

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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March 18, 2024
City Hall Council Chambers 7:00 PM
Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER at 7:18 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Council Member Rich Hedges will teleconference into this meeting from: 2405 Klanianaole Avenue – PH-11 Hilo, Hawaii 96720

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

CEREMONIAL

1. Mayor’s Quarterly Hero Award – Gloria Brown – Gloria Brown received the award
2. Hillsdale High School Peace Pantry and Empowerment Through Action Programs – Presentation - Brett Stevenson, Dean of Students at Hillsdale High School, and Rachel Lauderdale, Empowerment Through Action Executive Director gave the presentation
3. Crossing Guard Appreciation Month – Recognition - Casia Ravi, Safe Routes to School Coordinator, Public Works, gave the presentation
4. Ramadan Mubarak – Observance – Mayor Diaz-Nash read the proclamation

CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items, 5 through 10, and items 12 through 13, were considered to be routine by the City Council. Item 11 was withdrawn by staff. After the titles of the items were read by the Deputy 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

5. Organized Retail Theft Prevention Grant Program – Memorandum of Understanding and Related Actions
Approve: (1) a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the cities of Daly City and San Bruno to administer a multi-agency Board of State and Community Corrections grant to combat organized retail theft; and authorize the Chief of Police to execute the MOU in substantially the form presented, and any other necessary documents related to grant activity; (2) Amendment No.1 to the Agreement with the Flock Group Inc., for the purchase of 15 additional automated license plate readers for the three-year grant term in the amount of \$138,950, for a new cumulative

agreement amount not to exceed \$640,300; and adopt a Resolution to (a) authorize the addition of 1.00 Full-Time Equivalent Community Service Officer position for the three-year duration of the grant period; (b) approve the purchase of 2 surveillance trailers from Mobile Pro Systems in the amount of \$114,700 with the use of an alternative purchasing procedure and (c) amend the adopted Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget to appropriate \$1,533,802 to the Police Grants Fund.

Enactment: Resolution No. 21 (2024)

6. Compost Broker Program – Amendment
Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Compost Broker Program Agreement with San Mateo Resource Conservation District to increase the agreement in the amount of \$90,839.54, for a new Agreement total of \$164,055.80; update payment rates; amend the scope of services; extend the term to May 1, 2026; and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute the amendment in substantially the form presented.
 7. Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade and Expansion Project – Agreement
Approve a Right-of-Entry Agreement with the City of Hollister, at no cost, allowing the City to enter onto the City of Hollister’s Wastewater Treatment Plant property for the purpose of obtaining sludge to support startup of the City of San Mateo’s new wastewater treatment plant; and authorize the Public Works Director to execute the Agreement in substantially the form presented and to execute any necessary no-cost amendments.
 8. Senior Get Around Transportation Program Agreement – Amendment
Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with Serra Yellow Cab, Inc. in the amount of \$75,000, for a new contract total of \$225,000, for the Senior Get Around Transportation Program for Fiscal Year 2023-24; and authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation to execute the amendment in substantially the form presented.
 9. General Plan, Housing Element, and Housing Successor Agency – 2023 Annual Progress Reports
Accept the 2023 Annual Progress Reports for the General Plan, Housing Element, and Housing Successor Agency, and direct the Community Development Director to file the reports with the State.
 10. Wastewater Treatment Plant Immediate Action Project, Package II – Appropriation and Amendment
Adopt a Resolution to authorize an appropriation of funds in the amount of \$349,000 from the Sewer Fund Reserves for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Immediate Action Projects, Package II Project, revising the total project budget to an amount of \$14,695,372; approve Amendment No. 13 to the agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. to provide professional design and engineering services during construction for the Project, increasing the contract value by \$399,000, for a revised total agreement amount not-to-exceed \$2,126,403.46, and extend the term of the agreement through September 30, 2024; and authorize the Public Works Director to execute Amendment No. 13 in substantially the form presented and approve future amendments within the approved amount.
- Enactment: Resolution No. 22 (2024)
12. Fiscal Year 2022-23 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report - Acceptance
Accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.
 13. Boards and Commissions – Confirm Reappointments and Establish Annual Appointment Subcommittees
Appointments as follows, all terms through June 10, 2028: Alli Fitzgerald (Community Relations Commission), Wendy McCall (Library Board), Sandy Shepler (Measure S Oversight Committee) to a first full term; Jerold Nugent (Community Relations Commission), Tony Villanueva (Personnel Board), and Ellen Wang (Senior Citizens Commission) to a second full term. Establish Appointment Subcommittees with Mayor Diaz Nash and the Commission Liaison to interview for vacancies on the Community Relations Commission, Senior Citizens

Commission, Sustainability and Infrastructure Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, Library Board, Personnel Board, and Measure S Oversight Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Allison McQueen requested more painting for street safety; Katherine Hart requested Council do their research to design bike lanes with everyone in mind including businesses that will be impacted; Frank Elliott spoke regarding the application to make Baywood Historic and to let Baywood vote.

Alice Robinson, Simina, Inas, Linda, Lina, Ameena, Heba N., Samia Shoman, Basan Zaro, Batool Zaro, Zack, Noble Mushtak, Ringit Ronnberg, Tammi Michael, Ramy Asia, Muhammad Bakir, Makmoor, Elaine Ruda requested to add a ceasefire resolution proposed by the community.

PUBLIC HEARING

14. 2024 Solid Waste Collection Rates – Increase

Jack Johnson, Waste Management Supervisor, and Rick Simonson & Gabe Sasser, HFG Consultants, gave the presentation.

Council asked questions of staff.

The Mayor opened Public Comment, Dianne Whitaker recommended increases with one uniform percentage increase across the board. The Mayor closed Public Comment.

Motion to Adopt a Resolution to establish maximum rates for solid waste, recycling, and organics collection for rate year 2024; and adopt a resolution authorizing the Finance Director to appropriate \$1,000,000 from the Solid Waste Fund unassigned fund balance and remit to Recology to reduce the City's balancing account deficit by September 30, 2024. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Enactment: Resolution Nos. 23 and 24 (2024)

Council recessed from 8:59 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

15. General Plan Amendment to Adopt Strive San Mateo General Plan 2040

Zachary Dahl, Interim Community Development Director, and Joanna Jansen, Principal, PlaceWorks, gave the presentation.

Council asked questions of staff.

The Mayor opened Public Comment:

Laurie Watanuki concerned with reclassification of 5th and 9th streets to minor arterials which will create more traffic, also commented on community benefits; David Light spoke regarding the Yoshiko Yamanouchi House is an historic resource and the plan fails to take the impacts to this historic district into consideration and recommends not approving the EIR until there is mitigation for this; Rick Bonilla recommends approving EIR and bring back High II. Ken Abreu expressed concern for housing and open space and parks and supports higher building heights Diane Whitaker revise Chapter 5 to include words contributor and non-contributors. Robert Whitehair supported mixed use High designation in the general plan. Laurie Hietter expressed concerns with General Plan EIR is flawed,

Jordan Grimes spoke in support of High II designation. Connie Weiss, Lisa Vande Voorde, and Taso Zografos spoke in favor of putting back the term contributors into General Plan 20240.

Council discussion ensued. Council provided direction for the Borel site to be designated as mixed-use high, which will require further discussion with the Planning Commission and a Council majority provided direction for mixed-use high designation for the Marriott site.

Motion to Adopt a Resolution to certify the General Plan’s Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and adopt a resolution adopting Strive San Mateo General Plan 2040 and the Climate Action Plan Technical Update, based on the listed findings. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Enactment: Resolution Nos. 25 and 26 (2024)

Council recessed from 11:15 p.m. to 11:25 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

16. City Council Priority List – Review Draft Priorities and Overall Updates

Denise Garcia, Management Analyst II, gave the presentation on the proposed work plan and resource requirements for the draft City Council fiscal year 2024-25 priorities.

Council asked questions of staff.

Bry Meyers spoke regarding Vision Zero Action Plan; George Musante requests allocating funds or staff for support of Toyonaka Sister City programs; Robert Whitehair represents the San Mateo Climate Action team and thanked Council for putting the decarbonization objective so high on the list and spoke about grants and funds available; Mike Swire thanked staff for incorporating Vision Zero into the master plan, but we need more funding and staff.

Discussion ensued. Council provided direction on the priority list for further action to be taken on the April 15, 2024 Regular Meeting.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager, City Attorney and Council Members reported on their various assignments and liaison roles.

Council Member Hedges proposed bringing back a Council discussion on the Historic Designation of the Baywood Neighborhood soliciting a vote within the neighborhood, staff provided clarification on the future steps, Council Member Hedges proposed a future agenda item on this topic, there was not a Council majority to support this. Council Member Loraine requested that he be added to the Appointment Subcommittee for the Planning Commission, staff clarified the process, and a Council majority approved bringing this discussion back during the April 1, 2024 Council Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT –The meeting adjourned at 1:05 a.m.

APPROVED BY:

Lisa Diaz Nash, Mayor

SUBMITTED BY:

Martin McTaggart, City Clerk