



Pat Showalter, Mayor  
Lisa Matichak, Vice Mayor  
Margaret Abe-Koga, Councilmember  
Alison Hicks, Councilmember  
Ellen Kamei, Councilmember  
Lucas Ramirez, Councilmember  
Emily Ann Ramos, Councilmember

Kimbra McCarthy, City Manager  
Jennifer Logue, City Attorney  
Heather Glaser, City Clerk

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Council Chambers and Video Conference, 500 Castro St., Mountain  
View, CA 94041

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## REGULAR MEETING

**This meeting was conducted with a virtual component. All members of the City Council and all speakers participated in-person unless otherwise noted.**

### **5:00 P.M.-STUDY SESSION**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

At 5:03 p.m., Mayor Showalter called the meeting to order.

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 6 - Councilmember Abe-Koga, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Ramirez, Councilmember Ramos, Vice Mayor Matichak, Mayor Showalter

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Kamei

#### **3. STUDY SESSION**

##### **3.1 Fiscal Year 2024-25 Capital Improvement Program**

The purpose of this Study Session was to provide the City Council an overview of the Capital Improvement Program and obtain City Council input to guide staff in the preparation of the recommended Fiscal Year 2024-25 Capital Improvement Program.

Principal Civil Engineer Robert Gonzales and Acting Public Works Director Ed Arango presented the item.

The following members of the public spoke:

Albert Jeans from Mountain View.

Alex Brown

(Virtual) Cliff Chambers

(Virtual) Bruce England from Mountain View.

By consensus, the Council indicated support for the staff-recommended approach and criteria to determine which projects to prioritize for the CIP Reserve and C/C Tax Funds, directing staff to evaluate adding criteria to prioritize active transportation, biodiversity, and greening, and directed the Race, Equity and Inclusion Ad

Hoc Subcommittee to add the equity lens to its work plan.

By consensus, the Council indicated support for the staff recommendations for the Fiscal Year 2024-25 CIP project recommendations, including the Roll-Forward, modified Non-Discretionary Projects, amendments to existing projects, modified Discretionary Projects, and new projects, and directed staff to provide funding recommendations for inclusion of the Active Transportation Improvements and El Camino Real/Castro Protected Intersection and Castro Bikeway Improvements (Yosemite/High School), Design and Construction in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 CIP and to close and un-schedule the Hope Street and Villa Street Traffic Signal Installation (Project 23-29).

By consensus, the Council directed staff to keep the Undergrounding Utilities at 1020 Terra Bella, Project 24-38, active.

At 6:20 p.m., the Study Session concluded.

### **6:30 P.M.-REGULAR SESSION**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

At 6:35 p.m., Mayor Showalter called the meeting to order.

#### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Showalter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **3. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 6 - Councilmember Abe-Koga, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Ramirez, Councilmember Ramos, Vice Mayor Matichak, Mayor Showalter

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Kamei

#### **4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Abe-Koga pulled Item 4.2 for individual consideration.

Councilmember Ramirez pulled Item 4.3 for individual consideration.

There were no public speakers in-person or virtually.

MOTION - M/S - Ramos/Hicks - To approve the balance of the Consent Calendar.

The motion carried, except Items 4.2 and 4.3, by the following vote:

**Yes:** 6 - Councilmember Abe-Koga, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Ramirez, Councilmember Ramos, Vice Mayor Matichak, Mayor Showalter

#### **4.1 A Resolution Authorizing the California Farmers' Markets Temporary Use of Parking Lot 12 for up to 20 Sundays Between April 14, 2024 and September 29, 2024**

Adopt Resolution No. 18880 of the City Council of the City of Mountain View Authorizing Temporary Closure of Parking Lot 12 from 7:30 a.m. through 2:30 p.m. for up to 20 Sundays between April 14, 2024 and September 29th, 2024, for Use by the California Farmers' Market Association.

#### **4.2 Suspension of All-Electric Building Requirements**

This item was pulled from the Consent Calendar by Councilmember Abe-Koga for individual consideration.

The following members of the public spoke:

Nicholas Hargis from Mountain View.

Bruce Karney from Mountain View.

Hala Alshahwany from Mountain View.

(Virtual) Dashiell Leeds on behalf of Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter.

(Virtual) Bruce England from Mountain View.

(Virtual) Mary D

(Virtual) Bruce Naegel

(Virtual) Robert Cox

#### **MOTION**

Councilmember Abe-Koga moved to refer the item to the Council Sustainability Committee to develop alternative requirements or modifications to all-electric reach codes to comply with the legal decision on the City of Berkeley's challenge and defer the item until the alternatives could be brought before the Council.

#### **SUBSTITUTE MOTION**

Mayor Showalter moved to:

1. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mountain View Suspending Enforcement of All City of Mountain View Local Laws and Regulations Imposing All-Electric Requirements for New Construction or Otherwise Prohibiting Use or Installation of Gas Appliances, Including, But Not Limited to, City of Mountain View Code Sections 8.20.8, 8.20.9, 8.20.10, 8.20.12 and 8.20.14.
2. Direct staff to present alternative requirements or modifications to all-electric reach codes to the City Council before the 2024 summer recess if possible.

Mayor Showalter withdrew her motion.

#### **SUBSTITUTE MOTION**

Vice Mayor Matichak moved to:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 18881 of the City Council of the City of Mountain View Suspending Enforcement of All City of Mountain View Local Laws and Regulations Imposing All-Electric Requirements for New Construction or Otherwise Prohibiting Use or Installation of Gas Appliances, Including, But Not Limited to, City of Mountain View Code Sections 8.20.8, 8.20.9, 8.20.10, 8.20.12 and 8.20.14.

2. Direct staff to present to the Council Sustainability Committee options for alternative requirements or modifications to all-electric reach codes.

Councilmember Ramirez seconded the motion.

#### FRIENDLY AMENDMENT

Councilmember Ramos moved to amend the substitute motion to direct staff to add all-electric requirements for new construction to the City's legislative platform.

The maker and seconder of the substitute motion accepted the amendment.

The amended substitute motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 4 - Councilmember Ramirez, Councilmember Ramos, Vice Mayor Matichak, Mayor Showalter

**No:** 2 - Councilmember Abe-Koga, Councilmember Hicks

#### **4.3 Miramonte Reservoir Fence Replacement, Project 23-42-Various Actions**

This item was pulled from the Consent Calendar by Councilmember Ramirez for individual consideration.

The following member of the public spoke:

(Virtual) Bruce England from Mountain View.

MOTION - M/S - Matichak/Hicks - To:

1. Find that in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements, Miramonte Reservoir Fence Replacement, Project 23-42, is categorically exempt as Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Structures, under CEQA Guidelines Section 15302.

2. Transfer and appropriate \$100,000 from the Water Fund to the Miramonte Reservoir Fence Replacement, Project 23-42. (Five votes required)

3. Approve plans and specifications for Miramonte Reservoir Fence Replacement, Project 23-42, and authorize staff to advertise the project for bids.

4. Authorize the City Manager or designee to award the construction contract to the lowest responsive

responsible bidder if the bid is within the project budget of \$870,000.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 6 - Councilmember Abe-Koga, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Ramirez,  
Councilmember Ramos, Vice Mayor Matichak, Mayor Showalter

## **5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NONAGENDIZED ITEMS**

The following member of the public spoke:

Tim MacKenzie from Mountain View discussed gender equity and County-provided mental health services.

## **6. STUDY SESSION**

### **6.1 R3 Zoning District Update-Goals, Phasing, Subdistricts, and Location Criteria**

Chinese and Spanish translation services were available for this item.

The purpose of this Study Session was to review and provide recommendations to the City Council on the R3 Zoning District Update, including the project goals, phasing, subdistricts, and criteria for developing alternatives.

Advanced Planning Manager Eric Anderson and Assistant Community Development Director Amber Blizinski presented the item.

The following members of the public spoke:

Albert Jeans from Mountain View.

Alex Brown

John Scarboro from Mountain View.

Chuck Muir from Mountain View.

Salim Damerdji

(Virtual) Bruce England from Mountain View.

(Virtual) Robert Cox, on behalf of Livable Mountain View.

(Virtual) Louise Katz

(Virtual) Cliff Chambers, on behalf of the Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning.

(Virtual) Tim MacKenzie

(Virtual) David Watson

By consensus, the Council indicated support for creating opportunities for diverse unit types, including middle-income ownership and stacked flats; producing better design that reflects the community's vision through objective form-based standards - pedestrian-friendly, respectful transitions, tree/landscaping; creating opportunities for neighborhood-serving uses; State and Housing Element requirements; using density change in targeted areas to achieve desired goals, implementing changes to large areas rather than small, and increasing the supply of housing; considering a series of incentives for developers that are more

attractive than the density bonus; and encouraging parcel aggregation.

At 9:57 p.m., Mayor Showalter recessed the meeting. The meeting reconvened at 10:11 p.m. with all Councilmembers present except Councilmember Kamei.

By consensus, the Council indicated support for a combined approach.

By consensus, the Council indicated support for the subdistricts framework shown in Table 4 to be used in developing alternatives that staff would bring back for Environmental Planning Commission and City Council consideration at a later date.

By consensus, the Council indicated support for the following changes to criteria for where to locate higher densities or commercial uses:

Add to increased density: support the creation of park/open space

Change to increased density (Items 3 and 4): replace the word "access" to commercial areas and employment areas with "adjacent to" commercial areas and employment

Add to criteria for commercial: create possible opportunities for live/work

MOTION - M/S - Ramos/Hicks - At 10:52 p.m. to continue the meeting beyond 10:00 p.m.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 5 - Councilmember Abe-Koga, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Ramos, Vice Mayor Matichak, Mayor Showalter

**No:** 1 - Councilmember Ramirez

## **8. CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney Logue stated there was no Closed Session report.

## **7. COUNCIL, STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilmember Abe-Koga stated she attended a Whisman Station light rail noise community meeting with Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority staff.

Vice Mayor Matichak stated she attended a County of Santa Clara Airport Land Use Commission meeting and a Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Authority meeting.

Councilmember Ramirez stated he attended a Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority Board of Directors meeting.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:59 p.m., Mayor Showalter adjourned the meeting.