

COUNCIL MEMBERS
Rob Newsom Jr., Mayor
Adam Loraine, Deputy Mayor
Nicole Fernandez
Danielle Cwirko-Godycki
Lisa Diaz Nash

CITY OF SAN MATEO

Regular Meeting Minutes

City Council Meeting

City Hall
330 W. 20th Avenue
San Mateo CA 94403
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February 18, 2025
City Hall Council Chambers 7:00 PM
Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Newsom, Deputy Mayor Loraine, Council Members: Fernandez, Cwirko-Godycki, and Diaz Nash

AB 2449 Requests and Considerations for Meeting Participation by Teleconference due to Just Cause or Emergency Circumstances – there were no requests.

CEREMONIAL

1. Black History Month – Proclamation - Alexis Lewis and Katherine Haysbert NAACP San Mateo Branch, received the proclamation
2. Sojourn to the Past – Presentation - Matthew Earnshaw, Lieutenant, gave the presentation

CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items, 3 through 8, were considered to be routine by the City Council. After the titles of the items were read by the City Clerk, the public was invited to comment and there were no speakers. Motion passed 5-0.

Moved: Diaz Nash, Seconded: Fernandez

Ayes: Newsom, Loraine, Fernandez, Cwirko-Godycki, and Diaz Nash

Noes: None

3. San Mateo County Transportation Authority Measures A and W - Primary Grant Agreement
Adopt a Resolution to authorize the execution of a primary grant agreement with the San Mateo County Transportation Authority for future funding from Measures A and W; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement in substantially the form presented.

Enactment: Resolution No. 13 (2025)
4. Legislative Advocacy and Grant Writing Services — Agreement
Approve an agreement with California Public Policy Group, Inc. (CPPG) for legislative advocacy and grant writing services in the amount of \$115,000; authorize the City Manager to exercise up to two 1-year extensions for up to \$115,000 each year, for a total not to exceed amount of \$345,000 over three years; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement in substantially the form presented.
5. Legal Advertising Services – Bid Rejection
Reject all bids received for the City's Legal Advertising Services.

6. SEIU Local 521 Non-Merit Part-Time Unit, Memorandum of Understanding — Adoption
Approve a Resolution to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the SEIU Local 521 Non-Merit Part-Time Unit (SEIU NMPT) for a three-year term from October 7, 2024 through June 5, 2027.

Enactment: Resolution No. 14 (2025)

7. San Mateo Police Sergeants' Association — Memorandum of Understanding Changes
Adopt a Resolution to amend the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the San Mateo Police Sergeants' Association to clarify which premiums are included in the MOU overtime calculations.

Enactment: Resolution No. 15 (2025)

8. Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024 — Approval
Accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Vikash, Jennifer Patchaluk, Michael Lim, Christina Horlitz, Eddy Lee Alvarado, Rick Sakuda spoke in opposed to the proposed Bayside Bus Depot. Seema Patel called for faster implementation of safe streets planning. Tuisina Fifita spoke on behalf of PCRC regarding substance abuse prevention. Kevin Simpson urged safer pedestrian infrastructure Trina Pierce spoke against remarks by a city commissioner; addressed neighborhood equity. Allison McQueen advocated for pedestrian and cyclist safety. Juliano Carlini opposed removal of Humboldt bike lanes; emphasized cycling safety. Laura Wood spoke about the lack of safe streets. Mike Swire commented on need for safer streets, opposes removal of bike lanes, and the lack of parking spaces. Mark Joseph Depaula stated there is a theft ring going on at the strip mall near 92 in the stores Ross, TJ Max, Trader Joes', ect., and the need for more police not defunding the police.

City Manager Alex Khojikian spoke to some of the comments saying the School District is not pursuing with the bus depot at Bayside School at this time. He commented on the transportation plans for the City and the need to work collaboratively with community members.

Council recessed from 8:05 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Enforcement - Citation Authority – Ordinance Introduction
Jack Johnson, Waste Management Supervisor, gave the presentation.

Public Comment – there were no speakers.

Council asked questions and made comments.

Motion to Introduce an Ordinance to amend San Mateo Municipal Code Section 1.04.050(a), "Enforcement - Citation Authority". Motion passed 5-0.

Moved: Fernandez, Seconded: Loraine
Ayes: Newsom, Loraine, Fernandez, Cwirko-Godycki, and Diaz Nash
Noes: None

10. Campaign Contribution Limits – Review

Martin McTaggart, City Clerk, gave the presentation on whether the City's campaign contribution limits and campaign rules should be amended, or if no changes should be made; and provided an update on the City's Campaign Finance Dashboard.

Public Comment – Kevin Simpson opposes raising the limit for elections.

Council directed staff to return with an ordinance to adjust contribution limits for individuals and organizations to be aligned at \$1,000. Council also requested contribution limits be linked to CPI. Council directed staff to return for further discussion related to campaign sign regulation enforcement and public financing of campaigns.

11. 2024-25 Mid-Year Update and Budget Amendments – Adoption

Karen Huang, Finance Director, gave the presentation.

Public Comment – there were no speakers.

Council asked questions and made comments.

Motion to Adopt a Resolution amending the FY 2024-25 General Fund operating budget to reflect the recommended mid-year budget adjustments and receive the FY 2024-25 mid-year budget update. Motion passed 5-0.

Moved: Cwirko-Godycki, Seconded: Fernandez
Ayes: Newsom, Loraine, Fernandez, Cwirko-Godycki, and Diaz Nash
Noes: None

Enactment: Resolution No. 16 (2025)

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager, City Attorney and Council Members reported on their various assignments and liaison roles and noted past and future events. Deputy Mayor Loraine requested Sustainability and Infrastructure be involved in next steps in Humboldt Bike Lanes and Bike Boulevard discussion. This request received a majority approval of the Council. Council Member Fernandez requested legislators and lobbyists to present the City Council on their legislative work plan. A majority of the Council approved this request. Council Member Fernandez requested the City make a donation to the Walk for Mental Health coordinated through the Police Activities League. City Manager Khojikian clarified that the city is reviewing its support model for non-profits and this request and future requests can be folded into this process. Council Member Fernandez proposed writing a letter to the State Office of Historic Preservation, co-authored by Council Members Fernandez and Cwirko-Godycki, in regards to the Baywood district this was proposed for the March 17, 2025 meeting. This request received majority approval of the Council.

ADJOURNMENT –The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

Rob Newsom, Jr., Mayor

Martin McTaggart, City Clerk