



City of Santa Clara

Special Meeting Minutes

City Council Meeting

08/24/2020

4:00 PM

Planning Commission & Civil Service Commission
Interviews and Appointment
City Hall Council Chambers
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

Pursuant to the provisions of California Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, issued on March 17, 2020, to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the City of Santa Clara has implemented methods for the public to participate remotely:

- Via Zoom:
 - o <https://santaclaraca.zoom.us/j/97523754443>
- Meeting ID: 975 2375 4443 or
- o Phone: 1(669) 900-6833
- Via the City's eComment (now available during the meeting)
- Via email to PublicComment@santaclaraca.gov

As always, the public may view the meetings on SantaClaraCA.gov, Santa Clara City Television (Comcast cable channel 15 or AT&T U-verse channel 99), or the livestream on the City's YouTube channel or Facebook page.

For those individuals that do not have the above access, the City Cafeteria has been set up to accommodate up to 10 people at a time and public comment will be given from that location.

The meeting set-up is in line with the recommendations of the COVID-19 White House Task Force, which notes no more than 10 people gatherings. The Mayor will be present for the meeting with Councilmembers and department heads participating remotely. A limited number of staff will also be present.

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 August 24, 2020, at 4:00 pm for a Special Meeting 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.

4:00 PM SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Call to Order

Mayor Gillmor called the Special Meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance and Statement of Values

Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Davis recited the Statement of Values.

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Vice Mayor Karen Hardy, Councilmember Teresa O'Neill, Councilmember Debi Davis, Councilmember Kathy Watanabe, Councilmember Raj Chahal, and Mayor Lisa M. Gillmor

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

INTERVIEWS

Assistant City Clerk Pimentel noted the application process and verification of eligibility through the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters.

2. [20-788](#) Interviews and Appointment to the Planning Commission

Recommendation: Appoint one commissioner to serve on the Planning Commission for a full-term ending June 30, 2024.

Applicants provided a three-minute introduction, addressed Council questions, and closed with a one-minute statement.

Council casted their votes for their top 2 applicants:

Vice Mayor Hardy: Yashraj Bhatnagar and Ali Zargari

Councilmember O'Neill: Ryan Caldera and Ali Zargari

Councilmember Davis: Ricci Herro and Qian Huang

Councilmember Watanabe: Qian Huang and Ricci Herro

Councilmember Chahal: Yashraj Bhatnagar and Qian Huang

Mayor Gillmor: Ricci Herro and Qian Huang

Top 2: Qian Huang and Ricci Herro

Council casted their votes for one applicant of the top 2 applicants:

Vice Mayor Hardy: Ricci Herro

Councilmember O'Neill: Qian Huang

Councilmember Davis: Ricci Herro

Councilmember Watanabe: Qian Huang

Councilmember Chahal: Qian Huang

Mayor Gillmor: Ricci Herro

Councilmember O'Neill changed her vote to Ricci Herro.

A motion was made by Councilmember O'Neill, seconded by Councilmember Davis, to appoint Ricci Herro to the Planning Commission for a full-term ending June 30, 2024.

Aye: 6 - Vice Mayor Hardy, Councilmember O'Neill, Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Watanabe, Councilmember Chahal, and Mayor Gillmor

A motion was made by Councilmember O'Neill, seconded by Councilmember Davis, to add Qian Huang to the eligibility list (expire on June 30, 2021) for automatic appointment if a vacancy were to occur.

Aye: 6 - Vice Mayor Hardy, Councilmember O'Neill, Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Watanabe, Councilmember Chahal, and Mayor Gillmor

A motion was made by Councilmember O'Neill, seconded by Vice Mayor Hardy, to add Yashraj Bhatnagar and Ali Zargari to the eligibility list (expire on June 30, 2021) if a vacancy were to occur.

Aye: 6 - Vice Mayor Hardy, Councilmember O'Neill, Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Watanabe, Councilmember Chahal, and Mayor Gillmor

1. [20-789](#) Interviews and Appointment to the Civil Service Commission

Recommendation: Appoint one commissioner to serve on the Civil Service Commission for a full-term ending June 30, 2024.

Applicants provided a three-minute introduction, addressed Council questions, and closed with a one-minute statement.

Council casted their vote for their top applicant:

Vice Mayor Hardy: Tahir Naim

Councilmember O'Neill: Tahir Naim

Councilmember Davis: Morgan Goldstein

Councilmember Watanabe: Morgan Goldstein

Councilmember Chahal: Tahir Naim

Mayor Gillmor: Morgan Goldstein

Mayor Gillmor changed her vote to Tahir Naim.

A motion was made by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Vice Mayor Hardy, to appoint Tahir Nahim to the Civil Service Commission to a full-term expiring on June 30, 2024 and establish an eligibility list Morgan Goldstein to expire June 30, 2021.

Aye: 6 - Vice Mayor Hardy, Councilmember O'Neill, Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Watanabe, Councilmember Chahal, and Mayor Gillmor

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

A motion was made by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Vice Mayor Hardy, to adjourn the meeting.

Aye: 6 - Vice Mayor Hardy, Councilmember O'Neill, Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Watanabe, Councilmember Chahal, and Mayor Gillmor

The next regular scheduled meeting is on Tuesday evening, August 25, 2020 in the City Hall Council Chambers.

MEETING DISCLOSURES

The time limit within which to commence any lawsuit or legal challenge to any quasi-adjudicative decision made by the City is governed by Section 1094.6 of the Code of Civil Procedure, unless a shorter limitation period is specified by any other provision. Under Section 1094.6, any lawsuit or legal challenge to any quasi-adjudicative decision made by the City must be filed no later than the 90th day following the date on which such decision becomes final. Any lawsuit or legal challenge, which is not filed within that 90-day period, will be barred. If a person wishes to challenge the nature of the above section in court, they may be limited to raising only those issues they or someone else raised at the meeting described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Clara, at or prior to the meeting. In addition, judicial challenge may be limited or barred where the interested party has not sought and exhausted all available administrative remedies.

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.

Note: The City Council and its associated Authorities meet as separate agencies but in a concurrent manner. Actions taken should be considered actions of only the identified policy body.

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)

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall Council Chambers. A complete agenda packet is available on the City's website and in the City Clerk's Office at least 72 hours prior to a Regular Meeting and 24 hours prior to a Special Meeting. A hard copy of any agenda report may be requested by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (408) 615-2220, email clerk@santaclaraca.gov <<mailto:clerk@santaclaraca.gov>> or at the public information desk at any City of Santa Clara public library.

If a member of the public submits a speaker card for any agenda items, their name will appear in the Minutes. If no speaker card is submitted, the Minutes will reflect "Public Speaker."