



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes

Sustainability Commission

Monday, July 21, 2025

7:00 PM

Online and Redwood Conference Room,
City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale,
CA 94086

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Nabhan called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Redwood Conference Room (Room 140) at City Hall.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Vice Chair Nabhan led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Vice Chair Jeffery Nabhan
Commissioner Madeline Chang
Commissioner Colin Ford
Commissioner Cortney Jansen
Commissioner Richard Parenteau
Commissioner Kristina Pistone

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Douglas Kunz

Commissioner Kunz's absence was excused by general consent.

Council Liaison - Councilmember Srinivasan (present)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

AJ voiced concerns about the capital improvement projects at the Sunnyvale Water Pollution Control Plant and SMaRT Station. AJ asked the Sustainability Commission to request a cost-effectiveness report on the multi-million-dollar projects planned at the two facilities that will expand organics processing and energy generation.

STUDY SESSION

[25-0773](#) ESD 23-01: Climate Budgeting Study Issue Update

Madeline Khair, Environmental Programs Manager, and Christina Raby, Environmental Engineering Coordinator, presented an update on Study Issue ESD 23-01: Climate Budgeting. Commissioners asked questions and staff provided answers. The Sustainability Commission generally supported staff's recommended approach for ESD 23-01 and asked staff to:

1. Consider a way to track projects that are unsupportive of Climate Action Playbook (CAP) goals.
2. Consider a way to share a summary of projects aligned with the CAP outside of the annual budget summary report.

Vice Chair Nabhan opened public comment at 7:53 p.m.

AJ questioned how projects 837440 – Producing Recycled Water and 837450 – Recycled Water Pipeline Expansion align with the City's Climate Action Playbook goals.

Vice Chair Nabhan closed public comment at 7:55 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

[25-0774](#) Approve the Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2025

Commissioner Pistone moved and Commissioner Jansen seconded the motion to approve the consent calendar.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Vice Chair Nabhan
Commissioner Jansen
Commissioner Pistone

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Kunz

Abstain: 3 - Commissioner Chang
Commissioner Ford
Commissioner Parenteau

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

[25-0632](#) Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

Vice Chair Nabhan provided an overview of the Chair and Vice Chair selection process and stated Commissioner Kunz noted in writing that he would accept the Vice Chair role if nominated.

Vice Chair Nabhan opened the floor to nominations for the office of Chair.

Commissioner Jansen nominated, and Commissioner Pistone seconded, Vice Commissioner Nabhan to serve as Chair of the Sustainability Commission.

Vice Commissioner Nabhan accepted the nomination.

With no further nominations, Vice Chair Nabhan closed the floor for the nominations for the office of Chair.

The Commissioners voted to elect Vice Chair Nabhan to serve as the Chair as follows:

Yes: 6 - Vice Chair Nabhan
 Commissioner Chang
 Commissioner Ford
 Commissioner Jansen
 Commissioner Parenteau
 Commissioner Pistone

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Kunz

Vice Chair Nabhan was elected as Chair of the Sustainability Commission.

Vice Chair Nabhan opened the floor to nominations for the office of Vice Chair.

Commissioner Parenteau nominated, and Commissioner Jansen seconded, Commissioner Kunz to serve as Vice Chair.

Commissioner Kunz accepted the nomination via email prior to the meeting.

Vice Chair Nabhan nominated, and Commissioner Jansen seconded, Commissioner Pistone to serve as Vice Chair.

Commissioner Pistone accepted the nomination.

With no further nominations, Vice Chair Nabhan closed the floor for the nominations for the office of Vice Chair.

The Commission first voted to elect Commissioner Kunz to serve as the Vice Chair as follows:

Yes: 1 - Commissioner Jansen

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Kunz

Abstain: 5 - Vice Chair Nabhan
Commissioner Chang
Commissioner Ford
Commissioner Parenteau
Commissioner Pistone

The Commission then voted to elect Commissioner Pistone to serve as the Vice Chair as follows:

Yes: 5 - Vice Chair Nabhan
Commissioner Chang
Commissioner Ford
Commissioner Parenteau
Commissioner Pistone

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Kunz

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Jansen

Commissioner Pistone was elected as Vice Chair of the Sustainability Commission.

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

None.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Jansen announced that the Department of Toxic Substances Control is currently accepting public comments through August 4, 2025, regarding the proposed addition of microplastics to its Candidate Chemicals List.

Commissioner Parenteau encouraged Commissioners and members of the public to utilize the available clean energy funding and incentive programs during the remaining six months of the year, noting that these opportunities may not be extended beyond that period.

Councilmember Srinivasan expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve as the Council liaison to the Sustainability Commission for the upcoming six months.

-Staff Comments

Ms. Khair and Ms. Raby reported on previous and upcoming events.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

[25-0775](#) Updated Annual Work Plan July 2025

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.