



**MINUTES OF THE
JOINT MEETING OF THE RULES AND OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE AND
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

WEDNESDAY, March 2, 2022

COVID-19 NOTICE

Consistent with AB 361 and City of San Jose Resolution Nos. 79485, 80237, 80266, 80290, 80323, 80343 and 80363, the Council Committee meeting will not be physically open to the public and the Committee Members will be teleconferencing from remote locations.

The Council meeting was teleconferenced from remote locations and convened at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers - Arenas, Cohen, Davis, Peralez (2:02 p.m.), Jones

Absent: Councilmembers - None.

Staff: Assistant City Manager, Lee Wilcox; City Attorney, Nora Frimann; City Clerk, Toni Taber; City Manager's Office, Gloria Schmanek; Nasrine Lakabi, District 1 Council Office; and Deputy City Clerk, Megan Roche.

A. City Council (City Clerk)

1. Review March 8, 2022 Final Agenda

- a) Add new items to Final Agenda**
- b) Assign "Time Certain" to Agenda Items (if needed)**
- c) Review of Notice of Waiver Requests for Agenda Items or Documents (if needed)**

Public Comments: None.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember David Cohen, seconded by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, and carried unanimously, the Committee approved the final agenda for the City Council meeting on March 8, 2022 with the Add Sheet. (5-0-0)

2. Review March 15, 2022 Draft Agenda

- a) Add new items to Draft Agenda**
- b) Assign "Time Certain" to Agenda Items (if needed)**
- c) Review of Notice of Waiver Requests for Agenda Items or Documents (if needed)**

Public Comments: The following member of the public provided comments: Blair Beekman.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Dev Davis, seconded by Councilmember Raul Peralez, and carried unanimously, the Committee approved the draft agenda for the City Council meeting on March 15, 2022. (5-0-0)

B. Consent Calendar

Public Comments: The following members of the public provided comments: Blair Beekman, Jill Borders, and Brian Darby.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Raul Peralez, seconded by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, and carried unanimously, the Consent Calendar was approved. (5-0-0)

1. The Public Record for February 17 – February 24, 2022. (City Clerk)

The Public Record for February 17 – February 24, 2022 was noted and filed.

2. Request to Travel. (Jimenez)

The request to authorize travel for Councilmember Sergio Jimenez to attend the Sister Cities International 2022 Spring Leadership Meeting, in Washington DC on March 23-25, 2022 was approved for placement on the March 8, 2022 City Council agenda.

3. Approval of the District 9 2022 Mayoral Candidate Forum 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)

The District 9 2022 Mayoral Candidate Forum tentatively scheduled on March 14, 2022 was approved for placement on the March 8, 2022 City Council agenda.

4. Approval of Kids Care Fair Community Event Sponsored by Council District 8 as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event. (Arenas)

The Kids Care Fair Community Event scheduled on April 2, 2022 was approved for placement on the March 8, 2022 City Council agenda.

C. Rules Committee Reviews, Recommendations and Approvals

1. Actions in Support of the Ukrainian People and in Response to Russia’s Criminal Military Action. (Arenas)

Public Comments: The following members of the public provided comments: Blair Beekman, Nataliya Anon, Dan Meyer, Martha O’Connell, and Tim Quigley.

Action: Councilmember Sylvia Arenas proposed a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Raul Peralez, to approve Councilmember Arenas’ memorandum and item 2.b from Mayor Liccardo’s memorandum.

Action: Councilmember Dev Davis proposed a substitute motion, which was seconded by Councilmember David Cohen, to move items 2, 3, and 4 of Councilmember Arenas' memorandum, along with item 2 of Mayor Liccardo's memorandum.

Councilmember David Cohen proposed a friendly amendment to send a letter which expresses concern over both the Russian's government's actions and consideration of suspending the Sister City relationship with Ekaterinburg (Yekaterinburg), Russia. Councilmember Dev Davis did not accept Councilmember David Cohen's friendly amendment.

Vote: Councilmember Dev Davis' substitute motion, which was seconded by Councilmember David Cohen, to move items 2, 3, and 4 of Councilmember Arenas' memorandum and item 2 of Mayor Liccardo's memorandum, did not pass. (1-4-0; Noes: Arenas, Cohen, Peralez, Jones)

Action: Councilmember Sylvia Arenas amended her underlying motion to approve Councilmember Arenas' memorandum and items 2.b and 2.c from Mayor Liccardo's memorandum. In response to Councilmember David Cohen's friendly amendment, Councilmember Sylvia Arenas proposed the creation of two letters. One letter would be directed to the Sister City community and the other letter would be addressed to the municipality representing Ekaterinburg (Yekaterinburg), Russia. Councilmember Raul Peralez accepted the amendment as the seconder to the original motion.

Vote: Upon motion by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas and seconded by Councilmember Raul Peralez, Councilmember Arenas' memorandum was approved, along with items 2.b and 2.c of Mayor Liccardo's memorandum, with a direction to send two letters which express concern over both the Russian's government's actions and consideration of suspending the Sister City relationship with Ekaterinburg (Yekaterinburg), Russia. One letter will be directed to the Sister City community and the other letter will be addressed to the municipality representing Ekaterinburg (Yekaterinburg), Russia. (4-1-0; Noes: Davis)

D. Open Forum

1. Call-In User_1 discussed how the San José Police Department will conduct training on the Internet, the events of June 2016, and current laws in the City.
2. Brian Darby appreciated the Committee's conversation and emphasized the importance of maintaining human contact.
3. Gail Anne Osmer discussed challenges faced by the unhoused community in Columbus Park due to a lack of funding for Dignity on Wheels.
4. Blair Beekman discussed increased accessibility for body camera footage and the ability to build upon the DOJ reports of 2015 and 2016 under the Obama Administration.

E. Adjournment

Vice Mayor Chappie Jones adjourned the Committee meeting at 3:39 p.m.

Chappie Jones

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Rules and Open Government Committee

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