



# **City Council Meeting Agenda**

**Tuesday, February 11, 2025**

**11:00 AM**

**Council Chambers**

MATT MAHAN, MAYOR  
ROSEMARY KAMEI, DISTRICT 1  
PAMELA CAMPOS, DISTRICT 2  
CARL SALAS, DISTRICT 3  
DAVID COHEN, DISTRICT 4  
PETER ORTIZ, DISTRICT 5  
MICHAEL MULCAHY, DISTRICT 6  
BIEN DOAN, DISTRICT 7  
DOMINGO CANDELAS, DISTRICT 8  
PAM FOLEY, VICE MAYOR, DISTRICT 9  
GEORGE CASEY, DISTRICT 10

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Fill out a Yellow Speaker’s Card and submit it to boxes at the bottom of the Chambers. Do this before the meeting or before the item is heard. This will ensure that the name on the card is called for the item(s) that you wish to address, and it will help ensure the meeting runs smoothly for all participants by calling speakers in an orderly manner. You may remain anonymous, but please fill out a card so we may call you. You can put “anonymous speaker” or “no name” on the card. When the Council reaches your item on the agenda, the Mayor will open the public hearing and call your name. Please address the Council from the podium, which is located to the left of the City Clerk’s table. To assist you in tracking your speaking time, there is a display on the podium. The green light turns on when you begin speaking; the yellow light turns on when you have 30 seconds left; and the red light turns on when your speaking time is up.

**• 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

[25-103](#)

Closed Session Agenda

11:00 a.m. - Regular Session, Council Chambers, City Hall

- Study Session, Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Priority Setting,  
Council Chambers, City Hall

\*To be heard immediately following the regular Council Meeting session.  
See Separate Agenda

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

\*The previously scheduled Evening Session has been cancelled.

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation (District 2)

El Grito de la Cultura Academy

- 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 Recognition

This meeting will be adjourned in memory of Mardonia Galeana Dionisio, who passed away on November 10, 2024. Mardonia was a pillar of her Eastside San José community, a fierce advocate for undocumented immigrants, and a shining example of resilience and grace. Her legacy lives on through cherished memories, as well as the art and stories inspired by her remarkable journey.

- Closed Session Report

To be heard after Ceremonial Items

## **1. CEREMONIAL ITEMS - TO BE HEARD AT 1:30 P.M.**

1.1 Presentation of a commendation to Staff Sergeant Ronkirby Deano of the United States Marine Corps for his instrumental role in fostering a partnership between Toys for Tots and our office, resulting in the distribution of toys to 500 children in the City of San José. (Doan)

1.2 Presentation of a proclamation recognizing February 11, 2025 as the International Day of Women and Girls in Science in the City of San José. (Campos)

1.3 Presentation of a commendation to Groundwerx for their dedication towards keeping downtown San José clean, safe, and welcoming, while also providing employment opportunities that empower vulnerable populations to better their lives. (Mayor)

## **2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Notice to the public:** There will be no separate discussion of Consent Calendar items 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 may be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

### **2.1 Approval of City Council Minutes.**

[25-137](#)

**Approval of City Council Minutes.**

**Recommendation:**

- (a) Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2024.
  - (b) Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2024.
  - (c) Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2024.
  - (d) Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of April 30, 2024.
  - (e) Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2024.
  - (f) City Council Budget Study Session Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2024.
  - (g) City Council Budget Study Session Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2024.
- CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-009, Staff Reports, Assessments, Annual Reports, and Informational Memos that involve no approvals of any City action.

**Attachments**

- [\(a\) 3/12/2024 CC Minutes](#)
- [\(b\) 3/26/2024 CC Minutes](#)
- [\(c\) 4/9/2024 CC Minutes](#)
- [\(d\) 4/30/2024 CC Minutes](#)
- [\(e\) 5/14/2024 CC Minutes](#)
- [\(f\) 5/8/2024 SS Minutes](#)
- [\(g\) 5/16/2024 SS Minutes](#)

### **2.2 Final Adoption of Ordinances.**

### **2.3 Approval of Council Committee Minutes.**

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

[25-136](#)**Mayor and Council Excused Absence Requests.****Recommendation:**

Request for an excused absence for Councilmember Kamei from the regular meeting of Rules and Open Government Committee and Committee of the Whole on February 5, 2025 due to authorized City business to attend the regular meeting of the Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Clara County (Santa Clara LAFCO).

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

[Rules Committee referral 2/5/2025 - Item A.1.a]

**Attachments** [Memorandum](#)

**2.5 City Council Travel Reports.****2.6 Report from the Council Liaison to the Retirement Boards.****2.7** [25-093](#)**Actions Related to the Purchase Order with Braun Northwest, Inc. for Battalion Command Vehicles.****Recommendation:**

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

- (a) Execute a purchase order with Braun Northwest, Inc. (Chehalis, WA), for battalion command vehicles beginning on or about February 17, 2025, and ending on or about February 16, 2026, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,579,025;
- (b) Approve a contingency of \$160,000 for unanticipated modifications to battalion command vehicles; and
- (c) Exercise up to six additional one-year options to extend the term of the purchase order, with the last option ending on or about February 16, 2032, 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)

**Attachments** [Memorandum](#)

**2.8**     [25-094](#)            **Actions Related to the Purchase Order with Bayscape Management, Inc. for Landscape Maintenance Services.**

**Recommendation:**     Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to exercise up to six one-year options to extend the term of the purchase order with Bayscape Management, Inc. (Alviso, CA) for landscape maintenance services, with the last option ending on or about June 30, 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)

**Attachments**     [Memorandum](#)

**2.9**     [25-095](#)            **Actions Related to the Purchase Order with TMT Enterprises, Inc. for Construction and Landscape Materials.**

**Recommendation:**     Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to exercise up to six one-year options to extend the term of the purchase order with TMT Enterprises, Inc. (San José, CA) for construction and landscape materials, with the last option ending on or about April 30, 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)

**Attachments**     [Memorandum](#)

**2.10**    [25-096](#)            **Amendment to the Agreement with Passport Labs, Inc. for Mobile Parking Payment Services.**

**Recommendation:**     Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to negotiate and execute an amendment to the agreement with Passport Labs, Inc. for mobile parking payment services to extend the term of the agreement for two additional years, from March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2027.  
CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-003, Agreements/Contracts (New or Amended) resulting in no physical changes to the environment.  
(Finance)

**Attachments**     [Memorandum](#)

**2.11**    [25-097](#)            **Amendment to Agreement with CH2M Hill, Inc. for the 8087-Trail: Coyote Creek (Mabury Road to Empire Street) Project-Rebid.**

**Recommendation:**    Approve the fourth amendment to the standard consultant agreement to retroactively extend the agreement expiration date for the 8087 - Trail: Coyote Creek (Mabury Road to Empire Street) Project-Rebid from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2025.  
CEQA: Determination of Consistency with the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Coyote Creek Trail Master Plan, File No. PP09-218. Council Districts 3 and 4. (Public Works)

**Attachments**    [Memorandum](#)  
[Agreement](#)

**2.12**    [25-098](#)            **Acceptance of the Retirement Plans' Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports for Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023.**

**Recommendation:**    (a) Accept the Police and Fire Department Retirement Plan Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023.  
(b) Accept the Federated City Employees' Retirement System Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2024 and June 30, 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. (Retirement Services)

**Attachments**    [Memorandum](#)

**2.13**    [25-135](#)            **Request for Travel Authorization for Mayor Mahan and Mayor's Staff.**

**Recommendation:**    As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on February 5, 2025, authorize travel, accept travel payments to the City of San José, and designate Mayor Mahan and Stephen Caines as the City representatives to participate in a Knight Media Forum organized and funded by the Knight Foundation from February 18, 2025 to February 20, 2025 in Miami, Florida. Source of Fund: The Knight Foundation and Mayor's Office Budget.  
CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-010, City Organizational and Administrative Activities resulting in no changes to the physical environment. (Mayor)  
[Rules Committee referral 2/5/2025 - Item B.7]

**Attachments**    [Memorandum](#)



**2.14** [25-132](#)**Request for Travel Authorization for Councilmember Cohen.****Recommendation:**

(a) As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on February 5, 2025, authorize travel for Councilmember Cohen to attend the League of California Cities Policy Committee meeting in Burbank, California on March 28, 2025. Source of Fund: Mayor/Council Travel Budget.

(b) Authorize travel for Councilmember Cohen to attend the League of California Cities Board of Directors meeting in Rancho Cucamonga, California from February 20, 2025 to February 21, 2025. Source of Fund: Mayor/Council Travel Budget.

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

[Rules Committee referral 2/5/2025 - (a) Item B.6 & (b) Item A.1.a]

**Attachments**

[Memorandum](#)

[Supplemental Memorandum](#)

**2.15**    [25-129](#)                    **Retroactive Approval of Multiple Special Events Sponsored by Council District 5 as City Council Sponsored Special Events to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Events.**

**Recommendation:**    As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on February 5, 2025:

- (a) Retroactively approve the Mayfair Community Center Dia de Muertos Health Fair scheduled on November 1, 2024 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds;
- (b) Retroactively approve the Lobue Neighborhood Association Safety Community Meeting scheduled on November 7, 2024 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds;
- (c) Retroactively approve Alum Rock Village Business Association Free Camera Pilot Program Camera Distribution Event scheduled on November 12, 2024 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds;
- (d) Retroactively approve the Lobue Neighborhood Association Dumpster Day scheduled on November 16, 2024 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds; and
- (e) Approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses, or community groups to support the events.

CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-011, Temporary Special Events resulting in no changes to the physical environment. (Ortiz)  
[Rules Committee referral 2/5/2025 - Item B.5]

**Attachments**    [Memorandum](#)

**2.16**    [25-126](#)                    **Approval of Tower Lighting for American Heart Month 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.**

**Recommendation:**    As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on February 5, 2025:

- (a) Approve the American Heart Month Tower Lighting scheduled on February 17-23, 2025 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds; and
- (b) Approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses, or community groups to support the event.

CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-011, Temporary Special Events resulting in no changes to the physical environment. (Candelas)  
[Rules Committee referral 2/5/2025 - Item B.4]

**Attachments**    [Memorandum](#)

### **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 [25-099](#) 2024-2025 Mid-Year Budget Review Report.**

##### **Recommendation:**

(a) Approve the 2024-2025 Mid-Year Budget Review Report.  
(b) Adopt related Appropriation Ordinance and Funding Sources Resolution amendments in various funds as detailed in Section III (Recommended Budget Adjustments and Clean-Up Actions) of the 2024-2025 Mid-Year Budget Review 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; and File No. PP17-004, Government Funding Mechanism or Fiscal Activity with no commitment to a specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. (City Manager)

**Attachments** [2024-2025 Mid-Year Review Report](#)

### **4. PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES**

### **5. TRANSPORTATION & AVIATION SERVICES**

### **6. ENVIRONMENTAL & UTILITY SERVICES**

### **7. NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES**

### **8. COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**8.1**     [25-100](#)            **Public Hearing on the 2025 Weed Abatement Commencement Report and Removal of Weeds or Refuse. - NOT TO BE HEARD BEFORE 1:30 P.M.**

**Recommendation:**

Conduct a public hearing and adopt a resolution:

- (a) Overruling any and all objections to the 2025 Weed Abatement Commencement Report; and
- (b) Directing the County of Santa Clara’s Consumer and Environmental Protection Agency - Weed Abatement Program to abate the seasonal and/or recurrent public nuisances on those properties identified in the 2025 Weed Abatement Commencement Report pursuant to Chapter 9.12 of Title 9 of the San José Municipal Code and the Weed Abatement Program Agreement between the City of San José and the County of Santa Clara.

CEQA: Categorically Exempt, File No. PP18-094, CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(h) Existing Facilities. (Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement)

NOT TO BE HEARD BEFORE 1:30 P.M.

**Attachments**    [Memorandum](#)  
                          [Resolution](#)

## **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**

- (a) [25-101](#) CP24-030 & ER24-231 - Conditional Use Permit for Certain Real Property Located at 439 South 1st Street. - NOT TO BE HEARD BEFORE 1:30 P.M.

**Recommendation:** Adopt a resolution approving, subject to conditions, a Conditional Use Permit to allow the conversion of an existing approximately 10,220-square-foot building to a music venue with the addition of two mezzanines totaling approximately 1,454 square feet and to allow entertainment and on-site alcohol sales and consumption (for more than 250 people), and late-night operation until 2:00 a.m. on an approximately 0.24-gross acre site.  
CEQA: Categorically exempt per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(a) for Existing Facilities. Council District 3. (Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement)  
NOT TO BE HEARD BEFORE 1:30 P.M.

**Attachments** [Memorandum](#)  
[Resolution](#)

- (b) [25-102](#) CP24-027 & ER24-192 - Conditional Use Permit and Determination of Public Convenience or Necessity for Certain Real Property Located at 1915 West San Carlos Street (Cha Cha ENTs LLC, Owner). - NOT TO BE HEARD BEFORE 1:30 P.M.

**Recommendation:** Adopt a resolution approving, subject to conditions, a Conditional Use Permit and Determination of Public Convenience or Necessity to allow the off-sale of alcohol (Type 20 - Off-Sale Beer & Wine) within an existing approximately 14,000-square-foot grocery store on an approximately 0.87-acre site located on the northwest corner of West San Carlos Street and Brooklyn Avenue.  
CEQA: Categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 for Existing Facilities. Planning Commission recommends approval (8-0-1; Rosario absent) (Item 4.d on the 1/22/2025 Planning Commission agenda). Council District 6. (Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement)  
NOT TO BE HEARD BEFORE 1:30 P.M.

**Attachments** [Memorandum](#)  
[Resolution](#)

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

## 10 Land Use - Regular Agenda

- **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 City Council. Members of the public may only speak at Open Forum once.**

- **Adjournment**

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- **Notice of City Engineer's Pending Decision on Final Maps**

FOR RECEIPT:

Tract: 10654

Location: 1215 Camino Ramon

District: 6

Lots/Units: 5/5

Type: SFD

Developer: Bold Builders Inc.

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## ABOUT THE AGENDA

*The City of San José is committed to open and honest government and strives to consistently meet the community's expectations by providing excellent service, in a positive and timely manner, and in the full view of the public.*

Welcome to the San José City Council meeting!

This Agenda contains both a Consent Calendar section for routine business items that require Council approval, and general business items arranged to correspond with San José's City Service Areas (CSAs). City Service Areas represent the policy-making level for strategic planning, policy setting, and investment decisions in the critical functions the City provides to the community. They are:

- **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.

The San José City Council meets every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. and Tuesday at 6 p.m. as needed, unless otherwise noted. The City Council, or less than a quorum, may adjourn any regular, special or adjourned meeting to a later date, time and place specified in the order of adjournment. If all members are absent, the City Clerk may declare the meeting adjourned to a stated date, time and place. If you have any questions, please direct them to the City Clerk's staff seated at the tables just below the dais. Thank you for taking the time to attend today's meeting. We look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

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THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND COMMITTEE ROOMS**

The Code of Conduct is intended to promote open meetings that welcome debate of public policy issues being discussed by the City Council, their Committees, and City Boards and Commissions in an atmosphere of fairness, courtesy, and respect for differing points of view.

1. Public Meeting Decorum:

- (a) Persons in the audience will refrain from behavior which will disrupt the public meeting. This will include making loud noises, clapping, shouting, booing, hissing or engaging in any other activity in a manner that disturbs, disrupts or impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- (b) Persons in the audience will refrain from creating, provoking or participating in any type of disturbance involving unwelcome physical contact.
- (c) Persons in the audience will refrain from using cellular phones and/or pagers while the meeting is in session.
- (d) Appropriate attire, including shoes and shirts are required in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms at all times.
- (e) Persons in the audience will not place their feet on the seats in front of them.
- (f) No food, drink (other than bottled water with a cap), or chewing gum will be allowed in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, except as otherwise pre-approved by City staff.
- (g) All persons entering the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, including their bags, purses, briefcases and similar belongings, may be subject to search for weapons and other dangerous materials.

2. Signs, Objects or Symbolic Material:

- (a) Objects and symbolic materials, such as signs or banners, will be allowed in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, with the following restrictions: § No objects will be larger than 2 feet by 3 feet.
  - No sticks, posts, poles or other such items will be attached to the signs or other symbolic materials.
  - The items cannot create a building maintenance problem or a fire or safety hazard.
- (b) Persons with objects and symbolic materials such as signs must remain seated when displaying them and must not raise the items above shoulder level, obstruct the view or passage of other attendees, or otherwise disturb the business of the meeting.
- (c) Objects that are deemed a threat to persons at the meeting or the facility infrastructure are not allowed. City staff is authorized to remove items and/or individuals from the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms if a threat exists or is perceived to exist. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to: firearms (including replicas and antiques), toy guns, explosive material, and ammunition; knives and other edged weapons; illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia; laser pointers, scissors, razors, scalpels, box cutting knives, and other cutting tools; letter openers, corkscrews, can openers with points, knitting needles, and hooks; hairspray, pepper spray, and aerosol containers; tools; glass containers; and large backpacks and suitcases that contain items unrelated to the meeting.



3. Addressing the Council, Committee, Board or Commission:
- (a) Persons wishing to speak on an agenda item or during open forum are requested to complete a speaker card and submit the card to the City Clerk or other administrative staff at the meeting.
  - (b) Meeting attendees are usually given two (2) minutes to speak on any discussion item and/or during open forum; the total amount of time allocated for public testimony for each public speaker or for an agenda item is in the discretion of the Chair of the meeting and may be limited when appropriate. (California Government Code Section 54954.3; Council Policy 0-37) Applicants and appellants in land use matters are usually given more time to speak. Speakers using a translator will be given twice the time allotted to ensure non-English speakers receive the same opportunity to directly address the Council, Committee, Board or Commission.
  - (c) Speakers should discuss only the agenda item when called to speak for that item, and only topics related to City business when called to speak during open forum on the agenda.
  - (d) Speakers' comments should be addressed to the full body. Requests to engage the Mayor, Council Members, Board Members, Commissioners or Staff in conversation will not be honored. Abusive language is inappropriate.
  - (e) Speakers will not bring to the podium any items other than a prepared written statement, writing materials, or objects that have been inspected by security staff.'
  - (f) If an individual wishes to submit written information, he or she may give it to the City Clerk or other administrative staff at the meeting.
  - (g) Speakers and any other members of the public will not approach the dais at any time without prior consent from the Chair of the meeting.

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