



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

5:30 PM

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

Special Joint Meeting City Council and Charter Review Committee - 5:30 PM | Regular Meeting - 7 PM

5:30 P.M. SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL AND CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

Call to Order

Mayor Klein called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Mayor Larry Klein
Vice Mayor Richard Mehlinger
Councilmember Alysa Cisneros
Councilmember Murali Srinivasan
Councilmember Linda Sell
Councilmember Charlsie Chang

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Eileen Le

Councilmember Le joined the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

Charter Review Committee

Present 10 - Chair Larsson
Vice Chair Wickham
Member Davis
Member Filley
Member Newswanger
Member Oey
Member Olevson
Member Pyne
Member Rubino
Member Vickrey

Consent Calendar

Public Comment opened at 5:33 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 5:33 p.m.

MOTION: Committee Member Oey moved and Vice Chair Wickham seconded the motion to approve agenda item 1.A.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Chair Larsson
Vice Chair Wickham
Member Davis
Member Filley
Member Oey
Member Newswanger
Member Olevson
Member Pyne
Member Rubino
Member Vickrey

No: 0

A [26-0195](#) Approve the Charter Review Committee Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2025

Approve the Charter Review Committee Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2025 as submitted.

Public Hearing/General Business

B [26-0254](#) Transmittal of Charter Review Committee Report and Discussion and Direction on Next Steps

Deputy City Manager Connie Verceles provided the staff report and presentation.

Public Hearing opened at 6:27 p.m.

Zachary Kaufman shared their concerns with the proposed charter amendment to increase Councilmember and Mayor salaries.

Steve Scandalis provided a presentation highlighting their concerns with the proposed charter amendments in the Charter Review Committee Report.

Mike Serrone spoke in support of the proposed charter amendments and emphasized the amendment to increase Councilmembers and Mayor salaries.

Mei-Ling Stefan provided a presentation of their concerns with the proposed charter amendment to increase Councilmember and Mayor salaries.

Public Hearing closed at 6:41 p.m.

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

1. Accept the Charter Review Committee Final Report and release the Charter Review Committee Members;
2. Prioritize the Charter Review Committee Recommendations as follows:
 1. Public Works Contracting (Charter Section 1309): Allow public works project delivery methods permitted by state law;
 2. City Manager Authority to Settle Claims (Charter Section 1314): Amend the Charter to allow the City Manager to align the City Manager's claim settlement authority to the City Manager's contracting authority, which is updated at Council direction by ordinance;
 3. City Council Vacancies (Charter Section 606): Amend the Charter to require Council appointments to fill vacancies to last until the next general municipal election only (November of even-numbered years);
 4. City Council and Mayor Compensation (Charter Section 605): Increase monthly salaries to \$6,000 for councilmembers and \$9,000 for the mayor, and retain the existing annual increase based on Consumer Price Index (CPI); and
3. Direct Staff to poll on the four proposed amendments and return to Council in May 2026 with polling results;
with the following modifications:
 - The polling on the Mayor and City Council salary increases should reflect the proposed numbers of the Charter Review Committee; and
 - The polling on the City Manager Settlement authority will be at the high-end of \$250,000 and additional numbers to be determined by the pollster (polling vendor).

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Mehlinger
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Srinivasan
Councilmember Sell
Councilmember Chang
Councilmember Le

No: 0

Adjourn Special Joint Meeting

Mayor Klein adjourned the meeting at 7:12 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 Richard Mehlinger
Councilmember Alysa Cisneros
Councilmember Murali Srinivasan
Councilmember Linda Sell
Councilmember Charlsie Chang
Councilmember Eileen Le

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

C [26-0271](#) Black History Month

Mayor Klein spoke in honor of Black History Month.

Labear Foster, African American Community Service Agency, spoke in recognition of Black History Month.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Timothy Lee, Santa Clara Valley Bird Alliance, Fremont Union High School District

Environmental Action Team, spoke in support of a dark sky ordinance.

Rani Fischer, Environmental Action Committee Chair, Santa Clara Valley Bird Alliance, voiced their support for a dark sky ordinance in Sunnyvale.

Shani Kleinhaus, Santa Clara Valley Bird Alliance, communicated their support for a dark sky ordinance.

Dashiell Leeds, Conservation Coordinator, Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter, shared their support of the adoption of a dark sky ordinance.

Melanie Barnett advocated for the adoption of a dark sky ordinance.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Public Comment opened at 7:42 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 7:42 p.m.

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

The motion carried with the following vote:

1.A [26-0021](#) Approve City Council Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2026

Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2026 as submitted.

1.B [26-0138](#) 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 [26-0135](#) Adopt a Resolution Approving an Updated Emergency
Operations Plan

Adopt a Resolution updating the City of Sunnyvale Emergency Operations Plan.

1.D [26-0302](#) Ratify Cities Association of Santa Clara County's (CASCC)
Appointment of Councilmember Linda Sell to the Bay Area Air
District (BAAD) Board of Directors

Ratify the Cities Association of Santa Clara County's (CASCC) appointment of

Councilmember Linda Sell to the Bay Area Air District (BAAD) Board of Directors.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

- 2 [26-0123](#) Discussion and Potential Actions on Study Issue DPS
24-02-Evaluate Municipal Code Section 10.16.120 (Use of
Streets or Public Parking Facilities for Storage of Vehicles
Prohibited) and Modernize Parking Requirements and
Restrictions

Public Safety Chief Daniel Pistor; Chrissy Mancini Nichols, National Director of Curb Management and New Mobility, Walker Consultants; and Tania Schleck, Consultant, Walker Consultants, provided the staff report and presentation.

Public Hearing opened at 8:58 p.m.

Sharon spoke in support of strengthening street parking restrictions and banning Recreational Vehicles (RV's) from residential streets.

Chuck Fraleigh voiced their support for a street parking program and against adopting the proposed changes to parking requirements.

Steve Scandalis shared their concerns with how the proposed modernizing parking requirements ordinance will impact homeowners and commercial businesses who use street parking for extended periods.

Bryce Beagle communicated their support for prioritizing other vehicle safety concerns rather than modernizing parking requirements and restrictions.

Himanshu Sethi spoke to their concerns with the proposed parking requirements and support for a safe parking program.

Cortney Jansen voiced their concerns with the proposed parking requirements and restrictions.

Andrew G. shared their concerns with the proposed parking requirements support for a safe parking program.

Andrew Burks spoke in support of the proposed policy and offered their concerns over how the policy will be enforced.

Rose Gregorio shared their concerns with the proposed parking requirements and restrictions.

Angela Rauche voiced their concerns with the proposed parking requirements and provided statistics regarding the high demand for shelter beds for the unhoused in Santa Clara County.

Alex K. spoke to their concerns with the proposed parking requirements and support for a safe parking program.

Allen Yu spoke to the difficult dynamic between being compassionate to those who live in Recreational Vehicles (RV's) and the homeowners who want safe and clean streets.

Public Hearing closed at 9:28 p.m.

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

- Direct staff to return to Council with amendments to Sunnyvale Municipal Code Section 10.16.120 to require that vehicles be moved a minimum distance of 0.25 miles to comply with the 72-hour parking limit and prohibit vehicles from returning to the same parking space for at least 24 hours;
- Direct staff to evaluate the practice commonly referred to as vanlording for potential inclusion within the ordinance;
- Direct staff to return after one year to determine if the evaluation and implementation of an oversized vehicle parking permit program and a potential prohibition on oversized vehicle parking near parks and schools is still needed;
- With the following modifications:
 - Return to Council with an ordinance with a ban on “vanlording”;
 - Return to Council with an ordinance with a ban on inoperable trailers on city streets; and
 - Reduce the movement distance required of vehicles to a 1,000 feet minimum distance to comply with the 72-hour parking limit.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Mehlinger
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Srinivasan
Councilmember Sell
Councilmember Chang
Councilmember Le

No: 0

City Council took a recess at 10:12 p.m. and returned at 10:20 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

- 3** [26-0095](#) Select the Preferred Concept Plans from the Sunnyvale Caltrain Station Pedestrian-Bicycle Access Study (DPW 20-02) with a Modification to Corridor 2 with Dashed Yellow Centerline on N. Frances Street Instead of Double Yellow Centerline; Direct Staff to Include the Concept Plans as an Unfunded Project(s) in the FY 2026/27 Budget Pending Future Identification of Funding; Recommend to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors to Approve the Proposed Improvements for Corridor 1A in County's Right-of-Way; and Find that the Action is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15262

Principal Transportation Engineer/Planner Lillian Tsang provided the staff report and presentation.

Public Hearing opened at 11:06 p.m.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) Vice Chair Bryce Beagle provided background on BPAC's recommendation.

Bryce Beagle voiced their support for the project but spoke to some concerns regarding paint striping and roundabout layout.

Sharlene Liu, Sunnyvale Safe Streets, shared their support for the project while offering safety modifications to consider.

Public Hearing closed at 11:14 p.m.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Mehlinger moved and Mayor Klein seconded the motion to approve Alternative 2:

- Approve the concept plans from the Sunnyvale Caltrain Station Pedestrian-Bicycle Access Study (DPW 20-02) with a modification to Corridor 2 with a dashed yellow centerline on N. Frances Street instead of a double yellow centerline;
- Direct staff to include the concept plans as an unfunded project(s) in the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Budget pending future identification of funding;
- Recommend to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors to approve the proposed improvements for Corridor 1A in County's right-of-way;
- Find that the action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15262:
- With the following modifications:
 - No center line be added to North Francis Street; and
 - Direct staff to examine opportunities for quick build implementations of project components where feasible and advisable.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Mayor Klein offered a friendly amendment to evaluate opportunities for larger roundabouts along California Avenue and other traffic calming measures at those street intersections. Vice Mayor Mehlinger accepted the friendly amendment.

MOTION AS AMENDED RESTATED: Vice Mayor Mehlinger moved and Mayor Klein seconded the motion to approve Alternative 2:

- Approve the concept plans from the Sunnyvale Caltrain Station Pedestrian-Bicycle Access Study (DPW 20-02) with a modification to Corridor 2 with a dashed yellow centerline on N. Frances Street instead of a double yellow centerline;
- Direct staff to include the concept plans as an unfunded project(s) in the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Budget pending future identification of funding;
- Recommend to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors to approve the proposed improvements for Corridor 1A in County's right-of-way;
- Find that the action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15262:
- With the following modifications:
 - No center line be added to North Francis Street;
 - Direct staff to examine opportunities for quick build implementations of project components where feasible and advisable; and

- Direct staff to evaluate opportunities for larger roundabouts along California Avenue and other traffic calming measures at those street intersections.

The motion as amended carried with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Mehlinger
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Srinivasan
Councilmember Sell
Councilmember Chang
Councilmember Le

No: 0

- 4** [26-0130](#) Consider and Take Possible Action on Council Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Constituent Relationship Management (CRM) System Naming's Final Recommendation to Council

Chief Information Officer Kathleen Boutté Foster provided the staff report.

Public Hearing opened at 11:35 p.m.
No speakers.
Public Hearing closed at 11:35 p.m.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Mehlinger moved and Councilmember Srinivasan seconded the motion to approve Alternative 1: Select a name for the new Constituent Relationship Management (CRM) system, MySunnyvale, and Chatbot, Sunny, as recommended by the ad hoc advisory committee.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Mehlinger
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Srinivasan
Councilmember Sell
Councilmember Chang
Councilmember Le

No: 0

MOTION: Vice Mayor Mehlinger moved and Mayor Klein moved to hear the remaining agenda items.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Mehlinger
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Srinivasan
Councilmember Sell
Councilmember Chang
Councilmember Le

No: 0

COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Councilmember Srinivasan announced they were selected as Chair of Valley Water's Water Commission and reappointed to the National League of Cities' Information Technology and Communications Committee.

Councilmember Sell reported on the Air District and their on boarding as a Board Member with the Air District.

Mayor Klein reported on their attendance at the United States Conference of Mayors' Winter Meeting in Washington D.C. and announced they were appointed to the Conference's Technology and Innovation Committee.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

-Council

MOTION: Vice Mayor Mehlinger moved and Councilmember Le seconded the motion to agendize, in the next three months, a review and potential termination of the contract with Flock.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Mayor Klein offered a friendly amendment to broaden the scope of the discussion to explore limiting data retention policies and an update on public safety cases that have utilized Flock data. Vice Mayor Mehlinger and Councilmember Le accepted the friendly amendment.

MOTION AS AMENDED RESTATED: Vice Mayor Mehlinger moved and

Councilmember Le seconded the motion to agendaize, in the next three months, review and potential termination of the contract with Flock and include exploring limiting data retention policies and an update on public safety cases that have utilized Flock data

The motion as amended carried with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Klein
Vice Mayor Mehlinger
Councilmember Cisneros
Councilmember Srinivasan
Councilmember Sell
Councilmember Chang
Councilmember Le

No: 0

Councilmember Le asked the City Manager to reiterate the City's policies in cooperating with federal law enforcement operations.

City Manager Tim Kirby spoke to the Department of Public Safety's policy on cooperating with federal law enforcement operations.

-City Manager

City Manager Tim Kirby announced two community project funds have received federal funding assistance.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

- [26-0042](#) Tentative Council Meeting Agenda Calendar
- [26-0069](#) Board/Commission Meeting Minutes
- [26-0263](#) Mayoral Announcement of Mayor-Appointed Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Council Policy Review and Updates (Information Only)

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Klein adjourned the meeting at 11:50 p.m.