



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL CITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

Teleconference via Zoom

City Council conducted this meeting in accordance with California Governor Newsom's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 and COVID-19 pandemic protocols.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Garbarino called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Govea Acosta called the roll. The meeting was streamed online, and broadcast live on Astound, Channel 26 and Comcast, Channel 27.

Participating Remotely: Councilmembers Matsumoto, Nagales, and Nicolas, Vice Mayor Addiego, and Mayor Garbarino.

AGENDA REVIEW

No changes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Futrell provided information on the upcoming General Plan Community Meetings.

Assistant to the City Manager Fernandez provided information on food distribution events by the YMCA and Second Harvest Food Bank. The Great Plates delivery program was extended to September and residents should contact staff member Kelli Jo Cullinan at (650) 829-3822 for more information.

Chief Planner Mehra provided an update on the Outdoor Dining Pilot Program. He indicated that two applications were approved and six pending review. Vice Mayor Addiego indicated the importance of moving the applications along rapidly. Councilmember Matsumoto requested that staff emphasize to participants the need to keep the areas clean and welcoming.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation recognizing August as National Water Quality Month (*Mayor Richard Garbarino*)

Mayor Garbarino read into the record a proclamation recognizing August as National Water Quality Month. Superintendent Schumacker accepted the proclamation and thanked Council for the recognition.

2. Report regarding the progress of the Community Civic Campus Design Development.
(Jacob Gilchrist, Director of Capital Projects and SmithGroup, Project Master Architect)

Director of Capital Projects Gilchrist provided background information on the Community Civic Campus and provided design updates. He stated that since mid-March, the Community Civic Campus project team lead by Kitchell CEM and SmithGroup Architects had responded exceptionally due to the COVID-19 pandemic and disruption to the regular interaction on a very involved, collaborative project. The current project schedule had the contract package advertised to bidders in early September 2020. Bids were to be received and reviewed in late October 2020. The City anticipates bringing the winning bid to Council for award in November 2020 and for the groundbreaking to occur in December 2020. With construction expected to take 27 months, the facility is slated for a Spring 2023 opening.

Finance Director Salisbury provided background information on the total project budget and options for funding the Library/Parks and Recreation (LPR) Project. The current construction cost estimate for the LPR Project was \$129.5 million, which was a \$9.5 million increase from the previously reported \$120 million cost estimate. The \$129.5 million project cost does not take into account the additional cost that may arise as a result of the current pandemic. Option #1 contemplates funding the LPR Project with a mix of various funding sources that have been previously identified, with \$83.3 million of the \$129.5 million project (approximately 64% of the Project) being funded with tax-exempt bonds. Option #2 contemplates a similar mix of funding sources except that an additional \$20 million would be borrowed via tax-exempt bonds to fund the LPR Project.

Director of Capital Projects Gilchrist introduced Kenneth Litwin, Architect with SmithGroup whom provided information on the overall main campus and interior of the building. Erin Trompeter with SmithGroup provided an overview of the playground designs and survey results.

Councilmember Nagales expressed his concerns with using reserve funds given the current pandemic and inquired whether there was a third option of using \$10 million in infrastructure reserves. Finance Director Salisbury indicated there were other options and provided further clarification on the two proposed options. Councilmember Nagales reiterated his concerns with the City's ability to repay all of its debt. Finance Director Salisbury provided an overview of the estimated projected revenues and indicated that the City was in a strong financial position. Councilmember Nagales requested clarification on the playground funding and supports adding the funding for the playground now.

Councilmember Nicolas inquired whether the City could borrow \$128 million given the current economic situation. Finance Director Salisbury indicated that staff stress tested the projected revenues and the City had a high borrowing capacity due to its AAA rating. Councilmember Nicolas agreed with Councilmember Nagales on funding the playground.

Vice Mayor Addiego provided information on a news briefing regarding estimated recovery of the travel industry and suggested reserving the \$20 million in infrastructure funds. He expressed some concerns with internal features of the building and requested staff follow-up.

Councilmember Nicolas agreed with Vice Mayor Addiego on reserving the \$20 million in infrastructure funds and confirmed the project was a LEED-equivalent project.

Councilmember Matsumoto requested that staff explore a green power purchase agreement in order to have carbon neutral power. Director of Capital Projects Gilchrist indicated he would provide a Thursday memo to Council with additional information on that option.

Mayor Garbarino thanked Councilmember Matsumoto for the suggestion and agreed with her comments. He thanked staff for the presentation and was in support of funding the playground.

REMOTE PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. Remote Public Comments Received

Members of the public wishing to participate were encouraged to submit public comments in writing in advance of the meeting to all-cc@ssf.net by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

The Council received the following remote public comments. The comments were distributed to the Council, uploaded to the website for public viewing, and are part of the record. The Mayor may choose to limit the total amount of time for public comments as allowed by the Brown Act.

- Lisa Niehuser

Mayor Garbarino requested input from the Council regarding the current procedures for addressing public comments.

Vice Mayor Addiego provided clarification to the community about public comments and would like time set aside to hear comments because it appeared to the community that Council was not listening. He provided clarification that he was missing the public comments related to agenda items.

Councilmember Matsumoto provided background information on various meetings with hot issues and read a section of the Council handbook. She would like to see the Council manage the agenda better for future meetings in order to get City business done in a timely matter. She indicated that Council may want to allow public comments at the end of the meeting or have a specific time for public comments.

Councilmember Nagales provided background information on other meetings and would like to allow public comments to be heard. He suggested looking at the School District and other cities to see how they handle public comments.

Councilmember Nicolas provided clarification that the Council was not suppressing the First Amendment rights of the people and indicated it was a delicate balance. She understands that people needed to be accommodated and heard.

Mayor Garbarino suggested starting the meeting at 6 p.m. and allowing for one hour of public comments and deferred to the City Attorney. He suggested having the City Manager poll Council and work with the City Clerk.

City Attorney Woodruff indicated that the Brown Act allows limiting the total amount of time allocated for public comments and provided clarification on the Mayor's inquiry to Council on this topic.

City Clerk Govea Acosta provided clarification on the current procedures for public comments received for City Council meetings.

COUNCIL COMMENTS/REQUESTS

Vice Mayor Addiego congratulated Councilmember Nagales for embarking as the District 2 representative and thanked Councilmember Matsumoto for making a difficult career decision.

Councilmember Nicolas expressed her support for National Water Quality month and encouraged the community to adopt a storm drain to protect the environment. She thanked Frank McAuley and the Sister Cities Association for hosting two bell-ringing ceremonies on the steps of City Hall to commemorate the lives lost in Japan. Councilmember Nicolas stated that the Mayor's Commission on Social and Racial Equity kick-off meeting was held on Saturday and encouraged the community to participate. They will continue to meet on Wednesday's and the upcoming meeting will focus on health and social services.

Councilmember Nagales thanked Councilmember Nicolas for chairing the Mayor's Commission and all the participants. He shared information regarding the County's Residential Eviction moratorium that is set to expire at the end of August 2020. City Manager will send a Thursday memo with an update of the City's current programs.

Mayor Garbarino requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of Dan Ochoa and Sandra Coruccini. He acknowledged receipt of a request for a resolution that addresses systemic racism and reaffirmed the Council's support.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The City Clerk duly read the Consent Calendar, after which Council voted and engaged in discussion of specific item as follows: none.

4. Motion to approve the Minutes for the meetings of June 24, 2020 and July 8, 2020.
5. Report regarding Resolution No. 100-2020 approving and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement between the City of South San Francisco and the California Water Service for new water services to the Police Operations & 911 Dispatch Center. (*Jacob Gilchrist, Director of Capital Projects*)

Motion— Vice Mayor Addiego/Second—Councilmember Nagales: to approve Consent Calendar items 4 and 5, by roll call vote: AYES: Councilmembers Matsumoto, and Nagales, Vice Mayor Addiego and Mayor Garbarino; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: Councilmember Nicolas.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

6. Report regarding a motion to accept the construction improvements of the Phase I Antoinette Lane Rule 20A Underground Utility District Project (Project No. st1702) as complete in accordance with plans and specifications (Total Construction Cost \$2,173,734). *(Matthew Ruble, Principal Engineer, and Peter Vorametsanti, Swinerton Management & Consulting)*

Principal Engineer Ruble provided background information on the Phase I Antoinette Lane Rule 20A Underground Utility District Project and provided the total cost of the project.

Councilmember Matsumoto requested staff reach out to local businesses in San Mateo County during these times of crisis and suggested reaching out to Samtrans for guidance.

Vice Mayor Addiego complimented staff on the first phase and inquired when the Mission Road project would begin. Principal Engineer Ruble indicated the project was currently in process.

Motion— Councilmember Nicolas/Second—Councilmember Nagales: to approve a motion to accept the construction improvements of the Phase I Antoinette Lane Rule 20A Underground Utility District Project (Project No. st1702) as complete in accordance with plans and specifications by roll call vote: AYES: Councilmembers Matsumoto, Nagales and Nicolas, Vice Mayor Addiego and Mayor Garbarino; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None.

7. Report regarding Resolution No. 101-2020 awarding a construction contract to Redwood Painting Co. Inc. of Pittsburg, California for the Water Quality Control Plant and Pump Station Coating and Corrosion Protection Project, Phase One (Project No. ss1307 & ss1901) in an amount not to exceed \$691,195.79, authorizing a total construction budget of \$829,435.00, and authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements on behalf of the City. *(Brian Schumacker, Plant Superintendent, and Peter Vorametsanti, Engineering Division Consultant)*

Plant Superintendent Schumacker introduced the item and provided background information on the project. He provided a summary of the bids received and recommended awarding the construction contract to Redwood Painting Co. Inc. of Pittsburg, California.

Councilmember Nicolas inquired about the changes to the scope of work and explanation on how a lower bid was obtained. Plant Superintendent Schumacker provided clarification on the changes and cost savings. Councilmember Nicolas requested further clarification regarding the scope throughout the different phases. Plant Superintendent Schumacker provided clarification of the scope for the various phases of the project.

Motion – Vice Mayor Addiego/Second – Councilmember Nicolas: To approve Resolution No. 101-2020, by roll call vote: AYES: Councilmembers Matsumoto, Nagales and Nicolas, Vice Mayor Addiego and Mayor Garbarino; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None.

8. Report regarding Resolution No. 102-2020 approving an Outside Sewer Service Agreement with the owner of 413 Alida Way (APN 013-141-020), and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement for recordation. *(Jason Hallare, Senior Civil Engineer)*

Senior Civil Engineer Hallare presented the item and provided background information on Outside Sewer Service Agreements. He provided project information for 413 Alida Way and requested Council approve an Outside Sewer Service Agreement with the owners for an increased flow into the City's sewer system.

Councilmember Matsumoto inquired whether the City would be setting precedent by approving this agreement. Senior Civil Engineer indicated that the owners had an existing sewer line and the City would not be setting precedent.

Vice Mayor Addiego requested clarification on the one-time fee. Senior Civil Engineer Hallare indicated that the fee was previously called a connection fee.

Motion – Vice Mayor Addiego/Second – Councilmember Nagales: To approve Resolution No. 102-2020, by roll call vote: AYES: Councilmembers Matsumoto, Nagales and Nicolas, Vice Mayor Addiego and Mayor Garbarino; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL – COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. City Council to designate a voting delegate and alternate for the League of California Cities Annual Conference and Expo on October 7-9, 2020 (*Richard Garbarino, Mayor*)

Mayor Garbarino indicated that he was the primary voting and Councilmember Nagales was the alternate.

Motion – Councilmember Nagales/Second – Councilmember Nicolas: To approve by roll call vote: AYES: Councilmembers Matsumoto, Nagales and Nicolas, Vice Mayor Addiego and Mayor Garbarino; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None.

Entered into Closed Session: 9:32 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

10. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)
Agency designated representatives: Mike Futrell, City Manager and Leah Lockhart, Human Resources Director
Employee Organization: Executive Management

Resumed from Closed Session: 10:29 p.m.

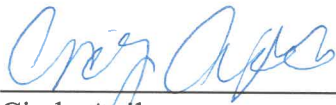
Report out of Closed Session by Mayor Garbarino: The City Council gave direction to negotiators.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business Mayor Garbarino adjourned the meeting in memory of Dan Ochoa and Sandra Coruccini at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved by:



Cindy Avila
Assistant City Clerk

Richard Garbarino
Mayor

Approved by the City Council: ____ / ____ / ____