

**MINUTES OF THE  
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA**

**MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024**

The Committee meeting was held in the Council Chambers and convened at 1:30 p.m.

**Present:** Councilmembers - Foley, Torres, Kamei, Ortiz, Batra.

**Absent:** Councilmembers - All present.

**Staff:** Office of the City Manager, Rosalynn Hughey; City Attorney Office, Johnny Phan; Mayor's Office, Michael Lomio; and City Clerk's Office, Yasmin Johnson.

**B. Review of Work Plan**

**1. Lease and Asset Management System Status Report**

No presentation provided.

Public Comment: None provided.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Arjun Batra, seconded by Councilmember Peter Ortiz, and carried unanimously, the Committee *dropped* the status report on the Lease and Asset Management System project for effective management of leases, property ownership, maintenance, and comprehensive tracking of real estate assets; per the Joint Meeting for the Rules and Open Government Committee and Committee of the Whole (ROGC) on May 15, 2024. (4-0-1; Absent: Kamei)

**C. Consent Calendar**

None provided.

**D. Reports to Committee**

**1. Downtown and Regional Wayfinding Status Report**

Nathan Donato-Weinstein, Downtown Manager, Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs; Jessica Zenk, Deputy Director, Department of Transportation; and Martina Davis, Division Manager, Planning, Building & Code Enforcement Department (PBCE), offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: None provided.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Omar Torres, seconded by Councilmember Peter Ortiz, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the status report on Downtown and Regional Wayfinding efforts. (5-0-0)

**2. Disability Services and Community Engagement Work Plan Annual Report**

Sarah Zarate, Director, City Manager's Office (CMO); and Raania Mohsen, Disability Affairs Officer, CMO, offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: Michele Mashburn provided public testimony regarding the item.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Omar Torres, seconded by Vice Mayor Rosemary Kamei, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the staff's annual report on disability affairs FY 2023-2024 activities and key FY 2024-2025 initiatives. (5-0-0)

**3. City-wide Community Engagement Framework Annual Report**

Rosalynn Hughey, Deputy City Manager, (CMO); Aurelia Bailey, Assistant to the City Manager, CMO; and Sabrina Parra-Garcia, Senior Analyst, Department of Transportation, offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comments: None provided.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Omar Torres, seconded by Vice Mayor Rosemary Kamei, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the annual report on the City's community engagement activities, including the use of on-call consultants and community-based organizations by departments and City Council offices. (5-0-0)

**4. Coyote Corridor Study Status Report**

Chris Burton, Director, PBCE; and Martina Davis, Citywide Planning Division Manager, PBCE, offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: Lena Eyen (Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority), Ken Saso, Norm Matteoni, Alice Kaufman (Green Foothills), and Gerry DeYoung provided public testimony regarding the item.

1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Councilmember Arjun Batra moved acceptance of the status report and requested that Staff look into whether the expanded usage would be applicable or suitable for the area. The motion *failed* for a lack of second.

Vice Mayor Rosemary Kamei expressed the importance of speaking with the property owners and requested to know if it's possible for alternatives to be explored before the CEQA process is started. Chris Burton, Director, (PRNS) responded.

2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Vice Mayor Rosemary Kamei moved acceptance of the status report, and cross-referenced the item to the full City Council for further discussion to explore the possibility of new areas or uses regarding the current list provided. Councilmember Peter Ortiz seconded the motion.

Vote on 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: On a call to question, the Committee voted on the motion on the floor. The 2<sup>nd</sup> motion *failed* with the following vote. (2-3-0; Noes: Torres, Ortiz, Foley)

3<sup>rd</sup> Motion: Councilmember Omar Torres moved acceptance of the status report. Councilmember Peter Ortiz seconded the motion.

Action: On a call to question, the 3<sup>rd</sup> motion on the floor carried, the Committee accepted the status report on the Coyote Corridor Study process, which explores flexibility on non-residential land uses on the east side of Monterey Highway and uses that would be compatible with the agricultural and open space uses along the corridor. (3-2-0; Noes: Kamei, Batra)

- **Open Forum**

None provided.

- **Adjournment**

Councilmember Pam Foley adjourned the Committee meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,



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Approved at Council on: 9/9/2025

Attest By:



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