



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

5:00 PM

Council Chambers and West Conference
Room, City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave.,
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Special Meeting- Closed Session 5 PM | Study Session 6 PM | Regular Meeting 7 PM

7 P.M. COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Griffith called the meeting to order in Council Chambers.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Griffith led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Jim Griffith
Vice Mayor Tara Martin-Milius
Councilmember David Whittum
Councilmember Pat Meyering
Councilmember Jim Davis
Councilmember Glenn Hendricks
Councilmember Gustav Larsson

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Vice Mayor Martin-Milius reported Council met in Closed Session regarding Conference with Labor Negotiators; direction was given.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

[15-0006](#) SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY - Recognition of Outgoing
Vice Mayor

Mayor Griffith provided remarks in recognition of outgoing Vice Mayor Jim Davis.

Councilmember Davis provided remarks in appreciation for his opportunity to serve as Vice Mayor.

[15-0007](#) SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY - Ceremonial Oath of Office

for Incoming Vice Mayor

City Clerk Kathleen Franco Simmons administered the Oath of Office to Vice Mayor Tara Martin-Milius.

Vice Mayor Martin-Milius provided incoming remarks.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Whittum announced a survey regarding the City website redesign.

Sunnyvale Teen Advisory Committee members announced an upcoming blood drive event and presented a promotional video.

Kevin Jackson announced that the bay area just missed setting a new record for the longest consecutive Spare the Air day alerts and reminded residents to minimize contributions to the problem.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Meyering requested to pull Items 1.A and 1.B.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Martin-Milius moved and Councilmember Hendricks seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Items 1.A and 1.B. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Griffith
Vice Mayor Martin-Milius
Councilmember Whittum
Councilmember Meyering
Councilmember Davis
Councilmember Hendricks
Councilmember Larsson

No: 0

1.A [15-0015](#) Approve City Council Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2015

MOTION: Vice Mayor Martin-Milius moved and Councilmember Larsson seconded the motion to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2015 as submitted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Griffith
Vice Mayor Martin-Milius
Councilmember Whittum
Councilmember Davis
Councilmember Hendricks
Councilmember Larsson

No: 1 - Councilmember Meyering

1.B [15-0048](#) Approve the List(s) of Claims and Bills Approved for Payment
by the City Manager

Public Hearing opened at 9:43 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Hearing closed at 9:43 p.m.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Martin-Milius moved and Councilmember Larsson seconded the motion to approve the list(s) of claims and bills. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Griffith
Vice Mayor Martin-Milius
Councilmember Whittum
Councilmember Davis
Councilmember Hendricks
Councilmember Larsson

No: 1 - Councilmember Meyering

1.C [14-0962](#) Approve Budget Modification No. 34 to Appropriate \$59,691 of
Department of Homeland Security Grant Funds to Equip and
Train a Regionally Deployable Public Safety Canine (K9) and
Handler as an Arson/Accelerant Detection Team

Approve Budget Modification No.34 prepared to appropriate \$59,691 of Department of Homeland Security Grant Funds to equip and train a Public Safety K9 and its handler as an arson/accelerant detection team as a regionally deployable asset to a new project, FFY 2014 State Homeland Security Grant - Training - Arson K9.

1.D [14-1096](#) Award of Contract for a Self-propelled Mower (F15-30)

Award a contract in the amount of \$96,033 in substantially the same form as the

draft purchase order attached to the report, to Turf Star for one self-propelled mower.

1.E [14-1106](#) Award of Contracts for the Purchase of Vehicle Fuel Based on Cooperative Reverse Auction (F15-44)

1) Award three-year contracts based upon the County of Santa Clara's cooperative reverse auction bid to Valley Oil Company and SC Fuels for unleaded gasoline, and to Golden Gate Petroleum and Mansfield Oil Company for diesel fuel, in substantially the same form as the draft blanket purchase orders attached to the report, not to exceed budgeted amounts; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contracts for two additional one-year periods, not to exceed budgeted amounts, provided that pricing and service remain acceptable to the City.

1.F [14-1133](#) Award of Contract for Desktop and Laptop Computers (F15-51)

Award a contract in the amount of \$145,935, excluding taxes, to Dell Computers for one hundred eighteen desktop and laptop computers in substantially the same form as the draft purchase order attached to the report.

1.G [14-1136](#) Modify an Existing Contract for Street Tree Maintenance Services

Approve a modification to the existing Blanket Purchase Order with West Coast Arborists Contract for Street Tree Maintenance Services, in substantially the same form as the Draft Change Order attached to the report, by increasing the not-to-exceed value from \$1,221,175 to \$1,659,175.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Goldman spoke in support of a study issue to include green spaces in the Downtown Specific Plan and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Deborah Marks spoke regarding the loss of trees in Sunnyvale and in support of a study issue to preserve as many healthy trees as possible, have mature trees appraised, and creation of a tree fund to purchase and plant trees and greenery for public and private spaces.

Andrew Boone spoke regarding the upcoming update of the 2008 Expressways Plan and in support of alternatives to what VTA has planned.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2 [14-1135](#) Staff Comments to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation

Authority on the Draft Environmental Impact Report of the El Camino Real Bus Rapid Transit Project

Director of Public Works Manuel Pineda presented the staff report.

Public Hearing opened at 8:13 p.m.

Brad Clausen, business owner, spoke regarding the impact to business revenues by loss of lanes on El Camino and in support of mixed use.

Sal Cala, business owner, expressed concerns regarding increased congestion on El Camino and impacts to alternative routes and businesses.

Bob Kirby spoke in support of continued mixed use and expressed concerns regarding the assumptions made by VTA and the safety of the middle lane option.

Janani Dhinakaran spoke regarding future increases in traffic congestion with mixed use and in support of bus transit dedicated lanes.

Deborah Olson, business owner and member of the El Camino Coalition, spoke in support of maintaining mixed use and making El Camino more efficient.

Kevin Jackson, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission member speaking for himself, stated page three of the report presents the loss of two lanes, but does not mention the bike and pedestrian improvements. Jackson stated on Attachment 2, the staff general comments, there is too much focus on level of service rather than vehicle miles traveled, and spoke in favor of BRT with dedicated lanes.

Dietmar Burkhardt, business owner on El Camino Real, expressed concerns regarding the impacts of removing two lanes from El Camino.

Holly Lofgren spoke in support of better mass transit and in opposition to dedicated lanes due to the impacts on alternative routes. Lofgren recommended mixed use and mixed flow and a focus on north/south connectivity.

Cynthia Meek spoke in opposition to dedicated bus lanes.

Mark Balestra, business owner and member of the El Camino Coalition, expressed strong support for the proposed mixed flow plan and in opposition to dedicated lanes for buses.

Mark Sabin spoke in support of dedicated lanes for improving transit and reducing

greenhouse gases.

Brennan Robins spoke in support of the dedicated lane option in consideration of increasing transit ridership.

Nina Bacho spoke in support of bus rapid transit, Alternative 4.C.

Dora Arias, spoke in support of Alternative 4.C, bus rapid transit, and recommended modifications to the letter to provide for tunnels at the left-turn lanes and improvements to bicycle lane infrastructure.

Ria Hutabarat Lo, spoke in support of full bus rapid transit along El Camino to contribute to a sense of place, reduce long term congestion, increase foot traffic for local businesses, increase transit ridership and provide more multimodal options for people with a diversity of needs.

Chris Lepe, Transform, spoke in support of BRT for the long term needs of the City and provided written materials.

Andrew Boone spoke in support of improved transit, reduced pollution and safer foot traffic by use of dedicated bus lanes.

John Cordes, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission member speaking for himself, spoke in support of the multimodal corridor option.

Lauren Ledbetter spoke in support of the full dedicated lanes options for improvement of bus travel time from San Jose to Palo Alto, pedestrian improvements and the addition of bicycle lanes.

Adina Levin, Friends of Caltrain, spoke in support of improved transit times and multi-modal transit and encouraged inclusion of a north-south network.

Omar Chatty urged support of Alternative 1 or 2, in opposition of BRT and in support of north-south improvements.

Barbara Fukumoto, Sustainability Commission and Sunnyvale COOL member speaking for herself, spoke in support of dedicated lanes.

Dan Hafeman, Sustainability Commission member speaking for himself, spoke in support of BRT, safe bike lanes and improved north-south connections.

Beverly Ramirez spoke in support of improved transit and safe bike lanes.

Brian Bautista spoke in favor of BRT and multi-modal transportation for improved transit times and the health benefits of bicycle transit.

Public Hearing closed at 9:19 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Meyering moved and Councilmember Davis seconded the motion to recommend inclusion of a paragraph at the end of the City's comment letter concerning recommending the VTA add the curbside ticket machines to the no-build option. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Councilmember Whittum
Councilmember Meyering
Councilmember Davis

No: 4 - Mayor Griffith
Vice Mayor Martin-Milius
Councilmember Hendricks
Councilmember Larsson

COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Councilmember Whittum reported his attendance at a meeting of the VTA Board.

Mayor Griffith reported the Cities Association City Selection Committee appointed Vice Mayor Martin-Milius as alternate to LAFCO and Councilmember Hendricks to the Airport Land Use Commission.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS

-Council

Councilmember Meyering reported a correction to the Information/Action Items document regarding the title of a study issue he sponsored at a previous meeting. Meyering stated the study issue is to use condemnation to acquire control of all or part of the downtown development project and use code enforcement to address nuisance properties.

Councilmember Davis expressed heartfelt sympathy for the events in France in the past week.

-City Manager

City Manager Deanna Santana confirmed the VTA policy item for Council

consideration is scheduled for February 24, and a March 3 Study Session will be scheduled regarding the County Homeless Services plan as well as the Watt project.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

[15-0024](#) Tentative Council Meeting Agenda Calendar

[15-0030](#) Information/Action Items

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Griffith closed the meeting in honor of the memory of Tom Flaherty.

Mayor Griffith adjourned the meeting at 9:48 p.m.