

MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022
SARATOGA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

At 6:00 p.m., the City Council held interviews for the Traffic Safety Commission via teleconferencing through Zoom.

BERNALD/KUMAR MOVED TO APPOINT JASON MOUNT TO THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION FOR A FULL-TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025.

BERNALD/KUMAR MOVED TO APPOINT ROBERT ENG TO THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION FOR A PARTIAL-TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023.

Council Member Zhao requested a friendly amendment to appoint both applicants to full terms ending December 31, 2025.

BERNALD/KUMAR MOVED TO APPOINT JASON MOUNT TO THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION FOR A FULL-TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025. MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: BERNALD, KUMAR, ZHAO, FITZSIMMONS, WALIA: NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. RECUSED: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

BERNALD/KUMAR MOVED TO APPOINT ROBERT ENG TO THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION FOR A FULL-TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025. MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: BERNALD, KUMAR, ZHAO, FITZSIMMONS, WALIA: NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. RECUSED: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

Mayor Walia called the Regular Session to order at 7:00 p.m. via teleconferencing through Zoom.

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mayor Tina Walia, Vice Mayor Kookie Fitzsimmons, Council Members Mary-Lynne Bernald, Rishi Kumar, Yan Zhao

ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

James Lindsay, City Manager
Crystal Bothelio Assistant City Manager
Richard Taylor, City Attorney
Britt Avrit, City Clerk
John Cherbone, Public Works Director
Debbie Pedro, Community Development Director
Nick Pegueros, Administrative Services Director

Kayla Nakamoto, Administrative Analyst
Lauren Pettipiece, Public Information Officer
Ann Xu, Accountant II

REPORT ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The City Clerk reported the agenda for this meeting was properly posted on April 14, 2022.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Mayor Walia invited public comment.

No one requested to speak.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Walia shared information about the Arbor Day Celebration on April 27, 2022, the Rotary Art Show, the Saratoga Music Boosters Pancake Breakfast and Wildfire Preparedness Webinars.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

Commendation Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of La Mere Michelle

Recommended Action:

Present commendation recognizing the 50th anniversary of La Mere Michelle.

The City Council Commended Le Mere Michelle for their 50th anniversary.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Walia invited public comment on the Consent Calendar.

No one requested to speak.

1.1 City Council Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action:

Approve the Minutes for the April 6, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting.

BERNALD/FITZSIMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 6, 2022 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING. MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: BERNALD, KUMAR, ZHAO, FITZSIMMONS, WALIA: NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. RECUSED: 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:
3/31/22 Period 9; 4/08/22 Period 10.

BERNALD/FITZSIMMONS MOVED TO **REVIEW AND ACCEPT CHECK REGISTERS FOR THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PAYMENT CYCLES: 3/31/22 PERIOD 9; 4/08/22 PERIOD 10.** MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: BERNALD, KUMAR, ZHAO, FITZSIMMONS, WALIA: NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. RECUSED: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

1.3. Treasurer's Report for the Month Ended February 28, 2022

Recommended Action:

Review and accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ended February 28, 2022.

BERNALD/FITZSIMMONS MOVED TO **REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2022.** MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: BERNALD, KUMAR, ZHAO, FITZSIMMONS, WALIA: NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. RECUSED: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

1.4. Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District LLA-1; Preliminary Approval of Engineer's Report and Adoption of Resolution of Intention for FY 22-23

Recommended Actions:

1. Adopt the Resolution granting preliminary approval of the Engineer's Report for FY 22-23 for renewing the Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District LLA-1.
2. Adopt the Resolution of Intention to order the levy and collection of assessments.

RESOLUTION 2022-012

RESOLUTION 2022-013

BERNALD/FITZSIMMONS MOVED TO **ADOPT THE RESOLUTION GRANTING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF THE ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR FY 22-23 FOR RENEWING THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT LLA-1 AND ADOPT THE RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ORDER THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS.** MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: BERNALD, KUMAR, ZHAO, FITZSIMMONS, WALIA: NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. RECUSED: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

2. PUBLIC HEARING

2.1. Resolution Adopting FY 2022-23 the City of Saratoga Fee Schedule Effective July 1, 2022

Recommended Action:

Adopt a Resolution adopting FY 2022-23 the City of Saratoga Fee Schedule effective July 1, 2022.

Nick Pegueros, Administrative Services Director, presented the staff report.

Mayor Walia invited public comment.

No one requested to speak.

RESOLUTION 2022-014

BERNALD/FITZSIMMONS MOVED TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FY 2022-23 CITY OF SARATOGA FEE SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022. MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: BERNALD, KUMAR, ZHAO, FITZSIMMONS, WALIA: NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. RECUSED: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

3.1. Community Event Grant Program Fiscal Year 2022/23

Recommended Action:

Approve the Community Event Grant Program competitive allocations for Fiscal Year 2022/23 as shown below and recommended by the Library and Community Engagement Commission:

- Annual Easter Egg Hunt - \$1,500
- Community Art Exhibition themed as 'Peace Love Unity' - \$2,000
- Community Mitzvah Day - Day of Social Action - \$2,000
- Dragon Boat Festival - \$2,000
- MLK Jr. Day Celebration - \$2,000
- Saratoga Blossom Festival 2023 (Girl Scouts #618 Craft) - \$500

Kayla Nakamoto, Administrative Analyst, presented the staff report.

Mayor Walia invited public comment.

The following individuals spoke on this item: Judy, Aileen Kao, Eric Lewis – Chair, Saratoga Library & Community Engagement Commission

FITZSIMMONS/ZHAO MOVED TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY EVENT GRANT PROGRAM COMPETITIVE ALLOCATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/23 - ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT \$1,500, COMMUNITY ART EXHIBITION THEMED AS 'PEACE LOVE UNITY' \$2,000, COMMUNITY MITZVAH DAY - DAY OF SOCIAL ACTION \$2,000, DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL \$2,000, MLK JR. DAY CELEBRATION \$2,000, SARATOGA BLOSSOM FESTIVAL 2023 (GIRL SCOUTS #618 CRAFT) \$500 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION. MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: BERNALD, KUMAR, ZHAO, FITZSIMMONS, WALIA: NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. RECUSED: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

3.2. City Safety Fair

Recommended Action:

Provide direction to staff on the proposal to host a City Safety Fair and funding for the event in the current and future fiscal years.

Crystal Bothelio, Assistant City Manager, presented the staff report.

Mayor Walia invited public comment.

No one requested to speak.

WALIA/ZHAO MOVED TO HOLD A CITY SAFETY FAIR ANUALLY WITH THE EVENT TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, UTILIZE FUNDING FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GRANT PROGRAM FOR COSTS INCURRED, PROVIDE A REFLECTIVE DRAWSTRING BACKPACK, BASEBALL HAT AND OTHER SMALL ITEMS TO ATTENDEES THIS YEAR AND PROVIDE REFLECTIVE VESTS TO ATTENDEES NEXT YEAR. MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: BERNALD, KUMAR, ZHAO, FITZSIMMONS, WALIA: NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. RECUSED: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS

Mayor Tina Walia

KSAR Community Access TV Board – stated the Board has chosen a candidate to pursue for Station Manager.

Cities Association of Santa Clara County-Legislative Action Committee - stated the Committee reviewed Assembly Bill 2164 and Assembly Bill 1944.

Cities Association of Santa Clara County-City Selection Committee – stated the Committee appointed Neysa Fligor and Yvonne Martinez Beltran to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and Hung Wei to the ABAG Regional Planning Committee, and made appointments to Santa Clara County Emergency Operational Area Council, Bay Area Air Quality Management District

Cities Association of Santa Clara County – stated the Board received a presentation on the Covid situation in Santa Clara County and a presentation from Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority.

Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority Board of Directors – stated communities are celebrating 5 years of receiving carbon free energy; stated SVCE has reduced energy related greenhouse gas emissions and continues to provide savings in energy bills to its customers; the Board approved several contracts for renewable power projects.

Vice Mayor Kookie Fitzsimmons

Nothing to report

Council Member Mary-Lynne Bernald

Santa Clara County Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee - stated the Committee discussed and approved several financial related items for FY 22-23 and received a report from the Office of Supportive Housing.

Council Member Yan Zhao

West Valley Sanitation District Board of Directors – stated the Board held a Public Hearing for the proposed FY 22-23 budget – adoption is scheduled for May 11, 2022; Santa Clara Board of Supervisor President Wasserman and Council Member Zhao have been nominated to the Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate the District Managers performance for the year.

League of CA Cities Transportation Communications and Public Works Policy Committee - Council Member Zhao discussed the appointees and members of this Committee and stated the various League of CA Cities Regional Boards and Committees recently met and received updates from the standing Policy Committees.

Council Member Rishi Kumar

Santa Clara Valley Water Commission – stated the Commission received a drought update and discussed a ground water production charge increase.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Walia adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Britt Avrit, MMC, City Clerk
City of Saratoga