



**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING  
REMOTE PARTICIPATION  
Monday, July 20, 2020, 6:00 p.m.**

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The Special City Council Work Session meeting was called to order by Mayor Halliday at 6:00 p.m. The special meeting was conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with State of California Executive Order No 29-20 dated March 17, 2020, and the Alameda County Health Officer Order No. 20-10 dated April 29, 2020 regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

**CALL TO ORDER Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Halliday

**ROLL CALL**

Present: COUNCIL MEMBERS Lamnin, Márquez, Salinas, Wahab  
MAYOR Halliday

Absent: COUNCIL MEMBERS Mendall, Zermeño

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Blossom Christian, Hayward resident, reported issues in her neighborhood related to speeding and illegal fireworks and expressed interest for starting a neighborhood watch. Mayor Halliday asked staff to follow up with Ms. Christian.

**WORK SESSION**

1. Huntwood Avenue Traffic Calming Improvement: Provide an Overview and Approach to Roadway Reallocation for a Safe and Complete Street **WS 20-033**

Staff report submitted by Director of Public Works Ameri, dated July 20, 2020, was filed.

Public Works Director Ameri announced the work session and introduced Senior Transportation Engineer Solla who provided a synopsis of the staff report.

There being no public members, Mayor Halliday opened and closed the public hearing at 6:22 p.m. Mayor Halliday reopened the public hearing at 6:33 p.m., as a public member could not connect earlier. Public speaker participated by calling the City Clerk's office at (510) 583-4400.

Ms. Susie Hufstader, Bike East Bay representative, expressed support for staff's report, recommended the development of a policy that would set thresholds for projects requiring Council approval and low-level projects requiring community outreach and staff implementation, and suggested such policy be approved along with the final Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

Mayor Halliday closed the public hearing at 6:37 p.m.

Discussion ensued among City Council members and City staff regarding: extensive community outreach/input and further opportunity to provide community input by emailing [huntwoodfeedback@hayward-ca.gov](mailto:huntwoodfeedback@hayward-ca.gov); traffic calming measures and delineation to serve as separators; communications with the city of Union City regarding the proposal; impact of the implementation of a road diet on trucks and impact to Ruus Road.

The City Council was in general support of the proposed Huntwood Traffic Calming measures in order to bring average vehicle speeds closer to the posted speed limit; appreciated the community outreach and the partnership with South Hayward Neighborhood Collaborative (SHNC) and Bike East Bay; favored the proposal could be implemented in conjunction with the FY20 Pavement Improvement project; and supported the crafting of standard policies to enable implementation of similar projects as recommended by Ms. Hufstader.

Council Member Salinas suggested community outreach information include social media graphics of the conceptual plan which could be disseminated by Hayward Promise Neighborhood and add a button on the mailer to remind residents to complete the 2020 Census.

Council Member Lamnin disclosed that she is a member of the SHNC and had attended the SHNC meeting about the proposal. While she favored the concept of traffic calming measures, she remained concerned about traffic volume given Huntwood Avenue is a thoroughfare.

Council Member Wahab suggested staff incorporate more sitting areas in pedestrian walkways primarily for the elderly and less able individuals

Mayor Halliday noted she would like the proposed concept duplicated in other parts of the City that need traffic calming measures.

2. Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (JPA) - South Bay Connect Project: Provide an Overview on the Capitol Corridor JPA - South Bay Connect Project **WS 20-034**

Staff report submitted by Director of Public Works Ameri, dated July 20, 2020, was filed.

Transportation Manager Kelly announced the work session and introduced Mr. Ben Tripousis, Senior Project Manager and Associate Vice President with HNTB Corporation, who provided a synopsis of the South Bay Connect project, its scope, status, and anticipated schedule.

Mayor Halliday opened the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

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Mr. Jian Ghang objected to the South Bay Connect (SBC) project because it was unnecessary given folks were working from home, the cost was not efficient and railroad tracks run along family neighborhoods which would affect their lifestyle.

Mr. Jeff Liu noted the project needs to be reconsidered because ridership is low because of COVID-19; asked for information to include pros and cons of the SBC project; and requested the project be postponed.

Mayor Halliday closed the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

Mayor Halliday spoke about her involvement in discussions regarding the relocation of the Hayward Station and the detrimental environmental effects that could result from the South Bay Connect (SBC) project, noted the project would eliminate stations in Alameda County which are priority development areas, noted it made sense to have the freight train line stay at the coastal route, and noted that given the pandemic, the funding for the project and ridership goals might need to be reevaluated.

Mayor Halliday reopened public comments at 7:24 p.m.

Ms. Lily Zhang, Fremont resident, spoke in opposition to the South Bay Connect project due to environmental concerns and lifestyle and traffic impact to residents.

Mayor Halliday closed public comments at 7:27 p.m.

Discussion ensued among City Council members and Mr. Ben Tripousis regarding: the South Bay Connect (SBC) project; the funding awarded to Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (CCJPA) to advance the SBC project and additional state, local and regional grants; the environmental phase of the SPC project to address challenges, impacts and benefits of the proposed project for all stakeholders and how the CCJPA can address them; importance to evaluate train schedule and interconnectivity with BART; support for an infrastructural change that is transformational; and existing demand for ridership and travel time and fare cost.

Members of the City Council expressed significant concerns about the SBC project and the negative impact to the community from an environmental and lifestyle perspective and further impact to the Hayward shoreline; there was consensus that there needs to be equity when soliciting community feedback to ensure there are no disproportionate impacts to communities of concern; and there were reservations about the potential loss of existing Capitol Corridor service at the Hayward Station in Hayward.

Mayor Halliday noted that she has been in discussions with San Leandro and Union City mayors and may consider sending a letter to the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority and ask that issues raised be addressed in the environmental review of the SBC project.

In response to Mr. Tripousis offer if there were segments of the community that the City would like the CCJPA to reach out to, City Council members noted residents of the Cannery Area, Sierra Club and Friends of San Lorenzo Creek.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Halliday adjourned the special meeting at 7:58 p.m.

**APPROVED**

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Barbara Halliday  
Mayor, City of Hayward

**ATTEST:**

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Miriam Lens  
City Clerk, City of Hayward