



City Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 5, 2026

1:30 PM

Council Chambers

Study Session - 2026-2027 Preliminary General Fund Forecast and Budget Priorities

MATT MAHAN, MAYOR
ROSEMARY KAMEI, DISTRICT 1
PAMELA CAMPOS, DISTRICT 2
ANTHONY TORDILLOS, DISTRICT 3
DAVID COHEN, DISTRICT 4
PETER ORTIZ, DISTRICT 5
MICHAEL MULCAHY, DISTRICT 6
BIEN DOAN, DISTRICT 7
DOMINGO CANDELAS, DISTRICT 8
PAM FOLEY, VICE MAYOR, DISTRICT 9
GEORGE CASEY, DISTRICT 10

- **Call to Order and Roll Call**

1:33 p.m. – Study Session.

Present Councilmembers: Mahan, Kamei, Campos, Tordillos, Cohen, Ortiz, Mulcahy, Doan, Candelas, Foley, Casey.

Absent Councilmembers: None.

City Council Study Session

Purpose: To provide preliminary General Fund forecast information; an overview of community priorities, information on Focus Areas, Core Services/Programs, and key organizational risks; potential budget balancing strategies; and foster a discussion among the City Council to understand shared budget priorities, trade-offs, and risks consideration in the development of the Mayor’s March Budget Message for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Outcome: The City Council and the Administration will have provided clear and meaningful input that will directly inform the development of the Mayor’s March Budget Message for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Jennifer Maguire, City Manager, City Manager’s Office, provided an introduction and opening comments.

Jim Shannon, Budget Director, City Manager’s Office, provided an overview of the 2026–2027 Preliminary General Fund Forecast. He outlined the City’s approach to addressing the projected budget shortfall and invited Council input on service priorities and trade-offs that will be essential in shaping a balanced budget aligned with community needs and policy goals.

Lee Wilcox, Assistant City Manager, City Manager’s Office, discussed community perception data showing that cost of living, homelessness, housing affordability, and public safety remain top concerns of residents. He outlined the City’s five Council-approved focus areas and distinguished them from core services, explaining that strategic initiatives require coordinated staff capacity and prioritizing with limited resources.

Public Comment

Jeremy Barousse, Shannon, Misrayn Mendoza, Chris, Heiny Gonzalez, Damaris, Guadalupe, and one additional speaker (*name not provided at the podium*), offered public comment regarding the 2026-2027 Preliminary General Fund Forecast and Budget Priorities.

Adjournment

The Council of the City of San José adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared, and Respectfully Submitted by,

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Deputy City Clerk, City of San José

Approved at Council on:

Number of actions: 0

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