

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

**SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026**

The Committee meeting was held in the Council Chambers and convened at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers - Cohen, Kamei, Foley, Doan, Candelas.

Absent: Councilmembers - None.

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

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

**1. Review June 16, 2026 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: None provided.

Action: Upon motion by Vice Mayor Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember Rosemary Kamei, and carried unanimously, the Committee approved the final agenda for the City Council meeting on June 16, 2026. (5-0-0)

**2. Review June 23, 2026 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 Comment: None provided.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Bien Doan, seconded by Councilmember Domingo Candelas, and carried unanimously, the Committee approved the draft agenda for the City Council meeting on June 23, 2026. (5-0-0)

## **B. Consent Calendar**

Public Comment: Jordan Moldow offered public comment.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Bien Doan, seconded by Councilmember Rosemary Kamei, and carried unanimously, the Consent Calendar was approved *as a whole*, with the following actions taken as indicated. (5-0-0)

### **1. Community and Economic Development Committee Work Plan. (Mayor and Foley)**

- (a) Approve the Community and Economic Development Committee Work Plan for the period of August through December 2026 and set its meeting schedule on August 24, October 26, and December 14 at 1:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.
- (b) Accept the draft Community and Economic Development Committee Work Plan for the period of January through June 2027.

Action: The Community and Economic Development Committee Work Plan for the period of August through December 2026 was approved; and the draft Community and Economic Development Committee Work Plan for the period of January through June 2027 was accepted. (5-0-0)

### **2. Neighborhood Services and Education Committee Work Plan. (Mayor and Ortiz)**

- (a) Approve the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee Work Plan for the period of August through December 2026 and set its meeting schedule on August 13, October 8, and December 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.
- (b) Accept the draft Neighborhood Services and Education Committee Work Plan for the period of January through June 2027.

Action: The Neighborhood Services and Education Committee Work Plan for the period of August through December 2026 was approved; and the draft Neighborhood Services and Education Committee Work Plan for the period of January through June 2027 was accepted. (5-0-0)

### **3. Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee Work Plan. (Mayor and Doan)**

- (a) Approve the Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee Work Plan for the period of August through December 2026 and set its meeting schedule on August 20 and October 15 at 1:30 p.m. and December 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the City Council Chambers.
- (b) Accept the draft Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee Work Plan for the period of January through June 2027.

Action: The Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee Work Plan for the period of August through December 2026 was approved; and the draft Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee Work Plan for the period of January through June 2027 was accepted. (5-0-0)

#### **4. Transportation and Environment Committee Work Plan. (Mayor and Cohen)**

- (a) Approve the Transportation and Environment Committee Work Plan for the period of August through December 2026 and set its meeting schedule on August 10, October 5, and December 7 at 1:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.
- (b) Accept the draft Transportation and Environment Committee Work Plan for the period of January through June 2027.

Action: The Transportation and Environment Committee Work Plan for the period of August through December 2026 was approved; and the draft Transportation and Environment Committee Work Plan for the period of January through June 2027 was accepted. (5-0-0)

#### **5. Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027 City Council Study Session/Special Meeting Schedule. (City Manager)**

Approve the Study Session/Special Meeting Schedule for the period of August 2026 - April 2027.

Action: The Study Session/Special Meeting Schedule for the period of August 2026 - April 2027 was approved (5-0-0)

#### **6. Approval of "Free Use" of the Janet Gray Hayes Rotunda on August 26, 2026 for the Pride Week Luncheon 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. Adopt a resolution authorizing "Free Use" of the Janet Gray Hayes Rotunda for the private, invitation-only Pride Week Luncheon held at City Hall Rotunda on August 26, 2026.
2. Approve the Pride Week Luncheon scheduled on August 26, 2026 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.
3. Approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses or community groups to support the event.
4. Place the item on the June 23, 2026 City Council Agenda for action.

Action: "Free Use" of the Janet Gray Hayes Rotunda on August 26, 2026 for the Pride Week Luncheon sponsored by Council District 9, was approved for placement on the June 23, 2026 City Council agenda for action. (5-0-0)

#### **7. Request to Travel. (Mayor)**

1. Authorize travel, accept travel payments to the City of San José, and designate Mayor's Office staff, Keith Hertzberg, as the City representative to attend the Harvard Young American Leaders Program.
2. Place the item on the June 16, 2026 City Council Agenda for action.

Action: The request to travel for Keith Hertzberg as the City representative to attend the Harvard Young American Leaders Program, was approved for placement on the June 16, 2026 City Council agenda for action. (5-0-0)

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

### **1. Data Center Uniform Standards. (Mayor, Candelas, Cohen, and Ortiz)**

Direct the City Manager to:

1. Establish a set of uniform standards and best practices for data center projects in the City of San José. These standards should build upon existing local and state environmental regulations and help mitigate potential impacts related to:
  - a. Energy consumption and energy sourcing;
  - b. Water usage, including strategies to reduce reliance on potable water through recycled water infrastructure, closed-loop systems, or other efficient technologies;
  - c. Air quality, backup power generators;
  - d. Other environmental factors, including greenhouse gas emissions, noise, and water quality protections; and
  - e. The standards should also outline a clear and consistent process for community notification and engagement for new data center projects, building upon existing City outreach policies and processes (City Council Policy 6-30).
2. Support statewide legislation like Senate Bill 887 that supports local jurisdictions in creating cleaner infrastructure for data center development, including but not limited to recycled water/purple pipe infrastructure, cleaner energy, transmission infrastructure, with the goals of lowering environmental impacts, protecting ratepayers, and expanding access to economic opportunities.  
[Referred from 5/27/26 - Item C.2 (ROGC 26-232)]

Public Comment: Dash Leeds, Marcos Espinoza, and Jordan Moldow offered public comment.

Lee Wilcox, Assistant City Manager, City Manager's Office, announced that the item received a green lit Workload Analysis from staff.

Manuel Pineda, Deputy City Manager, City Manager's Office, responded to questions from the Committee.

Action: Upon motion by Vice Mayor Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember Domingo Candelas, and carried unanimously, staff will develop and present standards and best practices for data center projects to the City Council by December 2026. (5-0-0)

### **2. Oppose Position on Ballot Measure Limiting Ability of Voters to Raise Revenues for Local Government Services. (Campos, Cohen, Kamei, and Tordillos)**

Declare San José to have an Oppose position on Limits Ability of Voters to Raise Revenues for Local Government Services. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

Public Comment: Jordan Moldow offered public comment.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Rosemary Kamei, seconded by Councilmember Bien Doan, and carried unanimously, the oppose position on ballot measure limiting ability of voters to raise revenues for local government services was approved for placement on the June 16, 2026 City Council agenda for action. (5-0-0)

## **D. Open Forum**

1. Ellina requested that the City Council schedule a public study session on the cumulative public health impacts of planned data centers, citing concerns about air quality, water, noise, heat, and the concentration of natural gas backup generators.

## **E. Adjournment**

Chair David Cohen adjourned the Committee meeting at 2:26 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared, and Respectfully Submitted by,

***DRAFT***

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Daniel Aguilar  
Deputy City Clerk, City of San José

Approved at Council on:

Number of actions: 5

Attest by:

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