shen Brewster spoke in support of authorizing the City Manager to apply for micro transit grants.

Joan Bedarad, President, Cupertino Senior Advisory Council, shared their support for Sunnyvale joining the SV Hopper program.

Patrick Ahrens, communicated support for Sunnyvale joining the SV Hopper program and a possible partnership opportunity with the Foothill-De Anza College

District.

Katherine Park voiced their support for Sunnyvale joining the SV Hopper program and how such transit programs would benefit students.

Member of the public shared their concerns with the transit impact and the longer-term financial implications of joining a transit program like SV Hopper.

Christina and Mitch Witarsa spoke in support for Sunnyvale joining the SV Hopper program.

Gail Rubino voiced their support for Sunnyvale joining the SV Hopper while also sharing concerns with the long term financial impacts.

Alegria S. shared their support for Sunnyvale joining the SV Hopper program.

Cortney Jansen spoke in support for Sunnyvale joining the SV Hopper program.

Eugene Bradley communicated the need for a holistic approach to solving the transportation gaps in Sunnyvale.

Gwyneth Romero voiced their support for Sunnyvale joining the SV Hopper program and how such a transit program would benefit students.

Sarah M. spoke in support for Sunnyvale joining the SV Hopper program and how such a transit program would benefit students.

Adina Levine spoke in support for authorizing the City Manager applying for micro transit grants and joining the SV Hopper program.

Laura spoke in support for Sunnyvale joining the SV Hopper program.

Bryan Emmert, Principal, Fremont High School, communicated their Sunnyvale joining the SV Hopper program.

Alan Flores voiced their support for Sunnyvale joining the SV Hopper program.

Eileen Le, Board Member, Sunnyvale School District, spoke in support of Sunnyvale joining the SV Hopper program.

Public Hearing closed at 10:13 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Sell moved and Councilmember Mehlinger seconded the motion to approve Alternatives 1 and 2:

- (1) Direct the City Manager to apply for micro transit grants with maximum 50% local match;
- (2) Pause work on Study Issue DPW 23-06-Evaluate Range of Options for Shuttle Service and Alternative Transportation Options for Fremont and Homestead High School Students Who Live in North Sunnyvale, until the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or Transit & Intercity Rail Capital Program grants are announced;
- Determine that if the City is successful in obtaining either grant, Study Issue DPW 23-06 can be deemed complete; and
- Direct Staff to discuss potential partnerships with the Fremont Union High School District, the Foothill De Anza College District, and the business community to share in the funding of a micro transit program.

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

City Council took a recess at 10:53 p.m. and returned at 11:02 p.m. with all City Council members present.

3 [24-0248](#) Approve the 2023 Draft Housing Element Annual Progress Report

Housing Specialist Ryan Dyson provided the staff report and presentation.

Public Hearing opened at 11:20 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Hearing closed at 11:20 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Mehlinger moved and Vice Mayor Srinivasan seconded the motion to approve Alternative 1: Approve the 2023 Draft 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 Srinivasan
Councilmember Melton
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Din
Councilmember Mehlinger
Councilmember Sell

No: 0

COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS

None.

-Council

Councilmember Melton provided comments on the information only report to Council on planned study issue work and how the City Manager drew the line identifying which study issues the City can accomplish.

City Manager Kent Steffens made further comments on the information only report to council.

Councilmember Mehlinger provided comments on study issues DPW 21-01 Bike Lanes on Hollenbeck Avenue between El Camino Real and Homestead Road and DPW 24-02 Complete Streets Redesign of Fair Oaks Avenue.

-City Manager

None.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

- [24-0377](#) Tentative Council Meeting Agenda Calendar
- [24-0378](#) Board/Commission Meeting Minutes
- [24-0379](#) Information/Action Items
- [24-0441](#) Planned Study Issue Work for Continuing and 2024 Council-Ranked Study Issues (Information Only)

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Klein adjourned the meeting at 11:26 p.m.