



SARATOGA PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 6, 2020

6:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

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ROLL CALL

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Any member of the public may address the Public Safety Task Force for up to three (3) minutes on matters not on the Agenda. The law generally prohibits the Public Safety Task Force from discussing or taking action on such items. However, the Public Safety Task Force schedule the item for discussion at a future meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Public Safety Task Force Minutes

Recommended Action:

Review and approve the draft minutes from the February 3, 2020 meeting.

2. Mobile LRAD for Emergency Communications (Work Plan Item)

Recommended Action:

Consider whether to recommend that the City Council allocate funds in the Fiscal Year 2020/21 budget to purchase a mobile LRAD to be used for emergency communications to the City Council.

3. Santa Clara County FireSafe Council Funding, Dead Tree Removal Program, and Expanded Chipping (Work Plan Item)

Recommended Action:

Consider whether to recommend that the City Council increase funding in the Fiscal Year 2020/21 budget for the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council from \$25,000 per year to expand services, offer a dead tree removal incentive program or other defensible space and/or home hardening incentive program, and increase chipping services.

4. West Valley Cities Fuel Reduction Crew (Work Plan Item)

Recommended Action:

Consider whether to recommend that the City Council allocate funding in the Fiscal Year 2020/21 budget to share the costs of a Santa Clara County Fire Department fuel reduction crew with other West Valley cities and the Fire Department, including startup cost and ongoing annual costs.

5. Wildfire Risk Mitigation Fund (Work Plan Item)

Recommended Action:

Consider whether to recommend that the City Council create a fund in the Fiscal Year 2020/21 budget to be used for wildfire risk mitigation efforts.

6. Status Update on Wildfire Risk Reduction in the City Code (Work Plan Item)

Recommended Action:

At the February meeting, the Task Force finalized recommended City Code changes for the Planning Commission and City Council to mitigate wildfire risk in the City of Saratoga. Planning Commission review of the recommended changes was scheduled to occur on April 8, 2020. However, this meeting has been canceled due to the shelter at home orders issued by the County and State of California.

7. Review Work Plan

Recommended Action:

Review the adopted Task Force Work Plan.

8. Future Agenda Items

Recommended Action:

Consider agenda items for upcoming meetings. The next regular Task Force meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

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Signed this 2nd day of April 2020 at Saratoga, California.

Crystal Bothelio, Assistant City Manager

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