



# City of Sunnyvale

## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, January 14, 2025

5:30 PM

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

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**Special Meeting: Closed Session - 5:30 PM | Special Meeting: Special Order of the Day -  
6:30 PM | Regular Meeting - 7 PM**

### Public Participation and Access

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

##### **Call to Order**

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

##### **Roll Call**

**Present:** 6 - Mayor Larry Klein  
Vice Mayor Linda Sell  
Councilmember Richard Mehlinger  
Councilmember Murali Srinivasan  
Councilmember Charlsie Chang  
Councilmember Eileen Le  
**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Alysa Cisneros

##### **Public Comment**

Public Comment opened at 5:32 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 5:32 p.m.

##### **Convene to Closed Session**

Council convened to Closed Session in the Council Conference Room at 5:33 p.m.

**A**      [25-0189](#)      Closed Session Held Pursuant to California Government Code  
Section 54957.6:  
CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
Agency Designated Representatives: Tina Murphy, Director of  
Human Resources  
Employee Organization: Public Safety Officers Association

(PSOA)

### **Adjourn Special Meeting**

Vice Mayor Sell adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

### **6:30 P.M. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING (Special Order of the Day)**

#### **Call to Order**

Mayor Klein called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

#### **Roll Call**

**Present:** 6 - Mayor Larry Klein  
Vice Mayor Linda Sell  
Councilmember Richard Mehlinger  
Councilmember Murali Srinivasan  
Councilmember Charlsie Chang  
Councilmember Eileen Le  
**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Alysa Cisneros

#### **Special Order of the Day**

**B**      [25-0182](#)      Recognition of Santa Clara Valley Science and Engineering  
Fair Association (SCVSEFA) Award Winners

Mayor Klein provided certificates to the 2024 SCVSEFA award winners.

### **Adjourn Special Meeting**

Mayor Klein adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

### **7 P.M. COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Klein called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

#### **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor Klein led the salute to the United States flag.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 6 - Mayor Larry Klein  
Vice Mayor Linda Sell  
Councilmember Richard Mehlinger  
Councilmember Murali Srinivasan  
Councilmember Charlsie Chang  
Councilmember Eileen Le

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Alysa Cisneros

### **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

Vice Mayor Sell reported that Council met in Closed Session Held Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS Agency Designated Representatives: Tina Murphy, Director of Human Resources Employee Organization: Public Safety Officers Association (PSOA); nothing to report.

### **SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY**

#### **C      [25-0088](#)      Recognition of Outgoing Vice Mayor**

Otto Lee, President, County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors, spoke in honor of Councilmember Srinivasan's service as Vice Mayor.

Tony Spitaleri provided remarks in honor of Councilmember Srinivasan term as Vice Mayor.

Public Comment opened at 7:08 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 7:08 p.m.

Mayor Klein provided remarks in appreciation of former Vice Mayor Srinivasan.  
Councilmember Srinivasan provided remarks.

#### **D      [25-0089](#)      Ceremonial Oath of Office for Vice Mayor**

Harrison Sell administered the ceremonial Oath of Office to Vice Mayor Sell. Vice Mayor Sell provided remarks.

Otto Lee, President, County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors, spoke in honor of Vice Mayor Sell.

Public Comment opened at 7:30 p.m.

Tara Martin-Milius made remarks in honor of Councilmember Srinivasan and Vice Mayor Sell.

Margaret Lawson voiced their congratulations to Vice Mayor Sell.

Tony Spitaleri offered their congratulations to Vice Mayor and newly elected Councilmembers.

Sharlene Liu made remarks in honor of Vice Mayor Sell and Councilmember Srinivasan.

David Newswanger provided congratulatory remarks to Vice Mayor Sell.

Richard Parenteau made remarks in honor of Vice Mayor Sell.

David Wessel voiced their congratulations to Vice Mayor Sell.

Public Comment closed at 7:42 p.m.

Mayor Klein made remarks in honor of Vice Mayor Sell.

Councilmember Le spoke in honor of Councilmember Srinivasan and Vice Mayor Sell.

Councilmember Srinivasan shared their congratulations to Vice Mayor Sell.

### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Srinivasan announced details of the current recruitment for the Board of Library Trustees and the Sustainability Speakers Series: Restoring Wetlands for Climate Resilience.

Zachary Kaufman provided comments and shared a video of Councilmember Din's speech at the Jan. 7, 2025 Council meeting.

Jason Park shared their congratulations to Mayor Klein and Councilmembers Cisneros, Le and Chang on their elections and re-elections to City Council.

Kathryn Filley, Chief Executive Officer, Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce, invited

the newly elected Councilmembers to meet with her and build a relationship with the Chamber of Commerce.

Rick Flovin, President, Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association, invited Councilmembers to visit the Lakewood Village neighborhood and suggested a budget modification to improve tree trimming.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Public Comment opened at 7:56 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 7:56 p.m.

Zachary Kaufman requested agenda item 1.F be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

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

The motion carried with the following vote:

**Yes:** 6 - Mayor Klein  
Vice Mayor Sell  
Councilmember Mehlinger  
Councilmember Srinivasan  
Councilmember Chang  
Councilmember Le

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Cisneros

**1.A**     [25-0159](#)     Approve City Council Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2024

Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2024 as submitted.

**1.B**     [25-0188](#)     Approve the List(s) of Claims and Bills Approved for Payment  
by the City Manager

Approve the list(s) of claims and bills.

**1.C**     [25-0184](#)     Amend an Existing 3-year Contract with AgreeYa Solutions Inc.  
to add \$15,000 for a New Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$485,000  
for On-Call Temporary Staffing for IT (F23-1018)

Take the following actions:

- Approve Amendment 3, increasing the current contract with AgreeYa Solutions Inc. by \$15,000 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$485,000, in substantially the same form as Attachment 1 to the report; and
- Authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment when all necessary conditions have been met.

**1.D**      [25-0183](#)      Adopt by Resolution Volume I and Sunnyvale's Annex Within Volume II of the 2023 Santa Clara County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Adopt by Resolution Volume I and Sunnyvale's Annex within Volume II of the 2023 Santa Clara County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**1.E**      [25-0186](#)      Appoint Cary Chien to the NOVA Workforce Board

Approve and appoint Cary Chien to the NOVA Workforce Board.

**1.F**      [25-0170](#)      Approve an Update and Affirmation of Sunnyvale's Statement on Our City Values and Public Service

Public Comment opened at 7:58 p.m.

Zachary Kaufman referenced their comments during Oral Communications.

Public Comment closed at 7:59 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Srinivasan moved and Vice Mayor Sell seconded the motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the updated Statement on Our City Values and Public Service, affirming the City of Sunnyvale's commitment to serving our diverse community.

The motion carried with the following vote:

**Yes:** 6 - Mayor Klein  
Vice Mayor Sell  
Councilmember Mehlinger  
Councilmember Srinivasan  
Councilmember Chang  
Councilmember Le

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Cisneros

Council took a recess at 8:04 p.m. and reconvened at 8:10 p.m. with Mayor Klein, Vice Mayor Sell and Councilmembers Mehlinger, Srinivasan, Chang and Le present.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 2**      [25-0053](#)      Approve Calendar Year 2025 Community Events and  
Neighborhood Grant Program Applications

Youth and Family Resources Manager Angela Chan provided the staff report and presentation.

Public Hearing opened at 8:19 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Hearing closed at 8:19 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Srinivasan moved and Vice Mayor Sell seconded the motion to approve Alternative 1: Approve funding levels outlined in the 2025 Recommended Funding Summary tables in Attachment 2 to the report.

The motion carried with the following vote:

**Yes:** 6 - Mayor Klein  
Vice Mayor Sell  
Councilmember Mehlinger  
Councilmember Srinivasan  
Councilmember Chang  
Councilmember Le

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Cisneros

- 3**      [25-0100](#)      Annual Public Hearing-Discussion of Potential Council Study  
Issues and Budget Proposals for Calendar Year 2025

City Manager Tim Kirby and Senior Management Analyst Michelle Zahraie provided the staff report and presentation.

Public Hearing opened at 9:12 p.m.

Alon Golan voiced their support for Budget Proposal 2025-02 Implement Homestead

Road Full-Time Bike Lanes and Study Issue DPW 25-05 Sweeping Protected Bike Lanes.

Sharlene Liu, Sunnyvale Safe Streets, provided a presentation supporting for Budget Proposal 2025-02 and Study Issues DPW 25-05, DPW 24-02 Complete Streets Redesign of Fair Oaks Avenue and DPW 25-01 Fair Oaks Avenue Signalizations at Three Locations.

Kevin Jackson, Sunnyvale Safe Street, continued the presentation.

Deborah Goldeen voiced support for funding bicycle infrastructure.

Bryce Beagle communicated their support for Budget Proposal 2025-02 and Study Issues DPW 25-05, DPW 24-02, and DPW 25-08 Evaluate Expanded Downtown Sunnyvale Pedestrian Mall.

Steven Meier shared support for Budget Proposal 2025-02 and Study Issues DPW 25-05, and DPW 24-02.

Doug Kunz voiced support for Budget Proposal 2025-02 and Study Issue DPW 25-05.

Richard Parenteau communicated support for vehicle charging capacity for multi-tenant housing.

Martin Pyne spoke towards Study Issues CDD 24-05 Review of Appeals Fees and Process, DPW 24-02 and DPW 25-01.

David Wessel shared support for Budget Proposal 2025-02 and Study Issues DPW 25-05, DPW 24-02, and DPW 25-01.

Kristel Wickham voiced support for prioritizing study issues that align with the Climate Action Plan and the Active Transportation Plan.

Public Hearing closed at 9:42 p.m.

Councilmember Mehlinger proposed a Budget Proposal to purchase a skinny street sweeper and provide the necessary required staffing for the sweeper. Mayor Klein, Vice Mayor Sell and Councilmembers Srinivasan, Chang and Le co-sponsored the



Budget Proposal.

Vice Mayor Sell proposed a Study Issue to study the Risk Assessment on Climate Impacts for Sunnyvale. The proposal failed due to the lack of a co-sponsor.

Vice Mayor Sell proposed a Study Issue to study improving climate resilience in Sunnyvale. Mayor Klein co-sponsored the Study Issue.

Councilmember Srinivasan proposed a Budget Proposal on redesigning the City of Sunnyvale website. Mayor Klein, Vice Mayor Sell and Councilmembers Mehlinger and Le co-sponsored the Budget Proposal.

Council took a recess at 10:17 p.m. and reconvened at 10:23 p.m. with Mayor Klein, Vice Mayor Sell and Councilmembers Mehlinger, Srinivasan, Chang and Le present.

**4**      [25-0179](#)      Review of the Board/Commission Application Questions

City Clerk David Carnahan provided the staff report.

Public Hearing opened at 10:31 p.m.

Agnes Veith, Chair, Arts Commission, proposed a supplemental question for Arts Commission applicants.

Sharlene Liu proposed a supplemental question for Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission applicants.

Public Hearing closed at 10:36 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Mehlinger moved and Vice Mayor Sell seconded the motion to approve Alternative 3: Other direction provided by Council to add changes to revise Question 9 to replace "attending" with "watching" and add "(in person or remotely)" and add the following supplemental questions:

- Arts Commission: What role do you think public art plays in a community? As an Arts Commissioner, how would you prioritize and include visual, literary, interactive and performing arts to embody the cultures of our diverse community?

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission: Have you read the Active

Transportation Plan and Vision Zero, and do you have thoughts on these documents?

- Board of Library Trustees: Given the defeat of the proposed library bond in 2024 and the current main library's age and maintenance issues, what are your thoughts on how Sunnyvale should be expanding and modernizing its library infrastructure?
- Heritage Preservation Commission: Please describe how you have engaged with local history and heritage within the City.
- Housing and Human Services Commission: Please share thoughts on how the City might better improve housing affordability, prevent displacement, and/or serve our unhoused residents. Have you had an opportunity to review the Unhoused Services webpage?
- Parks and Recreation Commission: What if any changes do you believe the City should make to our parks and recreation infrastructure and programming could better serve our diverse community?
- Planning Commission: What do you see as the greatest land use challenges facing the City of Sunnyvale? How do you propose to address them? Have you reviewed the Housing Element? Have you thought about how it should be implemented?
- Sustainability: Have you read the latest version of the Climate Action Playbook? What are your thoughts? How might it be improved?

How long have you lived in the City of Sunnyvale?

The motion carried with the following vote:

**Yes:** 6 - Mayor Klein  
Vice Mayor Sell  
Councilmember Mehlinger  
Councilmember Srinivasan  
Councilmember Chang  
Councilmember Le

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Cisneros

**COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Mayor Klein reported an update on a Silicon Valley Clean Energy Board of Directors meeting.

Vice Mayor Sell reported an update on a Valley Transportation Agency Board meeting.

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS****-Council**

None.

**-City Manager**

City Manager Tim Kirby announced the Department of Public Safety's 75th anniversary and provided an update regarding the wildfires in Los Angeles County.

**INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS**

<a href="#">25-0132</a>	Tentative Council Meeting Agenda Calendar
<a href="#">25-0134</a>	Board/Commission Meeting Minutes
<a href="#">25-0163</a>	Information/Action Items
<a href="#">25-0030</a>	Local Appointments List - Maddy Act (Information Only)

**ADJOURNMENT**

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