



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

5:30 PM

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

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

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

Call to Order

Vice Mayor Sell called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 [25-0568](#) Evaluate the City of Sunnyvale Study Issues Process (Study Issue OCM 24-02)

City Manager Tim Kirby; Jan Perkins, Vice President, Raftelis; and Rebekka Hosken Senior Manager, Raftelis, provided the staff report and presentation.

Public Comment opened at 7:00 p.m.

David Kesting, Parks and Recreation Commission Chair, shared support for Board and Commission study issue initiation and input in the Study Issues process and the outcome of study issues they submitted.

Martin Pyne suggested Boards and Commissions could provide additional input during the budget development process.

Doug Kunz voiced support for aligning study issues with strategic priorities, for

removing the option to defer study issues and for Option 2 for Boards and Commissions input with one study issue moving forward from each Board and Commission.

Cortney Jansen communicated support for continued Board and Commission initiation of study issues.

Stephen Meier shared support for earlier Council input on study issues and for addressing misalignment between staff and Council relating to traffic calming efforts.

Public Comment closed at 7:10 p.m.

Adjourn Special Meeting

Vice Mayor Sell adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

7 P.M. COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klein called the meeting to order at 7:21 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

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

B [25-0480](#) Silicon Valley Pride & Bisexual Awareness Week

Mayor Klein spoke in honor of Silicon Valley Pride & Bisexual Awareness Week.

Nicole Denson, Chief Executive Officer, Silicon Valley Pride and Councilmember Mehlinger provided remarks in recognition Silicon Valley Pride & Bisexual Awareness Week.

C [25-0043](#) Ceremonial Oath of Office for Board and Commission Members

City Clerk David Carnahan administered the Ceremonial Oath of Office to appointed Commissioners.

D [25-0481](#) National Library Card Sign-up Month

Mayor Klein spoke in honor of National Library Card Signup Month.

Superintendent of Libraries Garrett Kuramoto spoke in recognition of National Library Card Signup Month.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Mehlinger announced that Sunnyvale schools are back in session and the annual State of the City event.

Ranya Zhang shared a presentation regarding preparing council meeting minutes using Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Harnyi Yaun continued the presentation.

Vincent continued the presentation.

Kabir Suiur continued the presentation.

Jon Blum, Sunnyvale Safe Streets, shared a presentation regarding removal of parking on Hollenbeck Avenue to allow for safer bicycle lanes.

Sharlene Liu, Sunnyvale Safe Streets, continued the presentation.

Tiffany Anderson, President, Sunnyvale Historical Society and Museum Association, shared details of an upcoming California Expedition following the path of the Stephens–Townsend–Murphy Party from Truckee, CA to Auburn, CA.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Public Comment opened at 8:06 p.m.

Zach Kaufman requested agenda item 1.G be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

Public Comment closed at 8:06 p.m.

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

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 [25-0668](#) Approve City Council Meeting Minutes of July 29, 2025

Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of July 29, 2025 as submitted.

1.B [25-0669](#) Approve City Council Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2025
(Board and Commission Interviews)

Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2025 as submitted.

1.C [25-0660](#) Approve City Council Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2025

Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2025 as submitted.

1.D [25-0331](#) Approve the List(s) of Claims and Bills Approved for Payment
by the City Manager

Approve the list(s) of claims and bills.

1.E [25-0310](#) Accept Google LLC's Donation of Voluntary Bicycle and
Pedestrian Facility Improvements on Borregas Avenue
Between Humboldt Court and Gibraltar Drive with an
Estimated Construction Cost of \$1,550,000 and Find Action
Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act

Accept Google LLC's donation of voluntary bicycle and pedestrian facility improvements on Borregas Avenue between Humboldt Court and Gibraltar Drive, with an estimated construction cost of \$1,550,000, and find the action exempt from

the California Environmental Quality Act.

- 1.F** [25-0713](#) Adopt a Resolution Approving a Policy to Prioritize Water and Sewer Services for Affordable Housing Developments

Adopt a Resolution approving a policy to prioritize Water and Sewer Services for Affordable Housing Developments (Attachment 1 to the report).

- 1.G** [25-0877](#) Adopt Ordinance No. 3244-25 to Amend Chapter 16.42 (Energy Code) and Chapter 16.43 (Green Building) of Title 16 (Buildings and Construction) of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code with Local Amendments to the 2022 California Building Energy Efficiency Standards and Green Building Standards Code to add Reach Code Provisions for Existing Single Family Residential Remodels, Additions and Alterations, and to Make Related Findings

Public Comment opened at 8:07 p.m.

Zach Kaufman voiced concerns with the costs to residents with the Reach Code requirements.

Public Comment closed at 8:10 p.m.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Sell moved and Councilmember Mehlinger seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 3244-25 to amend Chapter 16.42 (Energy Code) and Chapter 16.43 (Green Building) of Title 16 (Buildings and Construction) of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code with Local Amendments to the 2022 California Building Energy Efficiency Standards and Green Building Standards Code to add Reach Code Provisions for Existing Single Family Residential Remodels, Additions and Alterations, and to Make Related Findings.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

- 2 [25-0794](#) Approve the City of Sunnyvale’s 2025 Public Health Goal Report on Water Quality (2022 - 2024) and Direct Staff to File the Report with the California State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water

Assistant Environmental Services Direction Mansour Nasser provided the staff report.

Public Hearing opened at 8:29 p.m.

Stephen Meier voiced concerns with the credibility of the Environmental Services Department related to ongoing litigation related to the quality of water Sunnyvale discharges into the San Francisco Bay.

Public Hearing closed at 8:32 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Mehlinger moved and Vice Mayor Sell seconded the motion to approve Alternative 1: Approve the City of Sunnyvale’s 2025 Public Health Goal Report on Water Quality (2022-2024) and direct Staff to file the Report with the California State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water.

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

- 3 [25-0767](#) Adopt a Resolution Amending the City’s Civil Service Rules and Regulations

Human Resources Director Tina Murphy provided the staff report and presentation.

Public Hearing opened at 8:54 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Hearing closed at 8:54 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Mehlinger moved and Vice Mayor Sell seconded the motion to approve Alternative 1: Adopt a Resolution amending the Civil Service Rules and Regulations with the following modification,

- Add a prohibition against grandparent/grandchild relationships to Section 12.05 (Employment of Relatives).

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

- 4** [25-0828](#) Introduce an Ordinance Declaring the Need for the Sunnyvale Industrial Development Authority, Declaring that the Sunnyvale Industrial Development Authority Shall Function, and Finding that the Action is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act

Finance Director Matt Paulin provided the staff report.

Public Hearing opened at 8:59 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Hearing closed at 8:59 p.m.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Sell moved and Councilmember Mehlinger seconded the motion to introduce an Ordinance declaring the need for the Sunnyvale Industrial Development Authority, declaring that the Sunnyvale Industrial Development Authority shall function, and finding that the Action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

Deputy City Clerk Daniel Byars read the ordinance title for the record.

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

- 5** [25-0843](#) Appeal of Commission Separation and Consideration of Reinstatement to the Housing and Human Services Commission

City Clerk David Carnahan provided the staff report and presentation.

Public Hearing opened at 9:12 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Hearing closed at 9:12 p.m.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Sell moved and Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion to approve Alternative 1: Accept the appeal and reinstate Leesa Riviere to the Housing and Human Services Commission to the term ending June 30, 2029.

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

Councilmember Le reported discussion of micro transit grants at a recent Valley Transportation Authority Policy Advisory Committee meeting.

Vice Mayor Sell reported on micro transit grants issued by Valley Transportation Authority.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

-Council

Councilmember Srinivasan shared details of the upcoming Sunnyvale Heritage Day event.

-City Manager

City Manager Tim Kirby shared details of the upcoming State of the City event and public comment period.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

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| 25-0743 | Tentative Council Meeting Agenda Calendar |
| 25-0744 | Board/Commission Meeting Minutes |
| 25-0745 | New Study Issues and Budget Proposals Sponsored by Council |
| 25-0227 | Boards and Commissions Semi-Annual Attendance Report, January to June 2025 (Information Only) |
| 25-0888 | Council Advocacy Letters |

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Klein adjourned the meeting at 9:23 p.m.