



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

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

February 28, 2023

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

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

6:00 P.M.-CLOSED SESSION

At 6:00 p.m., Mayor Hicks called the meeting to order.

1. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT (OPEN SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS)

City Attorney Logue announced the item listed for Closed Session.

There were no public speakers in-person or virtually.

At 6:05 p.m., Mayor Hicks recessed the meeting to Closed Session with all Councilmembers present.

2. CLOSED SESSION (PLAZA CONFERENCE ROOM)

2.1 Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation (Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)); Name of case: San Francisco Baykeeper v. City of Mountain View; et. al., United State District Court, Northern District of California, Case No. 20-CV-00824-EJD

At 6:25 p.m., Closed Session concluded.

6:30 P.M.-REGULAR SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 6:30 p.m., Mayor Hicks called the meeting to order.

Mayor Hicks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Councilmember Abe-Koga, Councilmember Kamei, Councilmember Matichak, Councilmember Ramirez, Councilmember Ramos, Vice Mayor Showalter, Mayor Hicks

3. PRESENTATION

3.1 Proclamation in Recognition of the Work of City Employees During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Mayor Hicks presented a proclamation to Employee Union representatives Matt Salcido, Joel Hardie, Zeyad Abouata, Eric Nelson, Ada Chang, and John Marchant in recognition of the work of City employees during the COVID-19 pandemic.

There were no public speakers in-person or virtually.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Ramirez shared information regarding Item 4.1.

The following members of the public spoke:

Marguerite from Mountain View discussed Item 4.1.

Oscar Mejia (via Spanish translator) from Mountain View discussed Item 4.1.

(Virtual) Kavita Aiyar, on behalf of the Mountain View-Los Altos Community Foundation, discussed Item 4.1.

(Virtual) Tim MacKenzie from Mountain View discussed Item 4.1.

MOTION - M/S - Ramirez/Matichak - To approve the Consent Calendar.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Councilmember Abe-Koga, Councilmember Kamei, Councilmember Matichak, Councilmember Ramirez, Councilmember Ramos, Vice Mayor Showalter, Mayor Hicks

4.1 Seventy-Two (72) Hour Parking Ordinance Amendments (Second Reading)

Adopt Ordinance 3.2023 of the City of Mountain View 1) Amending Mountain View City Code Section 19.72 Prohibiting Parking In Excess Of Seventy-Two (72) Hours To Define The Term "Vehicle" As Used Therein, Add A 24-Hour No Return Requirement, Add A Pre-Removal Notice Requirement, and Add Language Requiring Compliance With California Vehicle Code Post-Storage Notice and Hearing Requirements, and 2) Finding That This Code Amendment Is Not Subject To The California Environmental Quality Act.

4.2 Utility Rate Study, Project 23-46 - Authorize Professional Services Agreement

1. Appropriate and transfer \$100,000 from Storm Drain Fee Study, Project 20-51, to Utility Rate Study, Project 23-46. (Five votes required)

2. Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute a professional services agreement with Bartle Wells Associates to prepare Utility Rate Study, Project 23-46, in a not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000.

4.3 Approve Fourth Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement Providing for Implementation of the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program

Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the fourth amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement for the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program.

4.4 Amend Professional Services Agreement for Executive Recruitment Services

Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute professional service amendments with Teri Black and Company, LLC, for a two-year term providing recruitment and selection services exceeding \$100,000.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NONAGENDIZED ITEMS

The following members of the public spoke:

Jay Lulla expressed a variety of concerns.

(Virtual) Bruce England from Mountain View discussed an interest in continued hybrid participation for Advisory Body meetings.

(Virtual) Rocia Molina, on behalf of Catalyze SV, expressed a desire to see increased community engagement options.

(Virtual) Silja Paymer indicated agreement with Bruce England.

6. STUDY SESSION**6.1 Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25 Council Work Plan Development: Strategic Priorities and Work Plan Projects**

Principal Management Analyst Laurel James presented the item.

The Council directed questions to staff.

The following members of the public spoke:

Julia Laquer from Mountain View.

Jay Chodagam

Jonathan Razo

James Kuszmaul

Cliff Chambers from Mountain View.

Bruce Karney

(Virtual) Beth Fisher, on behalf of the Santa Clara and San Benito County Building and Construction Trades Council.

(Virtual) Mundo Escarcega, on behalf of the Santa Clara and San Benito County plumbers, steam fitters, and HVACR service technicians.

(Virtual) April Webster

(Virtual) Brian Pors, on behalf of UA Local 393.

(Virtual) Erica Valentine, on behalf of UA Local 393.

(Virtual) Tim MacKenzie from Mountain View.

(Virtual) Jim Zaorski from Mountain View.

(Virtual) Bruce Naegel

(Virtual) Bruce England from Mountain View.

(Virtual) Silja Paymer

(Virtual) Pardis Beikzadeh from Mountain View.

(Virtual) KC Hetterly, on behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society.

(Virtual) Rocio Molina, on behalf of Catalyze SV.

(Virtual) Keith Sylva, on behalf of Sheet Metal Workers Local 104.

(Virtual) Mary Dateo

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

(Virtual) Danny Mangan, on behalf of Sprinkler Fitters Local 183.

The Council provided the following direction to staff:

Change the description of the Livability & Quality of Life Strategic Priority to read “restore and expand wildlife habitats” and “provide and expand parks, open space, and other key amenities.”

Mayor Hicks and Councilmember Abe-Koga recused themselves from discussion regarding the potential Council Work Plan project “Comprehensive Updates to the Downtown Precise Plan” due to the proximity of their residence to the Downtown Precise Plan area.

At 7:40 p.m., Mayor Hicks and Councilmember Abe-Koga left the meeting.

The Council directed staff to include a Comprehensive Update to the Downtown Precise Plan in the FY 23-25 Council Work Plan potential projects list.

At 7:48 p.m., Mayor Hicks and Councilmember Abe-Koga rejoined the meeting.

At 9:50 p.m., Mayor Hicks recessed the meeting. The meeting reconvened at 10:00 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

The Council directed staff to include the following 20 carryforward projects from the FY 21-23 Council Work Plan:

1. Develop a comprehensive Homelessness Response Strategy
2. Develop a Community Workforce Agreement
3. Expand access to broadband across communities
4. Review and propose revisions to the R3 Zone standards that consider form-based zoning, incentivizing stacked flats, and updated rowhouse guidelines
5. Facilitate affordable housing development at the VTA Evelyn site
6. Begin development of a Moffett Boulevard Precise Plan
7. Implement Displacement Response Strategy actions
8. Develop a strategy to facilitate low- and middle-income home ownership
9. Develop a Citywide Transportation Demand Management Ordinance
10. Develop a City Active Transportation Plan
11. Prepare the Citywide Travel Demand Update
12. Design and construct Castro Grade Separation project (Continue to implement the Transit Center Master Plan)
13. Define biodiversity requirements for landscaping

14. Update the Community Tree Master Plan
15. Develop a Citywide Decarbonization Plan (transitioning from SAP-4)
16. Review and update the historic preservation ordinance
17. Develop a Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan
18. Implement strategies for a vibrant downtown, including the Castro Pedestrian Mall
19. Begin implementation of the Economic Vitality Strategic Plan (multiple projects)
20. Conduct Public Services Study

The Council approved the following projects for consideration in the 2023-25 Work Plan:

1. Update the Race, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan
2. Review and update the Shoreline Community Shoreline Area Plan
3. Develop comprehensive updates to the Downtown Precise Plan
4. Bring the Local Road Safety/Vision Zero Action Plan to Council for adoption
5. Develop guidelines for micromobility, including a scooter share pilot
6. Expand the Safe Routes to School Program
7. Complete a Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment
8. Complete a Cost Allocation Plan and Master Fee Study
9. Implement an online permitting system
10. Explore the feasibility of a potential 2024 revenue measure

The Council further directed staff to add the following projects to the potential projects list:

1. Explore strategies for supporting renters not covered by the CSFRA
2. Explore applying for ARPA grant funds from the County to support childcare
3. Review and update the Gatekeeper process
4. Evaluate a temporary downtown office cap
5. Begin construction on the Stevens Creek Trail extension
6. Develop a Dark Skies Ordinance
7. Develop an ordinance to ban vaping sales citywide
8. Conduct a holistic citywide review of parking regulations
9. Revitalize Gateway Park
10. Develop a comprehensive storefront activation program
11. Review and make amendments to the Municipal Code to remove contradictory, unenforceable, or otherwise outdated sections
12. Place a measure on the 2024 ballot to amend the City Charter (clean-up/modernization)

The Council directed staff to provide a memo reviewing the current Gatekeeper process and return for discussion and direction at the April 25 Council meeting on whether to issue a call for proposals or to schedule a study session to revise the Gatekeeper process prior to issuing a call.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Fiscal Year 2022-23 Midyear Budget Status Report and Adjustments and Fiscal Year 2023-24 Preliminary General Operating Fund Forecast

City Manager Kimbra McCarthy and Finance and Administrative Services Director Derek Rampone presented the item.

The Council directed questions to staff.

The following member of the public spoke:

(Virtual) Tim MacKenzie

MOTION - M/S - Kamei/Ramirez - To:

1. Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Midyear Budget Status Report, the six-month status of the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Performance/Workload Measures (Attachment 1 to the Council report), the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Preliminary General Operating Fund Forecast, and the Strategic Work Plan Update (Attachment 2 to the Council report).
2. Adopt Resolution 18765 of the City Council of the City of Mountain View Appropriating and Transferring Certain Funds for Specified Purposes to Conform the Budgeted Amounts to Actual Expenditures that are Anticipated to Occur During Fiscal Year 2022-23 (Attachment 3 to the Council report). (Five votes required)
3. Authorize expenditures by the Finance and Administrative Services Department in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for outside sales tax audit consulting services performed by Hinderliter de Llamas & Associates for Fiscal Years 2022-23 and 2023-24.
4. Adopt Resolution 18766 of the City Council of the City of Mountain View Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Amend the Classification and Salary Plan for Regular Employees for Fiscal Year 2022-23, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 4 to the Council report).

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Councilmember Abe-Koga, Councilmember Kamei, Councilmember Matichak,
Councilmember Ramirez, Councilmember Ramos, Vice Mayor Showalter, Mayor Hicks

8. COUNCIL, STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Ramos stated she attended an Avenidas Board of Directors meeting.

Councilmember Abe-Koga stated that she attended the Cities Today Institute Leadership Forum on Mobility in Houston, Texas.

In response to Councilmember Matichak, a majority of the Council indicated support for referring review of the process for the Council to elect the Mayor and Vice Mayor to the Council Policies and Procedures Committee.

Councilmember Kamei stated she attended a Community Health Awareness Council Finance Committee and Board of Directors meeting.

9. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney Logue stated there was no Closed Session report.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 12:18 a.m., on Wednesday, February 29, Mayor Hicks adjourned the meeting.

Approved on April 11, 2023.


Allison Hicks, Mayor


Heather Glaser, City Clerk