

Civic Center Strategic Planning Session – Sep. 2, 2014

During a strategic planning session on September 2, 2014, the City Council discussed the serious need to either renovate or replace the facilities and gave direction for City staff to develop a community engagement plan. They felt that the Sunnyvale Civic Center needs to reflect the community's vision, effectively serve the public and represent a positive image of the City. We now have a tremendous opportunity to envision a campus that not only markedly improves the way we deliver services to our customers but also becomes a source of pride as a community asset and gathering place.

The City currently provides an array of services from six different buildings at the Civic Center. The main City Hall building was built first in 1958 and other buildings were added as Sunnyvale grew and the Civic Center required more space. Planning to modernize the facilities will include reevaluating space needs, taking into consideration opportunities to better co-locate services and share space such as community meeting rooms, conference rooms, service counters and restrooms.

Throughout the years, the City has applied various short-term solutions to meet its space needs, such as adding a modular building and purchasing an adjacent office complex. However, the City has not made major investments in its facilities at the Civic Center for many years out of concern that various buildings might be replaced when an overall plan for the Civic Center was developed. The Civic Center Modernization Project was created to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the entire campus and plan for its facility needs to effectively serve the community well into the future.