



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

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

January 30, 2023

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

SPECIAL 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.-SPECIAL SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hicks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

One Councilmember vacancy as of December 30, 2022.

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

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Council Vacancy Applicant Interviews and Appointment

The following members of the public spoke:

Ryan Globus indicated support for Emily Ramos.

James Kuszmaul from Mountain View, on behalf of Mountain View Yes In My Back Yard, indicated support for Emily Ramos.

Robert Cox from Mountain View, on behalf of the Livable Mountain View Steering Committee, indicated support for Ronit Bryant.

Li Zhang from Mountain View indicated support for a candidate that had already served on the City Council.

Tim MacKenzie from Mountain View, on behalf of Democratic Socialists of America, Silicon Valley Chapter, indicated support for Emily Ramos.

Kevin Ma from Mountain View indicated support for Emily Ramos.

Laura Drocic from San Jose, on behalf the Nor Cal Carpenters Union, indicated support for Emily Ramos.

Angel Martinez from San Jose indicated support for Emily Ramos.

Erik Poicon from Mountain View indicated support for Emily Ramos.

Alex Brown from Mountain View indicated support for Emily Ramos.

Erin Chazer from South San Francisco indicated support for Emily Ramos.

Seema Patel from San Mateo indicated support for Emily Ramos.

Owen Day from San Mateo indicated support for Emily Ramos.

Jaria Jaug from San Jose indicated support for Emily Ramos.

Nicole Fernandez from San Mateo indicated support for Emily Ramos.

Jose Chavez from Mountain View indicated support for Emily Ramos.

Neil Park-McClinktick from Cupertino indicated support for Emily Ramos.

(Virtual) Mustafa Arshad indicated support for Emily Ramos.

(Virtual) Louise Katz from Mountain View indicated support for Ronit Bryant.

(Virtual) Toni Rath from Mountain View indicated support for Ronit Bryant.

(Virtual) Will Smith, on behalf of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 332, indicated support for Emily Ramos.

(Virtual) Allie Hughes, on behalf of Silicon Valley Young Democrats, indicated support for Emily Ramos.

(Virtual) Jerry Steach from Mountain View indicated support for Ronit Bryant.

(Virtual) Richard Mehlinger from Sunnyvale indicated support for Emily Ramos.

(Virtual) Alexander Melendrez indicated support for Emily Ramos.

(Virtual) Lauren Fitzgerald indicated support for Emily Ramos.

(Virtual) Hala Alshahwany from Mountain View indicated support for Ronit Bryant.

(Virtual) Nadia Mora from Mountain View, on behalf of the Mountain View Solidarity Fund, indicated support for Emily Ramos.

(Virtual) Lucila Ortiz indicated support for Emily Ramos.

(Virtual) Ali Sapirman, on behalf of the Housing Action Coalition, indicated support for Emily Ramos.

(Virtual) Ella Norman, on behalf of Sunrise Silicon Valley, indicated support for Emily Ramos.

(Virtual) Evan Adams indicated support for Emily Ramos.

(Virtual) Ava Chiao indicated support for Emily Ramos.

(Virtual) Rohin Ghosh indicated support for Emily Ramos.

(Virtual) Alex Dersh from Palo Alto indicated support for Emily Ramos.

(Virtual) Jordan Grimes indicated support for Emily Ramos.

(Virtual) Megan Fraley from Mountain View indicated support for Emily Ramos.

(Virtual) Bee Hanson, on behalf of the Mountain View Mobile Home Alliance, indicated support for Emily Ramos.

(Virtual) Mary Hodder indicated support for Ronit Bryant.

(Virtual) Sergio Lopez from Campbell indicated support for Emily Ramos.

(Virtual) Kelsey Banes from Mountain View indicated support for Emily Ramos.

(Virtual) Eva Tang indicated support for Emily Ramos.

(Virtual) David Watson from Mountain View indicated support for Emily Ramos.

(Virtual) Paul Fong indicated support for Emily Ramos.

(Virtual) Kathy Tran indicated support for Emily Ramos.

(Virtual) Tim Larson from Mountain View indicated support for Emily Ramos.

(Virtual) Nazanin from Mountain View indicated support for Ronit Bryant.

(Virtual) Lauren Bigelow indicated support for Emily Ramos.

(Virtual) Loreto Dimaandal indicated support for Emily Ramos.

(Virtual) Leslie Bain

(Virtual) Jonathan indicated support for Emily Ramos.

At 6:17 p.m., Mayor Hicks recessed the meeting. The meeting reconvened at 6:27 p.m. with all Councilmembers present except Councilmember Ramirez.

At its January 24 meeting, the Council selected the following questions for the four applicants:

1. What are your top priorities on the Council Strategic Work Plan and why?
2. Are there any issues where you disagree with Council direction, and what would you change?
3. How can we enhance the City's livability and quality of life for our residents?
4. How would you consider public comments from residents?
5. What criteria would you use for land use decisions?
6. What efforts that we have not already made would you take to help our existing businesses stay in Mountain View, make it easier for new businesses to enter, and reduce the number of longstanding empty storefronts?
7. Closing Statements.

At 6:29 p.m., Councilmember Ramirez returned to the dais.

The Council interviewed the following applicants:

Emily Ann Ramos

Ronit Bryant

John McAlister

Chris Clark

At 8:30 p.m., Mayor Hicks recessed the meeting. The meeting reconvened at 8:41 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

MOTION - M/S - Showalter/Kamei - To discuss all four applicants instead of three.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Council discussed the applicants and voted for two options to fill one vacancy.

At 9:48 p.m., Mayor Hicks recessed the meeting. The meeting reconvened at 9:55 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

City Clerk Glaser announced the Council voted as follows:

Councilmember Abe-Koga voted for Chris Clark and Emily Ann Ramos.
Councilmember Kamei voted for Chris Clark and Emily Ann Ramos.
Councilmember Matichak voted for Ronit Bryant and Chris Clark.
Councilmember Ramirez voted for John McAlister and Emily Ann Ramos.
Vice Mayor Showalter voted for Chris Clark and Emily Ann Ramos.
Mayor Hicks voted for Ronit Bryant and Emily Ann Ramos.

Emily Ann Ramos received five votes.

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

Adopt Resolution No. 18759 of the City Council of the City of Mountain View Appointing Emily Ann Ramos to Serve as a Member of the City Council Until a Successor Qualifies Following the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Councilmember Abe-Koga, Councilmember Kamei, Councilmember Ramirez, Vice Mayor Showalter, Mayor Hicks
No: 1 - Councilmember Matichak

5. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:09 p.m., Mayor Hicks adjourned the meeting in honor of Fire Captain Greg Cooper.