

**MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2021**  
**SARATOGA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

At 4:00 p.m., the City Council held a Closed Session via teleconferencing through Zoom.

Mayor Zhao invited public comment on the item.

No one requested to speak.

At 6:01 p.m., the City Council held a Joint Meeting with the Hakone Board via teleconferencing through Zoom.

Mayor Zhao invited public comment.

No one requested to speak.

Mayor Zhao called the virtual Regular Session to order at 7:02 p.m. via teleconferencing through Zoom.

Prior to Roll Call, the Mayor and City Clerk explained that the City Council meeting was conducted pursuant to provisions of the Brown Act and a recent Executive Order issued by the Governor to facilitate teleconferencing to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission at public meetings. Ordinarily the Brown Act sets strict rules for teleconferencing. The Governor's Executive Order has suspended those rules. The Executive Order does require that public agencies continue to notice meetings in advance and provide members of the public an opportunity to observe the meeting and offer public comment. The City Council met all of the applicable notice requirements and the public is welcome to participate in this meeting. Information on how the public can observe the meeting and provide public comment was also shared. Additionally, the Mayor explained that votes would be taken through roll call.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Yan Zhao, Vice Mayor Tina Walia, Council Members Rishi Kumar, Kookie Fitzsimmons, Mary-Lynne Bernald  
(All Council Members appearing via teleconference)

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** James Lindsay, City Manager  
Richard Taylor, City Attorney  
Crystal Bothelio, Assistant City Manager  
Debbie Bretschneider, City Clerk  
Mary Furey, Administrative Services Director  
Debbie Pedro, Community Development Director  
John Cherbone, Public Works Director  
Chris Riordan, Senior Planner  
Dennis Jaw, Finance Manager  
Nicole Johnson, Senior Planner  
Christina Fusco, Arborist  
Kayla Nakamoto, Administrative Analyst  
Emma Burkhalter, Associate Civil Engineer

Macedonio Nunez, Senior Civil Engineer  
Mainini Cabute, Environmental Program Manager  
(All staff members appearing via teleconference)

City Clerk Debbie Bretschneider confirmed all City Council members could hear the meeting proceedings and no doubts were expressed regarding the identities of the individuals representing themselves as City Council Members.

### **REPORT ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

City Clerk Debbie Bretschneider reported that the agenda for this meeting was properly posted on July 16, 2021.

### **REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Zhao reported that the City Council held a Closed Session on anticipated litigation and to conduct a public employee performance evaluation for the City Manager. There were no reportable actions.

### **REPORT ON JOINT MEETING**

Ann Waltonsmith, Chair of Hakone Board, and Shozo Kagoshima, Executive Director of Hakone Foundation, spoke about the Joint Meeting with Council.

### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS**

Carl Guardino, Executive Vice President of Bloom Energy, spoke about the August 22, 2021, Stars & Strides Run and Walk.

Jeffrey Schwartz spoke about the Brown Act and the RHNA Allocation process.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Zhao shared information about COVID-19 updates, the Housing Element appeal, Safe Routes to School Masterplan, and several Commission recruitments.

### **CEREMONIAL**

Mayor Zhao and the Council presented retiring City Clerk Debbie Bretschneider with a commendation.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Presentation by Silicon Valley Leadership Group CEO Ahmad Thomas

**Recommended Action:**

Receive presentation by Silicon Valley Leadership Group CEO Ahmad Thomas.

Mayor Zhao and the Council received a presentation by Silicon Valley Leadership Group CEO Ahmad Thomas.

Mayor Zhao invited public comment on the item.

No one requested to speak.

## 1. CONSENT CALENDAR

### 1.1. City Council Meeting Minutes

#### **Recommended Action:**

Approve the City Council minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting on July 7, 2021.

**BERNALD/FITZSIMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JULY 7, 2021. MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: ZHAO, WALIA, KUMAR, FITZSIMMONS, BERNALD. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.**

### 1.2. Review of Accounts Payable Check Registers

#### **Recommended Action:**

Review and accept check registers for the following accounts payable payment cycles: 07/08/21 Period 13; 07/08/21 Period 1; 07/13/21 Period 13; 07/13/21 Period 1

**BERNALD/FITZSIMMONS MOVED TO ACCEPT CHECK REGISTERS FOR THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PAYMENT CYCLES: 07/08/21 PERIOD 13; 07/08/21 PERIOD 1; 07/13/21 PERIOD 13; 07/13/21 PERIOD 1. MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: ZHAO, WALIA, KUMAR, FITZSIMMONS, BERNALD. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.**

### 1.3. City Council and Commissions Electronic Communications Policy Update

#### **Recommended Action:**

Adopt the attached resolution amending the 2010 City Council and Commissions Electronic Communications Policy.

Council Member Bernald and Vice Mayor Walia removed this item from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

Mayor Zhao invited public comment on the item.

No one requested to speak.

## **RESOLUTION 21-049**

**WALIA/FITZSIMMONS MOVED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2010 CITY COUNCIL AND COMMISSIONS ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS POLICY, WITH THESE CHANGES: 1) IN II.B DEFINITION OF E-COMMUNICATION, ADD FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM; 2) IN III.G.1, REVISE “TO AVOID INADVERTENT VIOLATIONS OF THE BROWN ACT, THE MAYOR, OR THE MAYOR’S DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE, IN**

CONSULTATION WITH STAFF IF NECESSARY, WILL RESPOND ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL TO E-COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED TO THE COUNCIL. THE COMMISSION CHAIR OR COMMISSION STAFF LIAISON WILL RESPOND ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION TO E-COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED TO THE COMMISSION.” TO “TO AVOID INADVERTENT VIOLATIONS OF THE BROWN ACT, THE MAYOR, OR THE MAYOR’S DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE, IN CONSULTATION WITH STAFF IF NECESSARY, WILL RESPOND ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL TO E-COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED TO THE COUNCIL WITH A COPY TO THE CITY COUNCIL. THE COMMISSION CHAIR OR COMMISSION STAFF LIAISON WILL RESPOND ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION TO E-COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED TO THE COMMISSION WITH A COPY TO THE COMMISSION.”; AND, IN III.H CITY ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE PUBLIC, DELETE “FOR THE CURRENT AND PRIOR CALENDAR YEAR.” MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: ZHAO, WALIA, KUMAR, FITZSIMMONS, BERNALD. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

1.4. Award of Contract in the amount of \$59,970 to Fehr and Peers Transportation Consultants to develop a Local Roadway Safety Plan

**Recommended Action:**

1. Approve contract with Fehr and Peers Transportation Consultants for the Local Roadway Safety Plan development, in the amount of \$59,970, and authorize the City Manager to execute the same.
2. Authorize staff to execute change orders to the contract up to \$5,997.

BERNALD/FITZSIMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH FEHR AND PEERS TRANSPORTATION CONSULTANTS FOR THE LOCAL ROADWAY SAFETY PLAN DEVELOPMENT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,970, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SAME AND TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDERS TO THE CONTRACT UP TO \$5,997. MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: ZHAO, WALIA, KUMAR, FITZSIMMONS, BERNALD. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

1.5. Resolution of Local Support for the Funding of the Blue Hills Elementary Pedestrian Crossing at UPRR

**Recommended Action:**

Adopt the Resolution supporting the Funding Application for the Blue Hills Elementary Pedestrian Crossing at Union Pacific Railroad.

**RESOLUTION 21-050**

BERNALD/FITZSIMMONS MOVED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FUNDING APPLICATION FOR THE BLUE HILLS ELEMENTARY PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD. MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: ZHAO, WALIA, KUMAR, FITZSIMMONS, BERNALD. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

1.6. Three Year Contract for Microsoft Enterprise Agreement in the amount not to exceed \$25,669 per fiscal year

**Recommended Action:**

Authorize the City Manager to enter into a three-year Microsoft Enterprise Agreement through SoftwareONE for Office 365 and Windows Server licenses in the amount not to exceed \$25,669 per fiscal year.

**BERNALD/FITZSIMMONS MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A THREE-YEAR MICROSOFT ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT THROUGH SOFTWAREONE FOR OFFICE 365 AND WINDOWS SERVER LICENSES IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,669 PER FISCAL YEAR.**

MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: ZHAO, WALIA, KUMAR, FITZSIMMONS, BERNALD. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

1.7. Sales Tax Consultant Amendment and Novation Agreement

**Recommended Action:**

City Council to review and approve the Amendment and Novation Agreement and the Resolution for Sales Tax Consultant services to substitute the legal entity name of MuniServices LLC for Municipal Resources.

**RESOLUTION 21-051**

**BERNALD/FITZSIMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT AND NOVATION AGREEMENT AND THE RESOLUTION FOR SALES TAX CONSULTANT SERVICES TO SUBSTITUTE THE LEGAL ENTITY NAME OF MUNISERVICES LLC FOR MUNICIPAL RESOURCES.** MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: ZHAO, WALIA, KUMAR, FITZSIMMONS, BERNALD. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

1.8. Contract with Riverview Systems Group, Inc. for installing video conferencing improvements in the Linda Callon Conference Room in the amount of \$35,100

**Recommended Action:**

Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Riverview Systems Group, Inc. for the installation of video conferencing improvements in the Linda Callon Conference Room in the amount of \$35,100.

**BERNALD/FITZSIMMONS MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RIVERVIEW SYSTEMS GROUP, INC. FOR THE INSTALLATION OF VIDEO CONFERENCING IMPROVEMENTS IN THE LINDA CALLON CONFERENCE ROOM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,100.** MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: ZHAO, WALIA, KUMAR,

FITZSIMMONS, BERNALD. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

1.9. Budget Adjustment and Contract for Geographic Information System Consultant - Lynx Technologies, Inc. for \$32,500

**Recommended Action:**

1. Adopt the attached resolution approving an adjustment to the FY 2021/2022 Operating & Capital Improvement Budget for geographic information system (GIS) consulting services; AND

2. Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract amendment for GIS consulting services with Lynx Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$32,500.

**RESOLUTION 21-052**

BERNALD/FITZSIMMONS MOVED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE FY 2021/2022 OPERATING & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET FOR GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) CONSULTING SERVICES AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR GIS CONSULTING SERVICES WITH LYNX TECHNOLOGIES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,500. MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: ZHAO, WALIA, KUMAR, FITZSIMMONS, BERNALD. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

1.10. ZOA21-0001 / Amendment to the City’s Tree Regulations

**Recommended Action:**

Waive the second reading of the attached ordinance adopting and modifying Article 15-50 (Tree Regulations) to define problematic tree species and eliminate the tree removal permit fee for these trees.

**ORDINANCE 380**

BERNALD/FITZSIMMONS MOVED TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE MODIFYING ARTICLE 15-50 (TREE REGULATIONS) TO DEFINE PROBLEMATIC TREE SPECIES AND ELIMINATE THE TREE REMOVAL PERMIT FEE FOR THESE TREES. MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: ZHAO, WALIA, KUMAR, FITZSIMMONS, BERNALD. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

1.11. 4Leaf, Inc. Building Inspection Services Contract for the Amount of \$40,000

**Recommended Action:**

Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with 4Leaf, Inc. for as-needed professional building inspection services in the amount of \$40,000.00 for FY 2021-22.

BERNALD/FITZSIMMONS MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH 4LEAF, INC. FOR AS-NEEDED PROFESSIONAL BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00 FOR FY 2021-22. MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: ZHAO, WALIA, KUMAR, FITZSIMMONS, BERNALD. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

1.12. Youth Commission Administration, Responsibilities, and Duties Policy Amendment

**Recommended Action:**

Adopt the resolution amending the City of Saratoga’s Youth Commission Administration, Responsibilities, and Duties Policy to authorize the Commission to set its regular meeting time and to revise the attendance policy.

**RESOLUTION 21-058**

**BERNALD/FITZSIMMONS MOVED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY OF SARATOGA'S YOUTH COMMISSION ADMINISTRATION, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND DUTIES POLICY TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION TO SET ITS REGULAR MEETING TIME AND TO REVISE THE ATTENDANCE POLICY.** MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: ZHAO, WALIA, KUMAR, FITZSIMMONS, BERNALD. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

**2. PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**3. GENERAL BUSINESS**

3.1. Accept the Final Text and Location of Five Point of Interest Markers

**Recommended Action:**

Adopt the attached resolutions (Attachments A-E) accepting the final text, marker design and location of five Point of Interest markers and authorizing and directing the Director of Community Development and the Director of Public Works to proceed with contracting for the manufacturing and installation of the markers.

Nicole Johnson, Senior Planner, presented the staff report.

Annette Stransky, Heritage Preservation Commissioner, was available for questions.

Mayor Zhao invited public comment on the item.

Jeffrey Schwartz spoke

No one else requested to speak.

**RESOLUTION 21-059**

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**RESOLUTION 21-063**

**BERNALD/WALIA MOVED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTIONS ACCEPTING THE FINAL TEXT, WITH THE ADDITION OF ADDING THE NAME HOP KEE IN IMMIGRATING TO CALIFORNIA IN THE 1800'S FINAL TEXT, MARKER DESIGN AND LOCATION OF FIVE POINT OF INTEREST MARKERS, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO PROCEED WITH CONTRACTING FOR THE MANUFACTURING AND INSTALLATION OF THE MARKERS.** MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: ZHAO, WALIA, KUMAR, FITZSIMMONS, BERNALD. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

Mayor Zhao requested a recess at 8:23 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

3.2. Authorize Contract for FY21/22 for Pavement Management Program Project in the Amount Not to Exceed \$1,167,959

**Recommended Action:**

1. Move to declare O'Grady Paving Inc. to be the lowest responsible bidder on the project.
2. Move to award a Construction Contract to O'Grady Paving Inc. in the amount of \$1,008,959.15 and authorize the City Manager to execute the same.
3. Move to authorize staff to execute change orders to the contract up to \$159,000 (15%).

Macedonio Nunez, Senior Civil Engineer, presented the staff report.

John Cherbone, Public Works Director, and Emma Burkhalter, Associate Civil Engineer, were available for questions.

Mayor Zhao invited public comment on the item.

No one requested to speak.

**KUMAR/WALIA MOVED TO DECLARE O'GRADY PAVING INC. TO BE THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER ON THE PROJECT AND TO AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO O'GRADY PAVING INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,008,959.15 AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SAME AND TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDERS TO THE CONTRACT UP TO \$159,000 (15%). MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: ZHAO, WALIA, KUMAR, FITZSIMMONS, BERNALD. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.**

3.3. Road Conditions Public Engagement Program

**Recommended Action:**

Provide direction on the proposed road conditions public engagement program and authorize use of City Council Discretionary Funds for the engagement program.

Crystal Bothelio, Assistant City Manager, presented the staff report.

Mayor Zhao invited public comment on the item.

No one requested to speak.

**WALIA/KUMAR MOVED TO DIRECT STAFF TO PROCEED WITH A ROAD CONDITIONS ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM USING THE TIMELINE AND APPROACH AS PROPOSED IN THE STAFF REPORT; PRESENT A DRAFT SURVEY ON ROAD CONDITIONS FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AT A MEETING IN SEPTEMBER 2021; PROVIDE INFORMATION AS PART OF THE ENGAGEMENT EFFORT TO HELP COMMUNITY MEMBERS UNDERSTAND THE PAVEMENT CONDITION INDEX (PCI) AND CREATE A MAP, PREFERABLY INTERACTIVE, TO SHOW THE PCI OF INDIVIDUAL STREETS IN SARATOGA; INCLUDE INFORMATION IN OUTREACH MATERIAL AND AT LEAST ONE SURVEY QUESTION TO CONVEY ADDITIONAL FUNDING WILL BE NEEDED TO MAINTAIN CURRENT ROAD CONDITIONS OR IMPROVE THEM AND POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR ROADS; INCLUDE AT LEAST 1 COMMUNITY MEETING AS PART OF**



**THE ENGAGEMENT PLAN TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO ASK QUESTIONS; AND, AUTHORIZE USE OF THE CITY COUNCIL DISCRETIONARY FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,500 FOR RELATED ENGAGEMENT COSTS.** MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: ZHAO, WALIA, KUMAR, FITZSIMMONS, BERNALD. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

3.4. City Water Conservation Efforts

**Recommended Action:**

1. Receive report.
2. Approve locations for conversion of grass to native landscaping.

Mainini Cabute, Environmental Program Manager, presented the staff report.

John Cherbone, Public Works Director, was available for questions.

Mayor Zhao invited public comment on the item.

No one requested to speak.

WALIA/ZHAO MOVED TO **ACCEPT THE REPORT AND TO APPROVE CONVERSION OF GRASS TO NATIVE LANDSCAPING AT CONGRESS SPRINGS PARK, FOOTHILL PARK, EL QUITO PARK, KEVIN MORAN PARK, AND WARNER HUTTON HOUSE.** MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: ZHAO, WALIA, KUMAR, FITZSIMMONS, BERNALD. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

3.5. City Infrastructure Projects - Update

**Recommended Action:**

Receive report.

John Cherbone, Public Works Director, and Macedonio Nunez, Senior Civil Engineer, presented the staff report.

Mayor Zhao invited public comment on the item.

No one requested to speak.

3.6. Annual Code Update for 2021

**Recommended Action:**

Review the proposed cleanup amendments to the City Code and direct staff to prepare an ordinance implementing the amendments for consideration by the City Council.

Richard Taylor, City Attorney, presented the staff report.

Mayor Zhao invited public comment on the item.

No one requested to speak.

WALIA/FITZSIMMONS MOVED TO **DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING THE PROPOSED ANNUAL CODE UPDATES FOR 2021 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CODE REGARDING MEETING MINUTES.** MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: ZHAO, WALIA, KUMAR, FITZSIMMONS, BERNALD. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

3.7. Resolution Amending the City's Records Retention Schedule

**Recommended Action:**

Adopt the resolution amending the City's Records Retention Schedule.

Debbie Bretschneider, City Clerk, presented the staff report.

Mayor Zhao invited public comment on the item.

No one requested to speak.

**RESOLUTION 21-064**

KUMAR/WALIA MOVED TO **ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY'S RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE.** MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: ZHAO, WALIA, KUMAR, FITZSIMMONS, BERNALD. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

**COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS**

Mayor Yan Zhao

No report

Vice Mayor Tina Walia

*Saratoga Area Senior Coordinating Council (SASCC)* – the Board held a special meeting for the Fiscal Year 21-22 budget.

Council Member Rishi Kumar

No report

Council Member Kookie Fitzsimmons

No report

Council Member Mary-Lynne Bernald

*Hakone Foundation Board & Executive Committee* – the Executive Board is considering hiring a professional fundraiser.

*Santa Clara/Santa Cruz Airport/Community Roundtable* – Council Member Bernald reported that after waiting 5 1/2 years for a report by the FAA on the recommendations made during the 2016 Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals, the FAA presented two briefings on the Northern California Metoplex and on a half dozen flight procedures Tuesday, July 20th and Wednesday, July 21st. The FAA announced it was unable to meet the Nine Criteria outlined by the Select Committee for the BSUR/SERFR transition and would not be transitioning the flight path but did indicate that the FAA would continue to work with the SCSC and SFO Roundtables in discussing more flexible criteria to offer improvements to impacted communities. The public's

general reaction was one of anger, frustration, and disappointment. Our SCSC Roundtable will continue to work in concert with Congressional offices to make the FAA respond to the need to reduce the impact of aircraft noise, especially in this area.

### **CITY COUNCIL ITEMS**

Vice Mayor Walia, with support from Mayor Zhao, requested City Council discussion on requiring community partners that receive City support to share a financial overview during Joint Meetings with the City Council.

Vice Mayor Walia requested City Council discussion on developing a policy for Planning Commission study session notifications. There was no support.

### **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Council Member Kumar spoke about Senate Bill 9 and Senate Bill 10 and asked residents to send in protest emails to the State Assembly.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

James Lindsay thanked retiring City Clerk Debbie Bretschneider for her service to the City of Saratoga.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

FITZSIMMONS/BERNALD MOVED TO **ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:13 P.M.**  
MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: ZHAO, WALIA, KUMAR,  
FITZSIMMONS, BERNALD. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Debbie Bretschneider, City Clerk  
City of Saratoga