MEETING MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC SAFETY, FINANCE AND STRATEGIC SUPPORT COMMITTEE
AND MEETING OF THE WHOLE

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA   THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021

COVID-19 NOTICE
Consistent with AB 361 and City of San Jose Resolution Nos. 79485, 80237, 80266 and 80290 this meeting will not be physically open to the public and the (Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee)* Members will be teleconferencing from remote locations.

The Council meeting was teleconferenced from remote locations and convened at 1:30 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers   -   Peralez, Jimenez, Mahan, Arenas.

Absent: Councilmembers   -   Jones.

Staff: Assistant City Manager, Lee Wilcox; Senior Deputy City Attorney, Rosa Tsongtaatarii; Mayor's Office, Paul Pereira; and City Clerk's Office, Yasmin Johnson.

B.   Review of Work Plan

None provided.

C.   Consent Calendar

1.   First Quarter Financial Reports for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. (Finance)

Public Comments: (1) Tessa Woodmansee spoke to the climate crisis, the allocation of funds, and becoming carbon neutral in San José. (2) Blair Beekman spoke to the retirement plans and salaries.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, seconded by Councilmember Matt Mahan and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the First Quarter (period ended September 30, 2021) Financial Reports for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for the following programs: (a) Debt Management (b) Investment Management (c) Revenue Management; and (d) Purchasing & Risk Management; the First Quarter Financial

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C.1 (Cont'd.)

Reports for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 are cross-referenced to the December 7, 2021 City Council meeting for full adoption; and forwarded the recommendation to the City Council for the December 7, 2021 Council Meeting to adopt a resolution authorizing the Director of Finance to write-off uncollectible debts in an amount up to $641,761.52. (4-0-1. Absent: Jones)

D.   Reports to Committee

1.   Police Department Operations and Performance Bi-Monthly Status Report. (Police)

Public Comments: (1) Tessa Woodmansee spoke to the Crisis Assessment Team, her concerns with the unhoused community near her neighborhood, and the process of wellness checks. (2) Caller '4379' spoke to the assistance of police officers in domestic instances, use of force, and grant funding. (3) Blair Beekman spoke to the working conditions of police officers assigned to rape cases and crime issues in Downtown San José. (4) Scott Largent spoke to his encounters with the MCAT team near crash zones, suggested deploying the team to resolve unhoused community issues, and their response times.

SJPD Lieutenant, Steve Donohue and SJPD Sergeant, Denise McMullen offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, seconded by Councilmember Matt Mahan and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the verbal bi-monthly status report on Police Department operations and performance in the areas of city-wide crime statistics, crime trends, emerging issues, and other matters of interest, as needed, with a focus on gender-based violence, police redistricting efforts, and the mobile crisis assessment team. (4-0-1. Absent: Jones)

2.   Police Reforms Work Plan: Reimagining Community Safety Work Status Report. (City Manager)

Public Comment: (1) Tessa Woodmansee spoke to the Cities website accessibility and her concerns with subcommittees. (2) Blair Beekman spoke to the subcommittee process and the Police Peer Review Program. (3) Scott Largent addressed his concerns with how the unhoused communities are treated by law enforcement.

Deputy City Manager, Angel Rios and Sacred Heart Community Service, Executive Director, Poncho Guevara offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, seconded by Councilmember Matt Mahan and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the status report on the Police Reforms Work Plan: Reimagining Community Safety process. (4-0-1. Absent: Jones)

3. **Domestic Violence Prevention and Awareness Annual Report. (Police)**

Public Comment: (1) Tessa Woodmansee stated that hotels aren't needed in certain neighborhoods that could promote human trafficking especially near schools. (2) Blair Beekman spoke to the Police Peer Review Program and reimagining ideas.

SJPD, Family Violence Unit, Lieutenant, Rob Lang; SJPD, Deputy Chief, Ella Washburn; YWCA, Director of Support Services, Lindsey Mansfield; and YWCA, Community Support Manager, Cynthia Melchor offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, seconded by Councilmember Matt Mahan and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the 2020-2021 annual report on the City's efforts related to domestic violence prevention and awareness. (4-0-1. Absent: Jones)

4. **Housing and Childcare Options for Gender-Based Violence Survivors Report. (Housing)**

Public Comment: (1) Tessa Woodmansee spoke to childcare options. (2) Caller 'User-1' spoke to the funding of the programs mentioned in the report. (3) Blair Beekman spoke to mental health services.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Raul Peralez, seconded by Councilmember Pam Foley and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the update on housing and childcare options for gender-based violence survivors. (3-0-2. Absent: Jones, Jimenez)

• **Open Forum**

1. Blair Beekman spoke to the lectures and reports provided by the retirement board.
2. Paul Soto spoke to the use of redlining maps and the allocation of funds due to the census maps.
3. Caller 'User-1' spoke to the efforts being done by the police and fire departments and his views and concerns with the word "Christmas" not being used by the City.
4. Scott Largent spoke to the Code Enforcement Department and his issues and concerns with his motorhome being taken away by the City and SJPD.

• **Adjournment**

Councilmember, Raul Peralez adjourned the Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee Meeting at 4:23 p.m.

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Raul Peralez, Chair
Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee

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