

**MINUTES
MARCH 20, 2013**

SARATOGA SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council conducted Planning Commission interviews at 5:15 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room at City Hall at 13777 Fruitvale Avenue. At 5:45 p.m., the Council adjourned to Closed Session. At 6:15 p.m., the City Council held a joint meeting with the Santa Clara County Fire Department.

SARATOGA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Hunter called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT Council Members Chuck Page, Manny Cappello, Howard Miller,
Vice Mayor Emily Lo, Mayor Jill Hunter

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Dave Anderson, City Manager
Richard Taylor, City Attorney
Crystal Bothelio, City Clerk
John Cherbone, Public Works Director
Mary Furey, Finance and Administrative Services Director
James Lindsay, Community Development Director
Michael Taylor, Recreation and Facilities Director

REPORT OF CITY CLERK ON POSTING OF AGENDA

City Clerk Crystal Bothelio reported that pursuant to Gov't. Code 54954.2, the agenda for this meeting was properly posted on March 14, 2013.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Hunter stated there was nothing to report from Closed Session.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMISSIONS & PUBLIC

Oral Communications on Non-Agendized Items

A representative of the Art of Living Foundation invited the City Council to attend the launch of the Foundation's Campaign for a Stress Free Violence Free Community on March 24, 2013 at the San Jose Convention Center.

Oral Communications - Council Direction to Staff

None

Communications from Boards and Commissions

Daron Pisciotta, Deputy Chief Support Services for the Santa Clara County Fire Department, provided an overview of the City Council's Joint Meeting with the Santa Clara County Fire Department.

Council Direction to Staff

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Miller made an announcement about program offerings in the City's Recreation Activity Guide. He also shared information about a free e-waste recycling event on March 23, 2014 at Prospect High School and presentation of the Youth Friendly Business Award to La Cueva on Prospect Road.

Council Member Cappello stated that the Saratoga Chamber of Commerce is offering a trip to Costa Rica in October 2013. The cost of the trip is discounted and a portion of the proceeds are donated to the Chamber.

Council Member Lo announced that the Blossom Festival will be on Saturday, March 23, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event will feature historical characters, historical cars, a petting zoo, and more.

Mayor Hunter invited Annette Stransky, President of the Saratoga Historical Foundation, to speak about the event.

Annette Stransky provided additional information about the Blossom Festival.

Mayor Hunter shared that Arbor Day is scheduled for April 24 at 3:00 p.m. at Saratoga Library. The event will include music, activities for children, a poster contest, free compost, and more.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

None

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. City Council Meeting Minutes

Recommended action:

Approve minutes for the Special and Regular City Council Meeting on March 6, 2013.

PAGE/MILLER MOVED TO **APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON MARCH 6, 2013.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: PAGE, CAPPELLO, MILLER, LO, HUNTER. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE.

2. Review of Accounts Payable Check Registers

Recommended action:

Review and accept check registers for the following accounts payable payment cycles:

3/5/2013

3/12/2013

PAGE/MILLER MOVED TO **ACCEPT CHECK REGISTERS FOR THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PAYMENT CYCLES: 3/5/2013 AND 3/12/2013.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: PAGE, CAPPELLO, MILLER, LO, HUNTER. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE.

3. Amendment to an Agreement with CSG Consultants for Building Inspection Services

Recommended action:

Authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the agreement with CSG Consultants for building inspection services.

PAGE/MILLER MOVED TO **AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH CSG CONSULTANTS FOR BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: PAGE, CAPPELLO, MILLER, LO, HUNTER. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE.

4. Modifications to Article 15-50 (Tree Regulations) of the City Code Streamlining the Process of Permitting the Removal of Dead and Fallen Trees

Recommended action:

Waive the second reading and adopt the ordinance.

Council Member Miller removed this item from the Consent Calendar.

ORDINANCE NO. 303

MILLER/CAPPELLO MOVED TO **WAIVE THE SECOND READING AND ADOPT THE ORDINANCE.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: PAGE, CAPPELLO, MILLER, LO. NOES: HUNTER. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE.

5. Resolution in Support of Senate Bill 629

Recommended action:

Approve resolution in support of Senate Bill (SB) 629.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-011

PAGE/MILLER MOVED TO **APPROVE RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL (SB) 629.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: PAGE, CAPPELLO, MILLER, LO, HUNTER. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. Public Hearing on Resolution Ordering Abatement of a Public Nuisance by Removal of Hazardous Vegetation (Weeds)

Recommended action:

Open the public hearing, listen to public testimony, and close public hearing. Consider any objections to the proposed Order for Abatement of Hazardous Vegetation and sustain or overrule any objections as to specific properties. Adopt the resolution ordering abatement as to specified properties (with modifications if any objections are sustained).

City Clerk Crystal Bothelio presented the staff report.

Mayor Hunter opened the public comment period.

No one requested to speak on this item.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-012

PAGE/CAPPELLO MOVED TO **OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING, LISTEN TO PUBLIC TESTIMONY, AND CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING; CONSIDER ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED ORDER FOR ABATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS VEGETATION AND SUSTAIN OR OVERRULE ANY OBJECTIONS AS TO SPECIFIC PROPERTIES; AND ADOPT THE RESOLUTION ORDERING ABATEMENT AS TO SPECIFIED PROPERTIES.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: PAGE, CAPPELLO, MILLER, LO, HUNTER. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

7. Allocation of Annual Saratoga Community Event Grant Program Funds

Recommended action:

Review Saratoga Community Event Grant Program applications and determine grant allocations.

City Clerk Crystal Bothelio presented the staff report.

Mayor Hunter invited applicants for Fiscal Year 2012/13 Community Event Grant Program funds to speak about their event and answer Council questions.

The following applicants spoke:

Daniel Hannibal – 5th Annual Saratoga IOOF Easter Egg Hunt

Caroline McIntyre – Circus Circus

Maya Baba – 2013 Saratoga's Got Talent

John Lehman – Vintage Music Therapy for Memory Exp

No one else requested to speak.

PAGE/CAPPELLO MOVED TO **DENY COMMUNITY EVENT GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/13 AND APPLY REMAINING FUNDS IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR TO THE 2013/14 PROGRAM.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: PAGE, CAPPELLO, MILLER, LO, HUNTER. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE.

Mayor Hunter invited applicants Fiscal Year 2013/14 Community Event Grant Program funds to speak about their event and answer Council questions.

The following applicants spoke:

Annette Stransky - Blossom Festival

Sushama Thakker - Bollywood Dance

Steve French - Breath of Life Walk

Terri Spice - Celebrating Service

Raji Krishnamurthy - Doubles Tennis 4 Charity Tournament

Heather Durham - Foodie on the Run

Jennifer Studly - Hansel & Gretel Opera for Children and Families

Gayathri Kanth - Library - Heart of the Community

Dianna Espinosa - Memorial Day Observance

Terrie Creamer - Middle School Hangout

Jennifer Studly - Opera at Wildwood Park to Celebrate Bastille Day

Sarah Okuno spoke on behalf of Ann Northrup - Saratoga Community Band Sunday Afternoon Concert in the Park

Susan Huff - Saratoga Community Health and Wellness Event - Saratoga Trails 5K Walk for Life

Lea Ann Hernandez - Saratoga Grammar School Reunion

Sarah Okuno - Saratoga July 4th Celebration

Ginger Lai - Saratoga Sister City 30th Anniversary Open House

Maya Baba – 2014 Saratoga's Got Talent

No one else requested to speak.

Each Council Member shared their suggested event grant allocations.

**MILLER/LO MOVED TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING ALLOCATIONS FROM
THE COMMUNITY EVENT GRANT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR
2013/14:**

BLOSSOM FESTIVAL / SARATOGA HISTORICAL FOUNDATION	\$4,600
BOLLYWOOD DANCE	\$1,300
CELEBRATING SERVICE / ASSISTANCE LEAGUE	\$520
FOODIE ON THE RUN / SARATOGA-SUNNYVALE BUSINESSES & ALAMEDA FAMILY FUNERAL HOME	\$1,440
HANSEL & GRETEL OPERA FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES / BAY SHORE LYRIC OPERA COMPANY	\$940
LIBRARY - HEART OF THE COMMUNITY / SARATOGA LIBRARY	\$1,380
MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE / FOOTHILL CLUB	\$750
OPERA AT WILDWOOD PARK TO CELEBRATE BASTILLE DAY / BAY SHORE LYRIC OPERA COMPANY	\$380
SARATOGA COMMUNITY BAND SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT IN THE PARK / SARATOGA COMMUNITY BAND	\$325
SARATOGA COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS EVENT - SARATOGA TRAILS 5K WALK FOR LIFE / SASCC	\$2,380
SARATOGA GRAMMAR SCHOOL REUNION	\$118
SARATOGA JULY 4TH CELEBRATION	\$1,984
SARATOGA SISTER CITY 30TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE / SARATOGA SISTER CITY	\$618
VILLAGE HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING & WINE STROLL / SARATOGA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$2,518
TOTAL GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATED FY 2013/14	\$19,253

MOTION PASSED. AYES: PAGE, CAPPELLO, MILLER, LO, HUNTER. NOES:
NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE.

ADHOC & AGENCY ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

Mayor Jill Hunter

KSAR Community Access TV Board – the last meeting was held at the KCAT studio in Los Gatos.

Vice Mayor Emily Lo

Village Ad Hoc – the Ad Hoc will be meeting on March 21, 2013 to get an update on the Village Streetscape Improvement Plan.

Council Member Howard Miller

City School Ad Hoc – the Ad Hoc met with the new Principal of Prospect High School about the sport user agreements.

Council Finance Committee – the Finance Committee did the final review of the calendar and budget policies, consequently the Committee will no longer be meeting every 2 weeks.

Valley Transportation Authority PAC – at the last meeting, electrification of CalTrain, funding for the Expressway projects, and One Bay Area Grant process were discussed.

West Valley Solid Waste Management Joint Powers Authority – the request for proposals for executive director services was released on March 14, 2013. Negotiations on the hauler agreement are continuing and the outreach to the public will start in Saratoga in May 2013.

Council Member Manny Cappello

Chamber of Commerce – the Chamber is working on several major efforts, including a membership drive, sponsorship drive, and coordination of several significant events, including the annual Car Show, the Costa Rica Trip, Springtime Wine Stroll, and Wednesday MarketPlace in the Village.

Council Member Chuck Page

Santa Clara County Cities Association – information about affordable housing impact fees was presented at the last meeting.

West Valley Sanitation District – the District has been discussing a possible rate adjustment.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

Council Member Page requested a presentation on affordable housing fees and the potential to defer Saratoga's Regional Housing Needs Allocations (RHNA) to neighboring cities in exchange for affordable housing fees collected by Saratoga.

Council Member Miller concurred with Council Member Page's request.

Council Member Miller asked that the unfunded implementation policies from the recently adopted Safety Element be added as candidate capital improvement projects.

Council Member Cappello supported Council Member Miller's request.

Mayor Hunter asked if there was interest in an update on regional efforts to ban plastic bags and Styrofoam.

Council Member Miller indicated he would like an update on what is being done locally, by the County, and any activity at the State level.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

None

ADJOURNMENT

MILLER/PAGE MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:35 P.M. MOTION PASSED. AYES: PAGE, CAPPELLO, MILLER, LO, HUNTER. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Crystal Bothelio, City Clerk