



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

6:00 PM

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

Special Meeting: Closed Session - 6 PM | Regular Meeting - 7 PM

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

Call to Order

Vice Mayor Mehlinger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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 6:05 p.m.

Public Comment

Public Comment opened at 6:01 p.m.

Ashley Ortiz voiced support for filing an amicus brief in support of the plaintiffs in the action County of Santa Clara and the State of California vs. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) that challenges the proposed development and operation of an ICE facility near the City of Gilroy.

Akemi shared support for filing an amicus brief in support of the plaintiffs in the action County of Santa Clara and the State of California vs. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement that challenges the proposed development and operation of an ICE facility near the City of Gilroy.

Public Comment closed at 6:05 p.m.

Convene to Closed Session

Council convened to Closed Session in the Council Conference Room at 6:05 p.m.

- A** [26-0625](#) Closed Session Held Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9:
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-INITIATION OF LITIGATION
Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: (1 potential case)

Adjourn Special Meeting

Vice Mayor Mehlinger adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

7 P.M. COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klein called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Richard Mehlinger
Councilmember Alysa Cisneros
Councilmember Murali Srinivasan
Councilmember Linda Sell
Councilmember Charlsie Chang
Councilmember Eileen Le

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Vice Mayor Mehlinger reported that Council met in Held Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL INITIATION OF LITIGATION Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: (1 potential case); the Council voted unanimously to join an amicus brief in support of the plaintiffs in the action County of Santa Clara and the State of California vs. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) et al., Case No. 5:26-CV-05604, in the U.S. District

Court for the Northern District of California. The case challenges the proposed development and operation of an ICE facility near the City of Gilroy.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Srinivasan announced the Independence Day Festival, that fireworks are prohibited in Sunnyvale, and launch of MySunnyvale, the City's new Constituent Relations Management (CRM) system.

Russ Melton Chief Executive Officer, Sunnyvale Chambers of Commerce, provided a presentation announcing the Art and Wine Festival and the Sunnyvale Chambers of Commerce inaugural golf tournament.

Angie Hinson, Las Palmas Green and Serene, spoke in appreciation to the City Council for the discussions with the group related to Las Palmas Park Renovation project.

Tiffany Anderson, President, Sunnyvale Historical Society & Museum Association shared Sunnyvale Heritage Museum's 2025 Impact Report.

Zachary Kaufman provided comments and shared a presentation related to a Civil Grand Jury report dated June 17, 2026 related to the Valley Transportation Agency's management structure and Oversight of the BART Silicon Valley Phase II project.

Emmanuel Guerrero, on behalf of Las Palmas Green and Serene, spoke about the 2024 Community Survey methodology and survey results.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

- 1 [26-0622](#) CONTINUED FROM JUNE 16, 2026
Adoption of Three Resolutions Calling a General Municipal Election to be Held in the City of Sunnyvale on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the Purpose of Submitting to City Voters Three Amendments to the City Charter; Requesting Consolidation with the Statewide General Election and Election Services from Santa Clara County; Directing the City Attorney to Prepare an Impartial Analysis; and Setting Priorities for Ballot Arguments

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

Public Hearing opened at 8:08 p.m.

Zachary Kaufman shared concerns related to proposed changes regarding council vacancies and appointments.

Steve Scandalis spoke about Measure B (2020), voiced concerns with the proposed council vacancies and city manager settlement authority ballot measures, and recommended revisions to the ballot measures.

Public Hearing closed at 8:14 p.m.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Mehlinger moved and Mayor Klein seconded the motion to approve Alternative 4 to approve Alternatives 1 through 3 to adopt three Resolutions calling a General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Sunnyvale on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to City voters three ordinances concerning amendments to the City Charter; requesting consolidation with the Statewide General Election and election services from Santa Clara County; directing the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis; and setting priorities for ballot arguments with the following modification:

- Authorize Mayor Klein and Vice Mayor Mehlinger to prepare and submit arguments in support of the ballot measures and rebuttals to an arguments against the measures.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Mayor Klein offered a friendly amendment to authorize Mayor Klein and Vice Mayor Mehlinger to select signatories of the statements. Vice Mayor Mehlinger accepted the friendly amendment.

The motion as amended carried with the following vote:

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

No: 0

Council took a recess at 8:47 p.m. and reconvened at 8:55 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

- 2 [26-0605](#) Approve a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Sunnyvale and the Sunnyvale Employees' Association/IFPTE Local 21, and Adopt two Resolutions: (1) Amending the City's Salary Resolution and Schedule of Pay to Increase Salaries for Pay Plan Category B (Employees Represented by the Sunnyvale Employees' Association/IFPTE Local 21) and Pay Plan Category G (Unrepresented Classified Confidential Employees); and (2) Paying and Reporting the Value of Employer Paid Member Contributions to the California Public Employees' Retirement System for Pay Plan Category B (Employees Represented by the Sunnyvale Employees' Association/IFPTE Local 21) and Pay Plan Category G (Unrepresented Classified Confidential Employees)

Human Resources Director Heather Ruiz provided the staff report.

Public Hearing opened at 8:58 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Hearing closed at 8:58 p.m.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Mehlinger moved and Councilmember Srinivasan seconded the motion to approve Alternative 1: Authorize the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Sunnyvale and the Sunnyvale Employees' Association/IFPTE Local 21 (Attachment 2 to the report), and adopt two Resolutions: (1) Amending the City's Salary Resolution and Schedule of Pay to Increase Salaries for Pay Plan Category B (Employees Represented by the Sunnyvale Employees' Association/IFPTE Local 21) and Pay Plan Category G (Unrepresented Classified Confidential Employees) (Attachment 3 to the report); and (2) Paying and Reporting the Value of Employer Paid Member Contributions to the California Public Employees' Retirement System for Pay Plan Category B (Employees Represented by the Sunnyvale Employees' Association/IFPTE Local 21) and Pay Plan Category G (Unrepresented Classified Confidential Employees) (Attachment 4 to the report).

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

No: 0

- 3** [26-0606](#) Approve a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Sunnyvale and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), and Adopt two Resolutions: (1) Amending the City's Salary Resolution and Schedule of Pay to Increase Salaries for Pay Plan Category L (Classified Regular Part-time Employees Represented by the Service Employees International Union); and (2) Paying and Reporting the Value of Employer Paid Member Contributions to the California Public Employees' Retirement System for Pay Plan Category L (Classified Regular Part-time Employees Represented by the Service Employees International Union)

Human Resources Director Heather Ruiz provided the staff report.

Public Hearing opened at 9:05 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Hearing closed at 9:05 p.m.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Mehlinger moved and Councilmember Srinivasan seconded the motion to approve Alternative 1: Authorize the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Sunnyvale and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) (Attachment 2 to the report), and adopt two Resolutions: (1) Amending the City's Salary Resolution and Schedule of Pay to Increase Salaries for Pay Plan Category L (Classified Regular Part-time Employees Represented by the Service Employees International Union) (Attachment 3 to the report); and (2) Paying and Reporting the Value of Employer Paid Member Contributions to the California Public Employees' Retirement System for Pay Plan Category L (Classified Regular Part-time Employees Represented by the Service Employees International Union) (Attachment 3 to the report).

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

No: 0

COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Councilmember Sell announced Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is reviewing the findings and recommendations outlined in a Civil Grand Jury Report related to the VTA's management structure and Oversight of the BART Silicon Valley Phase II project and mentioned that upcoming VTA Board meetings include review of the BART Silicon Valley project.

Mayor Klein reported attendance at Kern County's ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Tumbleweed Energy Storage Facility as Chair of Silicon Valley Clean Energy.

City Manager Kirby commented on two recently released Civil Grand Jury reports, one related to the VTA BART project and the second on street maintenance. Draft responses to the reports will be presented in August for Council to consider.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

-Council

Councilmember Sell proposed a Council Priority Project Idea related to the development of a recreational cricket field at Baylands Park.

-City Manager

None.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

[26-0453](#) Tentative Council Meeting Agenda Calendar

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Klein adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m.