

MINUTES

SARATOGA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 16, 2011

The City Council held a Joint Meeting with board members of the Mountain Winery in the Administrative Conference Room at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Miller called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session Scheduled

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmembers Manny Cappello, Emily Lo, Jill Hunter,
Vice Mayor Chuck Page and Mayor Howard Miller

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Dave Anderson, City Manager
Richard Taylor, City Attorney
Ann Sullivan, City Clerk
Barbara Powell, Assistant City Manager
Mary Furey, Administrative Services Director
Chris Riordan, Interim Community Development Director
John Cherbone, Public Works Director
Michael Taylor, Recreation Director
Crystal Morrow, Administrative Assistant II

REPORT OF CITY CLERK ON POSTING OF AGENDA

City Clerk Ann Sullivan reported that pursuant to Government Code 54954.2, the agenda for the meeting of February 16, 2011 was properly posted on February 11, 2011.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMISSIONS & PUBLIC

Carl Guardino, CEO of Silicon Valley Leadership Group, addressed the Council regarding the efforts of members of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group to meet with leaders in Washington D.C on March 15 – 17 and in Sacramento April 12 and 13th to bring awareness to the innovative economy in Silicon Valley. He extended an invitation to the Council to join him and other community leaders to help build better “bridges” between the state and nation’s leaders.

COUNCIL DIRECTION TO STAFF

None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Dave House, owner of Mountain Winery, provided a brief report on the joint meeting held with the Council prior to the regular meeting. Mr. House thanked the Council and City staff for their continued support of the Mountain Winery and open communications. He encouraged the City to continue promoting the great institutions in the community such as: Villa Montalvo, the Mountain Winery, and Hakone Gardens. He noted the community should celebrate the history of wine making in Saratoga which goes back as far as the middle 1800’s. He added this history compliments many of the businesses that are in Saratoga.

COUNCIL DIRECTION TO STAFF

Council thanked Mr. House and the Mountain Winery staff for their efforts to work with their neighbors and the community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Hunter encouraged people to attend the Mustard Faire on Sunday, March 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at City Hall and the Heritage Orchard. She also invited everyone to the St. Paddy’s party on Saturday, March 12th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Saratoga Village.

Councilmember Cappello noted Jim Yoke, Saratoga’s Emergency Response Coordinator, has scheduled a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training academy starting the end of February. Interested residents can register on line by visiting the recreation and facilities link at www.saratoga.ca.us .

Councilmember Lo announced the “Reading Goes ‘Round” event for sixth graders and their families at the Saratoga Library on February 23rd at 6:30 p.m. There will be a special presentation on “How to Buy a Love for Reading” for the adults that evening.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

None

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 2, 2011

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve minutes.

PAGE/CAPPELLO MOVED TO **APPROVE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 2, 2011.** MOTION PASSED 5-0-0.

2. TREASURER’S REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Review and accept the Treasurer’s Report for the month ended December 31, 2010.

PAGE/CAPPELLO MOVED TO **ACCEPT THE TREASURER’S REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010.** MOTION PASSED 5-0-0.

3. REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECK REGISTERS

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council review and accept the Check Registers for the following Accounts Payable payment cycles:

January 28, 2011

February 3, 2011

PAGE/CAPPELLO MOVED TO **ACCEPT THE CHECK REGISTERS FOR THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PAYMENT CYCLES: JANUARY 28, 2011 AND FEBRUARY 3, 2011.** MOTION PASSED 5-0-0.

4. RESOLUTION TO JOIN LET’S MOVE CITIES CAMPAIGN

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Accept report and determine whether or not to approve the attached resolution to join the Let’s Move Cities campaign.

Mayor Miller removed this item for comment. He invited Susan Stewart, representative from the Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention Division of the Santa Clara County Public Health Department, up on stage to explain the “Let’s Move” campaign.

RESOLUTION NO: 11 – 004

MILLER/PAGE MOVED TO **APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO JOIN THE LET’S MOVE CITIES CAMPAIGN.** MOTION PASSED 5-0-0.

5. BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR SECONDHAND SMOKE PREVENTION GRANTS

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Accept report and approve the attached budget adjustment resolution.

Councilmember Cappello removed this item for correction regarding the year the grant was finalized between the City and the County.

RESOLUTION NO: 11 – 005

CAPPELLO/PAGE MOVED **TO APPROVE THE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT RESOLUTION FOR SECONDHAND SMOKE PREVENTION GRANTS.**
MOTION PASSED 5-0-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

OLD BUSINESS

6. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS -UPDATE

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Receive Report and Provide Direction to Staff.

Public Works Director John Cherbone presented the staff report.

Mayor Miller invited public comment.

No one requested to speak on this item.

COUNCIL DIRECTION:

Council directed staff to seek public engagement from the Village merchants and members of the community regarding the recommendation to install all 10 electric vehicle charging stations at the following locations:

- 3 at City Hall – Allendale Avenue parking lot (spaces adjacent to Civic Theater).
- 5 at Parking District #3 – (creek side spaces behind The Bank).
- 2 at Turkey Trot Lane/3rd Street – (spaces adjacent to Cleaners) with the two 15-minute parking on the street moved to this location if feasible.

This item will be agendaized on a future council meeting agenda for further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

7. SANTA CLARA COUNTY SUB-REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION PROCESS

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Review report and provide direction to staff.

Interim Community Development Director Chris Riordan presented the staff report.

Mayor Miller invited public comment.

No one requested to speak on this item.

HUNTER/CAPPELLO MOVED TO DIRECT STAFF TO HAVE AN ENHANCED COLLABORATION WITH JURISDICTIONS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY IN ORDER TO BUILD A COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP TO FOSTER AN APPROPRIATE STRUCTURE THAT MAY BE USED IN EIGHT YEARS (THE NEXT HOUSING CYCLE) TO DEVELOP A FORMAL SUB-REGIONAL RHNA, RATHER THAN RECEIVE ITS ALLOCATION DIRECTLY FROM ABAG. MOTION PASSED 5-0-0.

8. CITY COUNCIL SUMMER RECESS - 2011

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Accept report and direct staff accordingly regarding the 2011 City Council summer recess. Summer recess options include:

1. Cancel the second meeting in July – July 20, 2011.
2. Cancel the first meeting in August – August 3, 2011.
3. Cancel the second meeting in July and the first meeting in August – July 20th and August 3, 2011.

City Clerk Ann Sullivan presented the staff report.

Mayor Miller invited public comment.

No one requested to speak on this item.

HUNTER/PAGE MOVED TO: 1) CANCEL THE AUGUST 3, 2011 CITY COUNCIL MEETING; AND 2) BRING THIS ITEM BACK ON APRIL 20, 2011, TO CONSIDER CANCELLING AN ADDITIONAL CONTIGUOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JULY 20, 2011 OR AUGUST 17, 2011.
MOTION PASSED 5-0-0.

ADHOC & AGENCY ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

Mayor Howard Miller – reported:

Santa Clara County Cities Association – met recently and attending members received a presentation from the county assessor.

Valley Transportation Authority PAC – met and received an update from the VTA PAC director. Santa Clara County pays the largest portion of Caltrains' cost. Caltrain ridership has been increasing; however, Caltrain is experiencing a number of difficulties. Their plan is to close 16 stations and 11 of those stations are in Santa Clara County including all of the South County stations and the potential connection between high speed rails. There are two efforts being considered – one is organized by VTA, which is to solve a short term issue and the other effort is by groups who are looking at long term viability. Each county has contractually agreed to cover a certain amount of Caltrains' costs; however San Mateo County is opting out. Caltrain's officials feel their budget is stable. They are beginning the final design phase for the BART extension and Saratoga has fully funded their portion of this project. Caltrain is installing solar energy in their main depot, which will provide power to all their garages resulting in a 5 million dollar savings per year.

West Valley Solid Waste Management Joint Powers Association – met and they re-elected Mayor Miller as the chair. The association received an update on the City of San Jose disposable bag issue and the consensus is the JPA will continue to wait before making a recommendation on the use or ban of disposable bags.

Vice Mayor Chuck Page – reported:

Hakone Foundation Board – meets next week.

Santa Clara Valley Water District Commission – met in January and had nothing new to report.

West Valley Sanitation District – met and they discussed plans for a new Quito based project. They have set objectives and goals around the expected retirement of the executive assistant and director Bob Reed and the transition/succession plan.

Councilmember Jill Hunter – reported:

Historical Foundation – attended the last meeting and discussion occurred regarding a ramp for the building behind the Historical Museum. The current exhibit at the museum focuses on the history of prominent women in the Saratoga community.

SASCC – met recently and noted SASCC received a \$50,000 donation for the adult day care center. The board members are looking forward to meeting with the Council in a Joint Meeting on April 6, 2011.

Tree AdHoc – she attended an El Quito Neighborhood Association meeting in January, and through their tree planting project, over 50 families have signed up to plant 112 trees in the Quito neighborhood. She, along with members of the Heritage Preservation Commission and the Heritage Tree Society of Saratoga, participated in a tour of prospective Heritage Trees on February 15th.

West Valley Flood Control & Watershed Advisory Committee – met and noted the current bond expires in 2016. The committee has expressed concerns regarding future funding. Committee members are very proud of the water usage and flood control education they have provided to schools in the West Valley community.

Councilmember Hunter noted she attended the recent Ministerial Association meeting for Vice Mayor Page. She noted members of the Association are participating in the *Saratoga Serves* program during the month of March and encouraged everyone to participate in this community program.

Councilmember Emily Lo – reported:

Library Joint Powers Association – in preparation for next week's meeting she had a one-on-one orientation meeting with the county librarian to gain a better understanding of the county libraries, the budget, and library priorities.

Councilmember Manny Cappello – reported:

Carlson House Restoration AdHoc – met recently and they engaged in a discussion to form a vision for the restoration project. The next step is for the user groups to provide input for a preliminary business plan to determine feasibility and sustainability.

Chamber of Commerce – met and noted that Genes Market has submitted a permit request for a full liquor license which will expand their services in the community. This item will be discussed at next week's Planning Commission meeting. St. Stan's Brewing company continues to proceed with their plans to move into the Village.

County HCD Policy Committee – meets Thursday, February 17th and presentations will be made on all considered projects.

Santa Clara County Emergency Council – met and they continue to encourage citizens to sign up for Alert SCC, an electronic alert process for community emergencies, by visiting

www.alertscc.com. He added the group received several emergency preparedness presentations including a presentation from Jim Yoke, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for the City of Saratoga.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Dave Anderson noted he received permission from Mayor Miller to be out of the office February 18, 2011 through February 25, 2011 for a planned vacation. He noted Assistant City Manager Barbara Powell would be the acting city manager during his absence.

ADJOURNMENT

PAGE/CAPPELLO MOVED TO **ADJOURN THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 9:45 P.M.** MOTION PASSED 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted:

Ann Sullivan, CMC
City Clerk