

**MINUTES  
FREMONT CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 8, 2022  
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM  
7:00 P.M.**

**1. PRELIMINARY**

- A. Call to Order:** Mayor Mei called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
- B. Flag Salute:** Vice Mayor Salwan led the salute to the flag.
- C. Roll Call:** Present: Mayor Mei, Vice Mayor Salwan, Councilmembers: Keng, Jones, Kassan, Shao, and Cox
- D. Announcements by Mayor/City Manager/City Attorney**

Mayor Mei announced the Boards and Commissions vacancies.

City Manager Shackelford shared information regarding items of community interest.

City Attorney Alvarado reported that the Council conducted a conference with labor negotiators pursuant to Government Code for the labor organizations listed on the agenda. The Council took no reportable action.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- \* **A. Waive Reading of Ordinances:** The City Attorney read the titles of ordinances to be considered.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Salwan, seconded by Councilmember Jones, the City Council waived further readings of proposed ordinances.

Ayes: Mayor Mei, Vice Mayor Salwan, Councilmembers: Keng, Jones, Kassan, Shao, and Cox  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

- \* **B. Mayor Mei opened consideration of Approval of Minutes**

This item was removed from the Consent Calendar by Councilmember Cox. Councilmember Cox requested a correction be made to the March 1, 2022 minutes.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Salwan, seconded by Councilmember Jones, the City Council approved minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2022 (revised), the Special and

Regular Meetings of February 15, 2022, and the Regular Meeting of March 1, 2022 (corrected).

Ayes: Mayor Mei, Vice Mayor Salwan, Councilmembers: Keng, Jones, Kassan, Shao, and Cox  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

\* **C. Mayor Mei opened consideration to Consider Making Findings to Allow the City Council and the Legislative Bodies of the City of Fremont to Continue Holding Meetings via Videoconference pursuant to AB 361**

On a motion by Vice Mayor Salwan, seconded by Councilmember Jones, the City Council made the following findings in order to continue holding videoconference meetings for the City Council and the City’s legislative bodies:

1. The City Council has reconsidered the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency;
2. The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; and
3. Staff is directed to schedule reconsideration of these findings at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on April 5, 2022.

Ayes: Mayor Mei, Vice Mayor Salwan, Councilmembers: Keng, Jones, Kassan, Shao, and Cox  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**3. CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

**A. Resolution: Honoring Fremont Fire Rehabilitation Unit Volunteer Coordinator Susan Rath for Twenty Years of Service**

**4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Oral and Written Communications**

The following persons shared a variety of concerns: John Hinds, Marie Hughes, Gopalakrishnan Padma, Lisa Danz, Todd P. Langton (Agape Silicon Valley), Meena, and Andreas Kadavaich.

**5. SCHEDULED ITEMS – None.**

**6. REPORT FROM CITY ATTORNEY – None.**

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**\* A. Mayor Mei opened consideration to Update on the Status of the FY 2021/22 General Fund Operating Budget and Preliminary Three-Year Forecast; Approve Budget Adjustments (Fiscal Year 2021/22 Mid-Year Budget Report)**

Finance Director Dave Persselin gave a presentation and responded to questions from Councilmembers. Mayor Mei opened the public comment period. Marie Hughes commented on the presentation. There being no additional speakers, Mayor Mei closed the public comment period. Councilmembers provided comments.

On a motion by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Vice Mayor Salwan, the City Council approved the following:

1. Increased the General Fund revenue estimate for sales tax by \$21.8 million.
2. Approved the transfer of \$21.8 million to the Capital Improvements Fund (Fund 501).

Ayes: Mayor Mei, Vice Mayor Salwan, Councilmembers: Keng, Jones, Kassan, Shao, and Cox

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Council Referrals – None.**

**B. Oral Reports on Meetings**

Councilmembers reported on their various meetings.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Mayor Mei adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Susan Gauthier, City Clerk

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