

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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November 4, 2024
City Hall Council Chambers 7:00 PM
Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by San Mateo Police Department's Explorer Program

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. Police Explorer Program – Proclamation - Ed Barberini, Chief of Police, received the proclamation
2. Lights On! Safer San Mateo Streets – Presentation – Police Sergeant Greg Colum, gave the presentation

CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items, 3 through 6, 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: Hedges, Seconded: Newsom

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

Noes: None

3. Marina Library Structural Improvements Project – Grant Agreement
Approve a Grant Agreement to receive grant funds in the amount of \$1,500,000 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Project Funding Grant Program for the Marina Library Structural Improvements Project; and authorize the City Manager to execute the Grant Agreement in substantially the form presented and all other required documentation to receive the grant funds.
4. Public Works Facilities Construction Manager – Amendment
Approve Amendment No. 1 to the professional services agreement with Nickitas 7280 Inc. in the amount of \$490,500, for a revised total agreement amount of \$540,000; revise the term of the agreement to a duration of three years; and authorize the Public Works Director to execute the amendment in substantially the form presented.

5. Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall Cleaning and Repair Services — Agreement

Adopt a resolution approving an alternative purchasing procedure to approve an agreement with Power Engineering Construction in an amount not to exceed \$132,100 for the repair and cleaning of the Wastewater Treatment Plant's outfall; establish a \$30,000 contingency reserve; and authorize the Public Works Director to execute the agreement in substantially the form presented and execute amendments within the contingency reserve.

Enactment: Resolution No. 99 (2024)

6. Community Member Participation in Sojourn to the Past Training – Payment Authorization

Adopt a Resolution to authorize the payment of City funds to Sojourn to the Past for the purpose of funding the participation of two community members in the Sojourn to the Past training, in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.

Enactment: Resolution No. 100 (2024)

PUBLIC COMMENT

(16 speakers)

In-Person: Martin Elliott, Linda San Felipe, David Deasy, Tom Lease, Dr. Vikash, Maria Mavridis, Irena Mavridis, Bernard Brand, Mara Kamasu, Ginine Fuitas, Robert Kiss, Kelly Ryerson, and Michael Ragan thanked the City Council for progress on the wireless ordinance while expressing urgent concerns about Crown Castle's tactics to bypass new regulations, calling for immediate adoption of the ordinance, enforcement of stricter standards, and potential interim measures like a moratorium to protect residents and maintain community safety.

Andrew Ryan and Frank Elliott opposed the proposed Baywood Historic District, citing increased insurance costs, a lack of homeowner consent, and concerns over the process being undemocratic.

Remote: Daria spoke about the train noise problem.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Gardening Waste – Ordinance Introduction

Prasanna Rasiah, City Attorney, gave the presentation.

Public Comment –

Maria Godfrey, Rich Kranz, Susan Manheimer; Rick Sakuda, Regina all spoke in supported the proposed ordinance prohibiting garden waste disposal into streets and drains, emphasizing its critical role in protecting stormwater infrastructure, preventing flooding, and ensuring compliance with federal environmental regulations. They highlighted the ordinance's alignment with city investments in flood prevention and called for its swift implementation, effective enforcement, and public education.

Council asked questions and made comments.

Motion to Introduce an Ordinance prohibiting gardening waste from being deposited into the public right of way. Motion passed 5-0.

Moved: Hedges, Seconded: Newsom

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

Noes: None

8. City Council Priority List – Progress Report

Christina Horrisberger, Assistant City Manager, gave the presentation and progress report on the City Council Priority List for fiscal year 2024-25.

Public Comment – Trina Pierce sought clarification on whether North Central is included in the flood zone removal efforts referenced for North Shore View, expressing concern over inconsistent references to the two areas.

Council asked questions and made comments and Matt Fabry, Public Works Director, answered questions from Council. Council highlighted the importance of citywide collaboration in projects such as stormwater management, emphasizing the need for continued efforts to align infrastructure improvements with community needs.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager, City Attorney and Council Members reported on their various assignments and liaison roles, noted past and future events, and commented on the upcoming election. Councilmember Hedges requested the Council to consider implementing an interim moratorium on the use of city infrastructure by cell tower providers, specifically to prevent Crown Castle from submitting new applications before the new ordinance is adopted. Staff clarified that Crown Castle is currently under a stop-work notice and is unlikely to submit new applications until after the new ordinance's implementation. Council decided not to take additional interim action but to await discussion on the proposed ordinance at the November 18 meeting. Councilmember Lee proposed drafting a resolution requesting San Mateo Heritage Alliance to withdraw their application for the Baywood Historic District, citing new evidence that a majority of impacted property owners oppose the designation. The majority of the Council did not support drafting the resolution at this time, citing prior discussions and the ongoing historic ordinance process, which will be revisited in January.

ADJOURNMENT –The meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

Lisa Diaz Nash, Mayor

Martin McTaggart, City Clerk