



## **PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA**

### **Study Session:**

#### **[Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan Proposal](#)**

**Commencing at 4:30 p.m.**

Teleconferenced Meeting

### **Regular Hearing & General Plan Hearing**

**Wednesday, December 9, 2020**

**Commencing at 6:30 p.m.**

Teleconferenced Meeting

**The Planning Commission is meeting via teleconference from remote locations in accordance with state and local orders and measures taken as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.**

**Members of the public may view and listen to the meeting by following the instructions listed on page 2. Additional instructions are provided on page 2 to those members of the Public who would like to comment on agenda items.**

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## **Note**

### **Electronic device instructions:**

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1. Use a current, up-to-date browser: Chrome 30+, Firefox 27+, Microsoft Edge 12+, Safari 7+. Certain functionality may be disabled in older browsers including Internet Explorer. Mute all other audio before speaking. Using multiple devices can cause an audio feedback.
2. Enter an email address and name. The name will be visible online and will be used to notify you that it is your turn to speak.
3. When the Chair calls for the item on which you wish to speak, click on “raise hand.” Speakers will be notified shortly before they are called to speak.
4. When called, please limit your remarks to the time limit allotted.

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### **Public Comments prior to meeting:**

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### SUMMARY OF HEARING PROCEDURES

The procedure for this hearing is as follows:

- After the staff report, applicants, and appellants may make a 5-minute presentation.
- The meeting technician will connect persons who desire to speak to the commission to the meeting so they can be heard.
- Each speaker will have two minutes. Speakers using a translator will have four minutes.
- After the public testimony, the applicant and appellant may make closing remarks for an additional five minutes.
- Planning Commissioners may ask questions of the speakers. Response to Commissioner questions will not reduce the speaker's time allowance.
- The public hearing will then be closed and the Planning Commission will take action on the item. The Planning Commission may request staff to respond to the public testimony, ask staff questions, and discuss the item.

**If you challenge these land use decisions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at this public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, the public hearing.**

**The Planning Commission's action on re-zonings, pre-zonings, General Plan Amendments and Code Amendments is only advisory to the City Council. The City Council will hold public hearings on these items.** Section 20.120.400 of the Municipal Code provides the procedures for legal protests to the City Council on re-zonings and pre-zonings. The Planning Commission's action on Conditional Use Permits is appealable to the City Council in accordance with Section 20.100.220 of the Municipal Code. Agendas and all staff reports for this meeting may be accessed at: <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments-offices/planning-building-code-enforcement/planning-division/commissions-and-hearings/planning-commission/agendas-minutes-2020>

# **AGENDA**

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **WELCOME**

Welcome to the Planning Commission Meeting. This meeting is being held via Zoom Conference Call due to the COVID-19 crisis. Members of the public may participate by following the instructions listed on the Agenda. You may also view and listen to the meeting on live stream Cable TV, Granicus, and YouTube.

If you would like to provide public comment, you have two methods to identify to provide public comment in writing transmitted to the City prior to or at the meeting when the item is being considered or verbally by following the instructions to participate herein. All members of the public will remain on mute until the individual identifies they would like to speak and they are unmuted.

For members of the public who desire to address the Commission on an item, please connect to the meeting either by Zoom or by telephone using the instructions on p. 2 of this agenda

### **ROLL CALL**

### **SUMMARY OF HEARING PROCEDURES**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER & ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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Public comments to the Planning Commission on non-agendized items. Please contact the Commission in the manner specified on p. 2 of this agenda to comment on any item that is not specified on the agenda. Please use the 'raise hand' feature in Zoom or click \*9 to raise a hand to speak or contact 408-535-3505 to request to speak. Each member of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The commission cannot take any formal action without the item being properly noticed and placed on an agenda. In response to public comment, the Planning Commission is limited to the following options:

- Responding to statements made or questions posed by members of the public; or
- Requesting staff to report back on a matter at a subsequent meeting; or
- Directing staff to place the item on a future agenda.

## **3. DEFERRALS AND REMOVALS FROM CALENDAR**

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Any item scheduled for hearing this evening for which deferral is being requested will be taken out of order to be heard first on the matter of deferral or removal.

Staff will provide an update on the items for which deferral and removal is being requested. If you want to change any of the deferral dates recommended, or speak to the question of deferring or removing these or any other items, you should request to speak in the manner specified on p. 2 of this agenda.

**No Items**

## **4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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The consent calendar items are considered to be routine and will be adopted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request is made by a member of the Planning Commission, staff, or the public to have an item removed from the consent calendar and considered separately.

Staff will provide an update on the consent calendar. If you wish to speak on one of these items please use the 'raise hand' feature in Zoom or click \*9 to raise a hand to speak or contact 408-535-3505 to request to speak.

**No Items**

## **5. PUBLIC HEARING**

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Generally, the Public Hearing items are considered by the Planning Commission in the order in which they appear on the agenda. However, please be advised that the Commission may take items out of order to facilitate the agenda, such as to accommodate significant public testimony, or may defer discussion of items to later agendas for public hearing time management purposes.

**No Items**

## **6. CONTINUE GENERAL PLAN HEARING (THIRD CYCLE) FROM DECEMBER 2, 2020**

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## 7. GENERAL PLAN CONSENT CALENDAR

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- a. **GPT19-006:** City-initiated General Plan Text Amendment to make modifications to the Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan to reference Climate Smart San Jose and make updates to tracking of measures associated with the former Green Vision during the General Plan annual review process. **CEQA:** Determination of Consistency with the Envision San José 2040 General Plan Final Program Environmental Impact Report (Resolution No. 76041) and the Envision San José 2040 General Plan Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Resolution No. 77617), and Addenda thereto.

**PROJECT MANAGER, EDWARD SCHREINER**

**Staff Recommendation:**

**That Planning Commission recommends that the City Council take all of the following actions:**

1. Consider the Determination of Consistency with the Envision San José 2040 General Plan Final Program Environmental Impact Report (Resolution No. 76041) and Supplemental Environmental Impact Report to the Envision San Jose General Plan Final Program Environmental Impact Report (Resolution No. 77617), and Addenda thereto in conformance with CEQA; and
2. Adopt a resolution approving the General Plan Text Amendment to make modifications to the Envision San José 2040 General Plan to reference Climate Smart San José and make updates to tracking of measures associated with the former Green Vision during the General Plan annual review process.

- b. **GP20-002:** Privately initiated General Plan Amendment to change the land use/transportation diagram from Mixed Use Commercial to Urban Residential on an approximately 1.64-gross acre site located on the northwest corner of Lakewood Drive and Cropley Avenue intersection (1953 Via Reggio Court) (1953 Via Reggio CT LLC, Owner). Council District 4. **CEQA:** Initial Study/Negative Declaration for the 1953 Via Reggio Ct General Plan Amendment.

**PROJECT MANAGER, JESSICA SETIAWAN**

**Staff Recommendation:**

**That Planning Commission recommends that the City Council take all of the following actions:**

1. Consider the Negative Declaration in accordance with CEQA; and
2. Adopt a resolution approving the Envision San José 2040 General Plan Land Use/Transportation Diagram amendment to change the land use designation from Mixed Use Commercial to Urban Residential on an approximately 1.64-gross acre site, located at 1953 Via Reggio Ct.

## 8. GENERAL PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

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- a. [GP19-012, C19-042, CP20-019 & T20-020:](#) General Plan Amendment from Residential Neighborhood to Downtown, a Conforming Rezone from LI Light Industrial and R-2 Two-Family Residence to DC Downtown Primary Commercial, a Conditional Use Permit to allow the demolition of existing structures and the construction of a mixed-use six-story building including a 190-bed commercial residential care facility with 116 assisted living guest rooms and 49 memory care guest rooms, four multi-family residential units, and a back-up generator, including a development exception to allow a reduced 12-foot height for the required on-site loading space, and a Tentative Map to allow the consolidation of seven lots into one lot located on the west side of Gifford Avenue, approximately 150 feet southerly of West San Carlos street (470 West San Carlos Street) (Thang N Do Trustee & et al., Owner) Council District 3. **CEQA:** Addendum to Downtown Strategy 2040 Final Environmental Impact Report adopted by City Council Resolution No. 78942 on December 19, 2018, and addenda thereto.

**PROJECT MANAGER, LAURA MEINERS**

**Staff Recommendation:**

**That Planning Commission recommends that the City Council take all of the following actions:**

1. Adopt a Resolution adopting the Addendum to the Downtown Strategy 2040 Final Environmental Impact Report adopted by City Council Resolution No. 78942 on December 19, 2018, and addenda thereto, in accordance with CEQA.
2. Adopt a Resolution amending the Envision San José 2040 General Plan Land Use/Transportation Diagram designation (APN's 264-20-086, 264-20-087, and 264-20-088) from Residential Neighborhood to Downtown on approximately 19,200-gross square feet of the total 39,130-square foot Project Site.
3. Approve an Ordinance rezoning the Project Site as follows:
  - From the LI Light Industrial Zoning District to the DC Downtown Primary Commercial Zoning District on approximately 13,179-gross square feet (APN's 264-20-082, 264-20-083, and 264-20-084), and
  - From the R-2 Two-Family Residence Zoning District to the DC Downtown Primary Commercial Zoning District over approximately 25,951-gross square feet (APNs 264-20-085, 264-20-086, 264-20-087, and 264-20-088) of the total 39,130-square foot project site.
4. Adopt a Resolution approving, subject to conditions, a Vesting Tentative Map to merge the seven parcels on the Project Site into one parcel.
5. Adopt a Resolution approving, subject to conditions, a Conditional Use Permit to allow the demolition of existing structures and the construction of a mixed-use project including a 190-bed commercial residential care facility with 116 assisted living residential care guest rooms and 49 memory care guest rooms, four multi-family residential units, and a back-up generator, including a development exception, on the Project Site.

- b. **GP20-001 & C20-007:** Privately initiated General Plan Amendment to change the General Plan land use designation from Transportation and Utilities to Residential Neighborhood (GP20-001) and a Conforming Rezoning (C20-007) from A Agriculture and unzoned Zoning District to R-1-5 Single Family Residence Zoning District, on approximately an 8.6-gross acre site located on a portion generally bounded by Brooktree Way, Bret Harte Drive, Queenswood Way and Hampswood Way; a portion south of Hampswood Way, approximately 260-feet easterly of Hampswood Court; a portion northerly of Portswood Drive, approximately 380-feet easterly of Belder Drive; a portion generally bounded by the south of Portswood Drive and along the north of Raich Drive into the north terminus of Cahen Drive; a portion generally bounded by the south of Raich Drive, west of Cahen Drive and north of McKean Road (0 Bret Harte Drive) (Summer Hill Homes, Owner). Council District 10. **CEQA:** Initial Study/Negative Declaration for the Portswood Drive General Plan Amendment and Rezoning.

**PROJECT MANAGER, ROBERT RIVERA**

**Staff Recommendation:**

**That Planning Commission recommends that the City Council take all of the following actions:**

1. Adopt a resolution adopting the Portswood Drive General Plan Amendment and Rezoning Negative Declaration, for which an Initial Study was prepared, all in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, as amended.
2. Adopt a resolution amending the Envision San José 2040 General Plan Land Use/Transportation Diagram land use designation from Transportation Utilities to Residential Neighborhood for 790 Portswood Drive and 0 Bret Hart Drive on an 8.6-gross acre site (File No. GP20-001).
3. Approve an ordinance rezoning certain real property located on a portion generally bounded by Brooktree Way, Bret Harte Drive, Queenswood Way, and Hampswood Way; a portion south of Hampswood Way, approximately 260-feet easterly of Hampswood Court; a portion northerly of Portswood Drive, approximately 380-feet easterly of Belder Drive; a portion generally bounded south of Portswood Drive and along the north of Raich Drive into the north terminus of Cahen Drive; a portion generally bounded south of Raich Drive, west of Cahen Drive and north of McKean Road from the A Agricultural Zoning District and properties that do not have an established Zoning District to the R-1-5 Single Family Residence Zoning District on approximately 8.6-gross acres.

- c. **GP20-003:** Privately initiated General Plan Amendment to change the land use/transportation diagram from Public/Quasi-Public to Residential Neighborhood on an approximately 2.7-gross acre site located on the North of Cambrianna Drive, approximately 100 feet easterly of Taper Avenue (1975 Cambrianna Drive) (Cambrian School District, Owner). Council District 6. **CEQA:** Initial Study/Negative Declaration for the 1975 Cambrianna Drive General Plan Amendment.

**PROJECT MANAGER, JESSICA SETIAWAN**

**Staff Recommendation:**

**That Planning Commission recommends that the City Council take all of the following actions:**

1. Consider the Negative Declaration in accordance with CEQA; and
2. Adopt a resolution to deny the Envision San José 2040 General Plan Land Use/Transportation Diagram amendment to change the land use designation from Public/Quasi-Public to Residential Neighborhood on an approximately 2.7-gross-acre site, located at 1975 Cambrianna Drive.
3. Add an item to the Housing Crisis Workplan to explore policy changes for public school land conversions that could provide more opportunities for housing and revenue for public school districts.

## **9. CONTINUE THE GENERAL PLAN HEARING TO JANUARY 13, 2021**

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## **10. REFERRALS FROM CITY COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, OR OTHER AGENCIES**

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No Items

## **11. GOOD AND WELFARE**

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- a. Report from City Council
- b. Review and Approve Action Minutes from [12/2/20.](#)
- c. Subcommittee Formation, Reports, and Outstanding Business
- d. Commission Calendar and Study Sessions
- e. The Public Record

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

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## 2020 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 15	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
<i>January 29</i>	<i>5:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Study Session/Public Hearing</i>	<i>Wing Rooms 118-119</i>
<u><i>Parking Management by the Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Panel</i></u>			
January 29	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
February 12	6:30 p.m.	Regular & General Plan	Council Chambers
<i>February 26</i>	<i>5:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Study Session/Public Hearing</i>	<i>Room T-332</i>
<u><i>Planning Commission Composition</i></u>			
February 26	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
March 11	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
March 25	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Teleconferenced Meeting
April 8	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Teleconferenced Meeting
April 22	6:30 p.m.	<u>Cancelled:</u> Regular	Teleconferenced Meeting
May 6	6:30 p.m.	<u>Cancelled:</u> Regular	Teleconferenced Meeting
May 13	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Teleconferenced Meeting
<i>May 20</i>	<i>5:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Study Session/Public Hearing</i>	<i>Teleconferenced Meeting</i>
<u><i>2020/2021 Capital Budget &amp; 2021/2025 Capital Improvement Program Study Session</i></u>			
May 27	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Teleconferenced Meeting
June 10	6:30 p.m.	<u>Cancelled:</u> Regular	Teleconferenced Meeting
June 24	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Teleconferenced Meeting
<i>July 8</i>	<i>4:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Study Session/Public Hearing</i>	<i>Teleconferenced Meeting</i>
<u><i>Informational Workshop</i></u>			
July 8	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Teleconferenced Meeting
<i>July 22</i>	<i>5:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Study Session/Public Hearing</i>	<i>Teleconferenced Meeting</i>
<u><i>San José Citywide Design Standards and Guidelines</i></u>			
July 22	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Teleconferenced Meeting
<i>August 12</i>	<i>5:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Study Session/Public Hearing</i>	<i>Teleconferenced Meeting</i>
<u><i>San José Citywide Design Standards and Guidelines</i></u>			
August 12	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Teleconferenced Meeting
August 26	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Teleconferenced Meeting
September 9	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Teleconferenced Meeting
September 23	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Teleconferenced Meeting
October 14	6:30 p.m.	Regular & General Plan	Teleconferenced Meeting
<i>October 23</i>	<i>12:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Annual Retreat</i>	<i>Teleconferenced Meeting</i>
<u><i>Planning Commission Annual Retreat</i></u>			
<i>October 28</i>	<i>5:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Study Session/Public Hearing</i>	<i>Teleconferenced Meeting</i>
<u><i>2020 General Plan Annual Review</i></u>			
October 28	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Teleconferenced Meeting
November 4	6:30 p.m.	<u>Cancelled:</u> Regular	Teleconferenced Meeting
November 18	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Teleconferenced Meeting
<i>December 2</i>	<i>4:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Study Session/Public Hearing</i>	<i>Teleconferenced Meeting</i>
<u><i>Diridon Station Area Plan (DSAP)</i></u>			
December 2	6:30 p.m.	Regular & General Plan	Teleconferenced Meeting
<i>December 9</i>	<i>4:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Study Session/Public Hearing</i>	<i>Teleconferenced Meeting</i>
<u><i>Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan Proposal</i></u>			
December 9	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Teleconferenced Meeting

## ABOUT THE PLANNING COMMISSION

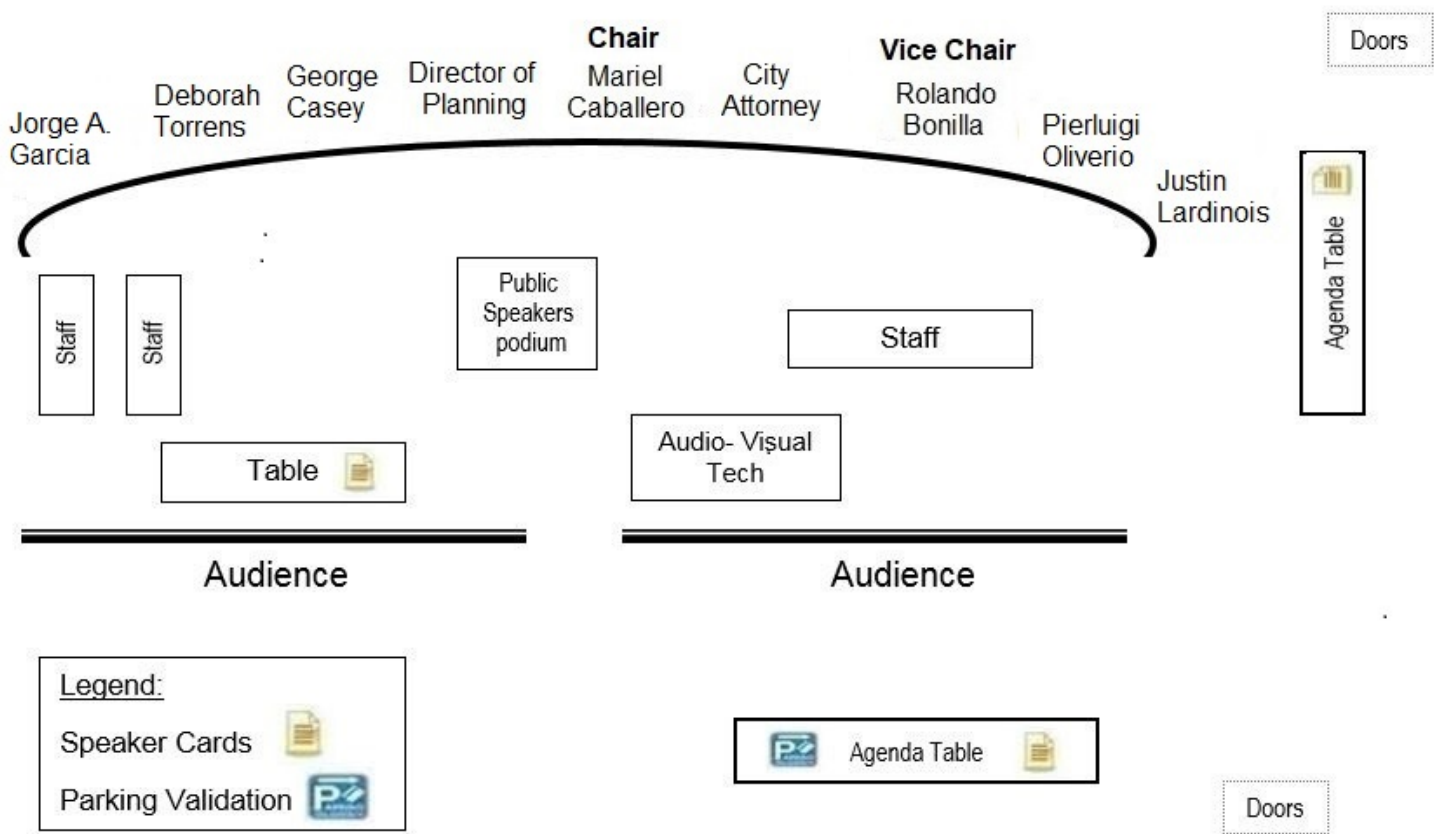
The Planning Commission is a seven-member body, appointed by the City Council, which performs two types of actions:

- One type is “Quasi-Legislative” in nature in which the Planning Commission makes recommendations to the City Council regarding the adoption, amendment, or repeal of general or specific plans, Zoning Code provisions, or regulations related to the land use development, redevelopment, rehabilitation or renewal of the City, including its Capital Improvement Programs.
- The second type of action is “Quasi-Judicial” in nature in which the Planning Commission applies previously adopted legislation to particular applications and acts as a decision-making or appellate body. Examples of these types of actions include Commission decisions on Conditional Use Permits, appeals of the Planning Director’s decisions on certain land use permits, and the certification of Environmental Impact Reports.

A notation of “Administrative Hearing” for an agenda item indicates that the item is a Quasi-Judicial action of the Commission in order to assist the public in understanding the role of the Planning Commission on a particular item.

To effectively manage the Planning Commission Agenda, and to be sensitive to concerns regarding the length of public hearing, the Planning Commission may determine to proceed with remaining agendized items past 11:00 p.m., or to continue this hearing to a later date, or to defer remaining items to the next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting date. The decision on how to proceed will be heard by the Planning Commission no later than 11:00 p.m.

### Seating Chart within the City Council Chambers:



The San José Planning Commission generally meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Agendas and Staff Reports for Planning Commission items may be viewed on the Internet at <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments/planning-building-code-enforcement/planning-division/commissions-and-hearings/planning-commission>

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Planning Commission hearings are video recorded and broadcasted live. To view the live broadcast or past hearing recordings go to the Internet website: [https://sanjose.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=51](https://sanjose.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=51)

If you have any agenda questions, please contact Support Staff at (408) 535-3505 or email [PlanningSupportStaff@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:PlanningSupportStaff@sanjoseca.gov). Thank you for taking the time to attend today's meeting. We look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

### **FREQUENTLY USED ABBREVIATIONS**

<b>CEQA</b>	California Environmental Quality Act
<b>CP</b>	Conditional Use Permit
<b>DA</b>	Development Agreement
<b>PD</b>	Planned Development Permit
<b>PDC</b>	Planned Development Zoning

## **CITY OF SAN JOSÉ CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS IN 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, Redevelopment Agency Board, 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.

**CITY OF SAN JOSÉ CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND COMMITTEE ROOMS (CONT'D)**

3. Addressing the Council, Redevelopment Agency Board, 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 agenda item and/or during open forum; the time limit is in the discretion of the Chair of the meeting and may be limited when appropriate. Applicants and appellants in land use matters are usually given more time to speak.
  - c) Speakers should discuss topics related to City business on the agenda, unless they are speaking during open forum.
  - 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.

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct which will disturb, disrupt or impede the orderly conduct of the meeting may result in removal from the meeting and/or possible arrest.