



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

6:00 PM

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

**Special Meeting: Study Session - 6 PM | Regular Meeting - 7 PM | Joint Meeting City
Council & Sunnyvale Financing Authority - 7 PM**

Public Participation and Access

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

Call to Order

Vice Mayor Sell called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Mayor Larry Klein
Vice Mayor Linda Sell
Councilmember Alysa Cisneros
Councilmember Richard Mehlinger
Councilmember Murali Srinivasan
Councilmember Charlsie Chang
Councilmember Eileen Le

Study Session

A [25-0018](#) Bicycle and Pedestrian Access Improvements at Sunnyvale
Caltrain Station Study (DPW 20-02)

Principal Transportation Engineer Lillian Tsang provided the staff report and presentation.

Public Hearing opened at 6:56 p.m.

Daniel Karpelevitch discussed their support for the proposed bicycle and pedestrian access improvements and bicycle lanes in a roundabout street.

Kevin Jackson spoke in support for an emphasis on safety when considering bicycle and pedestrian access improvements at the Sunnyvale Caltrain Station.

Stephen Meier shared their support for the bicycle and pedestrian access

improvements and offered additional safety improvements to consider.

Sharlene Liu, Sunnyvale Safe Streets, shared the recommendations proposed by Sunnyvale Safe Streets.

Public Hearing closed at 7:03 p.m.

Adjourn Special Meeting

Vice Mayor Sell adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

7 P.M. COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klein called the meeting to order at 7:11 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 Linda Sell
Councilmember Alysa Cisneros
Councilmember Richard Mehlinger
Councilmember Murali Srinivasan
Councilmember Charlsie Chang
Councilmember Eileen Le

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Vice Mayor Sell announced the upcoming Sustainability Speaker Series event.

Afsaneh Jabbar (AJ) shared their recommendations to assist operations at the Water Pollution Control Plant.

Stephen Meier spoke to their concerns regarding the Baykeeper lawsuit and how the City is defending its legal position.

Dina voiced their concerns with the removal of the Palestine Palette Booth art display at the Hands on the Arts Festival and to the City's letter that addressed the incident.

Deanna communicated their concerns with the removal of the Palestine Palette

Booth art display at the Hands on the Arts Festival and to the City's letter that addressed the incident.

Michael Flores shared their concerns with the planned street closure on Tasman Avenue.

Rey Mali spoke to their concerns with the display of art of the Palestine Palette Booth art display at the Hands on the Arts Festival.

Somse Art discussed their concerns with the removal of the Palestine Palette Booth art display at the Hands on the Arts Festival and to the City's letter that addressed the incident.

Jechin spoke to their concerns with the display of offensive art of the Palestine Palette Booth art display at the Hands on the Arts Festival.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Public Comment opened at 7:37 p.m.

Afsaneh Jabbar (AJ) requested agenda item 1.F be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

Public Comment closed at 7:37 p.m.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Sell moved and Councilmember Srinivasan seconded the motion to approve agenda items 1.A through 1.E and 1.G through 1.I.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

No: 0

1.A [25-0455](#) Approve City Council Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2025
Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2025 as submitted.

1.B [25-0327](#) Approve the List(s) of Claims and Bills Approved for Payment

by the City Manager

Approve the list(s) of claims and bills.

- 1.C** [25-0628](#) Accept the FY 2022/23 CalRecycle Beverage Container Quality Infrastructure Grant and Approve Budget Modification No. 25 in the Amount of \$6,575,000

Accept the FY 2022/23 CalRecycle Beverage Container Quality Infrastructure Grant and approve Budget Modification No. 25 in the amount of \$6,575,000.

- 1.D** [25-0639](#) Authorize the Issuance of a Five (5) Year Purchase Agreement to Lexipol LLC in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$253,273.48 for Annual Law Enforcement Policy Manual and Daily Training Bulletins (F25-343)

Take the following actions:

- Issue a five (5) year contract purchase agreement to Lexipol LLC in the amount of \$253,273.48 to purchase subscriptions for annual law enforcement policy manual and daily training bulletins for a five (5) year term; and
- Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement when all necessary conditions have been met.

- 1.E** [25-0642](#) Amend an Existing Service Agreement for Street Outreach and Essential Homeless Services in the Amount Not-to-Exceed \$1,090,973 for Temporary Hotel Program Expansion and Approve Budget Modification No. 24 in the Amount of \$120,209

Take the following actions:

1. Approve an amendment to an existing Service Agreement for Street Outreach and Essential Homeless Services in the amount of \$120,209 to a new not-to-exceed amount of \$1,090,973, for the Temporary Hotel Program Expansion; and
2. Approve Budget Modification No. 24 in the amount of \$120,209.

- 1.F** [25-0603](#) Award a Three (3) Year Contract to Bear Electrical Solutions, LLC for Traffic Signal Preventative Maintenance and Repair Services and Find that the Action is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(a) (F25-228)

Public Hearing opened at 7:39 p.m.

Afsaneh Jabbar (AJ) discussed traffic signaling programming and requested the

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission be briefed on the impact of emergency vehicle signal prioritization on pedestrian crosswalk signaling.

Public Hearing closed at 7:41 p.m.

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

- Approve a three (3) year contract in substantially the same form as Attachment 1 to the report in an amount not-to-exceed amount \$4,214,752.44 to Bear Electrical Solutions, LLC;
- Authorize the City Manager to execute the contract when all necessary conditions have been met;
- Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for one (1) additional two-year period; and
- Authorize to the City Manager to modify the not-to-exceed contract amount subject to budget availability provided services and pricing remain acceptable to the City.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

No: 0

- 1.G** [25-0699](#) Approve the Second Amendment to Outside Counsel Agreement with Allen, Glaessner, Hazelwood & Werth, LLP for Litigation Services in the matter of Neel Mehta v. City of Sunnyvale

Authorize the City Attorney to execute a Second Amendment to the Legal Services Agreement, in substantially the same form as Attachment 1 to the report, with the law firm of Allen, Glaessner, Hazelwood & Werth, LLP to increase the contract amount by \$180,000, for a total new not-to-exceed contract amount of \$355,000.

- 1.H** [25-0700](#) Approve the First Amendment to Outside Counsel Agreement with Sloan, Sakai, Yeung & Wong, LLP for Litigation Services for Litigation Services in the Matter of Michael Laurent v. City of Sunnyvale

Authorize the City Attorney to execute a First Amendment to the Legal Services Agreement, in substantially the same form as Attachment 1 to the report, with the law firm of Sloan, Sakai, Yeung & Wong, LLP to increase the contract amount by \$100,000, for a total new not-to-exceed contract amount of \$400,000.

- 1.I [25-0643](#) Adopt a Resolution Amending the City's Salary Resolution and Schedule of Pay to Increase Salaries for Pay Plan Category C (Public Safety Officers Association) Effective July 6, 2025

Adopt a Resolution amending the City's Salary Resolution and Schedule of Pay to increase salaries for Pay Plan Category C (Public Safety Officers Association) effective July 6, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT TO JOINT MEETING WITH THE SUNNYVALE FINANCING AUTHORITY

7 P.M. (OR SOON THEREAFTER) JOINT MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL AND SUNNYVALE FINANCING AUTHORITY

Call to Order

Authority Chair/Mayor Klein called the joint meeting of the City Council and Sunnyvale Financing Authority Meeting to order at 7:44 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Authority Chair / Mayor Larry Klein
Authority Vice Chair / Vice Mayor Linda Sell
Authority Member / Councilmember Alysa Cisneros
Authority Member / Councilmember Richard Mehlinger
Authority Member / Councilmember Murali Srinivasan
Authority Member / Councilmember Charlsie Chang
Authority Member / Councilmember Eileen Le

Absent: 0 -

Oral Communications

None.

Consent Calendar

Public Comment opened at 7:46 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 7:46 p.m.

MOTION: Authority Vice Chair Sell moved and Authority Member Srinivasan

seconded the motion to approve agenda item 2.A.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Authority Chair Klein
Authority Vice Chair Sell
Authority Member Cisneros
Authority Member Mehlinger
Authority Member Srinivasan
Authority Member Chang
Authority Member Le

No: 0

2.A [25-0296](#) Approve Sunnyvale Financing Authority Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2025

Approve the Sunnyvale Financing Authority Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2025 as submitted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

3 [25-0346](#) City Council Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Budget, Fee Schedule and Appropriations Limit, and Sunnyvale Financing Authority Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Budget and Approve Budget Modification No. 26 in the Amount of \$215,659

Finance Director Matt Paulin provided the staff report.

Public Hearing opened at 8:02 p.m.

Michael Flores requested payment processing fees for debit cards be lower compared to credit cards.

Public Hearing closed at 8:02 p.m.

City Council:

MOTION: Vice Mayor Sell moved and Councilmember Srinivasan seconded the motion to approve Alternative 1: Adopt the resolutions presented as Attachment 1 to the report (including Exhibit A), Attachment 2 to the report (including Exhibits A through D), and Attachment 3 to the report (including Exhibit A) that provide for the adoption of the FY 2025/26 Fee Schedule, Budget, and Appropriations Limit, and

approve Budget Modification No. 26 in the amount of \$215,659.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Mayor Klein offered a friendly amendment to include the staff recommendation to increase the fine of parking on railroad tracks from \$53 to \$103. Vice Mayor Sell and Councilmember Srinivasan accepted the friendly amendment.

The amended motion carried with the following vote:

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

No: 0

Sunnyvale Financing Authority:

MOTION: Authority Vice Chair Sell moved and Authority Member Srinivasan seconded the motion to approve Alternative 1: Adopt the FY 2025/26 Budget Resolution (Sunnyvale Financing Authority) presented as Attachment 4 to the report.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Authority Chair Klein
Authority Vice Chair Sell
Authority Member Cisneros
Authority Member Mehlinger
Authority Member Srinivasan
Authority Member Chang
Authority Member Le

No: 0

ADJOURN JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND SUNNYVALE FINANCING AUTHORITY MEETING

Authority Chair/Mayor Klein adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

RECONVENE TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Klein reconvened the City Council meeting at 8:12 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

- 4 [25-0365](#) Proposed Utility Rate Increases for Fiscal Year 2025/26 Rates for Water, Wastewater, and Solid Waste Utilities for Service Provided to Customers Within and Outside City Boundaries; and Finding of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption Pursuant to Public Resource Code Section 21080(b)(8) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15273

Utility Billing Manager Stephen Napier provided the staff report and presentation.

Public Hearing opened at 8:35 p.m.

AJ shared concerns with the proposed utility rate increases for Fiscal Year 2025/26.

Reza Aslani voiced their concerns with the proposed utility rate increases for Fiscal Year 2025/26 and how the rates are calculated for accessory dwelling units.

Michael Flores communicated their concerns with the proposed utility rate increases for Fiscal Year 2025/26.

Public Hearing closed at 8:44 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Vice Mayor Sell moved and Councilmember Srinivasan seconded the motion to approve Alternatives 1 and 2:

1: Find that this action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15273 because it approves rates and charges for the purposes of (1) meeting operating expenses, including employee wage rates and fringe benefits; (2) purchasing or leasing supplies, equipment or materials; (3) meeting financial reserve needs and requirements; and (4) obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain current service levels; and

2: Adopt a Resolution increasing water rates by 6%, wastewater rates by 7%, and solid waste rates by 4% for FY 2025/26.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

No: 0

City Council took a recess at 8:54 p.m. and returned at 9:02 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

- 5** [25-0267](#) Adopt a Resolution to Authorize the Filing of an Application to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the Allocation of Fiscal Year 2025/26 Transportation Development Act Article 3 Funding of \$811,845 to Supplement the Construction Phase of the Evelyn Avenue Multi-Use Path

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

Public Hearing opened at 9:47 p.m.

Sharlene Liu spoke in support of the Transportation Development Act funds being used to supplement the construction phase of Project No. 3, Evelyn Avenue Multi-Use Path.

Stephen Meier voiced their support for the Transportation Development Act funds to be used to supplement the construction phase of Project No. 3, Evelyn Avenue Multi-Use Path.

Public Hearing closed at 9:52 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Mehlinger moved and Mayor Klein seconded the motion to approve Alternative 5: Adopt a Resolution to authorize the filing of an application to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the allocation of Fiscal Year 2025/26 Transportation Development Act Article 3 Funding of \$811,845 to supplement the construction phase of Project No. 3, Evelyn Avenue Multi-Use Path.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

No: 0

- 6** [25-0349](#) Adopt a Resolution to Approve the Final Engineer's Report, Confirm the Assessment, and Levy and Collect an Annual Assessment for the Downtown Parking Maintenance District for Fiscal Year 2025/26

Public Works Director Chip Taylor provided the staff report.

Public Hearing opened at 9:59 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Hearing closed at 9:59 p.m.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Sell moved and Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion to approve Alternative 1: Adopt a Resolution to approve the final Engineer's Report, confirm the assessment, and levy and collect an annual assessment for the FY 2025/26 Downtown Parking Maintenance District. This alternative will allow the City to continue levying the assessment for FY 2025/26 to pay for the operation and maintenance of the District.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

No: 0

- 7** [25-0675](#) Consider a Below Market Rate Alternative Compliance Plan and Amended Conditions of Approval for Residential Development at 777 Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road: 77Seven

Housing Partners LLC, Planning File 2024-0621

Affordable Housing Manager Ernie Defrenchi provided the staff report.

Public Hearing opened at 10:22 p.m.

Doug Rich, Entitlements, Valley Oak Partners, provided the applicant advocacy to their proposed residential development.

Public Hearing closed at 10:25 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Mehlinger moved and Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion to approve Alternative 1: Approve the Applicant's Below Market Rate (BMR) Alternative Compliance Plan for the project located at 777 Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road as shown in Attachment 2 to the report, approve the amended Conditions of Approval (COAs) as shown in Attachment 4 to the report, and determine that the project is consistent with the El Camino Real Specific Plan Program Environmental Impact Report and no additional environmental review is required under the California Environmental Quality Act.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

No: 0

- 8** [25-0428](#) Consider Amending the Employment Agreement between the City of Sunnyvale and City Attorney Rebecca Moon

City Attorney Rebecca Moon recused themselves as this Agenda Item pertains to their employment contract.

Human Resources Director Tina Murphy provided the staff report.

Public Hearing opened at 10:38 p.m.

AJ shared their support for increasing the compensation of City Attorney Rebecca Moon.

Public Hearing closed at 10:39 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Srinivasan moved and Vice Mayor Sell seconded the motion to approve Alternative 1: Approve amendment to the Employment Agreement between the City of Sunnyvale and City Attorney Rebecca Moon.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

No: 0

COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Vice Mayor Sell reported the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) finalized the last remaining union labor agreement contract.

Mayor Klein reported on a recent Silicon Valley Clean Energy board meeting.

Councilmember Le reported on a recent VTA Policy Advisory Committee meeting.

Mayor Klein reported on a recent City Association of Santa Clara County meeting hosted by the City of Sunnyvale.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

-Council

Councilmember Chang offered their condolences to the friends and family of Michael Rezaee.

Councilmember Cisneros spoke to the pride celebration hosted by the Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church.

Councilmember Mehlinger spoke to the pride celebration hosted by the Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church and to the recent No Kings protests in Sunnyvale.

Mayor Klein spoke to the No Kings protests in Sunnyvale.

-City Manager

City Manager Tim Kirby shared the Corn Palace Park Ribbon Cutting event and corrected an early statement by City Staff during the Study Session pertaining to the boundaries of the study area.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

- [25-0389](#) Tentative Council Meeting Agenda Calendar
- [25-0509](#) Board/Commission Meeting Minutes
- [25-0540](#) Information/Action Items
- [25-0709](#) Council Advocacy Letters
- [25-0710](#) Mayoral Announcement of Mayor-Appointed Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on City Manager Compensation (Information Only)

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Klein adjourned the meeting at 10:52 p.m.