



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Call and Notice of Joint Special Meeting of the City Council & Planning Commission

05/20/2025

5:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers/Virtual
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code §54956 ("The Brown Act") and Section 708 of the Santa Clara City Charter, the Mayor calls for a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Santa Clara, to commence and convene on May 20, 2025, at 5:30 pm to be held virtually and in the City Hall Council Chambers located in the East Wing of City Hall at 1500 Warburton Avenue, Santa Clara, California, to consider the following matter(s) and to potentially take action with respect to them.

Closed Session - 5:30 PM | Study Session - 7:00 PM

5:30 PM CLOSED SESSION (CITY COUNCIL)

Call to Order in the Council Chambers

Mayor Gillmor called the Closed Session to order at 5:31 PM.

Confirmation of Quorum

Assistant City Clerk Pimentel confirmed a quorum.

1. [25-603](#) Conference with Labor Negotiators (CC)
Pursuant to Gov. Code § 54957.6

City representatives: Jovan D. Grogan, Nadine Nader, Aracely Azevedo,
Marco Mercado, Charles Sakai, Glen R. Googins

Employee Organization(s):
Unit # 2 Police Officers' Association
Unit # 4 Engineers of the City of Santa Clara
Unit # 5, 7, & 8 City of Santa Clara Employees Association
Unit # 10 Public Safety Non-Sworn Employees Association

Public Comment

None.

Convene to Closed Session (Council Conference Room)

Mayor Gillmor adjourned into Closed Session at 5:32 PM.

Councilmember Park joined the Closed Session at 5:40 PM.

7:00 PM SPECIAL STUDY SESSION (CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION IN JOINT SESSION)

Call to Order in the Council Chambers

Mayor Gillmor called the Joint Study Session to order at 7:05 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance and Statement of Values

Council and **Planning Commission** recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Hardy recited the Statement of Values.

Roll Call

Assistant City Clerk/Secretary Pimentel recited the AB23 announcement and Statement of Behavioral Standards.

Assistant City Clerk/Secretary Pimentel also noted that any registered Lobbyist speaking during the Public Meeting will need to identify themselves and whom they represent.

Present: 13 - Councilmember Albert Gonzalez, Councilmember Raj Chahal, Councilmember Karen Hardy, Councilmember Kevin Park, Councilmember Suds Jain, Vice Mayor Kelly Cox, Mayor Lisa M. Gillmor, Commissioner Yashraj Bhatnagar, Commissioner Nancy A. Biagini, Commissioner Priya Cherukuru, Commissioner Qian Huang, Vice Chair Mario Bouza, and Chair Lance Saleme

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eric Crutchlow

REPORTS OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION MATTERS

City Attorney Googins reported that there was no reportable action from Closed Session.

STUDY SESSION

2. [25-448](#)

Joint Study Session with Planning Commission and City Council on Data Centers and related Development Regulations within the City of Santa Clara

City Manager Grogan made some opening remarks and introduced **Dan Diorio (Senior Director, Data Center Coalition), Director of Community Development Hamid, Acting Chief Electric Utility Officer Procos, Senior Electric Division Manager Hughes, Director of Economic Development and Sustainability Brilliot, and Principal Engineer Aly** who provided a Powerpoint presentation on Data Centers.

Planning Commissioner Crutchlow joined the meeting at 7:12 PM.

Council and Planning Commission questions and comments followed.

Public Comment: Mary Grizzle

Public Speaker 1

Public Speaker 2

Masheika Allgood

Linda

Mayor Gillmor called for a recess at 9:49 PM and reconvened the meeting at 10:12 PM.

City Manager Grogan, Director of Community Development Afshan, Director of Economic Development and Sustainability Brilliot, and Principal Engineer Aly, Acting Chief Electric Utility Officer Procos, City Attorney Googins, Dan Diorio (Senior Director, Data Center Coalition), and Senior Electric Division Manager Hughes addressed **Council and Planning Commission** questions.

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City Manager Grogan addressed **Council and Planning Commission** questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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AB23 ANNOUNCEMENT: Members of the Santa Clara Stadium Authority, Sports and Open Space Authority and Housing Authority are entitled to receive \$30 for each attended meeting.

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LEGEND: City Council (CC); Stadium Authority (SA); Sports and Open Space Authority (SOSA); Housing Authority (HA); Successor Agency to the City of Santa Clara Redevelopment Agency (SARDA); Bayshore North Project Enhancement Authority (BNPEA); Public Facilities Financing Corporation (PFFC)

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