



## Sunnyvale State of Emergency Continues

**T**HE SUNNYVALE City Council adopted a resolution at its meeting of March 17 declaring the existence of a local state of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the state of emergency, the City has activated its Emergency Operations Center to ensure that critical services are maintained, including public safety, water, sewer and garbage. The resolution also allows the City to focus communications with residents and businesses related to the pandemic, and to seek federal reimbursement for costs incurred by the City in providing emergency services.

Sunnyvale City Councilmember Russ Melton implored all Sunnyvale residents to comply with shelter in place directives issued by the Santa Clara County Health Department. “This state of emergency is the real deal and each Sunnyvale resident has to do their part to ‘flatten the curve’ and make sure we all safely get through the COVID-19 pandemic. Please shelter in place, go out only for essential activities

and when you go out observe mandatory social distancing requirements. And please wash, wash, wash your hands!”

Continued Melton: “While our residents our doing their part, the City of Sunnyvale is doing our part as well. The primary focus is to ensure that a very short list of critical services continue to be provided without interruption. At the top of this list is the Department of Public Safety, police, fire and EMT, and I want to thank all of our personnel in DPS during this challenging time. Other critical services we are focused on maintaining without interruption are our water utility, our sewer utility, and our garbage collection franchise. Sunnyvale staff in these departments are all doing a great job, along with the folks at our garbage collection pro-

vider, Specialty Solid Waste & Recycling.”

To keep up to date on City services during the evolving state of emergency bookmark and visit the City’s COVID-19 webpage frequently: [sunnyvale.ca.gov/news/topics/coronavirus.htm](https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/news/topics/coronavirus.htm)

The resolution adopted by Council on March 17 is valid for 30 days. At its meeting of April 7, Council will decide whether

to extend the emergency proclamation for another 60 days.

### Learn more about these and other important topics at Sunnyvale’s COVID-19 webpage:

- An eviction moratorium declared by City Council for residential tenants unable to pay rent due to the COVID-19 emergency
- Extra garbage collection allotted to residences during the COVID-19 emergency
- Help if you are able: How to make contributions or donations
- Get help if you need: Where to go for help with food, rent, shelter or other needs
- A list of great Sunnyvale businesses that remain open and are providing essential services

# City Announces Public Works Study Issues Moving Forward, Deferred

**O**N THURSDAY APRIL 2, Sunnyvale City Manager Kent Steffens announced which Study Issues in the City’s Public Works department were moving forward and which had been deferred to the next annual cycle. A Study Issue is a proposal for a new City policy or project.

According to the City, the two Study Issues in the Public Works department ranked highest by City Council, a proposal to study improved pedestrian and bicycle access at the Sunnyvale CalTrain station, and a proposal to study building a cricket stadium at Baylands Park, were moving forward for funding consideration at the Council budget workshop on May 21. According to City staff, the cost to study improvements at the CalTrain station are \$350 thousand and the cost to study the feasibility of a cricket stadium are \$200 thousand.

The City simultaneously announced that five lower-ranked Study Issues

had been deferred to the 2021 process due to a limitation of staff resources. Included in the list of deferred items was a proposal to study safety improvements at the intersection of El Camino Real and Poplar Avenue, and a proposal to evaluate the feasibility of off-leash hours for dogs at select Sunnyvale parks.

Sunnyvale City Councilmember Russ Melton commented, “I’m delighted the City is able to move forward with the proposal from Mayor Klein and myself for a cricket stadium at Baylands Park. That was my number one project in DPW. Unfortunately, my number two and three projects, for safety at El Camino and Poplar, and for off-leash dog hours, didn’t make the cut. That’s the harsh reality, that we don’t have the resources to take on all projects and have to make the tough prioritizations. I hope to see these two projects get across the finish line during next year’s Study Issue process.

 2020 Study Issues Workshop - Preliminary Study Issue Ranking Results Sheet by Department

**Public Works**



Rank	Rank Avg	Number	Name	Hendricks	Melton	Smith	Klein	Larsson	Fong	Goldman
1	2.57	DPW 20-02	Improve Bicycle and Pedestrian Access at Sunnyvale Caltrain Station	2	4	2	2	1	1	6
2	2.71	DPW 20-15	Cricket Stadium at Baylands Park	6	1	5	1	2	2	2
3	4.00	DPW 20-12	Roadway Safety at El Camino Real and Poplar Ave	4	2	4	6	4	7	1
4	4.29	DPW 20-11*	Evaluate Feasibility of Dog Off-leash Hours in Select Sunnyvale Parks	1	3	6	3	6	4	7
5	4.29	DPW 20-03*	Waste Reduction Initiative in Sunnyvale Parks	3	5	3	4	5	6	4
6	4.71	DPW 20-13	Lighting of Current and Future City Owned Dog Parks	5	7	7	5	3	3	3
7	5.43	DPW 19-11	Exterior Lighting Dark Sky Ordinance and Standards	7	6	1	7	7	5	5

# Sunnyvale Urges Residents to Keep Disinfecting Wipes and Grease Out of Sewer Lines

**T**HE CITY OF SUNNYVALE reminded residents and businesses to not flush disinfecting wipes down the toilet and to not put fats, oils and grease (“FOG”) down the drain as these items can cause blockages to the municipal sewer system.

Said Sunnyvale Councilmember Russ Melton, “With the COVID-19 shelter in place, there are two things Sunnyvale families are doing a lot more of. One is daily disinfecting of frequently used surfaces with Clorox or other brand disinfecting wipes, and the other is cooking in the kitchen. But we all have to make sure we dispose of disinfecting wipes and FOG properly to not

clog the sewer lines that we all depend on during these challenging times.”

The City reminded residents to dispose of used disinfecting wipes (even so-called “flushable” wipes) in the trash and to not flush them down the toilet. As for fats, oils and grease, the City asked residents to do one of two things instead of pouring FOG down the drain. First, residents can pour cooled FOG into a ziplock bag and then put the bag into their FoodCycle receptacle. Alternatively, residents can collect their FOG in a glass jar or other receptacle and then dispose of it in their regular trash.

## Sunnyvale Council Authorizes Flying of POW-MIA Flag

**A**T ITS MEETING OF MARCH 17, the Sunnyvale Council unanimously passed a resolution directing City Staff to fly the POW-MIA flag six times per year at City Hall. The flag will be flown on Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day and Veterans Day. The first of the six days the flag will fly at City Hall is May 16, 2020.

In 2019, the City Council authorized the flying of the gay pride flag at City Hall during LGBT Pride Month, annually in June.



## Sunnyvale Holds First All-Electronic Council Meeting

**N**CESSITATED BY social distancing requirements mandated during the COVID-19 emergency, the Sunnyvale City Council held its first ever all-electronic council meeting March 31 with each of the seven Councilmembers participating via teleconference from separate locations, along with select city Staff. Teleconference Council meetings are expected for the foreseeable future, including meetings of April 7, 14 and 28.

Sunnyvale residents wishing to make public comment on any Council agenda item should email their comments to [city-clerk@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:city-clerk@sunnyvale.ca.gov). The City Clerk will then read the comment into the record at the Council meeting.



**March 31, 2020 City Council meeting teleconference platform.** Photo courtesy Russ Melton



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## B I O G R A P H Y

### GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES

- Sunnyvale City Councilmember, 2017-Present
- Sunnyvale Vice Mayor, 2019
- Sunnyvale Planning Commissioner, 2012-2017; Commission Chair, 2014-2016

### EDUCATION

- Masters of Business Administration (MBA), Santa Clara University
- Bachelor of Science (BS), Business Administration, California Polytechnic State University - San Luis Obispo

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Executive Vice President / Chief Operations Officer, National 1st Credit Union, 2009-2011
- Senior Finance Manager, National Semiconductor Corporation, 1995-2009
- Honorably Discharged from United States Navy

### PERSONAL

- Sunnyvale resident since 2000
- Native Bay Area resident
- Married; two children in Sunnyvale public schools

# Sunnyvale Contact Information

Non-Emergency  
Police & Fire ..... 408-730-7100

Abandoned Cars ..... 408-730-7706

Graffiti/  
Shopping Carts ..... 408-730-7680

Job Center (NOVA) .... 408-730-7232

Sewer/  
Water/Utilities ..... 408-730-7400

Street Lights/  
Sidewalks..... 408-730-7415

Street Trees/Parks .... 408-730-7506

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**[sunnyvale.dynamics365portals.us](http://sunnyvale.dynamics365portals.us)**

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