

# CITY OF SAN MATEO

## Regular Meeting Minutes

### City Council

**Monday, March 1, 2021**  
**Remote 7:00 PM**  
**Regular Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER** This meeting is being held under the provisions of State of California Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20; in which Brown Act regulations are relaxed to allow members to remote in due to the Coronavirus Covid-19 health emergency.

#### Roll Call

Remote: Mayor Rodriguez, Deputy Mayor Bonilla, Council Members: Papan, Lee, and Goethals

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items, 1 through 5 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: Goethals, Seconded: Bonilla

Ayes: Rodriguez, Bonilla, Lee, Papan and Goethals

Noes: None

**1. City Council Meeting Minutes – Approval**

Approve the minutes of the City Council Special and Regular meeting of February 16, 2021 and Special meeting of February 22, 2021.

**2. Emergency Ordinance – Suspension of Minimum Parking Requirements and Enforcement of Zoning Regulations for Outdoor Business Operations**

Adopt an update to the Emergency Ordinance to temporarily suspend minimum parking requirements on private parking lots and enforcement of zoning regulations for outdoor business operations to allow schools, childcare facilities and other educational uses to operate outdoors during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Enactment: Emergency Ordinance 2021-07

**3. On-Call Construction Management Services – Spending Authorization Adjustment**

Approve an adjustment to the year one annual not-to-exceed amount from \$150,000 to \$250,000 for the agreement with Ghirardelli Associates for on-call construction management services, with the total three-year agreement remaining at an amount not to exceed \$450,000.

**4. Emergency Fuel Facility Use – Agreement**

Approve an agreement between the San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department and the City of San Mateo for emergency fuel facility use and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement in substantially the form presented.

**5. Board and Commission Appointment Subcommittee – Sustainability and Infrastructure Commission**

Appoint Mayor Rodriguez and Deputy Mayor Rick Bonilla to the Sustainability and Infrastructure Commission Appointment Subcommittee.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT -**

Kathleen commented on the need to elevate safety for pedestrians as a priority.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **6. Zoning Code Amendments – Ordinance Introduction**

Principal Planner Julia Klein provided an overview of the need for zoning code updates due to changes in state law that the City is required to be in alignment with. Public Comment – There were no speakers.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to amend the San Mateo Municipal Code Chapters 27.04, “Definitions” to add a paving definition; Chapter 27.18, “R1 Districts - One Family Dwelling” to clarify limits on paving, landscaping, uncovered decks, and add a map for San Mateo Park Planning Area; Chapter 27.20 “R2 Districts – Two Family Dwellings” to replace the Floor Area Ratio maps; and Chapter 27.32 “C2 Districts – Regional/Community Commercial” to update emergency shelter provisions. Motion passed 5-0.

Moved: Papan, Seconded: Lee

Ayes: Rodriguez, Bonilla, Lee, Papan and Goethals

Noes: None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **7. COVID-19 Update; San Mateo County Restaurant, Brewery, and Winery Relief Program Funding Appropriation Consideration; and Extension of Local Emergency Proclamation**

City Manager Drew Corbett provided an update on pandemic response activities and requested direction on providing grants through the San Mateo County Restaurant, Brewery, and Winery Relief Program and outlined the need for a continued local declaration of emergency. Council asked questions of staff. Public Comment – There were no speakers.

Motion to Adopt a Resolution to appropriate funds from the General Fund’s unassigned fund balance in the amount of \$300,000 to provide for grants for the San Mateo County Restaurant, Brewery, and Winery Relief Program; and in concurrent action Council confirmed the need for a continued local declaration of emergency. Motion passed 5-0.

Moved: Papan, Seconded: Goethals

Ayes: Rodriguez, Bonilla, Lee, Papan and Goethals

Noes: None

Enactment: Resolution No. 24 (2021)

### **8. COVID-19 Hazard Pay for Large Grocery Store and Large Drugstore Workers – Consider Ordinances**

City Attorney Shawn Mason updated the Council on legal actions with regard to the City’s exposure to a lawsuit if taking action since the Council last heard the item on February 16, 2021. Economic Development Manager Jennifer Chen outlined information and statistics about grocery stores in San Mateo that would be affected by the proposed Ordinance. Council asked questions of staff.

Public Comment – speaking in support of the proposed ordinance: Leon Wong, UFCW5; John Gomez, grocery worker; Rich Hedges; Julie Lind, San Mateo Labor Council; Brian Keefer; Erin Chazer, San Mateo Central Labor Council; Ryan McGilley, UFCW; Adam Loraine and Kathleen. Speaking in opposition: Nick Buro. Mike Stone, owner of Mollie Stones, requested an exception for Mollie Stone due to measures they have already provided.

Council deliberated and directed staff to make the following modification to increase the threshold for number of employees to 750, include a four hour paid leave for vaccination appointments for employees, exemption for franchisees and Council is interested in adopting the emergency ordinance to go into effect immediately while simultaneously introducing a regular ordinance and bringing it forward for adoption on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to Adopt an Emergency Ordinance, as amended by direction from Council, to require large grocery stores and large drugstores to provide hazard pay to their public facing employees and introduce an Ordinance to require large grocery stores and large drugstores to provide hazard pay to their public facing employees. Motion passed 5-0.

Moved: Goethals, Seconded: Bonilla  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Bonilla, Lee, Papan and Goethals  
Noes: None

Enactment: Emergency Ordinance 2021-08

## **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The City Manager, City Attorney and Council Members reported on their various assignments and liaison roles. Deputy Mayor Bonilla asked for support to agendize \$5,000 for gun buy-back Lee, Bonilla, and Goethals in support. Mayor Rodriguez requested staff bring forward an ordinance to prevent boarding up windows without a need. Bonilla, Rodriguez and Papan were in favor. Mayor Rodriguez requested information be provided about the Caltrain Paralleling Station installation on El Camino Real.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

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Eric Rodriguez, Mayor

SUBMITTED BY:

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Patrice M. Olds, City Clerk