

**MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2015
SARATOGA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**

At 5:00 p.m., the Saratoga City Council called the Special Meeting to order in the Administrative Conference Room at Saratoga City Hall at 13777 Fruitvale Avenue and adjourned to Closed Session. At 6:00 p.m., the City Council held a Joint Meeting with representatives of the West Valley-Mission College Board of Trustees, Chancellor, and President.

SARATOGA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Miller called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:01p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Howard Miller, Vice Mayor Manny Cappello, Council Members Emily Lo, Mary-Lynne Bernald, Rishi Kumar

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: James Lindsay, City Manager
Richard Taylor, City Attorney
Debbie Bretschneider, Acting City Clerk
Mary Furey, Finance & Administrative Services Director
Erwin Ordonez, Community Development Director
John Cherbone, Public Works Director
Michael Taylor, Recreation & Facilities Director
Kate Bear, Arborist

REPORT OF CITY CLERK ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Acting City Clerk Debbie Bretschneider reported that the agenda for this meeting was properly posted on October 30, 2015.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Miller announced that the City Council held a Closed Session prior to the Regular Meeting and had nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMISSIONS & PUBLIC

Oral Communications on Non-Agendized Items

Laurel Perusa thanked the Council for the commendations for everyone who worked on the America in Bloom project. However, a lot of residents do not realize that the City won and would like the City to do more to promote the winning of the America in Bloom award.

Jill Hunter, former Mayor, asked to have the City plant a new tree in Blaney Plaza where the Stone Pine was. Would also like a Pergola in Blaney Plaza for shade while the tree grows.

Oral Communications - Council Direction to Staff

Council Member Lo and Mayor Miller asked staff look at tree planting and pergola conditions and to report back to the Council.

Council Member Cappello and Mayor Miller asked staff to look into having more signs in the Village on America in Bloom.

Communications from Boards and Commissions

Brad Davis, President of West Valley-Mission College and Chad Walsh, Trustee of the West Valley-Mission College Board spoke about the joint meeting they had with the City Council. They spoke about enjoying a great relationship with the City Council, on how they were modernizing the campus in next 5 years, and on how the College would like to reach out to other schools and community organizations to have them visit West Valley College.

Council Direction to Staff

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Kumar announced that the Silicon Valley Young Coder's Club Start-up bootcamp, Entrepreneurship 101, has already started. Located at Joan Pisani Community Center and it lasts 6 weeks, every Sunday at 3 pm. Starting on January 22 there will be a semester long program on how to innovate and June 12 will be the day for the innovators to present their projects. <http://www.siliconvalleycoders.org>

Council Member Kumar also announced the sold-out November 14 Diwali Mela Festival of Lights, www.saratogadiwali.org, 6:30-11 p.m. at the Joan Pisani Community Center.

Council Member Kumar also announced that there are many types of free classes offered at the Joan Pisani Community Center on Sundays. Information is available at www.Tinyurl.communityclass.com

Council Member Bernald announced that Hakone is having a Hakone Shamisen Concert and Workshop on Sunday, November 5, 2015 at 3:30-5 p.m. Tickets are available online at <http://www.hakone.com/main.html> and at the gift shop.

Council Member Bernald also announced that the Saratoga Historical Museum has a November 27 Open House and the opening of new program about Holiday Traditions. www.saratogahistory.com

Council Member Bernald also announced that the Sister City has a delegation from our sister city, Muko City, including the Muko City Mayor, and they will be coming to visit Saratoga on January 17-19, 2016

Council Member Lo wants to remind everyone of the Book-go-Round satellite in the Joan Pisani Community Center. All proceeds benefit the Saratoga Library.

Mayor Miller announced the Saratoga Recreation Guide is out and that you might want to take advantage of the Parent's Night Out this Friday, November 6. There will be 4 more coming up on December 11, February 5, March 4, and April 3.

<http://www.saratoga.ca.us/cityhall/rec/default.asp>

Mayor Miller also reminded everyone that the Saratoga Quarry Park is now open every day from sun-up to sun-down with automatic gates.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. Proclamations for 2015 Synopsys Silicon Valley Science and Technology Championship Participants from Saratoga

Recommended action:

Present proclamations to Saratoga students who participated in the Synopsys Silicon Valley Science and Technology Championship in 2015.

The City Council presented commendations to the Saratoga students who participated in the Synopsys Silicon Valley Science and Technology Championship in 2015.

2. Proclamation for Pancreatic Cancer November Awareness Month

Recommended action:

Present the proclamation to the Silicon Valley Chapter of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

The City Council presented the proclamation to the Silicon Valley Chapter of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

3. Presentation on Community Choice Energy from the Silicon Valley Community Choice Energy Partnership

Recommended action:

Receive presentation

The City Council received the presentation on the Community Choice Energy from the Silicon Valley Community Choice Energy Partnership from Melody Tovar.

www.SVCleanEnergy.org

Direction to staff:

Mayor Miller asked staff to continue the process set out in the presentation, to look for a funding source in the City budget, have the City Attorney look at the agreement, and receive an update after the SVCCEP meeting on November 19, 2015. Vice Mayor Cappello and Council Member Bernald seconded the staff direction.

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. City Council Meeting Minutes

Recommended action:

Approve the City Council minutes for the Special and Regular City Council Meeting on October 21, 2015.

CAPPELLO/BERNALD MOVED TO **APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON OCTOBER 21, 2015.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: MILLER, CAPPELLO, LO, BERNALD, KUMAR. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE

5. Review of Accounts Payable Check Registers

Recommended action:

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

10/20/2015: Period 4

10/29/2015: Period 4

CAPPELLO/BERNALD MOVED TO **ACCEPT CHECK REGISTERS FOR THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PAYMENT CYCLES: 10/20/2015: PERIOD 4, 10/29/2015: PERIOD 4.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: MILLER, CAPPELLO, LO, BERNALD, KUMAR. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE

6. Amend City Council Resolution 15-054 for the Design Review / Variance Approval of 21794 Heber Way

Recommended action:

Approve an amendment to Resolution 15-054

CAPPELLO/BERNALD MOVED TO **APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 15-054.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: MILLER, CAPPELLO, LO, BERNALD, KUMAR. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE

7. Amended 2015 City Council Assignments – Public Art Ad Hoc Committee

Recommended action:

Approve resolution amending City Council Member assignments for 2015.

CAPPELLO/BERNALD MOVED TO **APPROVE RESOLUTION AMENDING CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2015.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: MILLER, CAPPELLO, LO, BERNALD, KUMAR. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE

8. Street Dedication and Acceptance of a portion of Quito Road

Recommended action:

Approve Resolution accepting Offer to Dedicate Property for Street Purposes for a portion of Quito Road along 15470 Quito Road from Mr. Eddy Widjaja and Mrs. Ko Wang and authorize the City Manager to sign the Certificate of Acceptance.

CAPPELLO/BERNALD MOVED TO **APPROVE RESOLUTION ACCEPTING OFFER TO DEDICATE PROPERTY FOR STREET PURPOSES FOR A PORTION OF QUITO ROAD ALONG 15470 QUITO ROAD FROM MR. EDDY WIDJAJA AND MRS. KO WANG AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: MILLER, CAPPELLO, LO, BERNALD, KUMAR. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. Proposed amendments to Articles 7-45 and 7-50 of the Saratoga City Code Concerning Commercial and Residential Property Maintenance

Recommended action:

Conduct a public hearing. Introduce and waive the first reading of the ordinance making changes to Article 7-45 and Article 7-50 of the City Code.

Arborist Kate Bear presented the staff report.

Mayor Miller invited public comment on the item.

Dede Smullen, Planning Commissioner, spoke on living in a high-fire hazard zone. This ordinance would be a step in the right direction, but could the City take a more pro-active approach in looking for dead trees and not waiting for residents to report them.

Council Discussion:

Mayor Miller reported that in the City of Saratoga dead trees can now be removed with a free permit.

CAPPELLO/LO MOVED TO INTRODUCE AND WAIVE THE FIRST READING OF THE ORDINANCE MAKING CHANGES TO ARTICLE 7-45 AND ARTICLE 7-50 OF THE CITY CODE. MOTION PASSED. AYES: MILLER, CAPPELLO, LO, BERNALD, KUMAR. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE

Mayor Miller brought the Prospect High School Students onto the stage.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

CITY COUNCIL ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

Mayor Howard Miller

West Valley Mayors and Managers Association –we received the Community Choice Energy presentation at their last meeting.

Vice Mayor Manny Cappello

Santa Clara County Housing and Community Development (HCD) Council Committee –first of a series of meetings as they decide on how to use the Federal HUD grant dollars. Some changes coming up for how the money is distributed to the Cities in the FY2017-18.

Saratoga Area Senior Coordinating Council (SASCC) –the Health Fair was well attended.

Council Member Emily Lo

Santa Clara County Library Joint Powers Authority --meet last Thursday. Board approved to move forward on Santa Clara County Library District Foundation to support county-wide projects, like the Book Mobile. Nominees to be on the Foundation board cannot be on the Library JPA Board. The board also approved new chair, Burton Craig, Council Member of Monte Sereno and vice chair, Mike Wasserman, County Supervisor.

Council Member Mary-Lynne Bernald

Saratoga Sister City Organization --met last night and they report that membership is up. Previously mentioned that from January 17-19, 2016, the Muko City Mayor and delegation will be visiting Saratoga. The Sister City Gomersall Scholarship helped to send Jacob, gardener for Hakone, to Japan to study gardens.

Council Member Rishi Kumar

Santa Clara Valley Water District Commission --at the last meeting there was the 2030 Action Plan on the agenda. They are looking for a more sustainable situation for long-term solution for water needs for residents.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

CIP Projects nominated for the FY2015-16 CIP Candidate List:

1. Saratoga-to-Sea Trail. Council Member Kumar nominated/Mayor Miller seconded.
2. Quarry Park Pond Improvements. Mayor Miller nominated/Council Member Kumar seconded.
3. Quarry Upper parking Lot ADA improvements. Mayor Miller nominated/Council Member Kumar seconded.
4. Quarry Park Phase 1 to be finished. Mayor Miller nominated/Council Member Kumar seconded.
5. Hakone Garden master Plan Implementation. Council Member Lo nominated/Mayor Miller seconded.

Mayor Miller would like the Street Maintenance CIP project to be budgeted at two million dollars rather than the current one million per fiscal year. Vice Mayor Cappello seconded.

Other items:

Council Member Lo asked if the City could have code enforcement over the weekend to enforce the sign ordinance on Open House signs. Council Member Bernald seconded this request. The Council asked staff to look at enforcement issues.

Council Member Kumar asked for the "Welcome to Saratoga" sign on Saratoga Avenue to be on the CIP Candidate list.

City Manager Lindsay said that staff and a contractor went to look at the sign and everything is working as designed. If the City wants a brighter sign that lasts longer, then would need new system. Staff will follow up with a newsletter article.

Council Member Kumar also announced that the Santa Clara Valley Water District has a Youth Commissioner program and would like to have one of our Youth Commissioners attend their meetings. Mayor Miller approved this and asked staff to find out if, administratively, the Mayor can decide if these happens.

Council Member Kumar announced that he has asked the Santa Clara County Expressway Plan 2040 for help in the beautification of Lawrence Expressway between Quito Road and Prospect Road.

Council Member Kumar reminded the Council that during the joint meeting, West Valley College wanted to put up City sponsored events on their new signs. Mayor Miller seconded. Staff will follow up with West Valley College.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

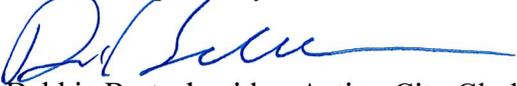
City Manager Lindsay reported on the progress for on Alert button for the Council dais. There will be an article in this week's newsletter.

City Attorney Taylor announced that he will miss the next two Council meetings. Attorney Engberg will attending the meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

BERNALD/CAPPELLO MOVED TO **ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:22 P.M.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: MILLER, CAPPELLO, LO, BERNALD, KUMAR. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

Minutes respectfully submitted:



Debbie Bretschneider, Acting City Clerk
City of Saratoga