

City Council Meeting Amended Agenda

Tuesday, January 14, 2025 1:30 PM Council Chambers

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

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• Call to Order and Roll Call

9:30 a.m.- Closed Session, Call to Order in Council ChambersOpen Session, Labor Negotiations Update (See Item 3.2)Adjourn to Closed Session in Council Chambers Conference Room, W133See Separate Agenda

25-007 Closed Session Agenda

1:30 p.m.- Regular Session, Council Chambers, City Hall

6:00 p.m.- Evening Session, Council Chambers, City Hall – Cancelled *The previously scheduled Evening Session has been cancelled.

• Pledge of Allegiance

• Invocation (District 1)

Rinban Gerald Sakamoto, the San José Buddhist Church Betsuin

• Orders of the Day

To be heard after Ceremonial Items

Items recommended to be added, dropped, or deferred are usually approved under Orders of the Day unless the Council directs otherwise.

• Adjournment Recognition

This meeting is adjourned in memory of Gloria Louise Munoz Rodriguez, who passed away on August 13, 2024. Gloria was a devoted single mother to three boys, overcoming significant challenges such as financial struggles. Her home was always warm and welcoming, often supporting her children's friends as if they were her own. Gloria exemplified the resilience of Chicana single mothers in East San José, striving to provide the best for their children. She remained committed to her community, playing an active role in clothing and toy drives throughout San José. Her legacy of selflessness, love, and community commitment will be deeply missed but forever remembered.

Closed Session Report

To be heard after Ceremonial Items

<u>1. CEREMONIAL ITEMS</u>

1.1 Oaths of Office for newly elected Councilmembers. (City Clerk)

1.2 Presentation of a proclamation declaring January 2025 as National Human Trafficking Awareness month to educate the public about how to identify and prevent this crime. (Doan)

1.3 Presentation of a commendation recognizing the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the California Native Plant Society for their unwavering support in maintaining the native plant gardens in San José. (Candelas)

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

Notice to the public: There will be no separate discussion of Consent Calendar items as they are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be adopted by one motion. If a member of the City Council requests discussion on a particular item, that item may be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

2.1 Approval of City Council Minutes.

25-031 Approval of City Council Minutes.

<u>Recommendation</u>: (a) Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2023.

- (b) Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2023.
 - (c) Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of August 29, 2023.
 - (d) Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2023.
 - (e) Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2023.
 - (f) Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2023.
 - (g) Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2023.
 - (h) Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2023.
 - (i) Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2023.
 - (j) Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2023.
- (k) Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2024.
- (l) Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2024.
- (m) City Council Study Session Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2023.
- (n) City Council Study Session Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2023.
- (o) City Council Study Session Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2023.
- (p) City Council Study Session Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2023.
- CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-009, Staff Reports, Assessments, Annual Reports, and Informational Memos that involve no approvals of any City action.

2.2 Final Adoption of Ordinances.

25-019 Final Adoption of Ordinances.

Recommendation: (a) Ordinance No. 31151 - An Ordinance of the City of San José Amending Sections 6.90.320 and 6.90.330 of Chapter 6.90 of Title 6 of the San José Municipal Code and Repealing Section 10.32.020 of Chapter 10.32 of Title 10 of the San José Municipal Code. [Passed for Publication on 12/3/2024 - Item 2.7 (24-2271)] (b) Ordinance No. 31166 - An Ordinance of the City of San José Rezoning 181 Properties from the R-M Multiple Residence Zoning District to the UR Urban Residential Zoning District, 73 Properties from the R-2 Two-Family Residence Zoning District to the UR Urban Residential Zoning District, 30 Properties from the R-1-8 Single-Family Residence Zoning District to the PQP Public/Quasi-Public Zoning District, Four Properties from the CO Commercial Office Zoning District to the CP Commercial Pedestrian Zoning District, Two Properties from the R-M Multiple-Residence Zoning District to the PQP Public/Quasi-Public Zoning District, One Property from the A Agricultural Zoning District to the PQP Public/Quasi-Public Zoning District, One Property from the R-1-1 Single-Family Residence Zoning District to the POP Public/Quasi-Public Zoning District, One Property from the R-1-5 Single-Family Residence Zoning District to the UR Urban Residential Zoning District, One Property from the R-1-8 Single-Family Residence Zoning District to the UR Urban Residential Zoning District, One Property from the IP Industrial Park Zoning District to the HI Heavy Industrial Zoning District, One Property from the HI Heavy Industrial Zoning District to the LI Light Industrial Zoning District, and One Property from the CO Commercial Office Zoning District to the R-1-8 Single-Family Residence Zoning District, All Located on those Certain Real Properties Situated within the City of San José. [Passed for Publication on 12/17/2024 - Item 10.1(a) (24-2350)]

(c) Ordinance No. 31167 - An Ordinance of the City of San José
Rezoning Certain Real Property of Approximately 3.5 Gross Acres
Situated on the Southerly Side of Fox Lane between Oakland Road and
Ridder Park Drive (1330-1362 Ridder Park Drive) (APN 237-03-059)
from the IP Industrial Park Zoning District to the CIC Combined
Industrial/Commercial Zoning District.

[Passed for Publication on 12/17/2024 - Item 10.1(b) (24-2351)]

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(d) Ordinance No. 31168 - An Ordinance of the City of San José Amending Title 20 of the San José Municipal Code (Zoning Ordinance) (A) to Add Part 5 to Chapter 20.65 Entitled "Overlay Districts" Including the Establishment of the "Neighborhood Business District Overlay," (B) the Zoning District Map to Add the Neighborhood Business District Overlay Zoning District to 213 Parcels to Allow Residential Uses in the North 13th Street and Japantown (Taylor Street Only) Business Districts; (C) Chapter 20.40 'Commercial Zoning Districts and Public/Quasi-Public Zoning District' to Allow Residential Uses, as Described in Table 20-90 of Section 20.40.100 of Chapter 20.40, 'Commercial Zoning Districts and Public/Quasi-Public Zoning District Use Regulations', with Specific Development Standards, as Described in Table 20-100 of Section 20.40.200 of Chapter 20.40, 'Commercial Zoning Districts Development Standards', in the Willow Glen Neighborhood Business District; and (D) Chapter 20.55 'Urban Village and Mixed Use Zoning Districts' to Allow Residential Uses, as Described in Table 20-138 of Section 20.55.203 of Chapter 20.55, 'Urban Village and Mixed Use Zoning District Use Regulations', with Specific Development Standards, as Described in Table 20-136 of Section 20.55.100 of Chapter 20.55, 'Urban Village and Mixed Use Zoning Districts Development Standards' and Table 20-137 of Section 20.55.104 of Chapter 20.55, 'Mixed Use Neighborhood Development Standards' in the North 13th Street and Japantown (Taylor Street Only) Neighborhood Business Districts. [Passed for Publication on 12/17/2024 - Item 10.2 (24-2352)] (e) Ordinance No. 31169 - An Ordinance of the City of San José Amending Section 20.55.203 of Chapter 20.55 of Title 20, Amending Sections 20.195.010, 20.195.020, 20.195.070, 20.195.080, 20.195.090,

and 20.195.100 of Chapter 20.195 of Title 20, Adding a New Part 4 to Chapter 20.195 of Title 20, and Adding a New Section 20.200.1225 to Chapter 20.200 of Title 20 of the San José Municipal Code Related to Streamlined Infill Housing Development.

[Passed for Publication on 12/17/2024 - Item 10.3(b) (24-2353)]

2.3 Approval of Council Committee Minutes.

25-032 **Approval of Council Committee Minutes. <u>Recommendation</u>**: (a) Regular Joint Meeting for the Rules and Open Government Committee Minutes of January 3, 2024. (b) Regular Joint Meeting for the Rules and Open Government Committee Minutes of January 24, 2024. (c) Regular Joint Meeting for the Rules and Open Government Committee Minutes of January 31, 2024. (d) Regular Joint Meeting for the Rules and Open Government Committee Minutes of February 14, 2024. (e) Regular Joint Meeting for the Rules and Open Government Committee Minutes of September 18, 2024. (f) Regular Joint Meeting for the Rules and Open Government Committee Minutes of September 25, 2024. (g) Regular Joint Meeting for the Rules and Open Government Committee Minutes of November 6, 2024. (h) Regular Transportation and Environment Committee Minutes of February 5, 2024. (i) Regular Transportation and Environment Committee Minutes of March 4, 2024. (j) Special Transportation and Environment Committee Minutes of April 8, 2024. (k) Regular Neighborhood Services and Education Committee Minutes of February 8, 2024. (1) Regular Neighborhood Services and Education Committee Minutes of March 14, 2024. (m) Regular Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee Minutes of March 21, 2024. (n) Regular Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee Minutes of May 16, 2024. CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-009, Staff Reports, Assessments, Annual Reports, and Informational Memos that involve no approvals of any City action. 2.4 Mayor and Council Excused Absence Requests.

25-024 Mayor and Council Excused Absence Requests.

Recommendation: Request for an excused absence for Councilmember Doan from the regular meeting of City Council on December 17, 2024 due to the death of a close family member.

CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-010, City Organizational and Administrative Activities resulting in no changes to the physical environment. (Doan)

- 2.5 City Council Travel Reports.
- 2.6 Report from the Council Liaison to the Retirement Boards.

2.7 25-025 Boards and Commissions Appointments.

Recommendation: Approve the following Boards and Commissions appointments:

(a) Airport Commission:

(1) District 1 Seat: Appoint Manoj Kumar for a partial term ending June 30, 2025 and to a subsequent four year term from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2029.

(b) Arts Commission:

(1) District 1 Seat: Appoint Manjiri Yeravadekar for a term ending June 30, 2028.

(c) Downtown Parking Board:

(1) Downtown Business Association Representative Seat: Appoint Elizabeth Chien-Hale for a term ending June 30, 2027;

(2) At Large Representative Seat: Appoint J.D. Heindel for a term ending June 30, 2028; and

(3) Downtown Events Representative Seat: Appoint Robert Massey for a partial term ending June 30, 2025 and to a subsequent four year term from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2029.

(d) Historic Landmarks Commission:

(1) Citywide Seat: Appoint Himat Bainiwal for a partial term ending June 30, 2025 and to a subsequent four year term from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2029; and

(2) Citywide Seat: Appoint Steve Cohen for a partial term ending June 30, 2025 and to a subsequent four year term from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2029.

(e) Housing and Community Development Commission:

(1) District 4 Seat: Nuha Khan for a term ending June 30, 2027; and

(2) Citywide Seat/ARO Tenant: Ali Sapirman for a partial term ending June 30, 2025 and to a subsequent four year term from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2029.

(f) Library and Education Commission:

(1) District 5 Seat: Appoint Jose Abastida for a partial term ending June 30, 2025 and to a subsequent four year term from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2029; and

(2) Citywide Seat: Appoint Marvin Mccrary for a partial term ending June 30, 2025 and to a subsequent four year term from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2029.

(g) Measure T Community Oversight Committee:

(1) Finance/Accounting Seat: Appoint Jay Anand for a term beginning on the date of appointment; and

(2) Business Seat: Appoint Mansukh Singh for a term beginning on the date of appointment.

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		 (h) Parks and Recreation Commission: (1) District 1 Seat: Appoint Ashesh Singh for a partial term ending June 30, 2025 and to a subsequent four year term from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2029. CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-010, City Administrative Activities, resulting in no changes to the physical environment. (City Clerk)
2.8	25-008	Grant Agreement with a Supportive Parking for Recreational Vehicles
Reco	mmendation:	 Program Site Operator at 1300 Berryessa Road. (a) Adopt a resolution authorizing the Housing Director, or his designee, to negotiate and execute a grant agreement with WeHOPE in an amount not to exceed \$2,804,142 for the Supportive Parking for Recreational Vehicles Program site operator at 1300 Berryessa Road, retroactive from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. (b) Adopt the following Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Appropriation Ordinance amendments in the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Fund: (1) Decrease the Homelessness Prevention System appropriation to the Housing Department by \$2,804,412; and (2) Increase the Emergency Shelters appropriation to the Housing Department by \$2,804,142. CEQA: Addendum to the Incidental Safe Parking Use Municipal Code Amendments Negative Declaration (Resolution No. 78990) File No.
2.9	25-026	City Council Appointments of Committees, Boards, and Commissions.
<u>Reco</u>	<u>mmendation:</u>	 (a) Approve the Mayor's Appointments for each of the Council standing committees as described in Exhibit "A" of this Memorandum. (b) Except for appointments which the Mayor has sole authority to appoint pursuant to statute, organization by laws, or other governing documents, appoint Councilmembers to each of the Boards, Commissions or Committees and assignments as described in Exhibit"B" of the Mayor's Memorandum. CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-010, City Organizational and Administrative Activities resulting in no changes to the physical environment. (Mayor)

2.10	25-009	Actions Related to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
		Program Fiscal Year 2024 Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force
		Invited Award and Funding Sources Resolution and Appropriation
		Amendments.

Recommendation: (a) Adopt a resolution accepting the 2024 Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Invited Award in the amount of \$642,113; and authorize the City Manager or her designee to execute any grant agreements, amendments, and all related documents, including online certifications at time of award acceptance and reimbursement requests, without further City Council action.

(b) Adopt the following 2024-2025 Appropriation Ordinance and Funding Sources Resolution amendments in the General Fund:

(1) Increase the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Invited Award - Police 2023 City-Wide Expenses appropriation to the Police Department by \$642,113; and

(2) Increase the estimate for revenue from the Federal Government by \$642,113.

CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-004, Government Funding Mechanism or Fiscal Activity with no commitment to a specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. (Police/City Manager)

3. STRATEGIC SUPPORT

- **3.1** Report of the City Manager, Jennifer Maguire (Verbal Report)
- 3.2 Labor Negotiations Update.

Accept Labor Negotiations Update. TO BE HEARD AT 9:30 A.M.

3.325-015Access to and Use of Neighborhood Blight Programs by Traditionally
Marginalized Communities Audit Report.

<u>Recommendation</u>: As recommended by the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee on December 12, 2024, accept the report on an audit of access to neighborhood blight programs by traditionally marginalized communities.

> CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-009, Staff Reports, Assessments, Annual Reports, and Informational Memos that involve no approvals of any City action. (City Auditor)

> [Neighborhood Services and Education Committee referral 12/12/2024 - Item (d)5]

3.4 25-011 2025 Legislative Program and Legislative Priorities.

Recommendation: Adopt the 2025 Legislative Program and Legislative Priorities. CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-010, City Organizational and Administrative Activities resulting in no changes to the physical environment. (City Manager)

3.5 25-012 Fall Intergovernmental Relations Report.

Recommendation:(a) Accept the Fall Intergovernmental Relations Report.(b) Reaffirm all City positions summarized in the 2023-2024Intergovernmental Relations Priority Federal Legislation Log.(c) Reaffirm all City positions summarized in the 2023-2024Intergovernmental Relations Priority State Legislation Log.CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-010, City Organizational andAdministrative Activities resulting in no changes to the physicalenvironment. (City Manager)

4. PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

4.1 25-018 Options for Expanding Alternative Response and Co-Response Programs to 911 Calls for Service. - DEFERRED

Recommendation: As recommended by the Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee on October 17, 2024, accept the Options for Expanding Alternative Response and Co-Response Programs to 911 Calls for Service.

CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-008, General Procedure and Policy Making resulting in no changes to the physical environment. (City Manager/Police)

[Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee referral 10/17/2024 - Item (d)3]

DEFERRED TO 2/4/2025 PER ADMINISTRATION

5. TRANSPORTATION & AVIATION SERVICES

6. ENVIRONMENTAL & UTILITY SERVICES

7. NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

8. COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

9. REDEVELOPMENT – SUCCESSOR AGENCY

10. LAND USE

Notice to the public: There will be no separate discussion of Land Use Consent Calendar (Item 10.1) as they are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be adopted by one motion. If a member of the City Council requests discussion on a particular item, that item will be removed from the Land Use Consent Calendar (Item 10.1) and considered separately.

10.1 Land Use on Consent Calendar

No Land Use items on Consent Calendar.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

10 Land Use - Regular Agenda

• Open Forum

Members of the Public are invited to speak on any item that does not appear on today's Agenda and that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council. Members of the public may only speak at Open Forum once.

Adjournment

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ABOUT THE AGENDA

The City of San José is committed to open and honest government and strives to consistently meet the community's expectations by providing excellent service, in a positive and timely manner, and in the full view of the public.

Welcome to the San José City Council meeting!

This Agenda contains both a Consent Calendar section for routine business items that require Council approval, and general business items arranged to correspond with San José's City Service Areas (CSAs). City Service Areas represent the policy-making level for strategic planning, policy setting, and investment decisions in the critical functions the City provides to the community. They are:

- **Strategic Support** The internal functions that enable the CSAs to provide direct services to the community in an effective and efficient manner.
- **Public Safety** Commitment to excellence in public safety by investing in neighborhood partnerships as well as prevention, enforcement, and emergency preparedness services.
- **Transportation & Aviation Services** A safe and efficient transportation system that contributes to the livability and economic health of the City; and provide for the air transportation needs of the community and the region at levels that is acceptable to the community.
- Environmental and Utility Services Manage environmental services and utility systems to ensure a sustainable environment for the community.
- Neighborhood Services Serve, foster, and strengthen community by providing access to lifelong learning and opportunities to enjoy life.
- **Community & Economic Development** Manage the growth and change of the community in order to create and preserve healthy neighborhoods and ensure a diverse range of employment and housing opportunities.

The San José City Council meets every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. and Tuesday at 6 p.m. as needed, unless otherwise noted. The City Council, or less than a quorum, may adjourn any regular, special or adjourned meeting to a later date, time and place specified in the order of adjournment. If all members are absent, the City Clerk may declare the meeting adjourned to a stated date, time and place. If you have any questions, please direct them to the City Clerk's staff seated at the tables just below the dais. Thank you for taking the time to attend today's meeting. We look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

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CITY OF SAN JOSE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND COMMITTEE ROOMS

The Code of Conduct is intended to promote open meetings that welcome debate of public policy issues being discussed by the City Council, their Committees, and City Boards and Commissions in an atmosphere of fairness, courtesy, and respect for differing points of view.

- 1. Public Meeting Decorum:
 - (a) Persons in the audience will refrain from behavior which will disrupt the public meeting. This will include making loud noises, clapping, shouting, booing, hissing or engaging in any other activity in a manner that disturbs, disrupts or impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting.
 - (b) Persons in the audience will refrain from creating, provoking or participating in any type of disturbance involving unwelcome physical contact.
 - (c) Persons in the audience will refrain from using cellular phones and/or pagers while the meeting is in session.
 - (d) Appropriate attire, including shoes and shirts are required in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms at all times.
 - (e) Persons in the audience will not place their feet on the seats in front of them.
 - (f) No food, drink (other than bottled water with a cap), or chewing gum will be allowed in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, except as otherwise pre-approved by City staff.
 - (g) All persons entering the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, including their bags, purses, briefcases and similar belongings, may be subject to search for weapons and other dangerous materials.
- 2. Signs, Objects or Symbolic Material:
 - (a) Objects and symbolic materials, such as signs or banners, will be allowed in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, with the following restrictions: § No objects will be larger than 2 feet by 3 feet.

-No sticks, posts, poles or other such items will be attached to the signs or other symbolic materials.

-The items cannot create a building maintenance problem or a fire or safety hazard.

- (b) Persons with objects and symbolic materials such as signs must remain seated when displaying them and must not raise the items above shoulder level, obstruct the view or passage of other attendees, or otherwise disturb the business of the meeting.
- (c) Objects that are deemed a threat to persons at the meeting or the facility infrastructure are not allowed. City staff is authorized to remove items and/or individuals from the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms if a threat exists or is perceived to exist. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to: firearms (including replicas and antiques), toy guns, explosive material, and ammunition; knives and other edged weapons; illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia; laser pointers, scissors, razors, scalpels, box cutting knives, and other cutting tools; letter openers, corkscrews, can openers with points, knitting needles, and hooks; hairspray, pepper spray, and aerosol containers; tools; glass containers; and large backpacks and suitcases that contain items unrelated to the meeting.

- 3. Addressing the Council, Committee, Board or Commission:
 - (a) Persons wishing to speak on an agenda item or during open forum are requested to complete a speaker card and submit the card to the City Clerk or other administrative staff at the meeting.
 - (b) Meeting attendees are usually given two (2) minutes to speak on any discussion item and/or during open forum; the total amount of time allocated for public testimony for each public speaker or for an agenda item is in the discretion of the Chair of the meeting and may be limited when appropriate. (California Government Code Section 54954.3; Council Policy 0-37) Applicants and appellants in land use matters are usually given more time to speak. Speakers using a translator will be given twice the time allotted to ensure non-English speakers receive the same opportunity to directly address the Council, Committee, Board or Commission.
 - (c) Speakers should discuss only the agenda item when called to speak for that item, and only topics related to City business when called to speak during open forum on the agenda.
 - (d) Speakers' comments should be addressed to the full body. Requests to engage the Mayor, Council Members, Board Members, Commissioners or Staff in conversation will not be honored. Abusive language is inappropriate.
 - (e) Speakers will not bring to the podium any items other than a prepared written statement, writing materials, or objects that have been inspected by security staff.'
 - (f) If an individual wishes to submit written information, he or she may give it to the City Clerk or other administrative staff at the meeting.
 - (g) Speakers and any other members of the public will not approach the dais at any time without prior consent from the Chair of the meeting.

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct which will disturb, disrupt or impede the orderly conduct of the meeting may result in removal from the meeting and/or possible arrest.