



City of Santa Clara

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Meeting Minutes Call and Notice of Speical Meeting City Council

05/27/2021

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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/99706759306>

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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 27, 2021, at 5:00 PM for a virtual meeting held via Zoom, to consider the following matter(s) and to potentially take action with respect to them.

5:00 PM COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Call to Order

Mayor Gillmor called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance and Statement of Values

Council recited the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmember Hardy recited the Statements of Values.

Assistant City Clerk Pimentel recited the Behavioral Standards.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Councilmember Kathy Watanabe, Vice Mayor Raj Chahal, Councilmember Karen Hardy, Councilmember Kevin Park, Councilmember Suds Jain, Councilmember Anthony Becker, and Mayor Lisa M. Gillmor

[21-817](#) Moment of Silence at the May 27, 2021 City Council Meeting Post Meeting Material

Mayor Gillmor asked the Council for a moment of silence to honor the victims of the May 26, 2021 shooting at the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) facility in San Jose, CA.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

INTERVIEWS

Assistant City Clerk Pimentel noted the Council will be interviewing applicants in the following order:

- Senior Advisory Commission
- Historical and Landmarks Commission
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Planning Commission

Assistant City Clerk Pimentel noted that there were applicants that withdrew their application from the Senior Advisory Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission recruitment.

Assistant City Clerk Pimentel also provided the **Council** with an overview of the interview and appointment process.

2. [21-755](#) Interviews and Action on Appointment to fill one vacancy to the Senior Advisory Commission

Recommendation: 1. Appoint one applicant to serve on the Senior Advisory Commission for a full-term ending June 30, 2025; and
2. Establish an eligibility list that may be used to fill vacancies which may occur during the next six months.

Council conducted interviews virtually via Zoom to appoint one full-term ending June 30, 2025 and establish an eligibility list that may be used to fill vacancies which may occur during the next six months.

The following applicants provided a three-minute introduction, addressed Council questions, and closed with a one-minute statement:

James (Jim) N. Hohenshelt
Suresh Lokiah
Alex Mackenzie

Council casted their votes for their top two applicants:

Councilmember Watanabe: 1st Choice - Alex Mackenzie 2nd Choice: James N. Hohenshelt

Vice Mayor Chahal: 1st Choice: Suresh Lokiah 2nd Choice: Alex Mackenzie

Councilmember Hardy: 1st Choice: Suresh Lokiah 2nd Choice: Alex Mackenzie

Councilmember Park: 1st Choice: Alex Mackenzie 2nd Choice: James N. Hohenshelt

Councilmember Jain: 1st Choice: James N. Hohenshelt 2nd Choice: Suresh Lokiah

Councilmember Becker: 1st Choice: Alex Mackenzie 2nd Choice: Suresh Lokiah

Mayor Gillmor: 1st Choice: Alex Mackenzie 2nd Choice: James N. Hohenshelt

A motion was made by Councilmember Park, seconded by Councilmember Jain to appoint Alex Mackenzie to the Senior Advisory Commission for a full-term ending June 30, 2025; and establish an eligibility list with Suresh Lokiah and James Hohenshelt (to be re-interviewed) to expire within six months to fill future vacancies.

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Watanabe, Vice Mayor Chahal, Councilmember Hardy, Councilmember Park, Councilmember Jain, Councilmember Becker, and Mayor Gillmor

3. [21-753](#) Action on Declaring a Vacancy on the Historical and Landmarks Commission, Accept the resignation submitted by Commissioner Stephen Estes effective June 4, 2021; Interviews and Action on two Appointments to fill two vacancies to the Historical and Landmarks Commission

Recommendation: 1. Accept the resignation of outgoing Commissioner Stephen Estes effective June 4, 2021; and appoint two candidates to serve on the Historical and Landmarks Commission for a full-term each ending June 30, 2025.

Council conducted interviews virtually via Zoom to appoint two commissioners to each serve a full-term ending June 30, 2025; accept resignation of outgoing Commissioner Stephen Estes; and establish an eligibility list that may used to fill vacancies which may occur during the next six months.

The following applicants provided a three-minute introduction, addressed Council questions, and closed with a one-minute statement:

**Amy Kirby
Mahin Abbasi**

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Chahal, seconded by Councilmember Park, to appoint Amy Kirby and Mahin Abbasi to each serve a full-term ending June 30, 2025 to the Historical and Landmarks Commission and accept the resignation by Stephen Estes.

Aye: 3 - Councilmember Watanabe, Vice Mayor Chahal, and Mayor Gillmor

Nay: 4 - Councilmember Hardy, Councilmember Park, Councilmember Jain, and Councilmember Becker

Motion Fails.

Council discussion followed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Becker, seconded by Councilmember Jain to appoint Amy Kirby to fill one full-term ending June 30, 2025 to the Historical and Landmarks Commission; accept the resignation of Stephen Estes and open a recruitment to fill the second vacancy for a term ending June 30, 2025.

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Watanabe, Vice Mayor Chahal, Councilmember Hardy, Councilmember Park, Councilmember Jain, Councilmember Becker, and Mayor Gillmor

Mayor Gillmor called for a recess at 6:44 PM and reconvened the meeting at 7:01 PM.

4. [21-754](#) Action on Declaring a Vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission, Accept the Resignation submitted by Commissioner Derreck Carter-House; Interviews and Action on two Appointments to fill one partial term and one full-term to the Parks and Recreation Commission

Recommendation: 1. Accept the resignation of outgoing Commissioner Derreck Carter-House effective May 23, 2021; and appoint two candidates to serve on the Parks & Recreation Commission for a partial-term ending June 30, 2024 and one full-term ending June 30, 2025.
2. Establish an eligibility list that may be used to fill vacancies that may occur during the next six months.

Council conducted interviews virtually via Zoom to appoint two applicants to serve one partial-term ending June 30, 2024 and one full-term ending June 30, 2025; accept resignation of outgoing Commissioner Derreck Carter-House; and establish an eligibility list that may be used to fill vacancies which may occur during the next six months.

The following applicants provided a three-minute introduction, addressed Council questions, and closed with a one-minute statement:

Mahin Abbasi
Dana L. Caldwell
Richard Dupuy
Sajid Hai
Damon James
Ambica Selvaraj
Shivram Venkatesan

Council casted four votes for their top candidates:

Councilmember Watanabe: 1st Choice - Damon James 2nd Choice - Dana Caldwell 3rd Choice - Sajid Hai 4th Choice - Shivram Venkatesan

Vice Mayor Chahal: 1st Choice - Damon James 2nd Choice - Shivram Venkatesan 3rd Choice - Sajid Hai 4th Choice - Dana Caldwell

Councilmember Hardy: 1st Choice - Dana Caldwell 2nd Choice - Sajid Hai 3rd Choice - Damon James 4th Choice - Shivram Venkatesan

Councilmember Park: 1st Choice - Dana Caldwell 2nd Choice - Richard Dupuy 3rd Choice - Shivram Venkatesan 4th Choice - Sajid Hai

Councilmember Jain: 1st Choice - Dana Caldwell 2nd Choice - Shivram Venkatesan 3rd Choice - Damon James 4th Choice - Sajid Hai

Councilmember Becker: 1st Choice - Dana Caldwell 2nd Choice - Damon James 3rd Choice - Sajid Hai 4th Choice - Ambica Selvaraj

Mayor Gillmor: 1st Choice - Dana Caldwell 2nd Choice - Damon James 3rd Choice - Shivram Venkatesan 4th Choice - Sajid Hai

Mayor Gillmor called for a break at 8:51 PM to allow the **Assistant City Clerk Pimentel** to tally the votes.

A motion was made by Councilmember Becker, seconded by Councilmember Hardy to (1) accept the resignation of Derreck Carter-House, (2) declare the vacancy, (3) appoint Dana Caldwell to serve a partial-term ending June 30, 2024, and (4) appoint Sajid Hai to serve a full-term ending June 30, 2025 to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Watanabe, Vice Mayor Chahal, Councilmember Hardy, Councilmember Park, Councilmember Jain, Councilmember Becker, and Mayor Gillmor

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Chahal, seconded by Councilmember Becker, to establish an eligibility list to expire within six months and invite Damon James and Shivram Venkatesan to re-interview should a vacancy occur.

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Watanabe, Vice Mayor Chahal, Councilmember Hardy, Councilmember Park, Councilmember Jain, Councilmember Becker, and Mayor Gillmor

1. [21-776](#) Interviews and Action on Appointment to fill a partial term to the Planning Commission

Recommendation: Appoint one candidate to the Planning Commission to serve a partial term ending June 30, 2023.

Council re-interviewed two applicants who were previously placed on the established Planning Commission eligibility list on August 17, 2020 which expires June 30, 2021. **Yashraj Bhatnagar** and **Ali Zargari** both interviewed virtually via Zoom to fill a partial-term ending June 30, 2023.

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

Council casted one vote for their top candidate.

Councilmember Watanabe: Ali Zargari

Vice Mayor Chahal: Yashraj Bhatnager

Councilmember Hardy: Yashraj Bhatnager

Councilmember Park: Yashraj Bhatnager

Councilmember Jain: Yashraj Bhatnager

Councilmember Becker: Yashraj Bhatnager

Mayor Gillmor: Ali Zargari

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Chahal, seconded by Councilmember Hardy, to appoint Yashraj Bhatnagar to serve a partial-term ending June 30, 2023 to the Planning Commission and establish an eligibility list with Ali Zargari set to expire in six months.

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Watanabe, Vice Mayor Chahal, Councilmember Hardy, Councilmember Park, Councilmember Jain, Councilmember Becker, and Mayor Gillmor

REPORTS OF MEMBERS AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Councilmember Hardy reported on her attendance at Water Board meetings and noted her concern regarding direction from the Federal Government on conservation of water with the possibility of at least 10% reduction in the near future.

Vice Mayor Chahal concurred with **Councilmember Hardy's** concern regarding water conservation.

Councilmember Watanabe recognized two brothers (Arnav and Aryav Sonkar) as they created a bike station to encourage people to ride their bike, 8 year old and 12 year old.

CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 PM.

A motion was made by Councilmember Becker, seconded by Vice Mayor Chahal, to adjourn the meeting.

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Watanabe, Vice Mayor Chahal, Councilmember Hardy, Councilmember Park, Councilmember Jain, Councilmember Becker, and Mayor Gillmor

The next regular scheduled meeting is on Tuesday evening, June 8, 2021.

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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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