

CITY OF SUNNYVALE
City Council Special Meeting - Study Session Summary
January 9, 2012 – 5 P.M.

The City Council met in special meeting - study session at City Hall in the West Conference Room, Sunnyvale, California on January 9, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. with Mayor Hamilton presiding.

City Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Melinda Hamilton
Vice Mayor Jim Griffith
Councilmember Otto Lee
Councilmember Chris Moylan
Councilmember Anthony (Tony) Spitaleri
Councilmember David Whittum

City Councilmembers Absent:

None

Council-Elect Present:

Council-Elect Tara Martin-Milius
Council-Elect Jim Davis

City Staff Present:

City Manager Gary Luebbers
Assistant City Manager Robert Walker
City Attorney David Kahn
City Clerk Kathleen Franco Simmons

Call to Order:

5:00 p.m.

Study Session Summary:

Council and Council-Elect met regarding an advice letter of the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) with regard to the process for selection of mayor and possible modifications to Council Policy 7.3.10, Mayor and Vice-Mayor Selection.

Public comment:

Randy Albin, resident, spoke regarding the need for improvements at the Sunnyvale Library.

Glenn Hendricks, speaking as a resident, recommended the Council acknowledge the FPPC issue, but proceed with selection of the mayor as has been done in the past, and then initiate a process to revise the policy in the future.

Harriet Rowe spoke in support of the recommendation of the city attorney and stated that the citizens will understand.

Council Discussion:

Discussion was held regarding an advice letter of the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) with regard to the process for selection of mayor and possible modifications to Council Policy 7.3.10, Mayor and Vice-Mayor Selection.

MOTION: Councilmember Spitaleri moved and Councilmember Moylan seconded the motion to direct the City Attorney to pursue with the League of California Cities the petition challenging the validity of the FPPC ruling disqualifying government salary.

VOTE: 6 – 0

By consensus, Council recommended a policy change that at the time of nominations, the nominee should declare whether they will sign a statement of waiver of salary should they be elected Mayor.

Adjournment:

6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Franco Simmons
City Clerk