

**MINUTES OF THE  
JOINT MEETING OF THE RULES AND OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE AND  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024**

The Committee meeting was held in a hybrid format, both in person in the Council Chambers and remote locations. The meeting convened at 2:01 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers - Jimenez, Foley, Cohen, Davis, Kamei.

Absent: Councilmembers - All present.

**Staff:** Assistant City Manager, Lee Wilcox; Assistant City Attorney, Kevin Fisher; Assistant City Clerk, Joy Rodriguez; City Manager's Office, Rachelle Blattman; and Deputy City Clerk, Daniel Aguilar.

**A. City Council (City Clerk)**

**1. Review Final Agenda**

Review January 23, 2024 Final Agenda

- a. Add New Items to Final Agenda
- b. Assign "Time Certain" to Agenda Items (if needed)
- c. Review of Notice of Waiver Requirements for Agenda Items or Documents (if needed)

Public Comment: Paul Soto provided public testimony regarding the item.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, and carried unanimously, the January 23, 2024 Final Agenda was approved, including the add sheet. (5-0-0)

**2. Review Draft Agenda**

Review January 30, 2024 Draft Agenda

- a. Add New Items to Draft Agenda
- b. Assign "Time Certain" to Agenda Items (if needed)
- c. Review of Notice of Waiver Requirements for Agenda Items or Documents (if needed)

Public Comments: Paul Soto provided public testimony regarding the item.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Pam Foley, seconded by Vice Mayor Rosemary Kamei, and carried unanimously, the January 30, 2024 Draft Agenda was approved. (5-0-0)

## **B. Consent Calendar**

Public Comment: Paul Soto provided public testimony regarding the item.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Pam Foley, seconded by Vice Mayor Rosemary Kamei, and carried unanimously, the Consent Calendar was approved as a whole. The below actions were taken as indicated. (5-0-0)

### **1. The Public Record for January 4 - January 11, 2024.**

Receive and file the Public Record for November 30 – December 14, 2023.

Action: The public record for January 4 - January 11, 2024 was received and filed.

### **2. Release Date for Study Session. (City Manager)**

Recommend release of date held for Study Session on Thursday, January 25, 2024.

Action: The release of date held for Study Session on Thursday, January 25, 2024 was approved.

### **3. Arts, Destination Marketing, and Destination Events Funding Study Session. (Economic Development and Cultural Affairs)**

Set a City Council Study Session entitled Arts, Destination Marketing, and Destination Events Funding for Tuesday, February 6, 2024 immediately following the regular City Council Meeting in the City Council Chambers and approve the Study Session agenda:

Action: The Arts, Destination Marketing, and Destination Events Funding Study Session for February 6, 2024, was approved.

### **4. Monthly Report of Activities for December 2023. (City Auditor)**

Approve the Auditor's Office Monthly Report of Activities for the month of December 2023.

Action: The Auditor's Office Monthly Report of Activities for December 2023 was approved.

### **5. Approval of Community Leaders Networking Breakfast Sponsored by Council District 9 as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event. (Foley)**

1. Approve the Community Leaders Networking Breakfast scheduled on February 8, 2024 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.
2. Approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses or community groups to support the event.
3. Place the item on the January 30, 2024 Council Agenda for action.

Action: The Community Leaders Networking Breakfast sponsored by Council District 9 was approved for placement on the January 30, 2024 City Council Agenda.

**4. Approval of Black History Month 2024 Flag Raising Ceremony Sponsored by Council District 1 as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event. (Kamei)**

1. Approve the Black History Month 2024 Flag Raising Ceremony scheduled on February 2, 2024 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.
2. Approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses or community groups to support the event.
3. Place the item on the January 30, 2024 Council Agenda for action.

Action: The Black History Month 2024 Flag Raising Ceremony sponsored by Council District 1 was approved for placement on the January 30, 2024 City Council Agenda.

**5. Retroactive Approval of a Gift Drive for Residents of Emergency Interim Housing at Evans Lane Sponsored by Council District 6 as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event. (Davis)**

1. Retroactively approve the Gift Drive for Residents of Emergency Interim Housing at Evans Lane scheduled on December 1 - December 13, 2023 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.
2. Approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses or community groups to support the event.
3. Place the item on the January 23, 2024 Council Agenda for action.

Action: The Gift Drive for Residents of Emergency Interim Housing at Evans Lane Sponsored by Council District 6 was approved for placement on the January 23, 2024 City Council Agenda.

**C. Rules Committee Reviews, Recommendations and Approvals**

**1. Measure H Status Update. (Torres)**

Direct the City Manager to provide a status update on Measure H at the next regularly scheduled Public Safety, Finance, and Strategic Support Committee meeting.

Councilmember Omar Torres presented the memorandum and responded to questions.

Public Comment: Eddie Truong and Paul Soto provided public testimony regarding the item.

Chair David Cohen suggested that this item be referred to the PSFSS Committee, pending a discussion during a Closed Session (*date not specified on the record*).

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, seconded by Councilmember Pam Foley, and carried unanimously, the Measure H Status Update was approved to be provided at the Public Safety, Finance, and Strategic Support Committee (PSFSS) Committee meeting pending a discussion of the item during an unspecified City Council Closed Session. (5-0-0)

## 2. Digital Billboard Status Update. (Torres)

Direct the City Manager to provide a status update on digital billboards at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Community and Economic Development (CED) Committee.

Councilmember Omar Torres presented the memorandum and responded to questions.

Public Comment: Eddie Truong and Paul Soto provided public testimony regarding the item.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember Dev Davis, and carried unanimously, the Digital Billboard Status Update was approved, subject to the item being placed on the CED Committee agenda in February, 2024. (5-0-0)

## D. Open Forum

1. Maricela Amezceca (*assisted by Spanish Interpreter*) addressed concerns about a recent robbery at her workplace and requested proper training and security.
2. Paul Soto spoke to lack of action in San José regarding crime and legal matters, and also expressed his concerns about the censorship of speech.
3. Guillermina Blancas (*assisted by Spanish Interpreter*) discussed unsafe hot working conditions, the rights of service workers, and expressed she wanted to file a complaint about these conditions.

## E. Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned by Chair David Cohen at 2:39 pm.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared, and Respectfully Submitted by,



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Daniel Aguilar,  
Deputy City Clerk, City of San José

# of actions: 5

Approved at Council on:

Attest By:

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Toni J. Taber, CMC  
City Clerk, City of San José