

**MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016**  
**SARATOGA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

At 5:15 p.m., the City Council conducted interviews for the Planning Commission in the Administrative Conference Room at City Hall at 13777 Fruitvale Avenue. At 6:00 p.m., the City Council held a Joint Meeting with the Traffic Safety Commission.

Mayor Cappello called the regular session to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Saratoga Civic Theater at 13777 Fruitvale Avenue. Boy Scout Troop 566 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: James Lindsay, City Manager  
Richard Taylor, City Attorney  
Crystal Bothelio, City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager  
Michael Taylor, Recreation & Facilities Director

**REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA**

City Clerk Crystal Bothelio reported that the agenda for this meeting was properly posted on February 25, 2016.

**REPORT FROM JOINT MEETING**

Traffic Safety Commission Vice Chair John Chen provided an overview of the City Council's Joint Meeting with the Traffic Safety Commission. He discussed capital funding for traffic safety projects, the possibility of broadening the scope of the Commission to temporarily include crime prevention, and noted that the Commission will be seeking opportunities to provide additional information to residents about the process for making traffic safety recommendations to the City.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council Member Kumar shared that the annual St. Paddy's Day Party organized by the Saratoga Village Development Council will take place on March 12, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Saratoga Village. There will also be a concert by Nachiketa Yakkundi on March 6, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Information is online at [www.rishikumar.com/events](http://www.rishikumar.com/events). Additionally, there will be a Drought Tolerant Vegetation Seminar on March 13 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Information is online at [www.rishikumar.com/events](http://www.rishikumar.com/events).

Council Member Miller announced upcoming summer programs for children, as well as several classes and programs for adults, such as trips and healing therapeutic yoga classes. Information about these programs is available in the Saratoga Recreation Activity Guide.

Council Member Bernald announced that the Saratoga Sister City group is planning a trip to the Pacific Northwest from September 24 through 30. Anyone interested in participating in the trip should contact Peter Marra or Mike Story. Additionally, the Blossom Festival will be held on March 19, 2016 and will feature a variety of fun, family friendly activities.

Vice Mayor Lo noted that the Saratoga Village Plan survey is still open and encouraged the public to participate online at [www.saratogavillageplan.org](http://www.saratogavillageplan.org). Input will help shape the update to the Village Plan, which was adopted in 1988.

Mayor Cappello announced Arbor Day on April 29, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. at West Valley College. He also shared that the City is currently accepting applications for the Youth Commission. The deadline to apply is April 20, 2016.

## **CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

Appointment of Commissioner and Oath of Office

### **Recommended Action:**

Adopt the attached resolution appointing 1 member to a partial term on the Traffic Safety Commission ending December 31, 2017; and direct the City Clerk to administer the Oath of Office.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 16-016**

MILLER/KUMAR MOVED TO **ADOPT THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION APPOINTING 1 MEMBER TO A PARTIAL TERM ON THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017; AND DIRECT THE CITY CLERK TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: CAPPELLO, LO, BERNALD, MILLER, KUMAR. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

City Clerk Crystal Bothelio administered the Oath of Office to David McIntyre.

Proclamation Declaring March as Arts Education Month

### **Recommended Action:**

Present the proclamation to representatives of the Santa Clara County Board of Education.

Mayor Manny Cappello presented the proclamation declaring March as Arts Education Month.

Proclamation Declaring March 7-13, 2016 as Multiple Sclerosis Week

### **Recommended Action:**

Present the proclamation to representatives of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society – Northern California Chapter.

Mayor Manny Cappello presented the proclamation declaring March 7-13, 2016 as Multiple Sclerosis Week.

## 1. CONSENT CALENDAR

### 1.1. City Council Meeting Minutes

**Recommended Action:**

Approve the City Council minutes for the City Council Retreat on February 5, 2016 and the Regular City Council Meeting on February 17, 2016.

MILLER/BERNALD MOVED TO **APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL RETREAT ON FEBRUARY 5, 2016 AND THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 17, 2016.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: CAPPELLO, LO, BERNALD, MILLER, KUMAR. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

### 1.2. Review of Accounts Payable Check Registers

**Recommended Action:**

Review and accept check registers for the following accounts payable payment cycles:  
02/16/2016: Period 8  
02/23/2016: Period 8

MILLER/BERNALD MOVED TO **ACCEPT CHECK REGISTERS FOR THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PAYMENT CYCLES: 02/16/2016: PERIOD 8; AND 02/23/2016: PERIOD 8.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: CAPPELLO, LO, BERNALD, MILLER, KUMAR. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

## 2. PUBLIC HEARING

*None*

## 3. OLD BUSINESS

*None*

## 4. NEW BUSINESS

### 4.1. Resolution Expressing Support for Combating Human Trafficking

**Recommended Action:**

Approve resolution expressing support for combating human trafficking.

City Manager James Lindsay presented the staff report.

Mayor Cappello invited public comment on the item.

The following people requested to speak:

Betty Ann Boeving from the Bay Area Anti-Trafficking Coalition

Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office Detective Sergeant Kelvin Mah from the Santa Clara County Human Trafficking Task Force

Ellen Sandersburgen

No one else requested to speak.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 16-014**

KUMAR/MILLER MOVED TO **APPROVE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: CAPPELLO, LO, BERNALD, MILLER, KUMAR. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

Council Member Miller requested that staff provide information about human trafficking, including hotline numbers, on the City website.

Council Member Kumar suggested that Vice Mayor Lo share anti-human trafficking resources with the Saratoga Chamber of Commerce.

#### 4.2. Designation of City Flower

##### **Recommended Action:**

Approve resolution designating the red geranium as the official City of Saratoga flower.

Crystal Bothelio, City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager, presented the staff report on this item.

Mayor Cappello invited public comment on the item.

No one requested to speak.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 16-015**

MILLER/LO MOVED TO **APPROVE RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE RED GERANIUM AS THE OFFICIAL CITY OF SARATOGA FLOWER.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: CAPPELLO, LO, BERNALD, MILLER, KUMAR. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

### **CITY COUNCIL ASSIGNMENT REPORTS**

#### **Mayor Manny Cappello**

*Saratoga Area Senior Coordinating Council (SASCC)* – during the last meeting the Board received a report from Morgan Stanley on the endowment, which is currently invested using a conservative strategy. Additionally, the Board was informed that they had been awarded a grant from Saratoga Rotary for a new printer. Mayor Cappello also shared that there is a subcommittee of the Board that will be exploring opportunities to make Saratoga a more age-friendly community.

*West Valley Mayors and Managers* – during the last meeting, the group discussed unfunded accrued liabilities. Los Gatos appears to be following a similar approach to the one taken by Saratoga. Additionally, there was discussion on Community Choice Energy. Many of the cities have already taken action to join the program. The group will also be considering applications for a position on the the Silicon Valley Interoperability Authority Board. Council Members interested in serving in the position should speak with Mayor Cappello by March 10.

### Vice Mayor Emily Lo

*Hakone Foundation Board & Executive Committee* – Vice Mayor Lo thanked everyone who attended the Lunar New Year Celebration. Additionally, she shared that the Board spent some time discussing how to promote event rentals of Hakone during their last meeting. During the next meeting, the Board is expected to review the Foundation budget and the bylaws. Hakone is also recruiting for a part time gardening assistant.

### Council Member Mary-Lynne Bernald

*Association of Bay Area Governments* – Council Member Bernald shared that she participated in an online survey on the proposed MTC/ABAG merger. The next ABAG General Assembly is in April.

*Saratoga Sister City Organization* – the next general meeting will be on March 18. The public is encouraged to attend to enjoy the interesting discussions and delicious potluck food.

Council Member Bernald added that she will be attending a meeting with the FAA in Los Altos the week of March 7 to discuss air traffic and alternative flight plans.

### Council Member Howard Miller

*VTA State Route 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board* – the Board has been requesting additional data and analysis on the traffic patterns, projected growth, and carpool lane options for State Route 85 at the last four meetings and it appears that VTA staff will be providing that information soon. Additionally, there was a meeting of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group that was well attended by the members of the Policy Advisory Board and the informal association of north and west county cities that have an interest in State Route 85. During the meeting, the group learned about the amount of traffic on 85 compared to other local freeways and expressways, as well as ridership levels of light rail, BART, and Caltrain. The information made it very clear that Silicon Valley is very car-dependent. Additionally, there seems to be some consensus forming on the distribution of funding of a potential sales tax measure on the November 2016 ballot. If approved by voters, Saratoga may see a significant amount of money for roadway improvements. There may also be funding for major choke points along 85.

*Saratoga Ministerial Association* – Council Member Miller shared that he attended a meeting on behalf of Council Member Kumar, because he was unable to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for March 16.

### Council Member Rishi Kumar

Council Member Kumar shared that he will be going to Washington, DC the weekend of March 5 with the National League of Cities. He was also in Washington, DC last week with the California Water Association to meet with 10 different congressional representatives. Senator Dianne Feinstein is planning to bring forward a bill related to the drought and many are looking for a long term plan for dealing with drought conditions in California. Additionally, Council Member Kumar attended a San Jose Water Company briefing on current drought conditions and efforts to reduce water consumption. So far, San Jose Water Company region is meeting conservation targets.

## **CITY COUNCIL ITEMS**

Council Member Bernald requested that training be provided to staff on how to spot human trafficking.

City Manager James Lindsay said that he would be happy to coordinate that training for staff.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MILLER/BERNALD MOVED TO **ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:37 P.M.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: CAPPELLO, LO, BERNALD, MILLER, KUMAR. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Crystal Bothelio, City Clerk  
City of Saratoga