

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. TITLE

This initiative measure shall be known and cited as the “Public Lands for Public Use Act.”

SECTION 2. REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE VOTE

Proponents request that the ordinance be submitted immediately to a vote of the people at a special election.

SECTION 3. SUNNYVALE MUNICIPAL CODE §§ 2.07.030, 2.07.040. AMENDED.

The Municipal Code of the City of Sunnyvale §§ 2.07.030 and 2.07.040 are hereby amended to read as follows:

2.07.030. Awarding authority for purchases, sales or leases of real property.

- (a) The city council shall be the awarding authority for all purchases, sales or leases of real property for the city where the purchase or sales price or total lease cost exceeds seventy-five thousand dollars.
- (b) The city manager shall be the awarding authority for all purchases, sales or leases of real property for the city where the purchase or sales price or total lease cost is seventy-five thousand dollars or less, or where the lease results in revenue to the city and is for a period less than or equal to fifty-five years.
- (c) Notwithstanding the foregoing in subsections (a) and (b), any land, that on the effective date of this subsection (c) or at any later time is owned, leased, or used by the city as a public park or a community service amenity, as defined in subsection (d), land otherwise transferred to the city to be used as a public park or a community service amenity, or the rights to use such land may not be the subject of a sale, lease, lease extension, lease renewal, land swap, or transfer unless the issue of the sale, lease, lease extension, lease renewal, land swap, or transfer is submitted to the qualified voters of the city at an election and is approved by a majority of the votes received at the election.
- (d) For purposes of subsection (c), the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below.
 - (1) “Community service amenity” means libraries, swimming pools, community centers, performing arts venues, gardens, golf courses, zoos, city hall, city administration buildings, and other similar facilities and the land on which the facilities stand, whose primary

purpose is to provide the public a place of city government administration, recreation, education, exercise, or enjoyment.

- (2) “Public park” means land set apart for the recreation of the public, to promote its health and enjoyment, to maintain open space in the city and also includes city-owned public land which may be shared by agreement with adjacent public schools to augment the public school’s outdoors recreation area.

2.07.040. Long-term lease of city property.

- (a) The city council may enter into a lease of city property that is not a public park or a community service amenity, as defined in Section 2.07.030, subsection (d), for a term in excess of fifty-five years pursuant to the procedures set forth in this section. This section is enacted pursuant to California Government Code Section 37380 for the purpose of establishing alternate procedures thereto and exempting the city from the provisions of subsections (b)(2), (b)(3) and (b)(4) thereof. Except with respect to leases in excess of fifty-five years, the provisions of this section shall not be deemed in any way to restrict the city’s authority to enter into other forms of leases so long as the underlying land is not a public park or a community service amenity, as defined in Section 2.07.030, subsection (d).
- (b) A lease in excess of fifty-five years of property owned, held or controlled by the city that is not a public park or a community service amenity, as defined in Section 2.07.030, subsection (d), may be authorized by the city council in accordance with the following procedures:
 - (1) Any lease entered into pursuant to this section shall be authorized by resolution of the city council.
 - (2) Prior to adopting a resolution authorizing a lease, the city council shall hold a public hearing. Notice of the time and place of the hearing shall be published once not less than fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the public hearing, in the official newspaper of the city.
 - (3) The city shall not be required to engage in a competitive bid process for the award of such lease; provided, that at the time of adopting the resolution authorizing the lease the city council makes a determination that entering the lease without engaging in a competitive bid process is in the best interests of the city and its residents.
 - (4) Any such lease shall be subject to periodic review by the city and shall take into consideration the then market conditions. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 37380(b)(1), the city council hereby establishes that the lease provisions which will

periodically be reviewed, at a minimum, shall be those provisions specifying the rent to be paid pursuant to the lease, and such other provisions as may be indicated by the city council at the time of authorizing the lease. The periodic reviews shall occur in accordance with a schedule to be contained in the lease. The periodic review may be in the form of either an express review of the terms by the city council or its designee, or in the form of a procedure contained in the lease for automatic adjustments of the terms in response to market conditions. It is the intent of this provision that inclusion of inflationary adjustments, cost of living adjustments, reappraisals or other similar forms of automatic adjustments shall satisfy the requirements of California Government Code Section 37380(b)(1), without the necessity of a discretionary review by a city officer. (Ord. 2628-99 § 2).

- (c) A lease in excess of fifty-five years of property that as of the effective date of this subsection (c) or at any later date is owned, held or controlled by the city and is a public park or a community service amenity, as defined in Section 2.07.030, subsection (d), must first be submitted to the qualified voters of the City of Sunnyvale at an election and approved by a majority of the votes received at the election pursuant to Section 2.07.030, subsection (c). Any such lease that is so approved may be authorized by the city council in accordance with the procedures set forth in subsection (b).

SECTION 4. PRIORITY.

Once this measure becomes effective, its provisions shall prevail over and supersede all provisions of the municipal code, ordinances, resolutions, and administrative policies of the City of Sunnyvale which conflict with any provisions of this measure.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.

In the event a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction determines that any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this initiative measure is invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalid or unenforceable section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase shall be severed from the remainder of this measure, and the remaining portions of this measure shall remain in full force and effect without the invalid or unenforceable section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase.