



**APPROVED MINUTES  
CUPERTINO CITY COUNCIL  
Tuesday, November 29, 2022**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

At 5:30 p.m., Mayor Paul called the Special City Council Meeting to order in the Cupertino Community Hall Council Chamber, 10350 Torre Avenue.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Darcy Paul, Vice Mayor Liang Chao, and Councilmembers Kitty Moore, Hung Wei, and Jon Robert Willey

In open session before Council convened in closed session, the Mayor called for any members of the public who were present to provide comment regarding any item on the agenda. No members of the public requested to speak. Mayor Paul then closed the session.

**CLOSED SESSION**

1. Subject: Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9: Nadav Samet v. Cupertino Union School District et al., Santa Clara County Superior Court Case No. 22CV403285

Council conducted the Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9: Nadav Samet v. Cupertino Union School District et al., Santa Clara County Superior Court Case No. 22CV403285

No reportable action was taken.

**OPEN SESSION**

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Darcy Paul, Vice Mayor Liang Chao, and Councilmembers Kitty Moore, Hung Wei, and Jon Robert Willey

**REPORT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Paul conducted the report regarding closed session.

Council recessed from 6:00 p.m. to 6:05 p.m.

**COMMISSION INTERVIEWS**

2. Subject: Economic Development Committee interviews

Recommended Action: Conduct interviews and make appointments for seven vacancies on the Economic Development Committee:

- a. One Sustainability Commissioner;
- b. One Technology, Information, and Communications Commissioner;
- c. One Hospitality/Tourism Sector Representative;
- d. One Education Sector Representative;
- e. One Retail/Small Business Representative;
- f. One Commercial Real Estate Representative;
- g. One Technology Sector Business Representative; and
- h. Make appointments for any alternates.

Written communications for this item included an updated Attachment A - Interview Schedule and applicant handouts.

Mayor Paul opened the public comment period and, seeing no one, closed the public comment period.

Councilmembers asked questions and made comments.

Paul moved and Moore seconded to appoint Vignesh Swaminathan of the Sustainability Commission to a one-year term ending January 2024; and Mukesh Garg of the Technology, Information, and Communications Commission to a one-year term ending January 2024; and to direct the respective Commissions to designate an appointee within the Commission as Alternate. The motion carried unanimously.

Council took straw polls for their top-ranking candidates in the following Sectors:

Hospitality/Tourism

Willey: Bill Wu as Primary

Moore: Susan Chen as Primary, Bill Wu as Alternate

Wei: did not support either applicant

Chao: Bill Wu as Primary

Paul: did not comment

Education

Willey: Andy Huang, Maria Tzanakova

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Moore: Andy Huang, Aegean Lee  
Wei: Andy Huang, Maria Tzanakova  
Chao: Andy Huang, Aegean Lee  
Paul: Aegean Lee or Maria Tzanakova, Andy Huang as Alternate

Retail/Small Business

Willey: Brion Lau (first), Linda Wells and Helen Yang (second)  
Moore: Helen Yang, Linda Wells,, Brion Lao, Vinu Krishnamurthy  
Wei: Helen Yang, Vinu Krishnamurthy, Brion Lau  
Chao: Brion Lau, Linda Wells, Vinu Krishnamurthy  
Paul: Brion Lau, Linda Wells, Vinu Krishnamurthy, Helen Yang

Commercial Real Estate

Willey: Santosh Rao, Vinu Krishnamurthy  
Moore: Susan Chen, Santosh Rao  
Wei: Sean Panchal, Susan Chen  
Chao: Santosh Rao, Vinu Krishnamurthy, Susan Chen  
Paul: Santosh Rao and Sean Panchal, Susan Chen

Technology

Willey: Santosh Rao, Priya Shastri, and Andy Huang  
Moore: Santosh Rao and Andy Huang  
Wei: Andy Huang  
Chao: Santosh Rao and Andy Huang  
Paul: Santosh Rao, Kevin Wang, Andy Huang as Alternate

Moore moved and Willey seconded to appoint Susan Chen as the Hospitality/Tourism Sector Representative and Bill Wu as Alternate. Wei made a friendly amendment to make the Economic Development Committee member appointments but pending confirmation by the new Councilmembers. (Moore declined Wei's friendly amendment and it was not considered). The motion carried with Wei abstaining.

Chao moved and Willey seconded to appoint Aegean Lee as the Education Sector Representative and Maria Tzankova as Alternate. The motion carried with Wei abstaining.

Willey moved and Chao seconded to appoint Santosh Rao as the Commercial Real Estate Sector Representative. The motion carried with Wei abstaining.

Willey moved and Chao seconded to appoint Andy Huang as the Technology Sector Representative and Kevin Wang as Alternate. The motion carried with Wei abstaining.

Willey moved and Moore seconded to appoint Sean Panchal as Alternate for the Commercial Real Estate Sector Representative. The motion carried with Wei abstaining.

Chao moved to appoint Brion Lau as the Retail/Small Business Sector Representative and Linda Wells as Alternate. (There was no second and the motion was not considered). Willey moved and Moore seconded to appoint Brion Lau as the Retail/Small Business Sector Representative and Helen Yang as Alternate 1 and Linda Wells as Alternate 2. The motion carried with Wei abstaining.

Paul moved and Moore seconded to appoint all five terms for two years ending January 2025, with an advisory to appoint the Council Committee Assignments for one year. The motion carried with Wei abstaining.

Motions Summary:

Council conducted interviews and made the following appointments for seven vacancies on the Economic Development Committee:

- a. Appointed Sustainability Commissioner Vignesh Swaminathan to a one-year term ending January 2024;
- b. Appointed Technology, Information, and Communications Commissioner Mukesh Garg to a one-year term ending January 2024;
- c. Appointed Susan Chen as Hospitality/Tourism Sector Representative to a two-year term ending January 2025; and appointed Zhibiao (Bill) Wu as Alternate;
- d. Appointed Aegean Lee as Education Sector Representative to a two-year term ending January 2025; and appointed Maria Tzankova as Alternate;
- e. Appointed Brion Lau as Retail/Small Business Representative to a two-year term ending January 2025; and appointed Helen Yang as 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate and Linda Wells as 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate;
- f. Appointed Santosh Rao as Commercial Real Estate Representative to a two-year term ending January 2025; and appointed Shyam (Sean) Panchal as Alternate;
- g. Appointed Andy Huang as Technology Sector Business Representative to a two-year term ending January 2025; and appointed Kevin Wang as Alternate; and
- h. Council also directed the Sustainability and Technology, Information, and Communications Commissions to designate an Alternate appointee within the respective Commissions; and made an advisory to appoint the Council Committee Assignment terms for one year.

## ADJOURNMENT

At 12:19 a.m. on Wednesday, November 30, 2022, Mayor Paul adjourned the Special City Council Meeting.



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Kirsten Squarcia, City Clerk