



City of San José

City of San José
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Agenda

Joint Meeting for the Rules and Open Government Committee and Committee of the Whole

Committee Members

David Cohen, Chair

Rosemary Kamei, Vice Chair

Pam Foley, Member

Bien Doan, Member

Domingo Candelas, Member

Committee Staff

Lee Wilcox, Assistant City Manager

Joy Rodriguez, Assistant City Clerk

Kevin Fisher, Assistant City Attorney

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Wednesday, May 27, 2026

2:00 PM

Council Chambers

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A. City Council (City Clerk)

1. Review Final Agenda

[ROGC
26-226](#)

Review June 2, 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)

Attachments [Agenda
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2. Review Draft Agenda

[ROGC
26-227](#)

Review June 9, 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)

Attachments [Agenda](#)

Notice to the public: There will be no separate discussion of individual Consent Calendar items as they are considered to be routine and will be adopted by one motion. If a member of the Committee requests debate, separate vote or recusal on a particular item, that item may be removed from the Consent Calendar by the Chair and considered separately. The public may comment on the entire Consent Calendar and any items removed from the Consent Calendar by the Chair.

B. Consent Calendar

1. [ROGC
26-235](#) Approval of the Juneteenth 2026 Flag Raising Sponsored by the Office of Mayor Matt Mahan as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event. (Mayor)

Recommendation:

1. Approve the Juneteenth 2026 Flag Raising scheduled on June 7, 2026 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.
2. Approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses or community groups to support the event.
3. Place the item on the June 2, 2026 City Council Agenda for action.

Attachments [Memorandum from Mayor](#)

2. [ROGC
26-231](#) Retroactive Approval of the Professional Women's Hockey League (PWHL) Expansion Flag Raising 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)

Recommendation:

1. Retroactively approve the PWHL Expansion Flag Raising scheduled on May 19, 2026 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.
2. Retroactively approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses or community groups to support the event.
3. Place the item on the June 9, 2026 City Council Agenda for action.

Attachments [Memorandum from Foley](#)

C. Rules Committee Reviews, Recommendations and Approvals

1. [ROGC
26-228](#) Ranked Choice Voting for Vacancies. (Cohen, Kamei, Mulcahy, and Tordillos)

Recommendation: Place on the November 2026 Ballot a measure to institute amending the City Charter to allow the option for the City Council to choose to utilize Ranked Choice Voting in the case of special elections to fill vacancies in Mayoral and City Council races.

Attachments [Memorandum from Cohen, Kamei, Mulcahy, and Tordillos](#)
[Letters from the Public](#)

2. [ROGC
26-232](#) Data Center Uniform Standards. (Mayor, Candelas, Cohen, and Ortiz)

Recommendation:

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; and
- d. Other environmental factors, including greenhouse gas emissions, noise, and water quality protections.
- 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.

Attachments [Memorandum from Mayor, Candelas, Cohen, and Ortiz](#)
[Letters from the Public](#)

D. 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 Committee.

E. Adjournment

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