



**MINUTES OF THE
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2021

Consistent with the California Governor’s Executive Order No. N-29-20, Resolution No. 79450 from the City of San José and the Santa Clara County Health Officer’s March 16, 2020 Shelter in Place Order, the City Council meeting was not physically open to the public. Public comments were accepted via eComment, email, by phone/Webinar or online.

The Community and Economic Development Committee of the City of San Jose was teleconferenced from remote locations and convened at 1:30 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers - Foley, Esparza, Mahan, Peralez, Carrasco.

Absent: Councilmembers - All Present.

Staff: Office of the City Manager, Rosalynn Hughey; City Attorney Office, Johnny Phan; City Clerk, Toni Taber; Mayor’s Office, Kelly Kline; and City Clerk’s Office, Yasmin Johnson.

B. Review of Work Plan

None provided.

C. Consent Calendar

None provided.

D. Reports to Committee

1. Economic Development Activities Verbal Report. (Economic Development and Cultural Affairs)

Public Comments: (1) Paul Soto spoke to the viability of the city, Downtown San José Associations, and the Eastside residents being impacted by COVID-19.

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(2) Blair Beekman spoke to the report attachment, Downtown San José parking issues, and data collection issues. (3) Tessa Woodmansee spoke to the divide in the city, capitalism, and food insecurity.

Information Manager, Office of Economic Development, Elisabeth Handler; Development Facilitation Officer, Office of Economic Development, Emily Lipoma; and Senior Executive Analyst, Office of Economic Development, Vic Farlie offered the verbal update and responded to questions.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Matt Mahan, seconded by Councilmember Raul Peralez and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the verbal report on recent announcements, significant accomplishments, and upcoming events related to economic development. (5-0.)

2. **City Roadmap: Community and Economic Recovery Task Force Status Report. (City Manager)**

Public Comments: (1) Tessa Woodmansee stated that acronyms used in presentations should be defined, housing concerns in her neighborhood, and air pollution. (2) Paul Soto spoke to the word equity being lower cased in the City Auditors report and redlining. (3) Blair Beekman spoke to digital equity, bridging the digital divide, and open public policies. (4) Michael Sensini addressed the economic recovery and COVID-19 documentation. (5) Jefferey Buchanan thanked Rosalynn Hughey and the staff for their work, spoke to economic recovery, and suggested including workers into the task force.

Deputy City Manager, Rosalynn Hughey offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco, seconded by Councilmember Maya Esparza and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the status report on the COVID-19 Community and Economic Recovery Task Force, as part of the City Council-approved City Roadmap for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. (5-0.)

3. **Citywide Residential Anti-Displacement Strategy Verbal Quarterly Status Report. (Housing)**

Public Comments: (1) Tessa Woodmansee stated the importance of addressing climate issues, housing, economic development, and growing food locally. (2) Michael Sensini spoke to low income housing and the Federal Government. (3) Paul Soto addressed housing concerns and thanked Councilmember Esparza for her words on housing. (4) Blair Beekman thanked Councilmember Esparza for her words, spoke on the Santa Clara County Eviction Moratorium, and voting on emergency measures.

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Director of Housing, Jacky Morales-Ferrand Director; Deputy Director of Housing, Ragan Henninger; and Division Manager of Housing, Kristen Clements offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Matt Mahan, seconded by Councilmember Raul Peralez and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the verbal quarterly status report on the Citywide Residential Anti-Displacement Strategy. (5-0.)

- **Open Forum**

1. Tessa Woodmansee addressed preparing for the current climate crisis, growing food locally, and fossil fuels.
2. Paul Soto spoke to the idea of Manifest Destiny, the removal of Native Americans, and equity.
3. Caller '5140' spoke to urban villages, equity, and potholes in the city.

- **Adjournment**

Councilmember Pam Foley adjourned the Committee meeting at 4:04 p.m.

Councilmember Pam Foley, Chair
Community and Economic Development Committee

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