



**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC SAFETY, FINANCE AND STRATEGIC SUPPORT COMMITTEE
AND MEETING OF THE WHOLE**

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024

The Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee Meeting was held in a hybrid format, in the Council Chambers and from remote locations. The meeting convened at 1:34 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers - Jimenez, Doan, Kamei, Batra.

Absent: Councilmembers - Torres.

Staff: Assistant City Manager, Lee Wilcox; Senior Deputy City Attorney, Terra Chaffee; Council Policy and Legislative Director, Mayor’s Office, Sara Garcia; and Deputy City Clerk, Yasmin Johnson.

B. Review of Work Plan

1. Gender-Based Violence Annual Report.

Public Comment: None provided.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Bien Doan, seconded by Vice Mayor Rosemary Kamei, and carried unanimously, the Committee *deferred* the Gender-Based Violence Annual Report item to the May 16, 2024, Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee agenda, including an update on efforts to address sexual assault and domestic violence. (4-0-1: Absent: Torres)

C. Consent Calendar

None provided.

D. Reports to Committee

1. Santa Clara County 9-1-1 Ambulance Services Status Report and Fire Department Emergency Medical Services Annual Report.

Fire Chief, San José Fire Department (SJFD), Robert Sapien Jr.; Battalion Chief, SJFD, Patrick Chung; AP Triton, LLC, Ed Rodriguez; and AP Triton, LLC, Tim Maybee offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: None provided.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Bien Doan, seconded by Councilmember Arjun Batra, and carried unanimously, the Committee (1) accepted the status report on the Fire Department's evaluation of possible service options for ambulance transport services and provide an annual report on Fire Department Emergency Medical Services delivery; and (2) referred and cross-referenced this report to be heard by the full City Council for approval on April 23, 2024. (4-0-1: Absent: Torres)

2. Language Accessibility Audit Report.

City Auditor, Joe Rois; Supervising Auditor, Auditor's Office, Brittney Harvey; Program Performance Auditor I, Auditor's Office, Adrian Perez; Program Performance Auditor I, Auditor's Office, Hiwad Haider; Director of Communications, City Manager's Office, Carolina Camarena; and Executive Analyst, City Manager's Office, Marisa Diaz offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: None provided.

Vice Mayor Rosemary Kamei requested that a higher standard be established regarding the accuracy of Spanish interpretation being currently provided.

Councilmember Bien Doan expressed the importance of providing a higher standard of Vietnamese interpretation.

Action: Upon motion by Vice Mayor Rosemary Kamei, seconded by Councilmember Bien Doan, and carried unanimously, the Committee (1) accepted the report on the language accessibility audit; and (2) referred and cross-referenced this audit report to be heard by the full City Council for approval on April 9, 2024. (4-0-1: Absent: Torres)

3. Recruitment, Hiring, and Retention Strategies Biannual Status Report.

Director of Employee Relations, City Manager's Office, Jennifer Schembri; Employment Division Manager, Human Resources, Linh Le; and Workforce Learning & Development Program Manager, Human Resources, Randi Perry offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: None provided.

Vice Mayor Rosemary Kamei requested that the City Clerk's Office resend the correspondence provided to the City Council regarding the procedures of taking tours around City Hall.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Arjun Batra, seconded by Councilmember Bien Doan, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the biannual status report on recruitment, hiring, and retention strategies. (4-0-1: Absent: Torres)

4. Community Emergency Response Team Status Report.

Assistant to the City Manager, Office of Emergency Management, Alvin A. Galang offered the presentation and/or responded to questions.

Public Comment: None provided.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Bien Doan, seconded by Vice Mayor Rosemary Kamei, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the status report on the City Manager's Office of Emergency Management Community Emergency Response Team Program. (4-0-1: Absent: Torres)

5. Police Department Operations and Performance Quarterly Status Report.

Assistant Chief, SJPD, Paul Joseph offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: None provided.

Action: Upon motion by Vice Mayor Rosemary Kamei, seconded by Councilmember Arjun Batra, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the verbal quarterly status report on Police Department operations and performance in the areas of citywide crime statistics, crime trends, emerging issues, police redistricting efforts, recruitment and hiring activity, and other matters of interest, as needed.

OPEN FORUM

None provided.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Sergio Jimenez adjourned the Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee Meeting at 3:27 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared, and Respectfully Submitted by,

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Approved at Council on:

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