

RESPONSE TO COUNCIL QUESTIONS RE: 8/13/19 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Agenda Item #: 1.C

Title: Proposed Project: Authorize the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Atlantic Machinery, Inc. for a Combination Sewer and Storm Drain Cleaning Truck (F19-173)

Council Question: It says we currently have two trucks. Is this a replacement truck or an additional truck?

Staff Response: This is an additional sewer and storm cleaning vacuum truck that will provide an additional resource for the City required to maintain trash capture devices and clear the storm and sanitary sewer systems of potential blockages.

Agenda Item #: 1.E

Title: Award of Bid No. PW19-17 to Columbia Electric, Inc. for Traffic Signal Hardware and Wiring, and Finding of CEQA Categorical Exemption

Council Question: Why are we doing this project now, while also working on the grade separation project? What would happen if we didn't do this project until getting to a next step on the grade separation? Could we allocate these funds to other traffic signal projects in Project 820190?

Staff Response: The traffic signal at Sunnyvale and Hendy is being reconstructed because it is past the end of its useful life and the replacement will also allow for an upgrade to the railroad preemption to provide more efficient signal operations, as well as enhance safety at the intersection. In 2010, VTA and Caltrain made various safety improvements along the Caltrain right-of-way including upgrades to the railroad preemption at Mary and Evelyn; at Sunnyvale/Hendy the improvements were limited between the railroad and the traffic signal due to conduit limitations at the traffic signal. With this project the railroad preemption system will be prepared to integrate with the preemption system Caltrain is planning to implement at the Sunnyvale Station with the current electrification project under construction. Once, the electrification project is complete, Sunnyvale Avenue will see less railroad preemption gate down times due to trains entering the Sunnyvale Station. Unfortunately, the timing isn't ideal for the reconstruction of the signal, but since the Sunnyvale Avenue Grade Separation project is still at the public outreach process, and the signal is at the end of its useful life, which increases the risk of failure, the project is recommended to proceed forward rather than allocating the funds toward another signal in Project 820190.

Agenda Item #: 1.F

Title: Approve the Second Amendment to the Agreement between the City of Sunnyvale and California Sports Center for the Management, Operation and Supervision of Public Swimming Programs at Fremont High School Pool

Council Question: Is there an existing report that can be shared with the Council that shows the number of swim hours each month? Free swim hours and time of day, Class hours, use by the school. In prior years - free swim hours had been a concern. Is there any concern about this?

Staff Response: Exhibit C of the agreement between the City of Sunnyvale and the Fremont Union High School District dated July 18, 2000 outlines the annual schedule for how the time in the pool is split between the City of Sunnyvale and Fremont High School. This schedule has not changed since

2000. [Pool schedules for City use provided by California Sports Center \(CSC\) are posted on their website.](#)

The agreement between the City of Sunnyvale and California Sports Center (CSC) outlines program requirements, including Open Swim, for CSC to meet over the course of the year. City staff reviews and approves the program schedule in December each year to ensure contract requirements are met. Below is a chart of Open Swim agreement requirements and the 2019 totals.

Agreement Open Swim Program Requirement	2019 Totals
1,380 lane hours of “open swim” over eight weeks each summer from Monday to Friday	1,840
624 lane hours of “open swim” over eight weeks each summer on Saturday and Sunday	1,357
Total lane hours per summer shall be at minimum 2,004	2,941
192 lane hours less any loss of lane hours due to District priority use days, of “open swim” from May 1 to mid-June and mid-August to September 30 each year on Saturdays and Sundays	792

There have been no concerns reported to either California Sports Center (CSC) or the City regarding free swim (open swim) hours.

Agenda Item #: 2

Title: Adopt a resolution to adopt the Climate Action Playbook, including greenhouse gas reduction targets of 56 Percent by 2030 and 80 Percent by 2050, and Find that the Addendum to the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) of the General Plan’s Land Use and Transportation Element (LUTE) Prepared for the Playbook is Consistent with CEQA Pursuant to Guidelines Sections 15168 and 15183

Council Question: Is a non-emission vehicle (Electric) miles traveled counted the same as a gas-emission vehicle miles traveled for VMT?

Staff Response: Yes. Zero-emission vehicle miles traveled (VMT) are counted the same as internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicle miles traveled. The greenhouse gas emissions from VMT are calculated based on the portfolio of vehicles in use (e.g., zero-emission vs. internal combustion) and the emissions associated with each type. For this reason, the VMT targets for Plays 3.1 and 3.2 must be viewed in conjunction with the zero-emission vehicle targets for Play 3.3. Staff has proposed a 20% reduction in vehicle miles per person by 2030 with a corresponding target of zero-emission vehicles at 25%, and a 25% reduction in vehicle miles per capita by with a corresponding target of zero-emission vehicles at 75%. The 2050 zero-emission VMT target is not significantly higher than the 2030 VMT target because there is a diminishing return to additional reductions in VMT as the percentage of zero-emission vehicles increases.

Council Question: When does staff expect the reach code item to come to City Council. Mountain View Council will be considering it in October.

Staff Response: An early goal was to present the Reach Codes to the City Council for consideration in October 2019, coinciding with adoption of the updated State Building Code. Staff (ESD and CDD) have been working with SVCE and their consultant team to determine whether and how we may bring Reach Codes to Sunnyvale to incentivize electrification. An October adoption would have provided the requisite time to file the Reach Codes with the California Energy Commission (CEC) and have the Reach Codes effective January 1, 2020.

However, based on several factors (including staff turnover in the building division, and consultant delay in the outreach effort), Sunnyvale staff has determined that the schedule needs to be revised for staff to get up to speed and to allow time for adequate stakeholder outreach and feedback.

Agenda Item #: 3

Title: Approval of the Payment of City Fees Associated with the Special Event Permit for the 2019 Pet Parade with City Funds

Council Question: Can't this be a Council Set aside item? Use Council Set aside.

Staff Response: Staff presented two funding options, one from the Council Set Aside and the second from the Budget Stabilization Fund. Typically, when options are present, items are placed on the public hearing agenda to provide the opportunity for public input and council discussion.