



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

5:00 PM

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

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

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

Call to Order

Mayor Klein called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Mayor Larry Klein
Councilmember Murali Srinivasan
Councilmember Russ Melton
Councilmember Alysa Cisneros
Councilmember Omar Din
Councilmember Richard Mehlinger
Vice Mayor Linda Sell

Councilmember Melton participated remotely in the meeting under the “Just Cause” provision of the California Government Code Section 54953(j)(2).

Vice Mayor Srinivasan arrived at 5:40 p.m.

Public Comment

Public Comment opened at 5:08 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 5:08 p.m.

Convene to Closed Session

Council convened to Closed Session in the Council Conference Room at 5:08 p.m.

A [24-1073](#) Closed Session Held Pursuant to California Government Code
Section 54957:
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Title: City Attorney

- B** [24-0787](#) Closed Session Held Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6:
CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
Agency Designated Representatives: Tina Murphy, Director of Human Resources
Employee Organization: Public Safety Officers Association (PSOA)

Adjourn Special Meeting

Vice Mayor Srinivasan adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

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

Call to Order

Vice Mayor Srinivasan called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Mayor Larry Klein
Councilmember Murali Srinivasan
Councilmember Russ Melton
Councilmember Alysa Cisneros
Councilmember Omar Din
Councilmember Richard Mehlinger
Vice Mayor Linda Sell

Councilmember Melton participated remotely in the meeting under the “Just Cause” provision of the California Government Code Section 54953(j)(2).

Study Session

- C** [24-0068](#) Joint Meeting of City Council with Board and Commission Chairs and Vice Chairs to Review and Improve Overall Effectiveness of Commission Meetings

City Clerk David Carnahan provided the staff report and presentation.

Public Comment opened at 6:18 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 6:18 p.m.

Adjourn Special Meeting

Vice Mayor Srinivasan adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

7 P.M. COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klein called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Klein led the salute to the United States flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Larry Klein
Councilmember Murali Srinivasan
Councilmember Russ Melton
Councilmember Alysa Cisneros
Councilmember Omar Din
Councilmember Richard Mehlinger
Vice Mayor Linda Sell

Councilmember Melton participated remotely in the meeting under the “Just Cause” provision of the California Government Code Section 54953(j)(2).

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Vice Mayor Srinivasan 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 Srinivasan reported that Council met in Closed Session Held Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS Agency Designated Representatives: Tina Murphy, Director of Human Resources Employee Organization: Public Safety Officers Association (PSOA); nothing to report.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

D [24-0357](#) Small Business Saturday

Mayor Klein spoke in recognition of Small Business Saturday.

Teresa London and Marcia Kearns, Nearly New Shop, spoke in honor of Small Business Saturday.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Mehlinger announced the invitation to provide community input on AccessSunnyvale, the City's Constituent Relationship Management (CRM) system.

Deborah Walzer voiced their concerns with the possible removal of street lanes on Tasman Drive.

Denise Casey shared their concerns with the possible removal of street lanes on Tasman Drive.

Mark Waller spoke to their concerns with the possible removal of street lanes on Tasman Drive.

Pamela Agee communicated their concerns with the possible removal of street lanes on Tasman Drive.

Steve C. provided a presentation sharing their concerns with the changing neighborhood dynamics taking place along Charles Street.

Siva H. provided a presentation with their concerns with proposed housing development in the West of Mathilda Avenue District.

Uday continued the presentation.

Cortney Jansen announced the Lakewood Village Holiday Parade.

Cathy C. shared their concerns with the possible removal of street lanes on Tasman Drive.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Public Comment opened at 7:51 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 7:51 p.m.

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

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Klein
Councilmember Srinivasan
Councilmember Melton
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Din
Councilmember Mehlinger
Vice Mayor Sell

No: 0

1.A [24-0452](#) 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 [24-0404](#) Approve a \$3,500,000 Increase in the Construction Contingency in the Construction Contract with Ranger Pipelines, Inc. for the Water Pollution Control Plant Site Preparation Project (PW21-35) to Mitigate HazardousMmaterials, and Approve Budget Modification No. 10

Take the following actions:

1. Approve an increase in the Construction Contingency by the amount of \$3,500,000 relating to the Construction Contract with Ranger Pipelines, Inc.; and
2. Approve Budget Modification No. 10 in the amount of \$3,500,000.

1.C [24-1171](#) Adopt Ordinance No. 3233-24 to Amend Article 5 (Special Housing Issues) of Title 19 (Zoning) of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code to Allow Safe Parking as a Primary or Ancillary Use at Specified Sites, Other Related Zoning Code Amendments, and Making Findings of CEQA Exemption

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PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2 [24-0936](#) Approve the Revised Concept for the Lakewood Park Renovation Project and Find the Action is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15262

Public Works Director Chip Taylor provided the staff report and presentation.

Public Hearing opened at 8:56 p.m.

David Kesting urge Council to consider options that would allow the most utilization of the athletic fields at Lakewood Park.

Cortney Jansen spoke in support of the natural grass options for the athletic fields at Lakewood Park.

Susan Hinton voiced their support of the natural grass options for the athletic fields at Lakewood Park.

Chuck Fraleigh communicated their concerns with the presented natural grass options for the athletic fields at Lakewood Park.

Gail Giansiracusa, Recreation Director, Sunnyvale Alliance Soccer Club, shared their concerns with the limited amount of field utilization time for club sports.

Haruko Matsula, Volunteer, Sunnyvale Alliance Soccer Club, voiced their concerns with the presented natural grass options for the athletic fields at Lakewood Park.

Sandra Todd communicated their concerns with the presented natural grass options for the athletic fields at Lakewood Park.

Shailaja Domala spoke in support for using organic grass solutions for the athletic fields.

Laura shared their support for natural grass options for the athletic fields at Lakewood Park.

Kim Gully spoke in support of the natural grass options for the athletic fields at Lakewood Park.

Linda Hutchins-Knowles, Co-Founder, Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley, spoke in support for using organic grass solutions for the athletic fields.

Prakash Giri shared their concerns with the field availability for sport clubs of the proposed natural grass options for the athletic fields at Lakewood Park.

Andrea communicated their support for natural grass options for the athletic fields

at Lakewood Park.

Cynthia Fan communicated questions they wish to be asked of Verde Grass regarding the natural grass design.

Leah Groppo shared their support for natural grass options for the athletic fields at Lakewood Park.

Leanne voiced their support of the natural grass options and asked for Bermuda grass be further considered.

John Kehoe spoke in support of the natural grass options for the athletic fields at Lakewood Park.

Biju Nair communicated their support for retaining the design for a cricket field and batting cage at Lakewood Park.

Carrie Levin shared their support for using Bermuda grass as the natural grass option at Lakewood Park.

Public Hearing closed at 9:38 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Mehlinger moved and Vice Mayor Srinivasan seconded the motion to approve Alternatives 1 and 3:

- 1) Approve the Revised Concept for the Lakewood Renovation Project and installation of a natural turf Bluegrass/Rye blend or other blend with similar performance on a native soil field for the Lakewood Park athletic field; and
- 3) Find the Action is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15262.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Klein
Councilmember Srinivasan
Councilmember Melton
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Din
Councilmember Mehlinger
Vice Mayor Sell

No: 0

City Council took a recess at 10:24 p.m. and returned at 10:33 p.m. with Mayor Klein, Vice Mayor Srinivasan, and Councilmembers Cisneros, Din, Mehlinger and Sell present in the Council Chambers and Councilmember Melton present via teleconference.

3 [24-1170](#) CONTINUED FROM NOVEMBER 12, 2024
Approval of Murphy Avenue Pedestrian Mall Concept

Public Works Director Chip Taylor provided the staff report and presentation.

Public Hearing opened at 11:01 p.m.

Michael Johnson, Executive Director, Sunnyvale Downtown Association, spoke in support of the Murphy Avenue Pedestrian Mall concept design and offered further considerations.

Bryce Beagle provided questions and emphasized pedestrian safety.

Gail shared their concerns with the garbage areas behind the retail businesses.

Public Hearing closed at 11:08 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Sell moved and Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion to approve the Murphy Avenue Pedestrian Mall concept as depicted in Attachment 1 to the report.

Councilmember Melton left the meeting prior to the vote.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Klein
Councilmember Srinivasan
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Din
Councilmember Mehlinger
Vice Mayor Sell

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Melton

Councilmember Melton returned to the meeting at 11:18 p.m. and participated via teleconference.

- 4 [24-0921](#) Approve a Purchase and Sale Agreement Between the City of Sunnyvale and MP Land Holdings, LLC (MidPen Housing) for the Purchase of 1171 Sonora Court, Approve a Disposition and Development Agreement to Construct a New Affordable Housing Development; and Adopt a Resolution to Authorize a Ground Lease and a Resolution to Declare the Property Exempt from the Surplus Lands Act; and Find that these Actions are Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15004(b)(2)(A) and 15312

Housing Officer Jenny Carloni provided the staff report and presentation.

Public Hearing opened at 11:29 p.m.

Mollie Naber, Director of Housing Development, MidPen Housing, voiced their support for the approval of the purchase and sale agreement.

Public Hearing closed at 11:31 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Cisneros moved and Councilmember Sell seconded the motion to approve Alternatives 1 and 4:

1) Approve a Purchase and Sale Agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute it in substantially the same form as Attachment 1 to the report, between the City of Sunnyvale and MP Land Holdings, LLC, for the purchase of real property located at 1171 Sonora Court for \$12,500,000; and find that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15004(b)(2)(A); and 4) Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Ground Lease (Attachment 3 to the report) and a Resolution declaring the property to be exempt from the Surplus Lands Act (Attachment 4 to the report), approve the draft Disposition and Development Agreement and associated appendices with MP 1171 Sonora I Associates, L.P. for the establishment of the affordable housing development at 1171 Sonora Court (Attachment 2 to the report), and authorize the City Manager to execute it in substantially the same form as Attachment 2 to the report and in a form approved by the City Attorney; and find that this action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15312.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Klein
Councilmember Srinivasan
Councilmember Melton
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Din
Councilmember Mehlinger
Vice Mayor Sell

No: 0

5 [24-0917](#) Appoint Applicants to the Charter Review Committee

MOTION: Vice Mayor Srinivasan moved and Councilmember Din seconded the motion to continue agenda item 24-0917 to the December 3, 2024, City Council meeting.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Klein
Councilmember Srinivasan
Councilmember Din
Vice Mayor Sell

No: 3 - Councilmember Melton
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Mehlinger

COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Agenda item not heard by Council.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS

-Council

Agenda item not heard by Council.

-City Manager

Agenda item not heard by Council.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

[24-1115](#) Tentative Council Meeting Agenda Calendar

[24-1116](#) Board/Commission Meeting Minutes

[24-1117](#) Information/Action Items

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Klein adjourned the meeting at 11:36 p.m.