



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Tuesday, December 2, 2025	6:00 PM	Online and Council Chambers, City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086
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**Special Joint Meeting with Housing and Human Services Commission - 6 PM | Regular
Meeting - 7 PM**

6 P.M. SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Call to Order

Mayor Klein 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

Housing and Human Services Commission

Present: 6 - Chair Friedlander
Commissioner Davis
Commissioner Duncan
Commissioner Shen
Commissioner Steward
Commissioner Weiss

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Riviere

Vice Chair Riviere joined the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

Public Hearing/General Business

A 25-0110 Discussion and Potential Action to Adopt a 2026-2030
Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness

City Manager Tim Kirby and Housing Officer Amanda Sztoltz provided the staff report and presentation.

Public Hearing opened at 7:13 p.m.

Agnes Veith shared their concerns with the Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness and how it was constructed.

Chuck Fraleigh voiced their concerns with the Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness and the lack of a safe parking program plan.

Himanshu Sethi shared their concerns with unhoused sweeps and advocated for more stable housing and safe parking options.

Rose Gregorio spoke to the unhoused crisis and need for additional resources allocated towards the crisis.

Michael Love communicated the need for employment services programs, safe parking sites and additional housing for the unhoused.

Guadalupe Cardona shared their support for the unhoused community and advocated for additional services.

Mladen Vrlec spoke to their experience using unhoused services.

Mark Irvine shared their experiences with how the unhoused service programs are being administered.

D. D. voiced their concerns with the lack of housing options for the unhoused community.

Irene Wong advocated for additional unhoused assistance services during the cold winter months.

Mike Serrone, Livable Sunnyvale, proposed looking into holistic approaches to address homelessness.

Marie Bernard, Executive Director, Sunnyvale Community Services, spoke to the unhoused services offered by Sunnyvale Community Services.

Angela R. shared their concerns regarding the Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness development process and lack of community outreach.

Public Hearing closed at 7:30 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Weiss moved and Vice Chair Riviere seconded the motion to recommend to City Council Alternative 2: Adopt the draft Five-Year Strategic Plan to End Homelessness and direct staff to return with an implementation plan; with the following modifications:

- The draft implementation plan to include disaggregated data regarding veterans and potential coordination strategies with the US Department of Veterans Affairs;
- The draft implementation plan to include a field scan of innovative solutions other jurisdictions are finding successful in addressing homelessness;
- The draft implementation plan to study coordinating with neighboring cities to establish a program similar to the Downtown Streets Team; and
- The draft implementation plan to clearly express the sense of urgency regarding the homelessness crisis.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Vice Chair Riviere offered a friendly amendment to include exploring partnerships with local school and community college districts regarding the allocation of resources and establish metrics and goals to assist in measuring the success of the plan. Commissioner Weiss accepted the friendly amendment.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Commissioner Steward offered a friendly amendment to study how to improve the living situations of those unhoused members living in street encampments and exploring increasing the City's budget allocations towards homelessness services and the Strategic Plan. Commissioner Weiss accepted the friendly amendment.

MOTION AS AMENDED RESTATED: Commissioner Weiss moved and Vice Chair Riviere seconded the motion to recommend to City Council Alternative 2: Adopt the draft Five-Year Strategic Plan to End Homelessness and direct staff to return with an implementation plan; with the following modifications:

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and potential coordination strategies with the US Department of Veterans Affairs;

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- The draft implementation plan to include exploring partnerships with local school and community college districts regarding the allocation of resources and establish metrics and goals to assist in measuring the success of the plan; and
- The draft implementation plan to include studying how to improve the living situations of those unhoused members living in street encampments and exploring increasing the City's budget allocations towards homelessness services and the Strategic Plan.

The motion as amended carried with the following vote:

Yes 5 - Chair Friedlander
Vice Chair Riviere
Commissioner Shen
Commissioner Steward
Commissioner Weiss

No: 2 Commissioner Davis
Commissioner Duncan

MOTION: Councilmember Mehlinger moved and Councilmember Srinivasan seconded the motion to direct staff to return to Council with an agenda item and updated draft of the Five-Year Strategic Plan to End Homelessness in the first half of 2026.

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

Adjourn Special Joint Meeting

Mayor Klein adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

7 P.M. COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klein called the meeting to order at 7:57 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

PRESENTATION

B [25-1033](#) 2025 Municipal Information Systems Association of California (MISAC) Awards, Presented by MISAC Board Member Gaurav Garg

MISAC Board Member Gaurav Garg presented the MISAC Award to Chief Information Officer/Information Technology Director Kathleen Bouthé Foster-Gee and the Information Technology Department team.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Chang announced the new minimum wage rate in 2026.

Tim Oey announced the 5th annual holiday lights ride and an electric bicycles "e-bikes" course hosted by the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition.

Zachary Kaufman shared concerns on when their public comments were heard during the November 18, 2025 City Council meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Public Comment opened at 8:12 p.m.

Afsaneh Jabbar requested agenda Items 1.B and 1.C be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

Public Comment closed at 8:12 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Mehlinger moved and Vice Mayor Sell seconded the motion to approve agenda items 1.A, 1D. and 1.E.

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 [25-0339](#) Approve the List(s) of Claims and Bills Approved for Payment by the City Manager

Approve the list(s) of claims and bills.

1.B [25-1099](#) Modify an Existing Purchase Agreement with Chemtrade Chemicals US LLC for Aluminum Sulfate to Increase the Not-to-Exceed Amount to \$545,000 (F26-185)

Public Hearing opened at 8:14p.m.

Afsaneh Jabbar provided comments on the oxidation ponds and shared their recommendations to improve their operation.

Public Hearing closed at 8:17 p.m.

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

- Authorize the City Manager to modify the existing Purchase Agreement with Chemtrade Chemicals US, LLC. for aluminum sulfate, increasing the not-to-exceed amount from \$245,000 to \$545,000;
- Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement when all necessary conditions have been met; and
- Authorize the City Manager to modify the purchase agreement, subject to available budget, if additional aluminum sulfate is required and pricing and service 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.C** [25-1045](#) Adopt a Resolution Designating City Personnel as Authorized Agents Applying for Emergency Financial Assistance in Response to Declared Emergencies as Required by the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and Approve Renewal of Cal OES Form 130C

Public Hearing opened at 8:18 p.m.

Afsaneh Jabbar communicated they did not locate the referenced Cal OES Form 130 in the report.

Public Hearing closed at 8:20 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Mehlinger moved and Vice Mayor Sell seconded the

motion to adopt a Resolution Approving California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Form 130, Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution for Non-State Agencies, in Support of City Disaster Recovery for Disaster-Related Expenditures.

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.D [25-1076](#) Adopt a Resolution Updating the City Council Regular Meeting Calendar for January 2026 Through March 2027

Adopt a Resolution (Attachment 1 to the report) updating the City Council Regular Meeting Calendar for January 2026 through March 2027 to move the March 17, 2026 regular Council meeting to March 10, 2026.

1.E [25-1112](#) Adopt Ordinance No. 3249-25 Awarding a Fifteen-Year Extension to an Existing Non-Exclusive Franchise to an Existing for the Distribution of Nitrogen Gas by Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2 [25-0707](#) Consider and Potentially Approve an Option for Installation of Bicycle Lanes on Hollenbeck Avenue, Find that The Action is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c) and Public Resources Code Section 21080.25(b)(1), and Direct Staff to Include the Approved Concept Plan as an Unfunded Project in the FY 2025/26 Budget Pending Future Identification of Funding (DPW 21-01)

Transportation and Traffic Manager Angela Obeso provided the staff report and presentation.

City Council took a recess at 9:28 p.m. and returned at 9:39 p.m. with all City Councilmembers present.

Public Hearing opened at 9:39 p.m.

Claire Li shared their concerns with the removal of on-street parking and the installation of bicycle lanes on Hollenbeck Avenue.

Aryan voiced their safety concerns with vehicle speeds and removal of on-street parking on Hollenbeck Avenue.

Ari Feinsmith provided a presentation in support of Option 1 - to Remove On-street Parking on Both Sides of Hollenbeck Avenue Between Danforth Drive and Alberta Avenue to Implement Class IIB Buffered Bicycle Lanes, Find that the Action is Exempt from CEQA Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c) and Public Resources Code Section 21080.25(b)(1), and Direct Staff to Include the Concept Plan as an Unfunded Project in the FY 2025/26 Budget Pending Future Identification of Funding.

Angela Rausch communicated their support for Option 1.

Maydean Grundstrom spoke against the installation of bicycle lanes on Hollenbeck Avenue , and against Option 2A - remove on-street parking from one side of Hollenbeck avenue between Danforth drive and Alberta avenue, alternating between the east and west sides, implement Class II bicycle lanes and Option 2B - remove on-street parking on the east side of Hollenbeck Avenue between Danforth drive and The Dalles Avenue, implement Class II bicycle lanes between Danforth drive and Alberta avenue.

Aleksandra Jovic communicated their opposition to Option 1.

Jennifer Stonaker voiced their support for Option 1.

Alok B. provided a presentation communicating concerns with the installation of bicycle lanes on Hollenbeck Avenue and support for Option 3 - maintain the existing on-street parking conditions with no addition of bicycle lanes, which is consistent

with the Active Transportation Plan (ATP).

Kimberly Tanouye spoke in support of Option 1.

Sandhya Panicker shared their concerns with the removal of on-street parking and the installation of bicycle lanes on Hollenbeck Avenue.

Manoj Panicker provided a presentation in opposition to removing on-street parking on Hollenbeck Avenue.

Alison Hlady voiced their support for Option 1.

Mark Hlady, Sunnyvale Safe Streets, provided a presentation in support of Option 1

Kristine Gray communicated their opposition with the removal of on-street parking and the installation of bicycle lanes on Hollenbeck Avenue.

Susan Selna spoke in support of improving existing infrastructure before installing any bicycle lanes on Hollenbeck Avenue.

Paul Besser spoke in support for Option 1.

Pat Oey voiced their support for Option 1.

Brian Rice communicated their support for Option 1.

Julia Liu shared their support for Option 1.

Chloe Dahl, Sunnyvale Safe Streets, provided a presentation in support of Option 1.

Cynthia Li, Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action, continued the presentation.

Rupa Pal spoke in support for Option 3.

Ann Harren communicated their opposition with the removal of on-street parking and the installation of bicycle lanes on Hollenbeck Avenue.

Sara Mohsin voiced their support for Option 1

Maddy Chang spoke in support for Option 1.

Member of the public shared their support for Option 1.

Katherine Park, Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action, communicated their support for Option 1.

Elana Feinsmith provided a presentation in support of Option 1.

Sharad Bagri spoke in opposition to the installation of bicycle lanes on Hollenbeck Avenue.

Tristan Lawrence shared their support for Option 1.

Andrew Ho spoke in support for Option 3.

Arjun Surendra, Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action, spoke in support for Option 1.

Audrick Cheang, Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action, voiced their support for Option 1.

Lauren Lu spoke in opposition to Options 1 and 2.

Jay Zimmerman, Sunnyvale Safe Streets, provided a presentation in support of Option 1.

Sharlene Liu, Sunnyvale Safe Streets, continued the presentation.

Jody Schneider spoke in support for Option 1.

Olaf Karwasiecki voiced their support for Option 1.

Adrian Kari, Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action, shared their support for Option 1.

Anne Paulson offered their support for Option 1.

Kevin Jackson communicated their support for Option 1.

Cal Cornwell spoke in support for Option 1.

Daniel Karpelevitch provided a presentation in support of Option 1.

Susan Bremond continued the presentation.

City Council took a recess at 10:54 p.m. and returned at 11:00 p.m. with all City Councilmembers present.

Josephine Lawrence spoke in support for Option 1.

Deborah Goldeen communicated their support for Option 1.

Dan Hafeman shared their support for Option 1.

Trent Braswall communicated their support for Option 1.

Jason Feinsmith spoke in support for Option 1.

Fred Stahl spoke to the reported parking studies and shared some concerns as a resident living on Hollenbeck Avenue.

Harry Li spoke in support for Option 3.

Ze-Kun Li, Executive Director, Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action, spoke in support for Option 1.

Connor Duke shared their support of the staff recommendation, Option 2B - to remove on-street parking on the east side of Hollenbeck Avenue between Danforth Drive and The Dalles Avenue, implement Class II bicycle lanes between Danforth Drive and Alberta Avenue, find that the action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c) and Public Resources Code Section 21080.25(b)(1), and direct Staff to include the Concept Plan as an Unfunded Project in the FY 2025/26 Budget Pending Future Identification of Funding.

Tina Chang communicated their support for Option 1.

Hans Bernhardt provided a presentation in support of Option 1.

Kristel Wickham shared their support for Option 1.

Haruko Matsuda asked if Council can postpone the decision to wait for a completed Option 2B study.

Tim Oey voiced their support for Option 1.

Sharad Bagri spoke in support for Option 1.

Lakshmi communicated their opposition with the removal of on-street parking and the installation of bicycle lanes on Hollenbeck Avenue.

Mike Kwan spoke in support for Option 1.

Allison, Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action, communicated their support for Option 1.

Jo Chuang shared their support for Option 1.

Kristina Pistone voiced their support for Option 1.

Fran B. shared their concerns with access to homes on Hollenbeck Avenue with Option 1.

Yi Hsieh communicated their support for Option 1.

Jacquiline Leveille voiced opposition to the installation of bike lanes on Hollenbeck Avenue and support for Option 3.

Doug Kunz shared their support for Option 1.

Carrie Levin communicated their support for Option 1.

Thomas spoke in support for Option 3.

Jen No voiced their opposition to Option 1.

Vikram Jayaraman spoke in support for Option 3.

Steven K. shared their support for Option 1.

Theodore Hong spoke in support for Option 1.

Leia Mehlman communicated their support for Option 1.

Public Hearing closed at 11:46 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Srinivasan moved and Mayor Klein seconded the motion to approve Alternative 3: Approve Option 2B to remove on-street parking on the east side of Hollenbeck Avenue between Danforth Drive and The Dalles Avenue, Implement Class II Bicycle Lanes between Danforth Drive and Alberta Avenue, Find that the Action is exempt from CEQA Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c) and Public Resources Code Section 21080.25(b)(1), and direct Staff to include the Concept Plan as an Unfunded Project in the FY 2025/26 Budget Pending Future Identification of Funding.

The motion failed with the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Mayor Klein
Councilmember Srinivasan

No: 5 - Vice Mayor Sell
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Mehlinger
Councilmember Chang
Councilmember Le

MOTION: Vice Mayor Sell moved and Councilmember Mehlinger seconded the motion to approve Alternative 1: Approve Option 1 to remove on-street parking on both sides of Hollenbeck Avenue between Danforth Drive and Alberta Avenue to implement Class IIB Buffered Bicycle Lanes, find that the Action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c) and Public Resources Code Section 21080.25(b)(1), and direct Staff to include the Concept Plan as an Unfunded Project in the FY 2025/26 Budget Pending Future Identification of Funding; and

- Include Active Transportation Plan intersection improvements in the unfunded project scope.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Councilmember Mehlinger offered a friendly amendment

to direct staff to return with an estimated cost, timeline and money to amend the Downtown Specific Plan to remove the requirement of left turns at W. Remington Drive. Vice Mayor Sell accepted the friendly amendment.

MOTION AS AMENDED RESTATED: Vice Mayor Sell moved and Councilmember Mehlinger seconded the motion to approve Alternative 1: Approve Option 1 to remove on-street parking on both sides of Hollenbeck Avenue between Danforth Drive and Alberta Avenue to implement Class IIB Buffered Bicycle Lanes, find that the Action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c) and Public Resources Code Section 21080.25(b)(1), and direct Staff to include the Concept Plan as an Unfunded Project in the FY 2025/26 Budget Pending Future Identification of Funding;

- Include Active Transportation Plan intersection improvements in the unfunded project scope; and
- Direct staff to return with an estimated cost, timeline and money to amend the Downtown Specific Plan to remove the requirement of left turns at W. Remington Drive.

The motion as amended carried with the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Sell
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Mehlinger
Councilmember Chang
Councilmember Le

No: 1 - Councilmember Srinivasan

COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Agenda item not heard by Council.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

-Council

Agenda item not heard by Council.

-City Manager

Agenda item not heard by Council.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

- [25-1059](#) Tentative Council Meeting Agenda Calendar
- [25-1060](#) Board/Commission Meeting Minutes
- [25-0659](#) Homeless Services Annual Update for FY 2024/25 (Information Only)
- [25-1089](#) Notice of Public Works Director's Decision on Final Maps (Information Only)
- [25-1117](#) Council Advocacy Letters

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Klein adjourned the meeting at 12:41 a.m.