



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

Pam Foley, Vice Chair

Sergio Jimenez, Member

Dev Davis, Member

Rosemary Kamei, Member

Committee Staff

Lee Wilcox, Assistant City Manager

Toni Taber, City Clerk

Nora Frimann, City Attorney

Rachelle Blattman, City Manager's Office

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

2:00 PM

Council Chambers

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A. City Council (City Clerk)

1. Review Final Agenda

Review February 20, 2024 Final Agenda - Cancelled

2. Review Draft Agenda

Review February 27, 2024 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 (Page 5)

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B. Consent Calendar

1. The Public Record for February 1 – February 7, 2024. (City Clerk)

Recommendation: Receive and file the Public Record for February 1 – February 7, 2024.

Attachments The Public Record (Page 17)

2. **Approval of San José State University Investiture Flag Raising Ceremony and Tower and Rotunda Lighting Sponsored by the Mayor's Office and District 3 as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event.** (Mayor and Torres)

Recommendation:

1. Approve the San José State University (SJSU) Investiture Flag Raising Ceremony and Celebration event scheduled on February 21, 2024, as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.
2. Approve the SJSU Investiture Tower and Rotunda Lighting (February 20 to February 25, 2024) as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.
3. Approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses, or community groups to support the event.
4. Place the item on the February 27, 2024, Council Agenda for action.

Attachments

Memorandum from Mayor and Torres (Page 77)

3. **Approval of NVIDIA GTC Conference Tower and Rotunda Lighting from March 16-22, 2024 Sponsored by the Mayor's Office 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 NVIDIA GTC Conference Lighting from March 16 to March 22, 2024, 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 February 27, 2024 Council Agenda for action.

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Memorandum from Mayor (Page 79)

END OF CONSENT

C. 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.

D. Adjournment

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Agenda

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

1:30 PM

LOCATION:

Council Chambers - 200 E. Santa Clara Street

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SERGIO JIMENEZ, DISTRICT 2
OMAR TORRES, DISTRICT 3
DAVID COHEN, DISTRICT 4
PETER ORTIZ, DISTRICT 5
DEV DAVIS, DISTRICT 6
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Each speaker generally has two minutes to speak per item. The total amount of time allocated for public testimony for each public speakers or for an agenda item may be limited at the Mayor's discretion, depending on the number of speakers or the length of the agenda. (California Government Code Section 54954.3; Council Policy 0-37)

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• Call to Order and Roll Call

9:30 a.m.- Closed Session, Call to Order in Council Chambers

Open Session, Labor Negotiations Update (See Item 3.2)

Adjourn to Closed Session in Council Chambers Conference Room, W133

See Separate Agenda

1:30 p.m.- Regular Session, Council Chambers, City Hall

6:00 p.m.- Evening Session, Council Chambers, City Hall

*Will not begin until 6pm or until after all afternoon items are heard, whichever is later.

• Pledge of Allegiance

• Invocation (District 2)

Charlene Nijmeh, Tribal Chairwoman with the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe

• Orders of the Day

To be heard after Ceremonial Items

Items recommended to be added, dropped, or deferred are usually approved under Orders of the Day unless the Council directs otherwise.

• Adjournment

• Closed Session Report

To be heard after Ceremonial Items

1. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1.1 Presentation of a proclamation declaring March 2024 as Women's History Month in the City of San José. (Kamei)

2. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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2.1 **Approval of City Council Minutes.**

2.2 **Final Adoption of Ordinances.**

Recommendation:

(a) Ordinance No. 31038 - An Ordinance of the City of San José Adding Part 6 to Chapter 10.20 of Title 10 of the San José Municipal Code to Prohibit the Unlawful Possession of Catalytic Converters in San José.

[Passed for Publication on 2/6/2024 - Item 4.1(a) (24-68308)]

2.3 **Approval of Council Committee Minutes.**

2.4 **Mayor and Council Excused Absence Requests.**

Recommendation:

Request for an excused absence for Vice Mayor Kamei from the Regular Meeting of Rules and Open Government Committee and Committee of the Whole on February 8, 2024 due to authorized City Business for the attendance of a meeting of the Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Clara County on February 8, 2024, from 1:15 PM to 3:15 PM at the County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors' Chambers, 70 West Hedding Street, San José.

CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-010, City Organizational and Administrative Activities resulting in no changes to the physical environment. (Kamei)

2.5 **City Council Travel Reports.**

2.6 **Report from the Council Liaison to the Retirement Boards.**

2.7 **Amendments to the City Pay Plan for Various Classifications in the Finance Department.**

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution:

(a) Amending the City of San José Pay Plan to increase the annual pensionable salary ranges for the following classifications, effective March 3, 2024:

(1) Debt Administrator (1288) increased to \$129,708.13 – \$183,274.20;

(2) Investment Officer (7504) increased to \$129,708.13 – \$183,274.20; and

(3) Risk Manager (1265) increased to \$129,708.13 – \$183,274.20.

(b) Approving changes to Executive Management and Professional Employees in Unit 99 to provide the incumbent, if any, in the Risk Manager (1265) classification with an approximate 5.15% pensionable pay increase, effective March 3, 2024.

CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-010, City Organizational and Administrative Activities resulting in no changes to the physical environment. (City Manager)

2.8 Actions Related to the Purchase Order with Valley Precision Grading, Inc. for Sports Turf and Installation Services.

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to:

- (a) Execute a purchase order with Valley Precision Grading, Inc. (Rancho Cordova, CA) for sports turf and installation services for an initial one-year term, beginning on or about March 1, 2024, and ending on or about February 28, 2025, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,400,000; and
- (b) Exercise up to six one-year options to extend the term of the purchase order with the last option year ending on or about February 28, 2031, subject to the appropriation of funds.

CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-003, Agreements/Contracts (New or Amended) resulting in no physical changes to the environment. (Finance)

2.9 Amendment to the Master Agreement with Group 4 Architecture Research + Planning, Inc. for Architectural Services for Various City Facility Projects.

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to negotiate and execute a First Amendment to the Master Agreement with Group 4 Architecture Research + Planning, Inc. (CPMS No. 9031-C) for architectural services to increase the total compensation by \$350,000, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$3,350,000, for the exclusive purpose of allowing the consultant to complete work on various projects.

CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-003, Agreement/Contracts (New or Amended) resulting in no physical changes to environment. (Public Works)

2.10 Actions Related to the 10248 – PARK: All-Inclusive Playground - Almaden Lake Park Project.

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works to:

- (a) Award and execute a contract for the construction of the 10248 – PARK: All-Inclusive Playground – Almaden Lake Park Project to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder in an amount not to exceed \$1,800,000;
- (b) Decide any timely bid protest(s) and make the City’s final determination as to the lowest responsive bidder that is responsible as needed to award the contract; and
- © Approve a contingency in the amount of 10% of the contract amount.

CEQA: Categorically Exempt, File No. PP19-001. CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities. Council District 10. (Public Works/Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)

2.11 **Agreements for 2023-2024 Transportation Fund for Clean Air and Vehicle Registration Fee Grant Funding.**

Recommendation:

(a) Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to execute a Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) retroactive grant agreement with the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) in an amount not to exceed \$1,729,035 for reimbursement of work that occurs on or after July 1, 2023.

(b) Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to execute a Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) retroactive grant agreement with VTA in an amount not to exceed \$394,000 for reimbursement of work that occurs on or after November 2, 2023.

(c) Adopt the following 2023-2024 Appropriation Ordinance and Funding Sources Resolution and amendments in the Building and Structure Construction Tax Fund:

(1) Increase the estimate for Revenue from Local Agencies by \$944,000; and

(2) Establish the TFCA 2023-2024 Centralized Transit Signal Priority (TSP) appropriation to the Department of Transportation (DOT) in the amount of \$325,000; and

(3) Establish the TFCA 2023-2024 Grand Boulevard Centralized Transit Signal Priority appropriation to DOT in the amount of \$225,000; and

(4) Establish the VTA - VRF ITS Cycle 4 appropriation to DOT in the amount of \$394,000.

(d) Adopt the following 2023-2024 Appropriation Ordinance and Funding Sources Resolution and amendments in the Construction Excise Tax Fund:

(1) Increase the estimate for Revenue from Local Agencies by \$86,235; and

(2) Increase the TFCA - Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities appropriation to DOT in the amount of \$86,235.

CEQA: Categorically Exempt, File No. ER23-009, CEQA Guideline Section 15301(c) Existing Facilities. (Transportation/Finance/City Manager)

3. **STRATEGIC SUPPORT**

3.1 **Report of the City Manager, Jennifer Maguire (Verbal Report)**

3.2 **Labor Negotiations Update.**

Accept Labor Negotiations Update.

TO BE HEARD AT 9:30 A.M.

3.3 **Annual Report on Measure T Disaster Preparedness, Public Safety, and Infrastructure General Obligation Bond Program Proceeds and Allocations for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.**

Recommendation:

Accept the Measure T Community Oversight Committee Annual Report on the Measure T – The Disaster Preparedness, Public Safety, and Infrastructure General Obligation Bond Program proceeds and allocations for fiscal year 2022-2023.

CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-009, Staff Reports, Assessments, Annual Reports, and Informational Memos that involve no approvals of any City action. (Public Works)

3.4 **Amendment to Title 12 (City Gift Ordinance) of the San José Municipal Code.**

Recommendation:

Approve an ordinance amending Section 12.08.110 of Part 2 of Chapter 12.08 of Title 12 of the San José Municipal Code to align the annual gift limit City officers and designated employees can accept from restricted sources with the Political Reform Act's gift limit.

Approval of this item requires 8 or more affirmative votes (2/3) (City Charter Section 607).

CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-010, City Organizational and Administrative Activities resulting in no changes to the physical environment. (City Manager)

4. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

4.1 **911 Event Data Analysis Report.**

Recommendation:

Accept the 911 Event Data Analysis Report.

CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-009, Staff Reports, Assessments, Annual Reports, and Informational Memos that involve no approvals of any City action. (City Manager)

5. **TRANSPORTATION & AVIATION SERVICES**

6. **ENVIRONMENTAL & UTILITY SERVICES**

7. **NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES**

7.1 **Education and Digital Literacy Annual Report.**

Recommendation:

As recommended by the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee on January 11, 2024, accept the annual report on Education and Digital Literacy for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, including program outcomes and progress toward implementation of quality standards.

CEQA: Not a Project: PP17-009, Staff Reports, Assessments, Annual Reports, and Informational Memos that involve no approvals of any City action. (Library/Parks, Recreation and Educational Services)

[Neighborhood Services and Education Committee referral 1/11/24 – Item (d)1]

7.2 Raging Waters Lease Assignment, Amendment, and Long-Term Request for Proposal Development.

Recommendation:

(a) Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to:

(1) Negotiate and execute an assignment, and all other necessary and/or ancillary documents, of the ground lease dated March 5, 1985, between the City of San José and Thomas J. Lochtefeld (present assignee Palace Entertainment, Inc.), to California Dreamin' Entertainment, Inc., as new assignee, for the Raging Waters water park located at Lake Cunningham; and

(2) Negotiate and execute an amendment to the ground lease between the City of San José and California Dreamin' Entertainment, Inc. extending the lease for six months with an option to extend for an additional six months at the City's sole discretion, increasing lessee's payments to the City to six percent of all gross receipts, and reimbursing lessee for up to \$3,450,000 for capital and facility repairs and initial operating costs for the Raging Waters water park, subject to City Council appropriation.

(b) Provide feedback to staff on proposed Guiding Principles for a Request for Proposal for a long-term operator of Lake Cunningham Regional Park attractions, including the operation of the Raging Waters water theme park.

CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-003, Agreements/Contracts (New or Amended) resulting in no physical changes to the environment. Council District 8. (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)

8. **COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

9. **REDEVELOPMENT – SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

10. **LAND USE**

Notice to the public: There will be no separate discussion of Land Use Consent Calendar (Item 10.1) as they are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be adopted by one motion. If a member of the City Council requests discussion on a particular item, that item will be removed from the Land Use Consent Calendar (Item 10.1) and considered separately.

10.1 Land Use on Consent Calendar - TO BE HEARD IMMEDIATELY AFTER CONSENT

(a) **McKee No. 139 – Annexation to the City of San José of a Portion of Santa Clara County Territory Consisting of One Lot Located on the South Side of Kirk Avenue East of Madeline Drive.**

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution ordering the annexation of territory designated as McKee No. 139, which involves the annexation to the City of San José of approximately 1.49 gross acres of land located on the south side of Kirk Avenue approximately 160 feet east of Madeline Drive (APN 601-07-066) and the detachment of the same from the appropriate special districts.

CEQA: Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for 125 Kirk Avenue Subdivision Project, adopted by City Council on January 23, 2024 (Resolution No. 2024-10). Council District 5. (Planning, Building and Code Enforcement)

TO BE HEARD IMMEDIATELY AFTER CONSENT

- (b) **C22-075_H22-027 – Conforming Rezoning and a Site Development Permit for Property Located on the Northeast Corner of Blossom River Drive and Blossom Hill Road.**

Recommendation:

(1) Approve an ordinance rezoning that certain real property of approximately 0.79 gross acre site located on the northeast corner of Blossom River Drive and Blossom Hill Road from the A(PD) Planned Development Zoning District to the CG Commercial General Zoning District.

(2) Adopt a resolution approving, subject to conditions, a Site Development Permit to allow the demolition of an existing approximately 8,015-square foot commercial building and the removal of six non-ordinance size trees for the construction of a new approximately 7,488-square foot commercial building and minor site improvements on an approximately 0.79-gross-acre site.

CEQA: Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303(c) for New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures. Council District 9. (Planning, Building and Code Enforcement)

TO BE HEARD IMMEDIATELY AFTER CONSENT

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

10. Land Use - Regular Agenda

• Open Forum

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• Adjournment

• Notice of City Engineer's Pending Decision on Final Maps

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- **Strategic Support** - The internal functions that enable the CSAs to provide direct services to the community in an effective and efficient manner.
- **Public Safety** - Commitment to excellence in public safety by investing in neighborhood partnerships as well as prevention, enforcement, and emergency preparedness services.
- **Transportation & Aviation Services** - A safe and efficient transportation system that contributes to the livability and economic health of the City; and provide for the air transportation needs of the community and the region at levels that is acceptable to the community.
- **Environmental and Utility Services** - Manage environmental services and utility systems to ensure a sustainable environment for the community.
- **Neighborhood Services** - Serve, foster, and strengthen community by providing access to lifelong learning and opportunities to enjoy life.
- **Community & Economic Development** - Manage the growth and change of the community in order to create and preserve healthy neighborhoods and ensure a diverse range of employment and housing opportunities.

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 - The items cannot create a building maintenance problem or a fire or safety hazard.
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Memorandum

TO: Honorable Mayor &
City Council

FROM: Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

SUBJECT: The Public Record
February 1, 2024 – February 7, 2024

DATE: February 14, 2024

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Fw: public comment from BPAC committee

Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Fri 2/2/2024 2:03 PM

To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Ann Ferris <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, February 2, 2024 8:41 AM
To: TEPublicComment <TEPublicComment@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Re: public comment from BPAC committee

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I was under the impression that general public comments were allowed. if that is not the case, please let me know
Respectfully,
Ann Ferris

On Thu, Feb 1, 2024 at 1:58 PM TEPublicComment <TEPublicComment@sanjoseca.gov> wrote:

Hi, Ann Ferris –

Which T&E committee item would you like your comment added to?

We usually attach public comments to the committee item.

Please advise.

Thanks.
T&E Committee Liaison

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This is for public comment. And I will be there in person
Ann

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Good morning, Ann Ferris –

Thank you for your email.

Can you please provide what Transportation and Environment Committee (T&E) item for February 5th 2024 meeting that your comment below is for?

Looking forward to hearing your response.

Thank you,
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Dear Committee Members and Public,

I am Ann Ferris and am representing the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee with the following comments:

Here are our priorities for San Jose based upon the needs we see every day as cycling and pedestrian advocates

We have too many pedestrian and bicycling fatalities and injuries.

We need a fully funded Vision Zero, and Vision Zero Solutions need to be added to the Capital Budget.

The Speed Safety Pilot Program needs to be up and running ASAP.

Our beautiful system of trails is not safe or maintained. It is our understanding that there is limited communication between the City Trails Team and the maintenance team. There are loose dogs, ,campfires, debris, trash and poorly lit remote areas on our trails which are used for commuting in addition to leisure.

City vehicles are often parked in bike lanes for convenience, creating a real hazard for cyclists.

Thank you for your consideration,
BPAC of San Jose

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b. beekman <[REDACTED]>

Fri 2/2/2024 4:06 PM

To: Dao, Vu <Vu.Dao@sanjoseca.gov>; Youthcommission <youthcommission@sanjoseca.gov>; SJCE Info <[REDACTED]> Prks&Rec. John Cicirelli <john.cicirelli@sanjoseca.gov>; San Jose Airport Customer Services <AirportCustomerServices@sanjoseca.gov>; y. Lan Diep <[REDACTED]> z. Roland Lebrun <[REDACTED]> Nguyen, Julie <julie.nguyen@sanjoseca.gov>; Doan, Elise <Elise.Doan@sanjoseca.gov>; Leynes, Lalaine <lalaine.leynes@sanjoseca.gov>; CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov>; Collen, Arian <Arian.Collen@sanjoseca.gov>; Garcia, Tiffany E. <[REDACTED]> Yang, Yannina <[REDACTED]> Lakhiani, Ashish <Ashish.Lakhiani@sanjoseca.gov>; Loesch, Matthew <Matt.Loesch@sanjoseca.gov>; Guzman, Elizabeth M <ElizabethM.Guzman@sanjoseca.gov>; Barreto, Adrienne <Adrienne.Barreto@sanjoseca.gov>; Amiri, Aziza <Aziza.Amiri@sanjoseca.gov>; Path. Ilene G. <[REDACTED]>

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sincerely,
blair beekman

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Re: Blair Beekman. Friday, February 2, 2024..... Ending the use, of Internet, Zoom, and phone, in the SJ public meeting process.

tessa woodmansee <[redacted]>

Fri 2/2/2024 5:20 PM

To:Blair Beekman <[redacted]>
Cc:Shannon, Jim <jim.shannon@sanjoseca.gov>;Gehami, Albert <Albert.Gehami@sanjoseca.gov>;Broadband <Broadband@sanjoseca.gov>;Lloyd, Rob <Rob.Lloyd@sanjoseca.gov>;Digital Privacy <Digitalprivacy@sanjoseca.gov>;Beckel, Dolan <dolan.beckel@sanjoseca.gov>;Jones, Mike (ESD) <Mike.Jones@sanjoseca.gov>;Nair, Rajani <Rajani.Nair@sanjoseca.gov>;Leynes, Lalaine <lalaine.leynes@sanjoseca.gov>;Bernabe, Geraldine <Geraldine.Bernabe@sanjoseca.gov>;Rios, Angel <Angel.Rios@sanjoseca.gov>;Maguire, Jennifer <jennifer.maguire@sanjoseca.gov>;Frimann, Nora <Nora.Frimann@sanjoseca.gov>;Harkness, Kip <Kip.Harkness@sanjoseca.gov>;Shull, Abigail <Abigail.Shull@sanjoseca.gov>;CMOCommunications <CMOCommunications@sanjoseca.gov>;Rois, Joseph <joseph.rois@sanjoseca.gov>;Jutson, Craig <craig.jutson@sanjoseca.gov>;CivicCenterTV26 <civiccenrtv26@sanjoseca.gov>;CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov>;Wells, Laura <Laura.Wells@sanjoseca.gov>;Collen, Arian <Arian.Collen@sanjoseca.gov>;Dao, Vu <Vu.Dao@sanjoseca.gov>;Ristow, John <John.Ristow@sanjoseca.gov>;Zelalich, Blage <blage.zelalich@sanjoseca.gov>;Klein, Nanci <Nanci.Klein@sanjoseca.gov>;Gamboa, Erica <Erica.Gamboa@sanjoseca.gov>;Romanow, Kerrie <Kerrie.Romanow@sanjoseca.gov>;SJFD Feedback <SJFDFeedback@sanjoseca.gov>;HousingComms <HousingComms@sanjoseca.gov>;HmnSrvcs.Comm..Jéssica Dickison Goodman <[redacted]> VanderVeen, Rachel <Rachel.VanderVeen@sanjoseca.gov>;Clements, Kristen <Kristen.Clements@sanjoseca.gov>;Malloy, Maria <maria.malloy@sanjoseca.gov>;Guzman, Elizabeth M <ElizabethM.Guzman@sanjoseca.gov>;Hsg.sj. 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Thank you Blair Beekman ... yes zoom meetings and public comment during zoom meetings has been a great help for getting more public participation and creating safe ways of participation during pandemics and stops spreading disease in general.

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Keep fossil fuels in the ground now and keep virtual meetings and all workers who can work remotely should and keep our democracy working better by keeping ZOOM meetings and virtual participation and comments!

Kind regards,

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Fw: Public Comment Via Zoom

Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 2/5/2024 8:49 AM

To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>

From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 7:33 AM

To: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>; Rodriguez, Joy <Joy.Rodriguez@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: FW: Public Comment Via Zoom

From: Robert Gonzalez <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, February 04, 2024 10:18 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Public Comment Via Zoom

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Hello,

I've heard that the City will no longer allow remote public comment. This is unfair. The times of the meetings pose a huge challenge to folks who can't get off during the day to go sit for an unknown amount of time until their item gets heard. Additionally, public forum is at the end of the meeting so again, someone that wants to speak up is forced to sit around all day.

I hope you reconsider this policy.

Thank you

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Fw: Support for remote public commenting option

Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 2/6/2024 11:50 AM

To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>

From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 7:39 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: FW: Support for remote public commenting option

From: Jordan Moldow [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, February 05, 2024 4:17 PM

To: Torres, Omar <Omar.Torres@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: city.manager@sanjoseca.gov

Subject: Re: Support for remote public commenting option

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I also wanted to add some other thoughts:

For this task force I'm proposing, I would also suggest including nonprofits (local, if possible) that specialize in addressing hate speech and hate groups.

And perhaps this task force could also communicate and collaborate with the other big cities in the Bay Area, since they are having the same problems.

San Jose has an opportunity here to be visionary, and to lead the way in developing a better model for public comments that maintains (and ideally improves) the current level of enfranchisement and government participation of its citizens. Let's lead the way, and have other cities follow us.

Thanks again,
Jordan

On Fri, Feb 2, 2024 at 3:15 PM Jordan Moldow <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I read the [memo from the City Clerk](#) about removing the option for remote participation for public commenting. I'm upset that the city would massively decrease accessibility and the ability for people to engage in our government. Remote, and later hybrid, participation in government meetings was one of the few good things to come out of the pandemic. It is tragic to lose that. And it is tragic to allow a racist fringe (calling in from who knows where) to have any influence in how easily San Jose residents can participate in their

democracy. We should never again allow racists to cause the disfranchisement of members of our community. In this case, hate speech is being used to prevent verbal public comment of community members who do not have the privilege of attending city meetings in person.

The hate speech at meetings has been absolutely vile and awful to listen to, but giving people access to participate in democracy is really important. I commend the City Clerk and staff for all the work they've done to mute the offending callers while still moving through the legitimate callers. And I commend the City Clerk, and everyone on the City Council, for bearing with the vile comments, and allowing this flexible degree of civic engagement and being a beacon for public accessibility to comment during public meetings... until now.

Sending email public comments just isn't a good substitute for being able to comment verbally via phone or computer. There is no guarantee that your email will get read by all councilmembers. Emails sent during the meeting certainly won't get read until it is too late. Therefore your email comments cannot be reactive to what is said during verbal presentations, or what is said during council discussion (for items like Orders of the Day and Consent, where council discussion happens first, and you cannot predict what the council might discuss, or what changes to the agenda they might propose). Some people might not be able to type well (or at all) or be comfortable sending emails. Emotion cannot be conveyed as well through written text.

I respectfully ask that you reconsider making this change to restrict remote participation in meetings. Barring that, I respectfully ask you to consider some or all of the following:

- Allowing remote public comments at meetings at least through February 13th.
- Add items to the February 7th ROGC meeting, and the February 13th Council Meeting, for Council to discuss and adopt this policy. Allow remote public comments at those meetings.
- (If legally allowed) Always allow remote public comment for certain items: Orders of the Day, Consent, and similar items where the Council has discussion before public comment, and items that have verbal-only reports.
- (If legally allowed) Always allow remote public comment for Open Forum.
- Allow citizen advisory committees to continue offering remote public comment.

Finally, I respectfully ask that you not wait until July to reconsider the policy. Instead, I suggest that a task force be formed, as soon as possible, to study the issue of how to restore remote verbal participation at government meetings, in a way that would significantly reduce or eliminate hate speech from getting through (but in an open, auditable, accountable, and not-100% automated way so that legitimate public comments are not suppressed). The task force could consist of the City Clerk's office, IT staff, citizens who have A/V and software/IT experience, citizens (such as non-remote workers; people with disabilities; and disabilities rights advocates) to represent demographics who find it difficult to participate in meetings in-person; and local nonprofits that specialize in issues of open governance, civic engagement, and/or free speech. The Task Force should not contain any tech executives, or anyone else who could benefit financially from the outcome of the task force.

For the tech side of that task force, I would suggest reaching out to [Open Source San Jose](#), a nonprofit and entirely volunteer organization that has already been [building tools for increasing civic engagement in San Jose](#).

Thank you for your consideration, and have a good weekend.

Best,
Jordan Moldow
District 3
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Fw: 2. Blair Beekman. February 5, 2024..... Ending the use, of Zoom, Internet, and phone, in the SJ public meeting process.

Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 2/6/2024 11:10 AM

To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>

From: b. beekman <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 5:42 PM

To: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>; Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

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b. beekman <[REDACTED]>

Mon 2/5/2024 6:31 PM

[External Email]

Dear sj city govt, and sj community advocacy,

Sorry, I did not, bcc 150 emails addresses, in my letter to yourselves on this issue, at bottom , this past Friday.

I hope there is a good dialogue, on this subject, at this time, in SJ. Any feedback, would be much appreciated, on how this Zoom situation, in San Jose, is progressing, at this time.

I heard, SD city council, began their council meeting today, wearing masks, to respect that Covid 19, may be on the rise, in Southern Ca, at this time.

Letters, in how Im working, below.

blair.

On Mon, Feb 5, 2024, 5:42 PM b. beekman<[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear SJ city govt. agenda desk,

Sorry for the lateness, of this letter today. I am hoping to address, the letter from the Agenda Desk, below, from this past Friday,

I have spoken with Michelle, from the Agenda Desk today. I have learned, there can be ways, that if my letter from Friday, can be connected to an agenda item, on this weeks, si city council agenda, this Tuesday, then my letter can be placed into the agenda packet, for immediate public review. And as part of, a long term record, as well.

I wanted to be able to place my letter, within the usual, weekly approval, of previous city council minutes. But there are no city council minutes, to approve of, this week.

In the importance & urgency of this issue. And how ending zoom public meeting, is being offered so quickly. And without mich public input I ask for your consideration, decorum, and formality.

To honestly ask, would it be appropriate, to please place my letter, within the Feb. 6, 2024 SJ city council agenda, items 3.1 or 3.2., the weekly City Managers report, and City Attorney's report, respectively. Or within, Orders of the Day ?

The zoom app process, has been incredibly important part, in public life and public accessibility. It deserves some public words, of respect & formality, from SJ city govt.

The everyday community needs some honest descriptions, in what to expect of the zoom public meeting process. As a bit more public input, time, and honest public health concerns, may need to be addressed, before Zoom is retired.

I know placing my letter, wrhin these items, is a lot to ask. If you cannot agree, to place my letter, in one of the sj city council agenda items tomorrow, as mentioned above, I hope in the very least, you can be willing to openly talk about, any future plans for Zoom, at tomorrow city council meeting.

As I am optimistic at this point, that since your City clerk memo on this subject, this past Friday. Ideas and decisions, have possibly changed a bit.

Please write back, with constructive dialogue and ideas, to this letter. And to the ideas and to the importance of public accessibility, and understanding.

Soon to follow, is a shorter, better edited, version, of my email letter, from this past Friday. It can be used as the letter to be placed, in the city council agenda packet

sincerely,
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Hi Mr. Beekman,

The City Clerk's office received your email below.

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Please let us know if you would like your comment to be posted under Rules Agenda.

Thank you!

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I first sent a letter, to San Jose city govt, at 3:58 p.m. Its address heading, had many email addresses on it. Too many. Sorry about that. But at least, it get the word out, and allows dialogue.

I have sent yourselves at the city clerk's office, the same version of this letter, at 4.25pm today, with only sj city clerk, email address headings. It begins with, the number 2, within the subject heading.

Can this 2nd copy, be placed in Open Forum section, within the sj public meeting agendas, of both, the Transportation committee, and the City Council, this next week ?

As it is my current understanding, the issue of ending Zoom calls, is not going to be, a public meeting agendized item, in this next week.

If this item is going to be agendized as a SJ public meeting next week, can you also place, my letter version #2, within the agendaized item packet.

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RE: Give me back my access

Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 2/6/2024 3:22 PM

To: Martha O'Connell <[REDACTED]>

I'm looking at our website to make sure it's fixed. I found this one: <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/appointees/city-clerk/council-committees/rules-open-government-committee-rules> but it's correct, so I wanted to know if you remember where on the website you found it?

From: Martha O'Connell <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Tuesday, February 6, 2024 2:59 PM**To:** Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>; martha O'Connell <[REDACTED]>**Subject:** Re: Give me back my access

[External Email]

ps #2

found error

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got address off internet

internet wrong

you are copied so please see that any and all emails on this topic get into the public record

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On Tue, Feb 6, 2024 at 2:52 PM Martha O'Connell <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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you need to fix this

if this is a way to stop letters from getting into the public record, not good

i gave that address to other people

not happy

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Was it bounced back from the Rules email address? I received it and forwarded it to that mailbox, so your email will be included, but I want to make sure your bounce back was from that email, so I can contact IT.

From: Martha O'Connell <[REDACTED]>
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Council and public record:

On 2-8-24, the Housing and Community Development Commission will meet.

As the Regional Manager of GSMOL- Golden State Manufactured Home Owners League, representing thousands of Mobile Home Park residents, I have attended these meetings for two decades.

For two decades, I have been the face of Mobilehome Park issues in San Jose.

Because I am unable to attend the 2-8-24 HCDC meeting in person, I will not be able to speak. My voice, and that of other residents and GSMOL officers, will be silenced.

This is not just.

To eliminate our access by zoom or phone because of the actions of a tiny handful of folks who are engaging in hate speech, is unfair and draconian.

When I was Chair of the Housing Commission, we were zoom bombed one night by about four people engaging in hate speech against the LGBTQ Community. My Vice Chair, Ryan Jasinsky, immediately moved to silence them using zoom control buttons.

That is the solution to zoom bombing not a wholesale banning of zoom and telephone access.

If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality. Desmond Tutu

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WE Want Our Voices Back

Glenna Howcroft <[REDACTED]>

Tue 2/6/2024 5:09 PM

To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>

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Since the summer of 2017 I have been speaking on behalf of Mobile Home residents to members of City Council and in various committees and HCDC as needed.

The next HCDC meeting is Thurs. 2-8-24. A Council meeting is coming up soon. But where will I be? I'll be at home without a voice because I cannot attend in person.

This is not only unfair, it's not right.

Why are you punishing the entire Zoom community for the verbal hatred of a handful of people? Everyone sees the Rules of Engagement prior to speaking. They are aware of what they are doing. Why not simply terminate the call? These people were warned but freely chose NOT to comply.

I am asking everyone of you to do your part. Silence these troublemakers and give the residents of San Jose back the microphone.

Thank you for your time and attention to this serious matter.

Glenna Howcroft
GSMOL Chapter President
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FW: Give us back our access !!!!!

Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

Wed 2/7/2024 1:24 PM

To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Mitchell Blank <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Tuesday, February 6, 2024 7:12 PM**To:** rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; Kamei, Rosemary <Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; Torres, Omar <Omar.Torres@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; Ortiz, Peter <Peter.Ortiz@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; Doan, Bien <Bien.Doan@sanjoseca.gov>; Candelas, Domingo <Domingo.Candelas@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; Batra, Arjun <arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov>; Martha O'Connell <[REDACTED]> Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>**Cc:** Martha O'Connell <[REDACTED]>**Subject:** Give us back our access !!!!!

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Dear Madams and Sirs,

*The San Jose Spotlight:**"San Jose is nixing virtual public comment at all meetings, sparking concerns around free speech and access to city government.**Starting Tuesday, only residents attending city meetings in person will be able to provide public comment. People watching remotely via Zoom can no longer call in to voice their opinions. Officials say the decision is because a handful of people have abused the virtual tool to spew hate speech."**Mayor Matt Mahen:**""While I share my colleagues' desire to remove hate speech from our meetings, I don't support eliminating one of the best new tools we have for expanding public participation in our civic life," Mahan told San José Spotlight. "Everyone should have the ability to engage in our civic discourse — single mothers who can't leave their job at 2 p.m., caretakers who spend their days making sure our grandparents are taken care of, neighbors who are immunocompromised and unable to attend in-person events."*

I fully concur with Mayor Mahen on both parts of his statement:

1) Hate speech is deplorable in any forum but especially in a public forum and particularly in a forum discussion public policy and legislation.

2) That said, disenfranchising, online participants by allowing their constitutionally protected speech during an open forum expressly meant for public comment is not the way to protect attendees from offensive speech. Such speech can be terminated relatively quickly via zoom or other online meeting tools. In my opinion, no one is protected from the discomfort of speech they find distressing. Further in my opinion, the public and political harm of suppressing political discussion/debate by disallowing online public comment is far greater than the harm to attendees by the discomfort or offense by brief and curtailed hate speech. (There is a constitution right to free public speech. There is no corresponding right to protection from discomfort or offense.

Please continue to all online comment at all public meetings. Please also provide a moderator to rapidly terminate either the speech or the attendance of any spewing hate speech at such a meeting.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours in Respect and Gratitude.

Mitchell Blank

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Fw: ABLSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE

Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 2/5/2024 8:51 AM

To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Ruth Callahan <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Sunday, February 4, 2024 12:31 PM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** ABLSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE

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Toni, get a 3 second delay on the mike. Call up any TV or radio station and they will set it up for you. I can't believe this undemocratic and authoritarian posturing is acceptable. Toni, you are silencing the voice of all the seniors, disabled, and the NGO's and labor unions who have the app to tell them when to call in and read the scripts prepared by their leadership and distributed by email and text in protest or support.

My observation is that the leadership of the city council and staff have their minds made up long before the public has any chance to voice their opinions. But the ACLU is going to sue you. Nora and Jenifer get us into builder remedy suits, gun right's suits and now access to free speech and transparency suits.

Ruth A Callahan



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Fw: In humane treatment of the most vulnerable citizens of San jose

Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 2/5/2024 8:48 AM

To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>

From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 8:23 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: FW: In humane treatment of the most vulnerable citizens of San jose

From: John Betts <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, February 04, 2024 9:47 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Fwd: In humane treatment of the most vulnerable citizens of San jose

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To Matt Mahan. And city council: Matt mahans war against the poor is ramping up I see: I saw the gloating look on mahans face as he stated the solution to the problem of oversized vehicles, was to crueller to these people, like other surrounding cities! Usually I thought the goal in life is to encourage and develop more compassion,not encourage going the opposite direction! Stating San Jose has more than it's share than other cities of oversized vehicle dwellers, what rule book defines this claim? San Jose is a very large city so as thousands of people housing needs are not being met, thousands of people are homeless, some have no choice but have hardest choice ,no shelter, or tents or home made shacks, some manage to afford to dwell in a car,but if they can afford to have an r.v. why is that a bad thing? I think you should be glad their getting to have a more comfortable and roomier dwelling.why is a step up viewed as a bad thing? People aren't r.v dwelling just to be malicious, and a city leader shouldn't be promoting making suffering people's lives harder! Some of the city council I thought were pretty compassionate ,now every single one of them has thrown compassion to the winds ,as Matt Mahan assumes the role of the Wicked Witch of the west,and they all assume the role of her minions, the flying monkeys! Many people get s.s.i. : disabled people and seniors, the most they get is often \$1,300 a month, there is nothing to rent for these people, so instead of punishing these people, why don't you ask social security agency to pay people what they'd need to pay rent ,why don't you build massive amounts of housing to give the poorest people somewhere to live ,and sanctioned camps for anybody who needs it ,and if you won't do any of those things ,be kind to those poorer than yourselves and quit thinking up new ways to punish them, and most of all of you are being prejudiced and fostering hatred and maliciousness to a large group of people just because they aren't as well of as you, you really should be ashamed of yourself, and quit doing that ,in Nazi Germany the Jews were the scape goat ,here it's the poor and unhoused!

Sincerely, John betts

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From: **John Betts** <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, Feb 4, 2024, 9:22 PM

Subject: In humane treatment of the most vulnerable citizens of San Jose

To: <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Please deliver this message to Matt Mahan and the city council: the final solution in Nazi Germany began with Hitler getting the govt to authorize euthanasia ,but parading a poor disabled child into the govt and public eye, presenting the case that the child was so miserable ,hed be better off dead, he got the government to go along with it ,then they launched a completely false narrative that they'd built these really fantastic clinical facilities out in the country ,and all ill and invalid or disabled children were gathered up and told they had to go with the authorities to live at these fantastic health institutions ,and they were taken there by train and it was called the "childrens charitable rail road" when the children arrived they had them write letters to their families saying how wonderfull it was there ,and how great they were getting along, then really all children were sent to the gas chamber at the facility ,but for months theyd keep sending post cards and letters the children had written ,before they died. This false front was laying the ground work for "the final solution" the planned extermination of the Jews. I saw Mr Mahan in his statement before the city council voted on the two items targeting the r.v. Dwelling citizens of San Jose: stating San Jose had more than it's fair share of larger vehicles dwellers, and that the solution was for San Jose to adopt the harsher penalty tactics of surrounding communities. The expression on his face conveyed how much he relished being crueler and meaner to these vulnerable low income people, I think that's pretty sick! The fact of the matter is anybody who's on s.s.i. : disabled people and seniors make up a large part of this population ,because the most money they get is about \$1,300 a month ,when most apartments are more expensive than that! Also most low income people probably don't choose to r.v. dwell in really affluent areas because there isn't anything there to fit their life style! They aren't r.v. dwelling just to be pests ,Mr Mahan, they are just trying to survive, did you like to pull the wings off flys when you were a child? That's my take on you,and your malicious attitude towards people who are trying to have some kind of workable life in the teeth or really difficult inequality! I am a senior ,I already vehicle dwelt for 14 years . I think if people are able to take a step up buying an r.v. they shouldn't have people like you trying to kick them down.my respect for the city council has gone way down, Mahan reminds me of the wicked witch of the west, while they city council have just become yes men like the flying monkeys in the Wizard of Oz! Your actions are like the actions of the German citizens being swept up by Adolph Hitler's brown shirts ,scape goating the Jews, slavs, mentally ill, the infirm ,and any others who.didnt fit their eugenic band wagon! America is a democracy and no form of discrimination is ok! I'm ashamed of all of you as you all cave into mahans heartless smug agenda to 'cleans 'san Jose! Sincerely John betts

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Fw: NO to illegal, antisemitic BDS boycott of Jewish state!!

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Tue 2/6/2024 12:13 PM

To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>

From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Tuesday, February 6, 2024 9:37 AM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** FW: NO to illegal, antisemitic BDS boycott of Jewish state!!

From: Richard Sol <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Tuesday, February 06, 2024 9:21 AM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** NO to illegal, antisemitic BDS boycott of Jewish state!!

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To the San Jose City Council,

I understand that there's an organized mob effort to push the illegal, antisemitic BDS boycott of Israel via an authorized travel ban. You must say NO to this latest piece of hatemongering, unjustified by any rational, fairminded consideration and that embodies the IHRA definition of antisemitism.

Regards,
Richard Sol

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FW: Mary F Valderrama 95127 Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 2/6/2024 3:13 PM

To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>

From: San Jose United <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 12:46 PM
To: [REDACTED] District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Mary F Valderrama 95127 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

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Dear City Council,**Protect Our Parks. We ask you to ensure that the definition of parkland fully protects existing, under construction, and planned parks in the City of San José.**

Why is Alum Rock Park still closed to cars? Would other parks outside of the east side be closed for a year or more? I think not.

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Wed 2/7/2024 12:48 PM

To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>

From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2024 7:40 AM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** FW: Larissa Favela 95112 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

From: San Jose United <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Tuesday, February 06, 2024 8:46 PM**To:** [REDACTED] District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Larissa Favela 95112 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

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To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: San Jose United <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Tuesday, February 06, 2024 9:06 PM**To:** [REDACTED] District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Genan itani 95127 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

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Fw: Mark Luiso 95118 Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

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From: San Jose United <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Tuesday, February 06, 2024 10:35 PM**To:** [REDACTED] District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Mark Luiso 95118 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

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From: San Jose United <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Tuesday, February 06, 2024 11:34 PM**To:** [REDACTED] District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Kathryn Hedges 95112 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

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Kathryn Hedges
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To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>

From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2024 7:41 AM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** FW: Virginia Thomas 95112 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

From: San Jose United <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Wednesday, February 07, 2024 12:32 AM**To:** [REDACTED] District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Virginia Thomas 95112 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

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From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 11:04 AM
To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>
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From: Julisa Garcia <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2024 10:50 AM
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From: Andrew Siegler <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2024 11:10 AM
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From: Aysha Abraibesh <[REDACTED]>

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Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 12:19 PM

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From: Brian Parkman <[REDACTED]@[REDACTED].org>

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Memorandum

TO: RULES AND OPEN
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

FROM: Mayor Matt Mahan
Councilmember Omar Torres

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: February 7, 2024

APPROVED

Date: 02/07/2024

SUBJECT: Approval of San José State University Investiture Flag Raising Ceremony and Tower and Rotunda Lighting Sponsored by the Mayor's Office and Councilmember Omar Torres as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve the San José State University (SJSU) Investiture Flag Raising Ceremony and Celebration event scheduled on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds; and
2. Approve the SJSU Investiture Tower and Rotunda Lighting (February 20 to February 25, 2024) as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds; and
3. Approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses, or community groups to support the event; and
4. Place the item on the Tuesday, February 27, 2024, Council Agenda for action.

BACKGROUND

On February 1, 2005, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 72517 which requires Councilmembers to submit a memorandum to the Rules Committee regarding proposed City Council sponsored Special Events and the proposed use of any funds. The SJSU Investiture Flag Raising and Lighting Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, in the City Hall Plaza and is sponsored by Mayor Matt Mahan and Councilmember Omar Torres.

This special event will be incorporated into SJSU's Investiture activities to acknowledge Cynthia Teniente-Matson taking the helm of SJSU. The Investiture Flag Raising Ceremony is yet another

opportunity to strengthen the City of San José and SJSU relationship. It symbolizes a significant milestone in the university's history as President Teniente-Matson assumes her role, emphasizing a new era of leadership.

The ceremony fosters community engagement by bringing together university stakeholders, city officials, and residents, and promoting a sense of unity and shared commitment to the region's educational and civic goals. The Investiture Flag Raising serves as a public affirmation of the symbiotic relationship between San José State University and the City of San José, fostering mutual support and collaboration for the benefit of the entire community.

ANALYSIS

The display of the San Jose State University Flag is permitted under Council Policy 2- 1, Section C.3 - Flags Displayed in Conjunction with Official Ceremonial Items: “Other flags may be displayed in conjunction with official actions, ceremonial items, or proclamations of the City Council.

To further enhance the celebrations taking place, the City Hall Tower and Rotunda will be lit in blue and yellow and provide an opportunity for students, faculty, and the community to come together to take photos and enjoy the display of San José State University pride. City Council Policy 7-14, City Hall Event Lighting Policy, Sections B.1, B.3 and C.1 allow Rotunda and Tower lighting in conjunction with proclamations for official actions or ceremonial items as approved by City Council, and to commemorate a key achievement, initiative, event or sporting event involving San José State University.

Approval by the City Council of the event will ensure compliance with the Council’s prior direction regarding Council Special Events. In observance of existing fundraising disclosure requirements, Mayor Mahan and Councilmember Torres will report any cash or in-kind donations received for the event on their Disclosure of Fundraising Report (DFR-1). Approval of this memorandum will enable the Mayor’s Office, Council District 3, city departments and the Office of the City Clerk to proceed with the event. Any cash donations received will be processed pursuant to the City’s normal financial and budgetary procedures.

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

The Office of the City Clerk will post the item on the City’s Website for the February 14, 2024, Rules Committee Agenda and the Tuesday, February 27 City Council Agenda.

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Not a Project, File No. PP17-011, Temporary Special Events resulting in no changes to the physical environment.



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TO: RULES AND OPEN
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FROM: Mayor Matt Mahan

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: February 7, 2024

APPROVED

Date: 02/07/2024

SUBJECT: Approval of NVIDIA GTC Conference Tower and Rotunda Lighting from March 16-22, 2024, sponsored by the Mayor's Office as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve the NVIDIA GTC Conference Lighting from March 16 to March 22, 2024, as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds; and
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BACKGROUND

Lighting City Hall green will honor and acknowledge the NVIDIA GTC Conference. The conference takes place from March 17 to March 21, 2024, and commemorate the return of the conference to Downtown San Jose for the first time since 2019.

During the GTC conference, approximately 20,000 attendees are expected to descend on Downtown San José. These attendees are expected to contribute to the local economy by patronizing small businesses, booking hotel rooms, and increasing ridership on public transit.

The City of San José is actively spearheading initiatives to expand its artificial intelligence ecosystem and propel Silicon Valley into the future. Through strategic partnerships with tech companies and academic institutions, San José is fostering innovation in AI research and development. This concerted effort underscores the City's commitment to positioning itself as a leading hub for cutting-edge technology, driving economic growth and societal advancement in the region. The NVIDIA GTC Conference is yet another part of this effort to expand San José's AI ecosystem.

This effort to light City Hall serves as a visible and impactful gesture of recognition for the conference, underlining the city's appreciation for the technological advancements and innovation around artificial intelligence showcased by NVIDIA.

The green lighting serves as a symbol of collaboration between the city and NVIDIA, showcasing the mutual commitment to fostering innovation and technological progress.

During the week of NVIDIA's GTC Conference, other buildings throughout San José are expected to be lit up in green, acknowledging NVIDIA's presence in the city. These buildings include but are not limited to: San José Civic, SJC Airport, The Tech Interactive, San Pedro Square Arch, Post Street, 87 Highway Sensing You Art Display.

Adding City Hall to this list of buildings lighting green enhances the conference's visibility, creating a memorable and iconic backdrop that reinforces the city's reputation as the Capital of Silicon Valley during the event.

ANALYSIS

City Council Policy 7-14, City Hall Event Lighting Policy, Sections B.1 and C.1 allows Tower lighting in conjunction with proclamations for official actions or ceremonial items as approved by City Council. It also allows for extended lighting beyond one cycle between sundown and sunrise.

Approval by the City Council of the event will ensure compliance with the Council's prior direction regarding Council Special Events. In observance of existing fundraising disclosure requirements, Mayor Mahan will report any cash or in-kind donations received for the event on their Disclosure of Fundraising Report (DFR-1). Approval of this memorandum will enable the Mayor's Office, City departments and the Office of the City Clerk to proceed with the event. Any cash donations received will be processed pursuant to the City's normal financial and budgetary procedures.

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

The Office of the City Clerk will post the item on the City's Website for the February 14, 2024, Rules Committee Agenda and the Tuesday, February 27 City Council Agenda.

CEQA

Not a Project, File No. PP17-011, Temporary Special Events resulting in no changes to the physical environment.