

COUNCIL MEMBERS  
Rick Bonilla, Mayor  
Diane Papan, Deputy Mayor  
Maureen Freschet  
Joe Goethals  
Eric Rodriguez

# CITY OF SAN MATEO

## Regular Meeting Minutes

City Hall  
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### City Council

Monday, August 6, 2018  
City Hall Council Chambers 7:00 PM  
Regular Meeting

#### OPENING

Pledge of Allegiance: Neighborhood Watch

Roll Call

**Present:** 5 - Mayor Bonilla, Deputy Mayor Papan, Council Member Freschet, Council Member Goethals, and Council Member Rodriguez

#### CEREMONIAL

1. [Toyonaka Sister City Association - Ambassadors](#)

George Musante presented the two visiting youth ambassadors from San Mateo's Sister City - Toyonaka, Japan: Miss Reiko Kobayashi and Miss Megumi Karimata

2. [Public Works Traffic and Transportation Improvements - Interactive Map Presentation](#)

Brad Underwood, Public Works Director, introduced the interactive traffic and transportation improvements map noting it was a council priority. Engineer Jonathan Gonzales, presented the map.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR – CITY COUNCIL

The following items 3, and 5 through 8, were considered to be routine by the City Council. Item 4 was removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately. After the titles of the items were read by the City Clerk, the public was invited to comment and there were no speakers. Motion by Goethals, second by Freschet, to approve the CONSENT CALENDAR - CITY COUNCIL. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 5 - Mayor Bonilla, Deputy Mayor Papan, Council Member Freschet, Council Member Goethals, and Council Member Rodriguez

3. [City Council Meeting Minutes Approval](#)

Approve the minutes of the City Council Special and Regular meetings of June 18, 2016 and July 16, 2018.

5. [Employee Salary Schedules - Adoption](#)

Adopt a Resolution to approve the City of San Mateo employee current pay rates and ranges (salary schedules).

Enactment No: RES No. 87 (2018)

6. [Bay Meadows Community Facilities District - Special Tax Levy Fiscal Year 2018-19](#)

Adopt a Resolution to authorize the levy of special taxes for Fiscal Year 2018-19 for the Community Facilities District No. 2008-1 (Bay Meadows), and authorize the Finance Director/Controller to assess the 2018-19 Property Tax Rolls.

Enactment No: RES No. 88 (2018)

7. [San Mateo County Event Center - Pari-Mutuel Wagering Revenue - Memorandum of Understanding](#)

Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of San Mateo and the San Mateo County Event Center to waive service fees, including service fees related to the 2018 County Fair held in June, as well as the annual Fire inspection for 2018, in exchange for the City continuing to receive a portion of pari-mutuel wagering revenue and authorize the City Manager to sign the MOU.

8. [Sustainability and Infrastructure Commission Appointments - Subcommittee Recommendation](#)

Approve the recommendation from the City Council Members acting as the Commission Appointment Subcommittee to appoint Adam Loraine, Rafael Reyes, Clifford Robbins, Susan Rowinski and Greg St. Clair to the newly formed Sustainability & Infrastructure Commission.

End of Consent Calendar

Removed from Consent Calendar

4. [Ordinance Adoption - Requiring the Use of Electronic Campaign Finance Disclosure](#)

This item was pulled by a member of the public, Michael Ross, who stated concern that his proposal for monitoring lobbyists had not been added to this ordinance.

Motion by Goethals, second by Rodriguez, to Adopt an Ordinance requiring electronic filing of campaign finance disclosure statements. Ordinance Introduction date: July 16, 2018. File #2018-569. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 5 - Mayor Bonilla, Deputy Mayor Papan, Council Member Freschet, Council Member Goethals, and Council Member Rodriguez

Enactment No: ORD No. 2018 -6

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kim Cunningham objected to cell towers being placed in front yards and noted the need for a field process. Michael Ross stated districts for elections are needed. Claudia Ferguson, voiced concern about approval to cell tower location installations, stated that transparency in the process is needed and cited health, noise, and safety concerns. Keith Ferguson stated concern with cell towers in residential neighborhoods. Jeff LaMont, lobbyist, stated concern with 12 cell towers approved in residential neighborhoods,

**OLD BUSINESS****9. [General Plan Committee - Appointment](#)**

City Clerk Patrice Olds introduced the item and explained that the vote would be taken by ballot and tallied immediately. She noted up for consideration were eleven members from the Park and Recreation, Planning and Sustainability and Infrastructure Commissions who had expressed an interest in serving. Prior to the vote, the Mayor asked for any public comment on the item.

Public Comment: Laurie Watanuki, on behalf of San Mateo United Homeowners Association (SMUHA), read a statement from the SMUHA President, requesting that committee positions be filled with by representing true balance from the community. Jordan Grimes stated his support of the appointment of Adam Loraine and John Ebnetter to the Committee.

Council Member Maureen Freschet commented with concern that the Committee represent the interests of all San Mateans, with no bias, and that the Committee requires a sensitive composition. Freschet noted comments made by Planning Commissioner John Ebnetter at the last Council meeting resulted in outrage from community members. She stated she is very proud of this City's community values and inclusionary practices and would be concerned with appointing him to the General Plan committee stating he could derail the process as he has demonstrated incendiary language and a strong bias.

Mayor Rick Bonilla commented positively on his three years experience working with John Ebnetter on the Planning Commission and stated that all persons have a right to first amendment speech.

Council Member Rodriguez stated he supports the first amendment; and noted that having served with John Ebnetter on the Planning Commission his concern is not with the freedom to speak, but rather he questions Ebnetter's judgement based on his observation that his votes seemed random and were not backed by thorough analysis.

The Council, by ballot, appointed the following commissioners to the General Plan Committee: Amourence Lee, Ramiro Maldonado, Ellen Mallory Ulrich, Adam Loraine, and Clifford S. Robbins by the following votes:

Eric Holm, 0

Amourence Lee, 3 - Bonilla, Papan and Goethals

Christopher Massey, 2 - Freschet and Rodriguez

Heather Wolnick, 0

John Ebnetter, 1 - Bonilla

Ramiro Maldonado, 5 - Bonilla, Papan, Freschet, Goethals and Rodriguez

Ellen Mallory Ulrich, 4 - Papan, Freschet, Goethals and Rodriguez

Adam Loraine, 4 - Bonilla, Freschet, Goethals and Rodriguez

Rafael Reyes, 1 - Bonilla

Clifford S. Robbins, 3 - Papan, Goethals and Rodriguez

Susan Rowinski, 2 - Papan and Freschet

10. [Placing Measures on the Ballot on Building Heights and Densities and Inclusionary Housing in the City of San Mateo](#)

City Manager Larry Patterson presented an update on the continued item from the July 16, 2018 meeting regarding the placing the initiative measure or a competing measure on the November 8, 2018 ballot. He outlined what was directed from the July 16, 2018 meeting. He polled Council for their interest in putting measures on the 2018 or 2020 ballot. Council discussion ensued and by consensus expressed that there is no interest in putting items on the 2018 ballot.

Additional discussion occurred on what should be put on the 2020 ballot, the importance of allowing the General Plan process to continue and coincide with any future ballot measures, and concern that the residents have an opportunity to vote on the extension of Measure P before it expires in 2020. Discussion ensued on potential litigation as there is a claim that the initiative measure is defective on the full text rule. It was clarified that no formal action is required tonight and that staff will come back to Council with additional information on negotiations with San Mateans for a Responsive Government (SMRG) and the General Plan process and community discussions. Discussion ensued on a settlement agreement process for Council putting on the SMRG initiative in 2020. Concern was expressed that Council commit to at least putting the initiative measure on the ballot in 2020 if a different recourse has not been negotiated. Council commended the SMRG group for coming to the table and working diligently on finding solutions that allow the General Plan process to proceed. The City Manager verified that any settlement agreement would have to come back to the City Council in an open meeting for a decision. Additional discussion ensued about the timing of the settlement negotiation process with regard to placing any measures on the ballot. THIS ITEM HAS BEEN CONTINUED FROM THE JULY 16, 2018 REGULAR MEETING FOR COUNCIL DELIBERATION AND DECISION. THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON THIS ITEM HAS BEEN CLOSED.

Recommend that City Council take no action to advance ballot measure(s) to establish allowable heights and densities within the City of San Mateo or to amend the provisions of the General Plan concerning the Inclusionary Housing Program and direct staff to negotiate a Settlement Agreement with "San Mateans for Responsive Government" (SMRG) that would define the specific actions to place a 2020 ballot measure to extend Measure P including options for incorporating in-lieu fees into the Below Market Rate program and the desired term for the Measure P extension.

## **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The City Manager, City Attorney and Council Members reported on their various assignments and liaison roles.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Following a moment of silence for the firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

APPROVED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

Rick Bonilla, Mayor

Patrice M. Olds, City Clerk