



SARATOGA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 1, 2023

AMENDED AGENDA

- 10/30/2023 JOINT SESSION PARTICIPATION INFORMATION UPDATED
- 11/01/2023 JOINT SESSION PRESENTATION SLIDES ADDED
- 11/01/2023 SPECIAL PRESENTATION, REVISED ATTACHMENT A ADDED
- 11/01/2023 ITEM 2.1 APPELLANT PRESENTATION SLIDES ADDED
- 11/01/2023 ITEM 2.1 STAFF PRESENTATION SLIDES ADDED
- 11/01/2023 ITEM 3.1 PRESENTATION SLIDES ADDED
- 11/01/2023 ITEM 3.1 WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS ADDED
- 11/02/2023 ITEM 2.1 DOCUMENTS PROVIDED AT MEETING ADDED
- 11/02/2023 ITEM 3.1 DOCUMENTS PROVIDED AT MEETING ADDED
- 11/02/2023 ITEM 3.1 WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS ADDED

Public Participation Information

In accordance with Saratoga City Council's Remote Public Participation Policy, members of the public may participate in these meetings in person at the locations listed below or via remote attendance (if applicable) using the Zoom information below. In the event remote participation technology is unexpectedly unavailable, the meeting will proceed in person without remote participation.

Members of the public can view and participate in the **6:00 p.m. Joint Session** by:

1. Attending the meeting in person at the Saratoga Senior Center, S. Ku Hall, located at 19655 Allendale Avenue, Saratoga CA 95070

Members of the public can view and participate in the **7:00 p.m. Regular Session** by:

1. Attending the meeting in person at Saratoga Civic Theater, Council Chambers located at 13777 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga CA 95070; **OR**
2. Accessing the meeting through Zoom
 - Webinar URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627041223>
 - Webinar ID: 816 2704 1223
 - Call In: 1.408.638.0968 or 1.669.900.6833; **OR**
3. Viewing the meeting on Saratoga Community Access Television Channel 15 (Comcast Channel 15, AT&T UVerse Channel 99 and calling in following the direction above; **OR**
4. Viewing online at www.saratoga.ca.us/watch and calling in following the direction above.

Written Communication

Comments can be submitted in writing at www.saratoga.ca.us/comment. Written communications will be provided to the members of the City Council and included in the Agenda Packet and/or in supplemental meeting materials.

Public Comment

Members of the public may comment on any item for up to three (3) minutes. The amount of time for public comment may be reduced by the Mayor or by action of the City Council.

Oral Communications on Non-Agendized Items will take place at the beginning of the meeting for those attending in person. Oral Communications on Non-Agendized Items will take place at the end of the meeting for those attending via telephone and Zoom.

Public Comment for agendized items will begin with speakers attending in-person followed by those attending via Zoom. Please ensure your comments pertain to the agenda item. Individuals providing comments not relevant to the agenda item will be asked to stay on topic or they will be muted.

Meeting Recording Information

In accordance with the Saratoga City Council's Meeting Recording Policy, City Council Study Sessions, Joint Meetings, Joint Sessions, Commission Interviews, Retreats, meetings with the Planning Commission, and Regular Session Meetings are recorded and made available following the meeting on the City website.

6:00 PM JOINT SESSION

Saratoga Senior Center, S. Ku Hall, | 19655 Allendale Avenue, Saratoga, CA 95070

Joint Session with Saratoga Schools

Recommended Action:

Receive updates from Saratoga Schools

[Joint Session Presentation Slides, LGSUHSD \(Added 11-1-2023\)](#)

[Joint Session Presentation Slides, FUHSD \(Added 11-1-2023\)](#)

7:00 PM REGULAR SESSION

Civic Theater, Council Chambers | 13777 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga, CA 95070

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

REPORT ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda for this meeting was properly posted on October 26, 2023.

REPORT FROM JOINT SESSION

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Xi'an Friendship City Presentation

Recommended Action:

Receive presentation from Meng Shi on a potential Friendship City partnership with Xi'an, a large city and capital of Shaanxi Province in central China.

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachment A - Presentation Slides Revised 10-31-2023](#)

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar contains routine items of business. Items in this section will be acted on in one motion, unless removed by the Mayor or a Council Member. Any member of the public may speak on an item on the Consent Calendar at this time, or request that the Mayor remove an item from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

1.1. City Council Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action:

Approve the Minutes for the October 18, 2023, City Council Regular Meeting.

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachment A - Minutes for the October 18, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting](#)

1.2. Review and Accept Accounts Payable Check Registers

Recommended Action:

Review and accept the 10/11/2023 and 10/19/2023 accounts payable vendor payment check registers.

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachment A - Check Register 10-11-2023](#)

[Attachment B - Check Register 10-19-2023](#)

1.3. Treasurer's Report for the Month Ended August 31, 2023

Recommended Action:

Review and accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ended August 31, 2023.

[Staff Report](#)

2. PUBLIC HEARING

2.1. Appeal – TSC Approval of Mendelsohn Lane Speed Tables

Recommended Action:

Conduct a public hearing and de novo review of the appeal and adopt the attached resolution denying the appeal and approving the Traffic Safety Commission’s September 14 decision on Traffic Matrix #392 to install two speed tables on Mendelsohn Lane.

Staff Report

[Attachment A - Appeal Application](#)

[Attachment B - Resolution of the City Council to Deny the Appeal](#)

[Attachment C - Final Speed Table Plan for Mendelsohn Lane](#)

[Attachment D - TM 392 Background](#)

[Attachment E - TM 392 Request for Speed Humps on Mendelsohn Lane](#)

[Attachment F - 2020 Mendelsohn Lane Signage and Striping Plan](#)

[Attachment G - Speed Hump Process](#)

[Attachment H - April 2023 Notice to Residents, Responses, and Comments](#)

[Attachment I - August 2023 Notice to Residents, Responses, and Comments](#)

[Attachment J - TSC Draft Minutes - September 14, 2023](#)

[Attachment K - Comments Received in Response to Appeal](#)

[Attachment L - County Fire Approval of Speed Table Plans](#)

[Item 2.1 Appellant Presentation Slides \(Added 11-1-2023\)](#)

[Item 2.1 Staff Presentation Slides \(Added 11-1-2023\)](#)

[Item 2.1 Documents submitted at meeting \(Added 11-2-2023\)](#)

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

3.1. Housing Element Update & Policy Options

Recommended Actions:

1. Review and consider policy options.
2. Review recommendations from the Planning Commission.
3. Receive public comments.
4. Provide direction to staff for responding to comments from California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) on the third Draft Housing Element.

Staff Report

[Attachment A - Planning Commission Staff Report \(without attachments 1-7\) and Draft Minutes](#)

[Attachment B - HCD Comment Letter dated July 27, 2023](#)

[Attachment C - Map of RLD & RVL D designated properties](#)

[Attachment D - Map of Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones](#)

[Attachment E - Map of Religious Institutions](#)

[Attachment F - Builders Remedy Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Attachment G - Location of Builders Remedy Projects](#)

[Attachment H - Housing Element Unit Analysis Table](#)

[Attachment I - Public Comment](#)

[Presentation Slides \(Added 11-1-2023\)](#)

[Supplemental Memo - Written Communications \(added 11-1-2023\)](#)

[Supplemental Memo - Written Communications \(added 11-2-2023\)](#)

[Item 3.1 Documents submitted at meeting \(added 11-2-2023\)](#)

COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS

[Council Assignments](#)

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING OF THE AGENDA, DISTRIBUTION OF THE AGENDA PACKET, COMPLIANCE WITH AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

I, Britt Avrit, City Clerk for the City of Saratoga, declare that the foregoing agenda for the meeting of the City Council was posted and available for review on October 26, 2023 at the City of Saratoga, 13777 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga, California and on the City's website at www.saratoga.ca.us.

Signed this 26th day of October 2023 at Saratoga, California.

Britt Avrit, MMC, City Clerk

In accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, copies of the staff reports and other materials provided to the City Council by City staff in connection with this agenda, copies of materials distributed to the City Council concurrently with the posting of the agenda, and materials distributed to the City Council by staff after the posting of the agenda are available on the City website at www.saratoga.ca.us and are available for review in the office of the City Clerk at 13777 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga, California.

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