

# CITY OF SAN MATEO

## Regular Meeting Minutes

### City Council

**Monday, March 15, 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

#### CEREMONIAL

1. Red Cross Month – Proclamation

#### 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

2. City Council Meeting Minutes – Approval

Approve the minutes of the City Council Special meeting of February 27, 2021 and Special and Regular meetings of March 1, 2021.

3. Ordinance Adoption – Zoning Code Amendments

Adopt 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.

Enactment: Ordinance No. 2020-09

4. Ordinance Adoption – COVID-19 Hazard Pay for Large Grocery Store and Large Drugstore Workers

Adopt an Ordinance to require large grocery stores and large drugstores to provide hazard pay to their public facing employees.

Enactment: Ordinance No. 2020-10

5. Tenant Relocation Payments – Appropriation of Funds

Adopt a Resolution to appropriate \$67,976 of property owner repayments to the Emergency Tenant Relocation Assistance Project.

Enactment: Resolution No. 25 (2021)

**6. School Crossing Guard Services – Agreement**

Approve an agreement with the San Mateo-Foster City School District for school crossing guards for the 2021-22 school year in the amount of \$78,000 and authorize the Chief of Police to execute the agreement in substantially the form presented.

**7. Parking Enforcement Services - Agreement**

Adopt a Resolution to use an alternative purchasing method to approve the execution of an agreement with LAZ Parking California, LLC for citywide parking enforcement services in the amount of \$2,034,004 and authorize the Chief of Police to execute the agreement in substantially the form presented.

Enactment: Resolution No. 26 (2021)

**8. Interim Community Benefit Framework for Future Development Projects – Interim Process**

Adopt a Resolution to document the interim process for determining community benefits and public improvements for certain development projects.

Enactment: Resolution No. 27 (2021)

**9. San Mateo Police Department Mindfulness Project – Agreement and Appropriation**

Approve an agreement with Mindfulness Based Health for mindfulness training for the San Mateo Police Department in the amount of \$105,000; authorize the Police Chief to execute the agreement in substantially the form presented; and adopt a Resolution to approve a supplemental budget appropriation of \$105,000 with a net zero impact to the General Fund.

Enactment: Resolution No. 28 (2021)

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chris Blum, Pam and Naomi Rittelmeyer, Jeff and Frank Therre commented on the need for a leaf blower ban. Wayne Lee stated the San Mateo Asian Pacific Islander (API) Caucus is putting on a seminar about violence against Asians – Stop API hate.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**10. Fiscal Year 2021-22 Comprehensive Fee Schedule – Approval**

Management Analyst Karley Hamilton provided a presentation on the 2021-22 Comprehensive Fee Schedule. Council had no questions. Public Comment – There were no speakers. Motion to Adopt a Resolution to approve the proposed fiscal year 2021-22 Comprehensive Fee Schedule. Motion passed 5-0.

Moved: Papan, Seconded: Bonilla

Ayes: Rodriguez, Bonilla, Lee, Papan and Goethals

Noes: None

Enactment: Resolution No. 29 (2021)

**11. Ordinance Introduction – Accessory Dwelling Unit and Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit Updates**

Associate Planner Phillip Brennan provided a presentation on the State's new laws on Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units (JADU) that requires an update of the City's code. He noted the Planning Commission's recommendation of the proposed ordinance. Council asked questions of staff.

Public Comment – Speaking in support of ADU/JADUs but with concern with the proposed 16' height limitation from the roof ridge that would preclude second story dwellings and the need for more public outreach. Raayan Mohtashemi; David Porter; Adam Loraine; Eric Holm; Kueller; Jonathan New; Seema Patel; Martin Wiggins; Heather Hopkins; Jordan Grimes and Michael Nash. Lisa Diaz Nash supports the staff recommendation until an in-depth analysis can be accomplished.

Council discussion ensued with additional questions of staff. Concern was expressed with the ordinance as proposed with regard to the 16-foot height limit that would preclude second story ADUs and with concern about needing more public input and process as that was promised to the public. Different ideas were floated to change the measurement parameters to meet the need of introducing the ordinance to be consistent with state law while also meeting the community's needs.

Bonilla moved to deny the introduction of the Ordinance, failed due to lack of a second. Bonilla moved to propose different measurements, failed due to lack of a second.

Motion to Introduce an Ordinance to amend San Mateo Municipal Code Chapter 27.19 – "Accessory Dwelling Unit and Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit – Residential Zones" in accordance with changes to State law and "Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit" definition, as amended to 16' from the plate to 24' to the ridgeline. Motion passed 4-1.

Moved: Lee, Seconded: Goethals

Ayes: Bonilla, Lee, Papan and Goethals

Noes: Rodriguez

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **12. COVID-19 Update**

City Manager Drew Corbett provided an update on operational impacts and other City efforts related to COVID-19. There were no questions of staff. Public Comment – There were no speakers. No action was required at this time.

### **13. Markers for Places of Public Interest in the Public Right of Way – Resolution and Ordinance Introduction**

Communications Manager Samantha Weigel provided a presentation on the history of markers in the public right-of-way. She presented a policy based on the feedback received from Council in 2020. Council had no questions for staff. Public Comment – there were no speakers.

Motion to Approve a Resolution to adopt a policy on Markers for Places of Public Interest in the Public Right of Way and introduce an Ordinance to amend the San Mateo Municipal Code Chapter 17.08.020 "Placing Certain Objects in the Public Right of Way" to allow for public markers and making other necessary minor revisions to the chapter. Motion passed 5-0.

Moved: Papan, Seconded: Goethals

Ayes: Rodriguez, Bonilla, Lee, Papan and Goethals

Noes: None

Enactment: Resolution No. 30 (2021)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 14.** Housing Successor Agency and Housing Element Annual Progress Reports – Approval  
Housing Manager Sandra Council provided a presentation on the annual housing reports. Council asked questions of staff. Public Comment – Angela Solis commented on housing in the region. Lisa Diaz Nash commended the housing staff.

Motion to Approve the Housing Successor Agency Report and the Housing Element Annual Progress Report as submitted to the State Department of Housing and Community Development. Motion passed 5-0.

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

- 15.** County of San Mateo Homelessness Initiatives  
Supervisor Carole Groom and County Administrator Mike Callegy provided an informational report on the County of San Mateo's strategic initiatives to address homelessness and outlined its consideration of the purchase of two motels in the City of San Mateo to convert to homeless shelters with 24/7 County staff resources on site. Council asked questions of the County staff.

Public Comment – Speaking in support: Lisa Diaz Nash; Kyle Crews; Debra Leschym; Adam Loraine; Kueller; Raayan Mohtashemi; Jordan Grimes, Young Democrats; Seema Patel; and Joel Brinck Kohn.

Council expressed gratitude for the well-thought out and well executed program the County has put forward and pledged their interest and support.

## **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Following the opportunity for public comment, there were no speakers, the City Council convened into Closed Session to consider:

- 16.** Conference with Labor Negotiator (Gov. Code section 54957.6)  
City designated representatives: Teri Black and Suzanne Mason, Recruiting Consultants, Teri Black & Company LLC  
Unrepresented employee: City Attorney

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Following a moment of silence, the City Council adjourned in memory of Bob Cossins, a retired employee who spent his entire career working for the San Mateo Public Works Department for 38 ½ years. His favorite quote was to remind others to “Look Beyond the Gray Days”. He will be sorely missed by his City family. After the Closed Session the meeting adjourned at 10:27 pm.

APPROVED BY:

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Eric Rodriguez, Mayor

SUBMITTED BY:

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Patrice M. Olds, City Clerk