



Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

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Tuesday, July 21, 2026

6:00 PM

**Council Chambers, Online and Via
Phone**

Study Session

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1. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Dontae Payne, Mayor Pro Tem YẾN Huỳnh, Councilmember Dani Madrone, Councilmember Robert Vanderpool, Councilmember Clark Gilman, Councilmember Kelly Green and Councilmember Paul Berendt

2. BUSINESS ITEMS

2.A [26-0556](#) Sidewalk Repair Policy Discussion

Principal Planner Michelle Swanson presented a proposed long-term sidewalk repair policy that would prioritize City repairs near common pedestrian destinations, require owners of large parcels to repair adjacent sidewalks, and explore a “fix upon sale” requirement. She reviewed recent sidewalk condition data, community feedback, and input from advisory committees.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions and expressed general support for the shared responsibility model and requested additional information on grant programs, grinding crews, and neighborhood outreach.

The study session was completed.

2.B [26-0566](#) City Council Appointed Advisory Bodies Recommendations Discussion

Assistant City Manager Stacey Ray presented recommendations forwarded by the Community Livability and Public Safety Committee (CLPS) for discussion following an evaluation of City Council-appointed advisory bodies.

The recommendations focused on expanding community engagement tools, restructuring select advisory bodies, and improving recruitment, on boarding, and work planning processes. Potential restructuring would include the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Design Review Board, Social Justice & Equity Commission, and Parks and

Recreation Advisory Committee.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions and agreed that further refinement is needed by CLPS before returning to the City Council for formal decisions.

The study session was completed.

2.C [26-0555](#) Reimagining Public Safety Progress Report Implementation Update

Community Engagement Program Specialist Margo Morales provided an update on implementation of the Reimagining Public Safety recommendations accepted by City Council in December 2022. She highlighted progress to date and sought City Council input on priorities for future action and on processes for prioritizing, tracking, and regularly reporting on shared goals and strategies.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

The study session was completed.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.