



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Thursday, February 26, 2026

9:00 AM

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

Special Meeting: Council Priority Projects Workshop - 9 AM

9 A.M. COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klein called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment opened at 9:10 a.m.

Kathryn Besser advocated for Council Priority Project (CPP) 2026-8 Emergency Awareness and Preparedness with Go Bag.

Sharlene Liu, Sunnyvale Safe Streets, spoke in support of CPP 2026-13 Reinventing and Revitalizing Sunnyvale's Safe Routes to School Program and CPP 2026-4 Clearing the Sidewalk Maintenance Backlog, expressed opposition to CPP 2026-3 Increased Traffic Enforcement, Particularly by School Zones, and advocated for retaining DPW 25-1 Fair Oaks Avenue Signalizations at Three Locations and DPW 24-9 Evaluate the Addition of Pedestrian Scrambles During School Peak Hours at Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road/Fremont Avenue and at Homestead Road/Kennewick Drive.

Agnes Veith, Sunnyvale Community Services, shared their support for funding

Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) and CPP 2026-12 Contingency and Longer-term Planning for Homelessness Response.

Marie Bernard, Executive Director, Sunnyvale Community Services, advocated for CPP 2026-12.

Rosa Kim voiced their support CPP 2026-13 and CPP 2026-9 A Student Centered, Sustainability and Nature Based Project.

Deanna Gonzales communicated their support for CPP 2026-1 Support Neighborhood-Serving Retail in Sunnyvale.

Kevin Jackson offered their support for CPP 2026-13.

Yvonne Inciarte, Office of Congressman Ro Khanna, advocated for CPP 2026-12.

Tara Martin-Milius shared their support for Council Priority Projects that focus on people, the environment, and safety for all.

David Kesting spoke in support of DPW 20-11 Evaluate Feasibility of Dog Off-leash Hours in Select Sunnyvale Park(s), CPP 2026-12, CPP 2026-15 Streamlining Permitting Process, CPP 2026-17 Reevaluate our OneStop Permitting Center and Evaluate Leveraging AI for Permitting Process Improvements, CPP 2026-9, CPP 2026-3, CPP 2026-11 Expand the Roles of Age-Friendly, Accessibility, and Teen Staff Advisory Committees and CPP 2026-7 Simplify the Process for Volunteering in Sunnyvale.

Winnie Lam, Board of Library Trustees, spoke to the Board's recommendation for a council priority project that would fund services, expansion and modernization of the Main Library.

Carlene voiced their support for CPP 2026-6 Establish a Community Funding Program for Sunnyvale Nonprofits.

Rose Gregorio advocated for CPP 2026-12.

Gary Tynauer communicated their support for support for DPW 20-11.

Public Comment closed at 9:35 a.m.

WORKSHOP

INTRODUCTION BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Tim Kirby provided opening remarks.

REVIEW OF WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES AND AGENDA

Jan Perkins, Raftelis, provided an overview of the workshop objectives and agenda.

OVERVIEW OF STEPS LEADING TO THE WORKSHOP

Assistant City Manager Sarah Johnson-Rios provided an overview of steps leading to the workshop.

CONTEXT FOR ESTABLISHING COUNCIL PRIORITY PROJECTS

Finance Director Matt Paulin provided a presentation on the future financial overview.

City Council took a recess at 10:22 a.m. and reconvened at 10:35 a.m. with all Councilmembers present.

City Manager Tim Kirby and Jan Perkins, Raftelis, provided a presentation overview on council priority projects.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Mehlinger moved and Councilmember Sell seconded the motion to:

- Drop CO-2 Street Tree Repopulation with an Equity Lens and operationalize tree repopulation;
- Drop CO-6 Feasibility of Establishing of a Cricket Stadium at Baylands Park and operationalize cricket play space creation;
- Limit the scope of CO-10 Evaluate Feasibility of Dog Off-leash Hours in Select Sunnyvale Park(s) to consideration of a fenced dog park;
- Retain SU-5 Evaluate the Addition of Pedestrian Scrambles During School Peak Hours at Sunnyvale Saratoga Road/Fremont Avenue and at Homestead Road/Kennewick Drive;
- Retain SU-15 Fair Oaks Avenue Signalizations at Three Locations; and
- Drop CO-3 Evaluate the Development of a Single Mobile Application (Sunnyvale App) for All of the Functions of the Current City of Sunnyvale Mobile Applications.

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

City Council took a recess at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 12:40 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION: PROPOSED COUNCIL PRIORITY PROJECTS

A [26-0307](#) Council Priority Projects Workshop - Process Overview and Project Proposals

Jan Perkins, Raftelis and City Manager Tim Kirby provided an overview of the submitted Council Priority Projects.

City Council took a recess at 3:00 p.m. and reconvened at 3:13 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

Round 1 Voting Results

2026-1: Support Neighborhood-Serving Retail

Support: Mayor Klein, Vice Mayor Mehlinger, and Councilmembers Cisneros, Srinivasan, Chang and Le.

2026-13: Reinventing Safe Routes to School Program

Support: Mayor Klein, Vice Mayor Mehlinger, and Councilmembers Sell, Chang and Le.

2026-18: Formal Analysis for Food Co-Op / Market

Support: Mayor Klein, Vice Mayor Mehlinger, and Councilmembers Cisneros, Srinivasan and Sell.

2026-22: Permitting & Regulatory Streamlining

Support: Mayor Klein, Vice Mayor Mehlinger, and Councilmembers Cisneros, Srinivasan and Chang.

2026-6: Establish a Community Funding Program for Nonprofits

Support: Councilmembers Cisneros, Srinivasan, Chang and Le.

2026-16: Re-evaluate Nonresidential Sign Code Standards

Support: Mayor Klein and Councilmembers Cisneros, Chang and Le.

2026-4: Clearing the Sidewalk Maintenance Backlog

Support: Vice Mayor Mehlinger and Councilmember Chang.

2026-5: Review and Update the General Plan

Support: Mayor Klein and Vice Mayor Mehlinger.

2026-11: Expand Roles of Advisory Committees

Support: Councilmembers Sell and Le.

2026-14: Public Sector Workforce Housing Feasibility Study

Support: Councilmembers Sell and Le.

2026-7: Simplify the Process for Volunteering

Support: Councilmember Srinivasan.

2026-8: Emergency Awareness and Preparedness with Go Bag

Support: Councilmember Sell.

2026-10: Collection and Display of City Operations Data

Support: Councilmember Srinivasan.

2026-12: Contingency Planning for Homelessness Response

Support: Councilmember Sell.

2026-21: Re-evaluate On-Street Parking Permit Program

Support: Councilmember Cisneros.

2026-3: Increased Traffic Enforcement by School Zones

Support: None.

2026-9: Student Centered, Sustainability and Nature Based Project
Support: None.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Mehlinger moved and Councilmember Srinivasan seconded the motion to move forward with the following Council Priority Projects:

- 2026-1: Support Neighborhood-Serving Retail
- 2026-22: Permitting & Regulatory Streamlining
- 2026-18: Formal Analysis for Food Co-Op / Market
- 2026-13: Reinventing Safe Routes to School Program
- 2026-16: Re-evaluate Nonresidential Sign Code Standards
- 2026-6: Establish a Community Funding Program for Nonprofits

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

Round 2 Voting Results

2026-4: Clearing the Sidewalk Maintenance Backlog
Support: Mayor Klein, Vice Mayor Mehlinger, and Councilmembers Cisneros, Sell, Chang and Le.

2026-14: Public Sector Workforce Housing Feasibility Study
Support: Vice Mayor Mehlinger and Councilmembers Cisneros, Srinivasan, Sell and Le.

2026-7: Simplify the Process for Volunteering
Support: Mayor Klein and Councilmembers Srinivasan, Sell and Le.

2026-11: Expand Roles of Advisory Committees
Support: Councilmembers Cisneros, Sell, Chang and Le.

2026-21: Re-evaluate On-Street Parking Permit Program

Support: Mayor Klein, Vice Mayor Mehlinger, and Councilmembers Cisneros and Chang.

2026-3: Increased Traffic Enforcement by School Zones

Support: Vice Mayor Mehlinger and Councilmembers Srinivasan and Chang.

2026-5: Review and Update the General Plan

Support: Mayor Klein.

2026-10: Collection and Display of City Operations Data

Support: Councilmember Srinivasan.

2026-8: Emergency Awareness and Preparedness with Go Bag

Support: None.

2026-9: Student Centered, Sustainability and Nature Based Project

Support: None.

2026-12: Contingency Planning for Homelessness Response

Support: None.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Mehlinger moved and Councilmember Srinivasan seconded the motion to move forward with the following Council Priority Projects:

- 2026-4: Clearing the Sidewalk Maintenance Backlog
- 2026-14: Public Sector Workforce Housing Feasibility Study

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

MOTION: Councilmember Le moved and Councilmember Sell seconded the motion to move forward with Council Priority Project 2026-11 Expand the Roles of Age-Friendly, Accessibility, and Teen Staff Advisory Committees.

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

NEXT STEPS AND CLOSING REMARKS

City Manager Tim Kirby and Mayor Klein shared closing remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Klein adjourned the meeting at 3:51 p.m.