



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Study Session Minutes

2025 San Jose Wildfire Planning and Preparedness

Heard immediately following the regular City Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

1:30 PM

LOCATION:
Council Chambers- 200 E. Santa Clara Street

MATT MAHAN, MAYOR
ROSEMARY KAMEI, DISTRICT 1
PAMELA CAMPOS, DISTRICT 2
CARL SALAS, DISTRICT 3
DAVID COHEN, DISTRICT 4
PETER ORTIZ, DISTRICT 5
MICHAEL MULCAHY, DISTRICT 6
BIEN DOAN, DISTRICT 7
DOMINGO CANDELAS, DISTRICT 8
PAM FOLEY, VICE MAYOR, DISTRICT 9
GEORGE CASEY, DISTRICT 10

- **Call to Order and Roll Call**

4:11 p.m. – Study Session.

Present: Casey, Salas, Candelas, Doan, Mulcahy, Ortiz,
Cohen, Campos, Kamei, Foley, Mahan.

Absent: None.

City Council Study Session

Purpose: The goal of the Study Session is to provide information on City efforts already undertaken to minimize the threat of wildfire and opportunities to improve community resiliency in wildland-urban interface areas, including the Almaden Valley and Eastern foothill areas.

Outcome: The City Council will be informed of the Administration’s multi-agency coordination model and risk reduction priorities related to wildfires.

Robert Sapien Jr., Fire Chief, Fire Department; James Dobson, Deputy Fire Chief/ Fire Marshal, Bureau of Fire Prevention; Anthony Ibarra, Fire Captain/Wildland Officer, Bureau of Field Operations; Lee Wilcox, Assistant City Manager; Rachel Roberts, Deputy Director, Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement; Seth Schalet, Chief Executive Office of the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council; Doctor Craig Clements, Professor of Meteorology, San Jose State University; Marcus Hernandez, Director, Wildfire Interdisciplinary Research Center, CalFire Unit; and Brian Glass, Deputy Fire Chief, Santa Clara County Fire Department offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment

None provided.

Adjournment

The Council of the City of San José adjourned by Mayor Matt Mahan at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared, and Respectfully Submitted by,



Vanessa Velez, Deputy City Clerk,
City of San José

Approved at Council on:

of Actions: 0

Attest By:



Toni Taber, MMC,
City Clerk, City of San José