

MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023
SARATOGA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

At 6:05 p.m., the City Council held a Closed Session in the Linda Callon Conference Room.

Mayor Fitzsimmons invited public comment.

The following individuals addressed the City Council on the Anticipated Litigation item: Omari Bouknight, Sukhinder, David Morley, Dennis Zaff, Ed Chou, Lee Ann Wade

Mayor Fitzsimmons called the Special Meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

The City Clerk explained the City Council meeting was conducted pursuant to State law as amended by Assembly Bill 361, which allows the meeting to be conducted by teleconference. The City Council has met all the applicable notice requirements and the public is welcome to participate in person or by Zoom. Information on how the public can observe the meeting and provide public comment was provided.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Kookie Fitzsimmons, Vice Mayor Yan Zhao, Council Members Belal Aftab, Chuck Page, Tina Walia

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: James Lindsay, City Manager
Richard Taylor, City Attorney
Britt Avrit, City Clerk
John Cherbone, Public Works Director
Nick Pegueros, Administrative Services Director
Debbie Pedro, Community Development Director
Lauren Blom, Public Information Officer

REPORT ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The City Clerk reported the agenda for this meeting was properly posted on December 16, 2022.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Fitzsimmons stated the City Council met in Closed Session to confer with Legal Counsel regarding existing and anticipated litigation and to discuss labor negotiations and stated Closed Session will be continued at the conclusion of the Special Meeting.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Fitzsimmons invited public comment on the Consent Calendar.

No one requested to speak on the Consent Calendar.

1.1. Reconsider and confirm findings pursuant to Assembly Bill 361

Recommended Action:

Reconsider and confirm findings pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 of the continued public health officials' recommendation to social distance and to therefore continue providing members of City of Saratoga Brown Act bodies with the option to attend meetings by teleconference.

WALIA/AFTAB MOVED TO **RECONSIDER AND CONFIRM FINDINGS PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361 OF THE CONTINUED PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS' RECOMMENDATION TO SOCIAL DISTANCE AND TO THEREFORE CONTINUE PROVIDING MEMBERS OF CITY OF SARATOGA BROWN ACT BODIES WITH THE OPTION TO ATTEND MEETINGS BY TELECONFERENCE.** MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL VOTE. AYES: AFTAB, PAGE, WALIA, ZHAO, FITZSIMMONS. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. RECUSED: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

2. GENERAL BUSINESS

2.1. Pavement Management Program Update

Recommended Action:

Receive report and provide direction to staff regarding the City's Roadway Conditions & Pavement Management Program

Macedonio Nunez, City Engineer, and Emma Burkhalter Associate Civil Engineer, presented the staff report.

Mayor Fitzsimmons invited public comment.

No one requested to speak at this time.

ZHAO/AFTAB MOVED TO **RECEIVE THE REPORT REGARDING THE CITY'S ROADWAY CONDITIONS & PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.** MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL VOTE. AYES: AFTAB, PAGE, WALIA, ZHAO, FITZSIMMONS. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. RECUSED: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

2.2. Existing Labor Agreements and Framework for Negotiations

Recommended Action:

Receive and file report on existing labor agreements and framework for negotiations.

Nick Pegueros, Administrative Services Director presented the staff report.

Mayor Fitzsimmons invited public comment.

No one requested to speak at this time.

Additional discussion regarding this item will take place in Closed Session, no motion needed.

2.3. 2023-24 Budget Considerations and 3-year Forecast Presentation

Recommended Action:

Receive presentation on major 2023-24 budget considerations and a preliminary 3-year forecast.

Nick Pegueros, Administrative Services Director presented the staff report.

Mayor Fitzsimmons invited public comment.

No one requested to speak at this time.

WALIA/ZHAO MOVED TO **RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION ON MAJOR 2023-24 BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS AND A PRELIMINARY 3-YEAR FORECAST.** MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL VOTE. AYES: AFTAB, PAGE, WALIA, ZHAO, FITZSIMMONS. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. RECUSED: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fitzsimmons adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 8:12 p.m.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

The City Manager reported out from the continued closed session. He reported that the City Council designated the City Manager as the lead to work with the negotiating team for labor negotiations (Fitzsimmons, Zhao, Aftab, Walia voting in favor; Page recused) and that there was no other reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

The Closed Session meeting was adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Britt Avrit, City Clerk
City of Saratoga