

COUNCIL MEMBERS
Lisa Diaz Nash, Mayor
Rob Newsom Jr., Deputy Mayor
Rich Hedges
Amourance Lee
Adam Loraine

CITY OF SAN MATEO

Regular Meeting Minutes

City Council Meeting

City Hall
330 W. 20th Avenue
San Mateo CA 94403
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May 6, 2024
City Hall Council Chambers 7:00 PM
Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER at 7:10 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Diaz Nash, Deputy Mayor Newsom, Council Members: Hedges, Lee, and Loraine

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

CEREMONIAL

1. San Mateo High Schools 4.0 Grade Point Average Graduate – Recognition - Students from Aragon, Hillsdale, San Mateo and Serra high schools were recognized for their educational achievements.

Council recessed from 7:50 p.m. to 7:55 p.m.

2. Rotary Club of San Mateo Centennial – Recognition - John Barrett, Rotary President, received recognition along with a Commendatory Resolution from Assemblymember Diane Papan presented by District Director Nicole Fernandez.
3. National Police Week – Proclamation - Ed Barberini, Chief of Police, received the proclamation.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items, 4 through 8, were considered to be routine by the City Council. Item 9 was removed to be considered separately. After the titles of the items were read by the City Clerk, the public was invited to comment and there was one speaker. Ethan Deitcher spoke to Item #5 and encouraged the City to apply for the Permanent Local Housing Allocation Grant. Motion passed 5-0.

Moved: Hedges, Seconded: Newsom

Ayes: Diaz Nash, Newsom, Hedges, Lee, and Loraine

Noes: None

4. Private Development and Right-of-Way Support Services – Amendment
Approve Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Anchor Engineering for private development and right-of-way support services to increase the agreement by \$180,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$680,000; extend the term of the agreement through June 30, 2026; and authorize the Public Works Director to execute Amendment No. 1 in substantially the form presented.
5. Permanent Local Housing Allocation – Grant Application
Adopt a Resolution to reapply to the State of California for Permanent Local Housing Allocation grant program fund and approve an amendment to the five-year funding plan.

Enactment: Resolution No. 33 (2024)

6. Downtown Parking Garage Safety Project – Agreement

Approve an agreement with Golden Bay Construction, Inc. for the Downtown Parking Garage Safety Project in the amount of \$380,439; establish a contingency reserve in the amount of \$76,000; and authorize the Public Works Director to execute the agreement in substantially the form presented and issue change orders as allowed by the contract documents and within the contingency amount.

7. Underground Flow Equalization System – Contingency Amendment

Approve an increase to the contingency reserve associated with the Anderson Pacific Engineering Construction, Inc. construction contract for the Underground Flow Equalization System (UFES) project in the amount of \$771,000, for a revised total contingency reserve of \$5,671,000; and authorize the Public Works Director to issue change orders within the contingency amount.

8. Citywide Small Trash Capture Project – Agreement

Approve an agreement with United Storm Water, Inc. for the Citywide Small Trash Capture Project in the amount of \$697,277; establish a contingency reserve in the amount of \$105,000; and authorize the Public Works Director to execute the agreement in substantially the form presented and issue change orders as allowed by the contract documents and within the contingency amount.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

9. Community Development Block Grant 2024-25 Annual Action Plan – Adoption

Council Member Lee pull item 9 from the Consent Calendar to address information omitted in staff report listing the proposed infrastructure improvements. City Manager Alex Khojikian responded and will provide updates.

Public Comment – there were no speakers.

Motion to Adopt the 2024-25 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant program. Motion passed 5-0.

Moved: Lee, Seconded: Hedges
Ayes: Diaz Nash, Newsom, Hedges, Lee, and Loraine
Noes: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jesus Sanchez spoke regarding North Central bike lanes and parking availability and no space to play sports; Dave Putnik stated that some quick fixes for the North Central Community would help morale and show that government is listening to them and committed to helping their needs; Joeseff Fuentes commented on parking needs and how they have to park far away so would like the parking back; Trina Pierce stated many of her fellow residents want and need the parking brought back to their area – seniors are afraid to leave their homes in fear there will not be parking available close by. Also commented that improvements designated by taxes to North Central have not been implemented. Olivette Farris emphasized need for more parking; Connie Weiss thanked staff for attention to area however need more parking for safety reasons; Dave Cohen, speaking for Ethics San Mateo, announced their tax-exempt status by the State of California and informed their released statement of position Council Member Lee in relation to the current City Council enacted Rules of Conduct.

City Manager Khojikian gave an update on the bike lanes in North Central and Humboldt bike lanes. Council members also encouraged more action in this area to meet community needs.

NEW BUSINESS

10. Mental Health Awareness Month and Community Wellness and Crisis Response Team - Presentation

San Mateo Police Department Chief of Police Ed Barberini , gave the presentation and update. Briana Fair and Linda Allen Mental Health Clinicians and Linda Allen shared information on the City's Community Wellness Crisis Response Team program.

Council asked questions and thanked Briana, Linda and Ed for their work.

PUBLIC HEARING

11. Charter Amendments – Public Hearing

Prasanna Rasiah, City Attorney, gave the presentation regarding proposed City Charter amendments addressing how the Mayor is chosen, how vacancies on the City Council are filled, district elections, and other revisions.

Public Comment - Dave Cohen, Ethics San Mateo, expressed appreciation for considering various charter amendments, encouraged accelerating the process and introducing enforcement components to a code of conduct.

Council asked questions and commented on the timing of potential future ballot measures. City Manager Alex Khojikian spoke on the forthcoming survey data to be presented to the Council on May 20th meeting, which will inform Council decision making.

12. Council Member Compensation – Ordinance Introduction

Prasanna Rasiah, City Attorney, gave the presentation.

Motion to Introduce an ordinance increasing compensation for City Council members from \$600 per month to \$1,200 per month, effective January 2025. Motion passed 4-1. The Council provided direction to bring the second reading back as discussion item.

Moved:	Hedges, Seconded: Lee
Ayes:	Diaz Nash, Newsom, Hedges, Lee, and Loraine
Noes:	None

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager, City Attorney and Council Members reported on their various assignments and liaison roles. Announcements included reviewing Council compensation, Rethink waste, Trash to Art winner, Bike Rodeo, and Washington D.C. trip.

CLOSED SESSION

Following the opportunity for public comment, there were no speakers, Council convened into Closed Session at 10:39 p.m. to consider:

13. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code Section 54957.6)

City designated representatives: Shawna Maltbie, Karen Huang and Stacey Cue.

Employee Organizations: Police Sergeants' Association, San Mateo City Employees Association, SEIU Maintenance and SEIU Non-Merit Part-Time

ADJOURNMENT –The meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

Lisa Diaz Nash, Mayor

Martin McTaggart, City Clerk