

**MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023**  
**SARATOGA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

At 6:00 p.m., the City Council held a Joint Session with Hakone in the Linda Callon Conference Room.

Vice Mayor Zhao invited public comment.

No one requested to speak.

Vice Mayor Zhao called the Regular Session to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Vice Mayor Yan Zhao, Council Members Belal Aftab, Tina Walia

**ABSENT:** Mayor Kookie Fitzsimmons, Council Member Chuck Page

**ALSO PRESENT:** James Lindsay, City Manager  
Richard Taylor, City Attorney  
Leslie Arroyo, Assistant City Manager  
John Cherbone, Public Works Director  
Dan Jacobson, Interim Administrative Services Director  
Britt Avrit, City Clerk  
Mainini Cabute, Environmental Program Manager

**REPORT ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

The City Clerk reported the agenda for this meeting was properly posted on September 28, 2023.

**REPORT FROM JOINT SESSION**

Vice Mayor Zhao stated the City Council held a Joint Session with Hakone prior to the Regular Session.

Hakone Executive Director, Shozo Kagoshima provided a report of the City Council Joint Session.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS; IN-PERSON ATTENDEES**

Vice Mayor Zhao invited public comment.

No one requested to speak.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice Mayor Zhao shared information about the Housing Element, the Scarecrow Project in the Village, the SASCC Health Fair and the Witchy Walk-About event.

Council Member Walia shared information about the Friends of the Saratoga Library paperback book sale.

Council Member Aftab shared information about the open house for the Blacksmith Exhibit at the Saratoga Historical Museum.

## 1. CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice Mayor Zhao invited public comment.

No one requested to speak.

### 1.1. City Council Meeting Minutes

#### **Recommended Action:**

Approve the Minutes for the September 20, 2023, City Council Regular Meeting.

WALIA/AFTAB MOVED TO **APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2023, CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING.** MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: AFTAB, WALIA, ZHAO. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. RECUSED: NONE. ABSENT: FITZSIMMONS, PAGE.

### 1.2. Review and Accept Accounts Payable Check Registers

#### **Recommended Action:**

Review and accept the 09/14/2023 and 09/21/2023 accounts payable vendor payment check registers.

WALIA/AFTAB MOVED TO **REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE 09/14/2023 AND 09/21/2023 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VENDOR PAYMENT CHECK REGISTERS.** MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: AFTAB, WALIA, ZHAO. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. RECUSED: NONE. ABSENT: FITZSIMMONS, PAGE.

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

#### **Recommended Action:**

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

WALIA/AFTAB MOVED TO **REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDED JULY 31, 2023.** MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: AFTAB, WALIA, ZHAO. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. RECUSED: NONE. ABSENT: FITZSIMMONS, PAGE.

## 2. GENERAL BUSINESS

### 2.1. First Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement with the Santa Clara County Recycling and Waste Reduction Technical Advisory Committee

#### **Recommended Action:**

Authorize the City Manager to execute a First Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement with the Santa Clara County Recycling and Waste Reduction Technical Advisory Committee to allow satellite and auxiliary teleconferencing attendance in meetings.

Mainini Cabute, Environmental Program Manager, presented the staff report.

Vice Mayor Zhao invited public comment.

No one requested to speak.

AFTAB/ WALIA MOVED TO **AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY RECYCLING AND WASTE REDUCTION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO ALLOW SATELLITE AND AUXILIARY TELECONFERENCING ATTENDANCE IN MEETINGS.** MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: AFTAB, WALIA, ZHAO. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. RECUSED: NONE. ABSENT: FITZSIMMONS, PAGE.

## **COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS**

### Council Member Tina Walia

*KSAR Community Access TV Board* – stated she attended the meeting with nothing to report.

### Council Member Belal Aftab

*Saratoga Historical Foundation Board of Directors* – stated the 100-year anniversary for the Saratoga Fire District is coming up and stated the building for the Blacksmith Exhibit has been approved and will be opening to the public soon.

### Vice Mayor Yan Zhao

*Saratoga Ministerial Association* – stated a guest speaker from Cancer Care Point provided an overview of their services and the Board discussed upcoming events.

## **CITY COUNCIL ITEMS**

None

## **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

None

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

None

## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS; VIRTUAL ATTENDEES**

Vice Mayor Zhao invited public comment.

No one requested to speak.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Mayor Zhao adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Britt Avrit, City Clerk  
City of Saratoga