



# City of Sunnyvale

## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, September 26, 2023

5:00 PM

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

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

### **5 P.M. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING (Study Session)**

#### **Call to Order**

Vice Mayor Din called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

#### **Roll Call**

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

#### **Study Session**

**A**      [23-0890](#)      Review of Legislative Advocacy Policies and Process

Senior Management Analyst Michelle Zahraie provided the staff report and presentation.

Public Comment opened at 6:04 p.m.

Martin Pyne shared their thoughts on the legislative advocacy policies and how California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) needs to be modernized.

Stephen Meier communicated the need for the City's legislative advocacy policies process to include public input.

Public Comment closed at 6:09 p.m.

**B**      [23-0886](#)      Overview of Draft Housing Element Modifications

Housing Specialist Ryan Dyson provided the staff report and presentation.

Public Comment opened at 6:28 p.m.

Martin Pyne provided comments on the staff presentation and the importance to attaining an approved Housing Element.

Ali Sapirman, Housing Action Coalition, shared their concerns regarding the effect park dedication fees have on housing production.

Chuck Fraleigh voiced concerns regarding the specifics of park dedication fees.

Jordan Grimes, South Bay Resilience Manager, Greenbelt Alliance, shared concerns regarding the park dedication fee and how it hinders affordable housing efforts.

Rene Baez, Field Representative, NorCal Carpenters Union, advocated for Sunnyvale adopting language into the Housing Element that supports local hire of contractors and union labor.

Public Comment closed at 6:41 p.m.

### **Adjourn Special Meeting**

Vice Mayor Din adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

### **7 P.M. COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Klein called the meeting to order at 7:19 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 Omar Din  
Councilmember Russ Melton  
Councilmember Alysa Cisneros  
Councilmember Richard Mehlinger  
Councilmember Murali Srinivasan  
Councilmember Linda Sell

### **SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY**

**C**      [23-0385](#)      Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Mayor Klein and Ruth Darlene, Founder/Executive Director, WomanSV, spoke in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

**D**      [23-0383](#)      Active Aging Week

Mayor Klein spoke in honor of Active Aging Week.

**E**      [23-0384](#)      Arts and Humanities Month

Mayor Klein spoke in honor of Arts and Humanities Month.

**F**      [23-0843](#)      Indigenous People's Day

Mayor Klein and Julie Dominquez, Muwekma Ohlone Tribe, spoke in honor of Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Joey Lopez provided a traditional prayer in honor of Indigenous Peoples' Day.

**G**      [23-0889](#)      Recognition of Outgoing Assistant City Manager

Mayor Klein and City Manager Kent Steffens spoke in recognition of outgoing Assistant City Manager Teri Silva.

Assistant City Manager Teri Silva shared words regarding her career in public service.

### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Srinivasan announced details of the current recruitment for various Boards and Commissions.

Carol Weiss, Sunnyvale Citizens for Sensible Gun Measures, spoke in favor for an ordinance to be agenized at a future meeting that would require liability insurance

for gun owners.

Tony Spitaleri, Sunnyvale Citizens for Sensible Gun Measures, communicated their support for Sunnyvale adopting an ordinance to require liability insurance for gun owners.

Richard Parenteau, Sunnyvale Citizens for Sensible Gun Measures, shared their support for Sunnyvale adopting an ordinance to require liability insurance for gun owners.

Mike Serrone, Sunnyvale Citizens for Sensible Gun Measures, spoke in support of Sunnyvale adopting an ordinance to require liability insurance for gun owners.

Tia Anderson shared their concerns with the lack of staffing and financial difficulties at Sunnyvale HomeFirst.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Public Comment opened at 8:00 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 8:00 p.m.

Councilmember Cisneros requested item 1.D be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Melton requested item 1.G be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Din moved and Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion to approve agenda items 1.A through 1.C, 1.E. through 1.F., and 1.H through 1.I.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

**No: 0**

**1.A**     [23-0834](#)     Approve City Council Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2023  
Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2023 as submitted.

**1.B**     [23-0277](#)     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**     [23-0787](#)     Approve Budget Modification No. 4 to Appropriate \$158,000 in  
2010 Measure B Vehicle Registration Fee Countywide  
Program funds from the Santa Clara Valley Transportation  
Authority to Project 831590 - Intelligent Transportation  
Systems

Approve Budget Modification No. 4 to appropriate \$158,000 in 2010 Measure B  
Vehicle Registration Fee Countywide Program funds from the Santa Clara Valley  
Transportation Authority and authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No.  
1 to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Funding Agreement  
(Attachment 2 to the report) and all grant-related documents.

**1.D**     [23-0851](#)     Approve an Agreement in the amount of \$407,430 with  
HomeFirst Services of Santa Clara County for Case  
Management Services and Shelter Beds for the Unhoused  
Population in Sunnyvale

Public Comment opened at 8:50 p.m.

Liz Steward spoke in support for financial assistance to the unhoused populations  
but shared concerns with HomeFirst shelter services.

Rose Gregorio shared the negative experiences they have heard regarding  
HomeFirst shelter services and recommends partnering with other organizations.

Godzilla communicated the need for Sunnyvale to discontinue their partnership with  
HomeFirst services and seek new partnerships.

Public Comment closed at 9:00 p.m.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Din moved and Councilmember Melton seconded the motion  
to approve the following actions:

- Authorize the City Manager to execute an Agreement in substantially the same format as Attachment 1 to the report in the amount of \$407,430 with HomeFirst Services of Santa Clara County for case management services and shelter beds for the unhoused population in Sunnyvale; and
- Delegate authority to the City Manager to extend the agreement for two additional one-year periods if pricing and services remain acceptable to the City and subject to available budget.

The motion failed with the following vote:

- Yes:** 3 - Mayor Klein  
Vice Mayor Din  
Councilmember Melton
- No:** 4 - Councilmember Cisneros  
Councilmember Mehlinger  
Councilmember Srinivasan  
Councilmember Sell

MOTION: Councilmember Cisneros moved and Vice Mayor Din seconded the motion to direct staff to:

- Bring this contract with HomeFirst back at a later date after gathering information about the usage of the five beds reserved at the HomeFirst shelter located in San Jose including how many days they are occupied, whether there is continuity of services while in the shelter and after they leave it, and to provide information on more comprehensive performance metrics for any service provider we go with for this for these services; and
- Bring a range of potential alternate uses of the \$102,000 to provide services to the unsheltered and chronically unhoused in the Sunnyvale community.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Councilmember Sell offered a friendly amendment to extend the current contract with HomeFirst for six (6) months. Councilmember Cisneros and Vice Mayor Din accepted the friendly amendment.

The motion as amended carried with the following vote:

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

**No: 0**

City Council took a recess at 9:44 p.m. and returned at 9:50 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

- 1.E**      [23-0888](#)      Adopt a Resolution Amending the Classification Plan and Salary Resolution to Update the Schedule of Pay to Change the Classification Title of Job Seeker Services Manager (Grant Funded) to Senior Manager of Workforce Development (Grant Funded), Increase Salaries for the Classifications of Neighborhood Preservation Specialist and Senior Neighborhood Preservation Specialist, and Make Corresponding Changes in the Schedule of Pay

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- 1.F**      [23-0853](#)      Adopt Resolutions Amending the City's Contribution for CalPERS Medical Insurance 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)

Adopt two resolutions: (1) Setting the employer's contribution under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act ("PEMHCA") for 2024; and (2) Amending the City's Salary Resolution to modify the City's contribution for medical insurance for Management, SEA/IFPTE Local 21, Confidential, and SEIU employees and

annuitants (Retirees).

- 1.G**      [23-0762](#)      Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sunnyvale Acknowledging Receipt of a Report from the Department of Public Safety Regarding Annual Fire and Life Safety Inspections Pursuant to Sections 13146.2 through 13146.4 of the California Health and Safety Code

Public Comment opened at 9:56 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 9:56 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Melton moved and Vice Mayor Din second the motion to adopt a Resolution acknowledging receipt of a report from the Department of Public Safety regarding annual Fire and Life Safety Inspections pursuant to Sections 13146.2 through 13146.4 of the California Health and Safety Code.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

**No: 0**

- 1.H**      [23-0933](#)      Adopt a Resolution Amending Resolution Number 712-15, the Executive Mortgage Assistance Policy for the Provision of Housing Assistance to Newly Appointed Charter Officers and Department Directors (the “Executive Mortgage Assistance Program”) to Update the Index Used to set the Interest Rate on New Mortgages.

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- 1.I**      [23-0781](#)      Adopt Ordinance No. 3220-23 Amending Section 1.04.010 (Violation-Misdemeanor or Infraction) of Chapter 1.04 (General



Penalty) of Title 1 (General Provisions), Repealing Chapter 16.62 (Prevention of Flood Damage) and Adding Chapter 16.62 (Floodplain Management) of Title 16 (Building and Construction) of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code

Adopt Ordinance No. 3220-23 amending Section 1.04.010 (Violation-Misdemeanor or Infraction) of Chapter 1.04 (General Penalty) of Title 1 (General Provisions), repealing Chapter 16.62 (Prevention of Flood Damage) and adding Chapter 16.62 (Floodplain Management) of Title 16 (Building and Construction) of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 2      [23-0931](#)      Approve a \$4 million Contribution to Sunnyvale Community Services (“SCS”) and Authorize the City Manager to Execute and Administer an Equity Sharing Agreement Giving the City an Equity Share in Property Owned by SCS Located at 1160 Kern Avenue in Proportion to the \$4 Million City Contribution

Deputy City Manager Connie Verceles provided the staff report.

Public Hearing opened at 10:25 p.m.

Marie Bernard, Executive Director, Sunnyvale Community Services (SCS), spoke to the positive impact this equity sharing agreement will have for Sunnyvale Community Services.

Shane Jacksteit, Certified Financial Planner, SCS, communicated support for approving the agreement and shared the larger impact the new SCS building has had on their services and the growing needs in the community.

Godzilla communicated their support for assisting SCS and for Council approving the equity sharing agreement.

Public Hearing closed at 10:40 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Srinivasan moved and Councilmember Melton seconded the motion to approve Alternative 1: Approve a \$4 million contribution to Sunnyvale Community Services (“SCS”) and authorize the City Manager to execute and administer an Equity Sharing Agreement giving the City an equity share in property owned by SCS located at 1160 Kern Avenue in proportion to the \$4 Million City

contribution in substantially the same form as Attachment 1 to the report.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

**No: 0**

**COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

None.

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS**

**-Council**

Mayor Klein shared their experience attending the League of California Cities Annual Conference and Expo and the Sunnyvale State of the City

Councilmember Cisneros shared their experience attending the State of the City.

Councilmember Melton shared their experience attending the Alameda County Sheriff Recruit Training graduation for new Public Safety Officers.

Councilmember Mehlinger reported their experience attending the State of the City .

Councilmember Mehlinger requested a report to Council in nine to twelve months on the Artificial Intelligence (AI) translation services the City uses for public meetings.

Councilmember Srinivasan communicated their experience attending the League of California Cities Conference.

Councilmember Sell shared their experience attending the State of the City and the Alameda County Sheriff Recruit Training graduation.

**-City Manager**

None.

**INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS**

- [23-0836](#) Tentative Council Meeting Agenda Calendar
- [23-0866](#) Board/Commission Meeting Minutes
- [23-0870](#) Information/Action Items
- [23-0930](#) Council Advocacy Letters

**ADJOURNMENT**

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