



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

5:00 PM

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

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

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

Call to Order

Mayor Klein called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Mayor Larry Klein
Vice Mayor Murali Srinivasan
Councilmember Russ Melton
Councilmember Alysa Cisneros
Councilmember Omar Din
Councilmember Linda Sell
Absent: 1 - Councilmember Richard Mehlinger

Vice Mayor Srinivasan attended the meeting via teleconference.

Public Comment

Public Comment opened at 5:03 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 5:03 p.m.

Convene to Closed Session

Council convened to Closed Session in the Council Conference Room at 5:03 p.m.

A [24-0479](#) Closed Session Held Pursuant to California Government Code
54956.8: CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY
NEGOTIATORS For 922 E California Avenue - APN:
205-34-011 Agency Negotiators: Kent Steffens, City Manager;
Chip Taylor, Director of Public Works; Sherine Nafie, City

Property Administrator Negotiating Parties: COLLINS EXEMPT HOLDINGS LLC, COLLINS FAM HOLDINGS LLC.
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

Adjourn Special Meeting

Mayor Klein adjourned the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

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

Call to Order

Mayor Klein called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Mayor Larry Klein
Vice Mayor Murali Srinivasan
Councilmember Russ Melton
Councilmember Alysa Cisneros
Councilmember Omar Din
Councilmember Richard Mehlinger
Councilmember Linda Sell

Vice Mayor Srinivasan attended the meeting via teleconference.

Councilmember Mehlinger joined the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

Study Session

B 24-0011 Climate Action Game Plan 2028

Environmental Services Director Ramana Chinnakotla and Environmental Programs Manager Madeline Khair provided the staff report and presentation.

Public Hearing opened at 6:45 p.m.

Kristel Wickham shared their support for the Climate Action Game Plan 2028 and advocated for stronger greenhouse gas reduction targets.

Barbara Fukumoto communicated their support for Sunnyvale being more ambitious on their future carbon reduction targets and to align with the State of California's goals.

Doug Kunz voiced their support for the Climate Action Game Plan 2028 and for exploring opportunities to continue reduction in carbon emissions.

Public Hearing closed at 6:49 p.m.

Adjourn Special Meeting

Mayor Klein adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

7 P.M. COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Klein led the salute to the United States flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Larry Klein
Vice Mayor Murali Srinivasan
Councilmember Russ Melton
Councilmember Alysa Cisneros
Councilmember Omar Din
Councilmember Richard Mehlinger
Councilmember Linda Sell

Vice Mayor Srinivasan attended the meeting via teleconference.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Vice Mayor Srinivasan reported that that Council met in Closed Session Held Pursuant to California Government Code 54956.8: CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS for 922 E California Avenue APN: 20534011 Agency Negotiators: Kent Steffens, City Manager; Chip Taylor, Director of Public Works; Sherine Nafie, City Property Administrator Negotiating Parties: COLLINS EXEMPT HOLDINGS LLC, COLLINS FAM HOLDINGS LLC. Under Negotiation: Price and Terms; nothing to report.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

C [24-0324](#) Arbor Day

Mayor Klein spoke in honor of Arbor Day.

Urban Landscape Manager Leonard Dunn spoke in recognition of Arbor Day.

D [24-0382](#) Recognition of Enterprise Resource Planning Project Team

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Din announced the upcoming Ride and Drive Event and the current Sunnyvale Board and Commission recruitment.

Peter Cirigliano shared their disappointment that the Sunnyvale Art and Wine Festival has been cancelled.

Kristina Kawczynski, Director of Operations, Sunnyvale Downtown Association, announced upcoming events taking place in Downtown Sunnyvale.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Public Comment opened at 7:28 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 7:28 p.m.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Srinivasan moved and Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion to approve agenda items 1.A through 1.J.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Klein
 Vice Mayor Srinivasan
 Councilmember Melton
 Councilmember Cisneros
 Councilmember Din
 Councilmember Mehlinger
 Councilmember Sell

No: 0

**1.A [24-0032](#) Approve City Council Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2024
(Study Issues/Budget Proposals Workshop)**

Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2024 as submitted.

1.B [24-0314](#) Approve City Council Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2024

Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2024 as submitted.

1.C [24-0469](#) Approve the List(s) of Claims and Bills Approved for Payment

by the City Manager

Approve the list(s) of claims and bills.

1.D [24-0241](#) Receive and File the City of Sunnyvale Investment Report - Fourth Quarter 2023

Receive and file the City of Sunnyvale Investment Report - Fourth Quarter 2023.

1.E [24-0182](#) Approve Budget Modification No. 16 to Appropriation \$460,000 in 2010 Measure B Vehicle Registration Fee Countywide Program Funds - Cycle 4, for Traffic Signal Improvements from the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority and Authorize the City Manager to Execute Any Related Grant Documents

Approve Budget Modification No. 16 to appropriate \$460,000 in 2010 Measure B Vehicle Registration Fee Countywide Program funds - Cycle 4, for traffic signal improvements from the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority to a new Capital Improvement Project and authorize the City Manager to execute any related grant documents.

1.F [24-0267](#) Authorize the Issuance of Three (3) Purchase Agreements totaling \$800,000 to Core and Main Company, Ferguson Enterprises and Underground Republic Water Works for Piping Supplies (F24-013)

Take the following actions:

- Authorize the issuance of a purchase agreement in the amount of \$400,000 to Core and Main Company for piping supplies;
- Authorize the issuance of a purchase agreement in the amount of \$200,000 to Ferguson Enterprises for piping supplies;
- Authorize the issuance of a purchase agreement in the amount of \$200,000 to Underground Republic Water Works for piping supplies; and
- Authorize the City Manager to amend and renew the purchase agreements for up to four (4) additional one-year periods, subject to available budget, if pricing and service remain acceptable to the City.

1.G [24-0318](#) Award of Contract to St. Francis Electric, LLC in the Amount of \$300,827.26 to Provide and Install Vehicle and Pedestrian-LED Traffic Signal Light Modules and Finding of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (F24-012)

Take the following actions:

- Award a contract in substantially the same form as Attachment 2 to the report in the amount of \$300,827.26 to St. Francis Electric, LLC of San Leandro;
- Approve a 10% construction contingency in the amount of \$30,082;
- Authorize the City Manager to execute the contract when all necessary conditions have been met; and
- Make a finding of a categorical exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.

1.H [24-0291](#) Award of Contract to Guerra Construction Group in the Amount of \$284,527 for Construction of a Preschool Outdoor Play Area at Serra Park, Finding of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 and Approval of Budget Modification No. 13 in the Amount of \$27,939 (PW24-08)

Take the following actions:

- Award a contract in substantially form as Attachment 2 to the report in the amount of \$284,527 to Guerra Construction Group;
- Approve a 10% construction contingency in the amount of \$28,453;
- Authorize the City Manager to execute the contract when all necessary conditions have been met;
- Make a finding of a categorical exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303; and
- Approve a Budget Modification No. 13 in the amount of \$27,939.

1.I [24-0228](#) Approve the Downtown Sunnyvale Business Improvement District (BID) Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023/24 and Adopt Resolution of Intention to Levy and Collect an Annual Assessment to Reauthorize BID for Fiscal Year 2024/25

Approve the Fiscal Year 2023/24 BID Annual Report, adopt a Resolution of Intention to Levy and collect an assessment and reauthorize the Business Improvement District (BID) for Fiscal Year 2024/25, and schedule the BID public hearing for May 7, 2024.

1.J [24-0395](#) Reject All Proposals Received for the Smart Station Municipal Solid Waste and Source Separated Recyclables Integrated Processing System (NextGen) (F23-133)

Reject all bid proposals in response to Request for Proposals F23-133 Smart Station Municipal Solid Waste and Source Separated Recyclables Integrated Processing System (NextGen).

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2 [24-0430](#) Evaluate the Minimum Automobile Off-Street Parking Requirements for Residential Uses (Study Issue CDD 19-07)
File #: 2022-7404
Environmental Review: The action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(a).
Project Planner: George Schroeder, (408) 730-7443, gschroeder@sunnyvale.ca.gov

Principal Planner George Schroeder provided the staff report and presentation.

Public Hearing opened at 8:22 p.m.

Martin Pyne, Planning Commission Chair, spoke to the Planning Commission's recommendation to Council.

Member of the public voiced their concerns with eliminating minimum parking requirements.

Stephen Meier communicated their support for the Planning Commission's recommendation.

Aaron Eckhouse, Regional Policy Director, California YIMBY, shared their advocacy for eliminating minimum parking requirements.

Jordan Grimes, South Bay Resilience Manager, Greenbelt Alliance, spoke in support in the Planning Commission's recommendations and for eliminating minimum parking requirements.

Coleen Hausler voiced their support for the Planning Commission's recommendation to Council.

Public Hearing closed at 8:37 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Mehlinger moved and Councilmember Din seconded the motion to approve Alternative 3: Alternative 1 with modifications:

- To study unbundled parking for all multi-family residential projects with 5 or more units with shared parking;
- Remove all distinctions between covered/uncovered and assigned/unassigned parking spaces;
- Tandem parking by-right in townhouses and single-family residence developments;

- Setting parking minimums of single family and duplexes to a flat 2 parking spaces, tandem permitting and no coverage required; and
- Eliminate parking minimums with a TPDM (Traffic Parking Demand Management) option for all new multi-family housing projects.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Mayor Klein offered a friendly amendment to add the language “To study” to each modification item in the motion. Councilmember Mehlinger accepted the friendly amendment.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Councilmember Melton offered a friendly amendment to change the study of unbundled parking for all multi-family from 5 to 3 or more units with shared parking. Councilmembers Mehlinger and Din accepted the friendly amendment.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Councilmember Melton offered a friendly amendment to remove the study eliminating parking minimums with TPDM. Councilmember Mehlinger declined to accept the friendly amendment.

MOTION TO AMEND: Councilmember Melton moved and Mayor Klein seconded the motion to amend the motion and remove the study eliminating parking minimums with TPDM.

The motion to amend failed with the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Vice Mayor Srinivasan
Councilmember Melton

No: 5 - Mayor Klein
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Din
Councilmember Mehlinger
Councilmember Sell

MOTION AS AMENDED RESTATED: Councilmember Mehlinger moved and Councilmember Din seconded the motion to approve Alternative 3: Alternative 1 with modifications:

- To study unbundled parking for all multi-family residential projects with 3 or more units with shared parking;
- To study removing all distinctions between covered/uncovered and assigned/unassigned parking spaces;
- To study tandem parking by-right in townhouses and single-family residence developments;

- To study setting parking minimums of single family and duplexes to a flat 2 parking spaces, tandem permitting and no coverage required; and
- To study eliminating parking minimums with a TPDM (Traffic Parking Demand Management) option for all new multi-family housing projects.

The motion as amended carried with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Srinivasan
Councilmember Melton
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Din
Councilmember Mehlinger
Councilmember Sell

No: 0

City Council took a recess at 9:40 p.m. and returned at 9:50 p.m. with all Councilmembers present; Vice Mayor Srinivasan participated via teleconference.

3 [24-0192](#) Adopt a Resolution Amending the FY 2023/24 Fee Schedule
Finance Director Tim Kirby provided the staff report.

Public Hearing opened at 9:53 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Hearing closed at 9:53 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Din moved and Vice Mayor Srinivasan seconded the motion to adopt a Resolution to amend the FY 2023/24 Fee Schedule.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Srinivasan
Councilmember Melton
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Din
Councilmember Mehlinger
Councilmember Sell

No: 0

4 [24-0431](#) Proposed Project: Consider actions related to

implementation of the 2023-2031 Housing Element to amend the By-Right Approval process for certain parcels within the City:

A. Introduce an Ordinance to Amend By-Right Approval (Chapter 19.73 of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code) to clarify ministerial review of projects as it relates to proposed subdivisions.

File #: PLNG-2024-0105

Location: Citywide

Applicant: City of Sunnyvale

Environmental Review: Non-discretionary project (Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(1), CEQA Guidelines Sections 15268, 15357)

Project Planner: Julia Klein, (408) 730-7463,
jklein@sunnyvale.ca.gov

Community Development Director Trudi Ryan provided the staff report.

Public Hearing opened at 9:57 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Hearing closed at 9:57 p.m.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Srinivasan moved and Councilmember Din seconded the motion to approve Alternative 1: Take the following actions:

- a. Find that the action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(1) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15268 and 15357; and
- b. Introduce an Ordinance (Attachment 2 to the report) to amend By-Right Approval (Chapter 19.73) to the Sunnyvale Municipal Code).

City Clerk David Carnahan read the Ordinance title for the record.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Srinivasan
Councilmember Melton
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Din
Councilmember Mehlinger
Councilmember Sell

No: 0

COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Councilmember Cisneros reported on a recent Santa Clara County City Association Legislative Action Committee meeting.

Vice Mayor Srinivasan reported on their attendance of the National League of Cities conference in Washington D.C.

Councilmember Sell reported on a Valley Transportation Agency (VTA) Policy Advisory Committee meeting and their attendance of the National League of Cities conference.

Councilmember Din reported on a VTA Board of Directors meeting.

Mayor Klein reported on a Silicon Valley Clean Energy Board meeting.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS

-Council

Councilmember Din announced their brother-in-law's return home from providing emergency medical care in Gaza.

Councilmember Melton provided comments on the language developed by staff that addresses the Baykeeper litigation and commented on recent public safety events.

-City Manager

None.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

[24-0315](#) Tentative Council Meeting Agenda Calendar

[24-0316](#) Board/Commission Meeting Minutes

[24-0317](#) Information/Action Items

[24-0417](#) Council Advocacy Letters

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Klein adjourned the meeting at 10:14 p.m.