



# City of Sunnyvale

## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, February 2, 2021

5:30 PM

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

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

#### **Call to Order**

Pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020, the meeting was conducted telephonically.

Mayor Klein called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. via teleconference.

#### **Roll Call**

**Present:** 7 - Mayor Larry Klein  
Vice Mayor Glenn Hendricks  
Councilmember Gustav Larsson  
Councilmember Russ Melton  
Councilmember Mason Fong  
Councilmember Alysa Cisneros  
Councilmember Omar Din

Mayor Klein, Vice Mayor Hendricks and all Councilmembers attended via teleconference.

#### **Study Session**

**A**      [21-0020](#)      Mary Avenue Overcrossing

Principal Transportation Engineer Angela Obeso provided the staff report and presentation.

Public Comment opened at 6:38 p.m.

Dan Hafeman spoke towards utilizing alternate routes such as the State Route 237 / Ellis Street exit to access the Moffett Park area, public transit highway lanes and

Class 4 bike lanes.

Richard Mehlinger shared support for a public transit lane only on the overcrossing and Alternatives 3 and 4.

Mike Serrone spoke towards bicycle infrastructure, building the Mary Avenue overcrossing to accommodate future uses and voiced support for alternative 3.

Ken Olevson communicated concerns regarding the egress and ingress of the Moffett Park area and shared support for identifying an evacuation plan for the area.

Leia Mehlman spoke towards alternatives that support bicyclists, pedestrians and public transportation.

Sarah G. shared support for Alternative 3.

Kerry Haywood spoke towards planning micro mobility and communicated support for Alternatives 1 and 2.

Public Comment closed at 6:51 p.m.

### **Adjourn Special Meeting**

Mayor Klein adjourned the meeting 6:51 p.m.

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

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020, the meeting was conducted telephonically.

Mayor Klein called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 7 - Mayor Larry Klein  
Vice Mayor Glenn Hendricks  
Councilmember Gustav Larsson  
Councilmember Russ Melton  
Councilmember Mason Fong  
Councilmember Alysia Cisneros  
Councilmember Omar Din

Mayor Klein, Vice Mayor Hendricks and all Councilmembers attended via teleconference.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY**

**B**      [21-0288](#)      African American History Month

Mayor Klein read a proclamation in honor of African American History Month.

Milan Balinton, Executive Director, San Jose African American Community Services Agency spoke towards the proclamation.

**PRESENTATION**

**C**      [21-0094](#)      Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Update by District Board Members Jed Cyr and Yoriko Kishimoto

Jed Cyr and Yoriko Kishimoto, District Board Members, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District provided the presentation.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Melton announced details of the upcoming EV 201: Finding the Electric Vehicle for Your Lifestyle Workshop and current recruitment for various Boards and Commissions. He also announced COVID-19 testing availability at the Sunnyvale Murphy Park Building along with testing availability via Santa Clara County.

Richard Mehlinger, Livable Sunnyvale shared details of the upcoming Livable Sunnyvale General Membership meeting.

Rose Gregorio spoke towards activating a warming center at the Sunnyvale Library (Library) in response to inclement weather.

Alec Vandenberg voiced support for activating a warming center in the Sunnyvale community.

A member of the public communicated support for opening a warming center at the Library, allowing use of tents on the Library plaza and inquired on the process for activating a warming center.

Helen Gettinger, Stop Death Coalition shared support for opening the Library as a warming center. She inquired on the City's process and requirements for activating a warming center.

Alyssa spoke towards lack of warming centers in North County areas and the restriction of tent use on the Library plaza.

Rity voiced support for activating a warming center at the Library.

Robert Gleichman communicated support for activating the Library as a warming center and allowing use of tents at the Library in response to inclement weather.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

MOTION: Vice Mayor Hendricks moved and Councilmember Larsson seconded the motion to approve agenda items 1.A through 1.D.

The motion carried with the following vote:

**Yes: 7 -** Mayor Klein  
Vice Mayor Hendricks  
Councilmember Larsson  
Councilmember Melton  
Councilmember Fong  
Councilmember Cisneros  
Councilmember Din

**No: 0**

**1.A**     [21-0177](#)     Approve City Council Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2021  
Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2021 as submitted.

**1.B**     [21-0108](#)     Approve 2021 Board and Commission Work Plans  
Approve the 2021 Work Plans as submitted.

**1.C**     [21-0131](#)     Adopt a Resolution Extending the City's Declaration of Local  
Emergency for COVID-19

Adopt a Resolution extending the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services' proclamation of existence of a local emergency (COVID-19).

**1.D**     [21-0290](#)     Adopt Ordinance No. 3172-21 to Amend Chapter 16.52 (Fire

Code) of Title 16 (Buildings and Construction) of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code to Adopt by Reference the 2019 Intervening California Fire Code

Adopt Ordinance No. 3172-21 to amend Chapter 16.52 (Fire Code) of Title 16 (Buildings and Construction) of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code to adopt by reference the 2019 Intervening California Fire Code.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 2        [21-0017](#)        Discussion and Direction on Ordinance Establishing a Public Process for Redistricting

Deputy City Manager Jaqui Guzmán provided the staff report and presentation.

Public Hearing opened at 7:48 p.m.

Elaine Manley, Sunnyvale Fair Redistricting shared support for a hybrid redistricting commission and the group's recommendations related to commission structure and redistricting process.

Diane Gleason voiced support for an independent redistricting commission with a hybrid redistricting commission as an alternative. She spoke towards the selection process for establishing the commission.

Frances Stanley-Jones, Sunnyvale Fair Redistricting provided an overview of the group's revised recommendations related to the commissions review process of the district maps.

Cal Cornwell, Sunnyvale Fair Redistricting communicated support for a hybrid redistricting commission and spoke towards the requirements of Assembly Bill 849.

Helen Grieco, Northern California Organizer, California Common Cause shared support for an independent redistricting commission with a hybrid redistricting commission as an alternative.

Mike Serrone voiced support for Sunnyvale Fair Redistricting's recommendations and for a hybrid redistricting commission.

Martin Pyne communicated concerns with developing a process and ordinance that would require revisions in 2030. He shared support for an independent or hybrid

redistricting commission.

Robert Gleichman voiced support for an independent redistricting commission.

Galen Kim Davis shared support for Sunnyvale Fair Redistricting's recommendations.

Richard Mehlinger communicated support for a hybrid redistricting commission. He shared concerns regarding possible disenfranchisement of residents in District 5.

Coleen Hausler voiced support for Sunnyvale Fair Redistricting's proposals.

Linda Davis shared support for establishing an independent redistricting commission for 2030 and urged Council to consider creating an ordinance that addresses the 2020 redistricting. She voiced concerns with creating an ordinance with the intention of addressing future redistricting.

Public Hearing closed at 8:17 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Melton moved and Mayor Klein seconded the motion to direct staff to prepare an ordinance with a hybrid redistricting commission (commission).

The motion carried with the following vote:

**Yes: 5 -** Mayor Klein  
Councilmember Larsson  
Councilmember Fong  
Councilmember Cisneros  
Councilmember Din

**No: 2 -** Vice Mayor Hendricks  
Councilmember Melton

MOTION: Councilmember Melton moved and Councilmember Fong seconded the motion to direct staff to include that the commission's duty and deliverable will be to provide to the City Council five viable redistricting map (maps) options.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Councilmember Fong offered a friendly amendment that the commission will provide at a minimum three and no more than five viable redistricting map options. Councilmember Melton accepted the friendly amendment.

The motion carried with the following vote:

**Yes: 6 -** Mayor Klein  
Councilmember Larsson  
Councilmember Melton  
Councilmember Fong  
Councilmember Cisneros  
Councilmember Din

**No: 1 -** Vice Mayor Hendricks

MOTION: Councilmember Din moved and Councilmember Melton seconded the motion to direct staff to incorporate a parameter in the ordinance that the commission present draft copies of the map options to Council for feedback. Following incorporation of feedback, the commission will present map options to Council from which Council must select a final map or may veto all maps by a super majority vote and the commission may return with redrawn maps.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Councilmember Melton offered a friendly amendment to include a mid-way joint meeting of the City Council and the commission. Councilmember Din accepted the friendly amendment.

The motion carried with the following vote:

**Yes: 6 -** Mayor Klein  
Councilmember Larsson  
Councilmember Melton  
Councilmember Fong  
Councilmember Cisneros  
Councilmember Din

**No: 1 -** Vice Mayor Hendricks

MOTION: Councilmember Fong moved and Councilmember Melton seconded the motion to direct staff to include in the ordinance that the commission contain one member from each of the six council districts and one at-large member for a seven-member commission with three alternates and with no district residency preference for the alternates. In addition, allow for a vacant district to be filled by an at-large member but no more than two members from the same district may be on the commission.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Councilmember Din offered a friendly amendment to

require at least one member and no more than two members from each council district on the commission. Councilmember Fong accepted the friendly amendment.

The motion failed with the following vote:

**Yes: 3 -** Councilmember Fong  
Councilmember Cisneros  
Councilmember Din

**No: 4 -** Mayor Klein  
Vice Mayor Hendricks  
Councilmember Larsson  
Councilmember Melton

MOTION: Vice Mayor Hendricks moved and Councilmember Melton seconded the motion to direct staff to include in the ordinance to require a seven-member commission with three alternates and that no district can have more than two representatives in the combined total of ten-members (seven-members and three alternates) with an attempt of having each district represented.

The motion carried with the following vote:

**Yes: 7 -** Mayor Klein  
Vice Mayor Hendricks  
Councilmember Larsson  
Councilmember Melton  
Councilmember Fong  
Councilmember Cisneros  
Councilmember Din

**No: 0**

MOTION: Councilmember Fong moved and Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion to direct staff to include an application process in the ordinance where applicants to the commission be reviewed and interviewed by Council in a public meeting setting (utilizing the board and commission recruitment process).

The motion carried with the following vote:

**Yes: 7 -** Mayor Klein  
Vice Mayor Hendricks  
Councilmember Larsson  
Councilmember Melton  
Councilmember Fong  
Councilmember Cisneros  
Councilmember Din

**No: 0**

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

Councilmember Larsson provided an update on the Hetch Hetchy water supply.

Councilmember Din shared his attendance at a Santa Clara Valley Water Commission meeting including selection of chair, approval of the 2021 work plan and review of the water fees.

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS**

**-Council**

Councilmember Melton shared that the airplane noise website is live and requested staff share a training video/tutorial or instructional guides for how to report airplane noise.

Councilmember Din spoke towards Fair Oaks Park and activating a City facility as a warming center.

MOTION: Councilmember Din moved to agendize for the next Council meeting a Report to Council regarding the unhoused population at Fair Oaks Park and within the Sunnyvale community.

City Manager Kent Steffens announced that staff has received a written proposal from a local non-profit organization to provide case management services and hotel accommodations to the unhoused population at Fair Oaks Park. Should Council agendize this discussion topic, development of the agreement between the City and the non-profit may be delayed.

Councilmember Din withdrew his motion.

**-City Manager**

City Manager Kent Steffens provided an overview of Santa Clara County's Emergency Operation Center criteria for activating a cooling or warming center. He also provided an overview of the differences between a warming center and a warming shelter and the services provided at each.

**INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS**

- [21-0196](#) Tentative Council Meeting Agenda Calendar
- [21-0197](#) Information/Action Items
- [21-0022](#) Boards and Commissions Semi-Annual Attendance Report, July to December 2020 (Information Only)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Klein adjourned the meeting at 10:55 p.m.