

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SALE OF BRANDENBURG AND SOBRATO NORTH COYOTE PROPERTIES**

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019

The Council of the City of San José convened in Open Session at 2:12 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall to hold a special meeting of the City Council.

Present: Councilmembers - All Present.

City Attorney Richard Doyle; City Manager, David Sykes; City Clerk Toni J. Taber; Gloria Schmanek, Office of the City Manager; Agenda Services Manager, and Deputy City Clerk, Ruth Krantz.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

19-1026: Actions Related to the Purchase and Sale of the Brandenburg and Sobrato North Coyote Properties.

Economic Development Assistant Director, Nanci Klein provided opening comments and offered a presentation.

Andrea Mackenzie and Matt Freeman, representing the Santa Clara Valley Open Space provided support to the plan and spoke to the importance of this conservation project.

Public Comments: Fifteen members of the public offered support and comments on the project and importance of open spaces. Eighty-five cards, signed by members of the public from Mothers Out Front and Committee for Green Foothills were presented, urging Council to allocate the full measure of Measure T funds for land conservation in Coyote Valley.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez and carried unanimously, the staff recommendations were accepted with additional direction as outlined in the joint memorandum from Mayor Sam Liccardo, Vice Mayor Chappie Jones and Councilmembers Jimenez, Peralez and Foley, dated November 1, 2019 to:

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1. Appoint the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (the Authority) to lead an inclusive and visionary master planning process for North Coyote Valley that focuses on the properties protected through the partnership between the City of San Jose, the Authority, and the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST). The planning effort should:
 - a. Establish an executive committee comprised of representatives from the Authority, the City, and POST to engage partners, community stakeholders, and importantly the broader public in the planning process.
 - b. Adopt a comprehensive vision and establish goals that include, but are not limited to:
 1. Wildlife connectivity, habitat conservation and restoration;
 2. Floodplain restoration;
 3. Climate resilience;
 4. Low impact, nature-based public access.
 - c. Consider the larger context of North Coyote Valley and the surrounding mountain ranges and open spaces to plan for wildlife connectivity and wildlife crossing infrastructure, opportunities to restore and reconnect creeks and floodplains, connections to nearby parks and regional trails, nearby agricultural operations, and opportunities for unique visitor amenities.
 - d. Aim to create a unique natural area that will be a major destination in San Jose, the entire San Francisco Bay Area, and the Nation.
 2. Direct staff to pursue public funding - including all regional, state, and federal opportunities - to support both the master planning process and conservation improvements. Additionally, staff should support the pursuit of private partnership opportunities that the Authority and POST will collectively pursue.
 3. Direct staff to collaborate with the Authority and POST to implement a short term activation plan that provides controlled public access to the acquired properties - while the planning process is underway - such as docent-led tours and nature walks.

Additionally, Resolution No. 79306, entitled: “A Resolution of the Council of the City of San José Authorizing the City Manager to (1) Execute the Conservation Easement in Favor of the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority Over the Real Property in Coyote Valley that Will Remain Under City Ownership in the Form Attached as an Exhibit to the Master Transfer and Conservation Agreement, and Negotiate and Approve the Interim Maintenance and Operations Plan for the Property Covered by Such Easement; and (2) Take Various Other Actions Related to the Purchase of the Brandenburg and Sobrato Properties as Contemplated by the Brandenburg Purchase and Sale Agreement and Sobrato North Purchase and Sale Agreement, and Take Other Actions Related to the Transactions Contemplated by the Coyote Valley Master Transfer and Conservation Agreement, Including, Without Limitation, Executing Deed Acceptance Certificates”; Resolution No. 79307, entitled: “A Resolution of the Council of the City of San José Summarily Vacating an Offer of Dedication for Arroyo de Fuego Court”; Resolution No. 79308, entitled: “A Resolution of the Council of the City of San José Directing and Authorizing Certain Actions Related to Community Facilities District No. 9 (Bailey/Highway 101)”; and Ordinance No. 30339, entitled “An Ordinance of the City of San José Repealing Ordinance No. 26420 Levying Special Taxes Within Community Facilities District No. 5A (North Coyote

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Valley Facilities) were adopted; and Ordinance No. 30338, entitled “An Ordinance of the City of San José Dissolving Community District No. 9 (Bailey/Highway 101) and Authorizing Other Actions Related to its Dissolution”; and Ordinance No. 30340, entitled “An Ordinance of the City of San José Dissolving Community District No. 5A (North Coyote Valley Facilities) and Authorizing Other Actions Related to its Dissolution”, were passed for publication. (11-0.)

OPEN FORUM.

1. Roland Lebrun spoke on occasional unfortunate consequences of “doing something good”, and the need for jobs in the South Bay.
2. Andrew Boone, commented on declaration of climate change emergency, noting that changes are coming sooner than predicted.

ADJOURNMENT

The Special Meeting of the City Council adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,

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Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

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