



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

5:00 PM

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

**Special Meeting: Closed Session-5 PM | Regular Meeting-7 PM | Industrial Development
Authority Regular Meeting-7 PM | Joint Meeting City Council & Sunnyvale Financing
Authority-7 PM**

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

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: 5 - Mayor Larry Klein
Vice Mayor Linda Sell
Councilmember Richard Mehlinger
Councilmember Murali Srinivasan
Councilmember Charlsie Chang
Absent: 2 - Councilmember Alysa Cisneros
Councilmember Eileen Le

Councilmembers Cisneros and Le's absences are excused.

Public Comment

Public Comment opened at 5:02 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 5:02 p.m.

Convene to Closed Session

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

A [25-0844](#) Closed Session Held Pursuant to California Government Code
Section 54956.9:
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-PENDING
LITIGATION

(Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)

Name of Case: Toy v. City of Sunnyvale (Workers

Compensation Appeal Board Case No. ADJ16210790)

B [25-0703](#) Closed Session Held Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54957 and 54957.6:
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION & COMPENSATION
Title: City Manager

C [25-0432](#) Closed Session Held Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957:
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
Title: City Attorney

Adjourn Special Meeting

Vice Mayor Sell adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

7 P.M. COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klein called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Klein led the salute to the United States flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Larry Klein
 Vice Mayor Linda Sell
 Councilmember Richard Mehlinger
 Councilmember Murali Srinivasan
 Councilmember Charlsie Chang
Absent: 2 - Councilmember Alysa Cisneros
 Councilmember Eileen Le

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CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Vice Mayor Sell reported that Council met in Closed Session Held Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PENDING LITIGATION (Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Name of Case: Toy v. City of Sunnyvale (Workers Compensation Appeal Board Case No. ADJ16210790); nothing to report.

Vice Mayor Sell reported that Council met in Closed Session Held Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54957 and 54957.6: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION & COMPENSATION Title: City Manager; nothing to report.

Vice Mayor Sell reported that Council met in Closed Session Held Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION Title: City Attorney; nothing to report.

Vice Mayor Sell reported that Council met in Closed Session on October 14, 2025, Held Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8: CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS Property: 295 S. Mathilda Avenue Agency Negotiator: Tim Kirby, City Manager Negotiating Parties: MidPen Housing Corporation Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment (Lease); nothing to report.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

D [25-0490](#) Filipino American History Month

Mayor Klein spoke in honor of Filipino American History Month.

E [25-0570](#) Hindu American Heritage Month

Mayor Klein spoke in honor of Hindu American Heritage Month.

Narendra Pathak, Santa Clara County Human Relations Commissioner, spoke in recognition of Hindu American Heritage Month.

F [25-0491](#) National Friends of the Library Week

Mayor Klein spoke in honor of National Friends of the Library Week.

Library and Recreation Services Deputy Director – Library Services Garrett Kuramoto spoke in recognition of National Friends of the Library Week.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Srinivasan announced the Frunk-or-Treat and Sustainability Speaker Series events, and details of the current Board and Commission Recruitment.

Susan Bremond, Sunnyvale Safe Streets, provided a presentation in support of Option 1 buffered bicycle lanes for the Hollenbeck Bike Lane Study.

Brenna Hall, Sunnyvale Safe Streets, continued the presentation.

Stephen Meier spoke to the Active Transportation Plan and support for Option 1 for the Hollenbeck Bike Lane Study.

Jonathan Blum voiced a response to public comments made during Oral Communications at the September 30, 2025, Council Meeting regarding parking along Hollenbeck Avenue.

Janice Heredia spoke to their former employment with and civil complaint against the City of Sunnyvale.

Zachary Kaufman announced the Sunnyvale Halloween Pet Parade.

Sharlene Liu, Sunnyvale Safe Streets, shared a presentation in support of Option 1 for the Hollenbeck Bike Lane Study.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Public Comment opened at 7:48 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 7:48 p.m.

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

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Sell
Councilmember Mehlinger
Councilmember Srinivasan
Councilmember Chang

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Le

1.A [25-0938](#) Approve City Council Meeting Minutes of September 30, 2025

Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of September 30, 2025 as submitted.

1.B [25-0335](#) 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 [25-0895](#) Approve Budget Modification No. 8 to Appropriation \$100,000 of Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) Engagement Track Funds for Electrification Engagement and Ratify the Executed Grant Agreement

Approve Budget Modification No. 8 to appropriate \$100,000 of Silicon Valley Clean Energy Engagement Track funds for electrification engagement and ratify the executed grant agreement in Attachment 2 to the report.

1.D [25-0913](#) Amend an Existing Consultant Services Agreement with Strategic Economics, Inc. for an Inclusionary Housing Feasibility Study for a New Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$361,090 and to Extend the Agreement Through December 31, 2026 (F26-097) and Approve Budget Modification No. 4 in the Amount of \$136,090

Take the following actions:

- Approve an amendment to the Consultant Services Agreement with Strategic Economics, Inc., increasing the contract by \$136,090 for a new not-to-exceed total of \$361,090 and extending the agreement term through December 31, 2026;
- Authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment when all necessary conditions have been met; and
- Authorize the City Manager to increase compensation subject to budget availability through December 31, 2026, providing pricing and services remain acceptable to the City.

1.E [25-0963](#) Award of Contract in the Amount of \$645,791.50 to Columbia Electric, Inc. for Pedestrian Signal Improvements on Various Locations 2024 and Finding of California Environmental

**Quality Act (CEQA) Categorical Exemption Pursuant to CEQA
Guidelines Section 15301(c) (PW25-09)**

Take the following actions:

- Award a contract in substantially the same form as Attachment 2 to the report in the amount of \$645,791.50 to Columbia Electric, Inc. of Hayward, CA;
- Approve a 10% construction contingency in the amount of \$64,579;
- 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(c), which applies to the operation, repairs, maintenance, and minor alterations of existing facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of the existing or former use.

1.F 25-0907 Award Contract in the Amount of \$647,414 to Earl Adams Tile-Coping + Plastering, Inc., dba Adams Pool Solutions, for Columbia Middle School Swimming Pool Infrastructure, Make Finding of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Categorical Exemption Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(a), and Approve Budget Modification No. 6 in the Amount of \$180,652 (PW25-11)

Take the following actions:

- Award a contract in substantially the same form as Attachment 2 to the report in the amount of \$647,414 to Earl Adams Tile-Coping + Plastering, Inc., dba Adams Pool Solutions, of Pleasanton;
- Make a finding of categorical exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(a);
- Authorize the City Manager to execute the contract when all necessary conditions have been met;
- Approve a 10% contingency in the amount of \$64,741.40; and
- Approve Budget Modification No. 6 in the amount of \$180,652.

1.G 25-0974 Adopt Two Resolutions: (1) Setting the Employer's Contribution Under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA) for Management, Sunnyvale Employees' Association/International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers Local 21 (SEA/IFPTE Local 21), Confidential, and Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Employees and Annuitants (Retirees); and (2) Amending the City's Salary Resolution to Reflect

Representation by Service Employees International Union (SEIU) of Certain Casual/Temporary Positions and Modify the City's Contribution to Medical Insurance for Management, SEA/IFPTE Local 21, and SEIU Employees

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- (1) Setting the Employer's Contribution Under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA) for Management, Sunnyvale Employees' Association/International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers Local 21 (SEA/IFPTE Local 21), Confidential, and Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Employees and Annuitants (Retirees); and
- (2) Amending the City's Salary Resolution to Reflect Representation by Service Employees International Union (SEIU) of Certain Casual/Temporary Positions and Modify the City's Contribution to Medical Insurance for Management, SEA/IFPTE Local 21, and SEIU Employees.

1.H [25-0995](#) Adopt Ordinance No. 3247-25 to Amend Chapter 16.52 (Fire Code) of Title 16 (Buildings and Construction) of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code to Adopt by Reference the 2025 California Fire Code with Local Amendments and Related Findings

Adopt Ordinance No. 3247-25 to Amend Chapter 16.52 (Fire Code) of Title 16 (Buildings and Construction) of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code to Adopt by Reference the 2025 California Fire Code with Local Amendments and Related Findings.

1.I [25-0998](#) Adopt Ordinance No. 3248-25 to Amend Various Sections of Title 16 (Buildings and Construction) of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code to Adopt by Reference the 2025 California Building Code, Plumbing Code, Electrical Code, Building Standards Administrative Code, Energy Code, Historical Building Code, Existing Building Code, Wildland-Urban Interface Code, and Green Building Standards Code, and the 2024 International Property Maintenance Code, with Local Amendments and Related Findings

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2024 International Property Maintenance Code, with Local Amendments and Related Findings.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2 [25-0569](#) Evaluate the City of Sunnyvale Study Issues Process (Study Issue OCM 24-02)

City Manager Tim Kirby; Jan Perkins, Raftelis and Senior Management Analyst Michelle Zahraie provided the staff report and presentation.

City Council took a recess at 9:20 p.m. and returned at 9:26 p.m. with Mayor Klein, Vice Mayor Sell, and Councilmembers Mehlinger, Srinivasan and Chang present.

Public Hearing opened at 9:29 p.m.

Martin Pyne shared their concerns regarding the transition and implementation of the new Council Priority Projects process.

Public Hearing closed at 9:32 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Mehlinger moved and Vice Mayor Sell seconded the motion to approve Alternatives 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5:

1. Receive and file the Raftelis Evaluation Report (Attachment 1);
2. Approve the Proposed Policy 7.1.7 Budget Proposal Process - Redline Version (Attachment 3 to the report);
3. Approve the Proposed Policy 7.2.19 Boards and Commissions - Clean Version (Attachment 4 to the report);
4. Approve the Proposed Policy 7.3.19 Council Meetings - Clean Version (Attachment 6 to the report); and
5. Approve the Proposed Policy 7.3.26 Study Issues Process - Clean Version (Attachment 8 to the report). and;
- Direct that Councilmembers and the City Manager have the option to add potential Council Priority Project Ideas to a tracked list throughout the year for reference during the Council Priority Projects process; a quorum of Councilmembers is required to co-sponsor any Councilmember sponsored Council Priority Project Idea to be put on the list.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Councilmember Mehlinger offered a friendly amendment to remove the reference to the identification of Budget Proposals from Page 12, Attachment 5. Vice Mayor Sell accepted the friendly amendment.

The motion as amended carried with the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Sell
Councilmember Mehlinger
Councilmember Srinivasan
Councilmember Chang

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Le

3 [25-0452](#) Approve The Design To Remove One Southbound Travel Lane And Install A Class IIB Buffered Bicycle Lane On Southbound Mathilda Avenue Between Ahwanee Avenue/Almanor Avenue And Maude Avenue, Find That The Action Is Exempt From CEQA Pursuant To CEQA Guideline Section 15301(c), And Direct Staff To Include The Proposed Improvements As A Future Unfunded Project

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

Public Hearing opened at 10:16 p.m.

Daniel Karpelevitch voiced their support for installing the proposed buffered bicycle lane and questioned why this project was not completed during a recent street striping project.

Public Hearing closed at 10:19 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Mehlinger moved and Councilmember Srinivasan seconded the motion to approve Alternative 1: Approve the design to remove one southbound travel lane and install a Class IIB Buffered Bicycle Lane on southbound Mathilda Avenue between Ahwanee Avenue/Almanor Avenue and Maude Avenue, find that the action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15301(c), and direct staff to include the proposed improvements as a future unfunded project.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Sell
Councilmember Mehlinger
Councilmember Srinivasan
Councilmember Chang

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Le

**ADJOURNMENT TO SUNNYVALE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING**

**7 P.M. (OR SOON THEREAFTER) SUNNYVALE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING**

Call to Order

Authority Chair Klein called the Sunnyvale Industrial Development Authority meeting to order at 10:27 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 5 - Authority Chair Larry Klein
Authority Vice Chair Linda Sell
Authority Member Richard Mehlinger
Authority Member Murali Srinivasan
Authority Member Charlsie Chang

Absent: 2 - Authority Member Alysa Cisneros
Authority Member Eileen Le

Authority Members Cisneros and Le's absences are excused.

Oral Communications

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

4 [25-0832](#) Adopt Resolution of the Sunnyvale Industrial Development Authority Providing for Certain Organizational Matters and Adopt Resolution of the Sunnyvale Industrial Development

Authority Approving, Authorizing, and Directing the Execution
of an Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers
Agreement Creating the Sunnyvale Financing Authority

Finance Director Matt Paulin provided the staff report.

Public Hearing opened at 10:32 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Hearing closed at 10:32 p.m.

MOTION: Authority Vice Chair Sell moved and Authority Member Mehlinger seconded the motion to approve Alternatives 1 and 2:

1. Adopt a Resolution of the Sunnyvale Industrial Development Authority Providing for Certain Organizational Matters; and
2. Adopt a Resolution of the Sunnyvale Industrial Development Authority Approving, Authorizing and Directing the Execution of an Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Creating the Sunnyvale Financing Authority.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Authority Chair Klein
Authority Vice Chair Sell
Authority Member Mehlinger
Authority Member Srinivasan
Authority Member Chang

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Authority Member Cisneros
Authority Member Le

ADJOURN SUNNYVALE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

Authority Chair Klein adjourned the meeting at 10:33 p.m.

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 10:34 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 5 - Authority Chair / Mayor Larry Klein
Authority Vice Chair / Vice Mayor Linda Sell
Authority Member / Councilmember Richard Mehlinger
Authority Member / Councilmember Murali Srinivasan
Authority Member / Councilmember Charlsie Chang

Absent: 2 - Authority Member / Councilmember Alysa Cisneros
Authority Member / Councilmember Eileen Le

Authority Member/Councilmembers Cisneros and Le's absences are excused.

Oral Communications

None.

Consent Calendar

Public Comment opened at 10:36 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 10:36 p.m.

MOTION: Authority Vice Chair Sell moved and Authority Member Srinivasan seconded the motion to approve agenda item 5.A.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Authority Chair Klein
Authority Vice Chair Sell
Authority Member Mehlinger
Authority Member Srinivasan
Authority Member Chang

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Authority Member Cisneros
Authority Member Le

5.A [25-0947](#) Approve Sunnyvale Financing Authority Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2025

Approve the Sunnyvale Financing Authority Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2025 as submitted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

6 [25-0835](#) Adopt Resolutions to Authorize Issuance of Solid Waste Revenue Bonds to Finance SMaRT Station® Improvements and Equipment in an Amount Not to Exceed \$50 Million, Including Financing and Closing Costs; Approve Financing Team, and Authorize the City Manager/Executive Director or the Finance Director/Treasurer to Execute all Related Documents

Finance Director/Authority Treasurer Matt Paulin provided the staff report and presentation.

Public Hearing opened at 10:49 p.m.

Steve inquired how the issued revenue bonds will be repaid.

Public Hearing closed at 10:50 p.m.

City Council:

MOTION: Vice Mayor Sell moved and Councilmember Srinivasan seconded the motion to approve Alternative 1: Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sunnyvale Approving Solid Waste Revenue Bonds Issued by the Sunnyvale Financing Authority in the Maximum Principal Amount of \$50,000,000 to Finance SMaRT Station Improvements and Equipment, Approve an Installment Sale Agreement and Other Documents, Authorize Official Actions and Related Matters, and Approve the Financing Team.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Sell
Councilmember Mehlinger
Councilmember Srinivasan
Councilmember Chang

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Le

Sunnyvale Financing Authority:

MOTION: Vice Chair Sell moved and Authority Member Srinivasan seconded the motion to approve Alternative 1: Adopt a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Sunnyvale Financing Authority Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Solid Waste Revenue Bonds in the Maximum Principal Amount of \$50,000,000 to Finance SMaRT Station Improvements and Equipment, Adopting a Debt Management Policy, and Approving Related Documents and Actions.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Authority Chair Klein
Authority Vice Chair Sell
Authority Member Mehlinger
Authority Member Srinivasan
Authority Member Chang

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Authority Member Cisneros
Authority Member Le

ADJOURN JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND SUNNYVALE FINANCING AUTHORITY MEETING

Authority Chair/Mayor Klein adjourned the meeting at 10:57 p.m.

RECONVENE TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Klein reconvened the City Council meeting at 10:57 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

7 [25-0996](#) Provide Direction Regarding Amending the Employment Agreement Between the City of Sunnyvale and City Manager Tim Kirby to Increase the City Manager Salary and Allow Additional Paid Time Off Cashout

City Manager Tim Kirby recused themselves from the agenda item as it pertains to their employment and compensation.

Human Resources Director Tina Murphy provided the staff report.

Public Hearing opened at 11:02 p.m.

Steve shared support for the three percent (3%) increase and Paid Time Off (PTO) cashout but disagreed with an additional one percent (1%) increase.

Public Hearing closed at 11:04 p.m.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Sell moved and Mayor Klein seconded the motion to approve Alternative 1: Authorize the Mayor to execute an Amendment to the Employment Agreement between the City of Sunnyvale and City Manager Tim Kirby in substantially the same form attached to (1) Increase City Manager Salary by one percent and (2) Allow a one-time additional cash out of 100 hours from the existing Paid Time Off (PTO) balance, effective October 26, 2025.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Sell
Councilmember Mehlinger
Councilmember Srinivasan
Councilmember Chang

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Le

COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

None.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS**-Council**

Councilmember Mehlinger proposed a Council Priority Project Idea to be added to the tracked list: to establish a trap, neuter and release program for stray cats and budget an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the program. Co-sponsored by Mayor Klein, Vice Mayor Sell and Councilmember Srinivasan.

Councilmember Srinivasan reported on their attendance along with Councilmember Chang, City Manager Tim Kirby and Chief Information Officer Kathleen Bouthé Foster at the League of California Cities annual summit.

Councilmember Srinivasan shared their experience attending the Department of Public Safety's Pancake Breakfast.

Councilmember Chang spoke to the passing of Senate Bill 753 - Special business regulations: shopping carts.

-City Manager

City Manager Tim Kirby shared details of the Information Only Reports/Items and their experience attending the Department of Public Safety's Pancake Breakfast event.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

- [25-0939](#) Tentative Council Meeting Agenda Calendar
- [25-0940](#) Board/Commission Meeting Minutes
- [25-0941](#) New Study Issues and Budget Proposals Sponsored by Council
- [25-0945](#) Completion of Study Issue LRS 20-03 Assessment of Needs for Additional Outdoor Sports Programs and Facilities
- [25-0997](#) Quarter One Update for Year 1 of July 2025 - June 2027 Workplan and Dashboard Launch (Information Only)
- [25-0431](#) Council Advocacy Letters

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Klein adjourned the meeting at 11:13 p.m.