City Council Meeting Minutes

2025-2026 Budget Study Session

Wednesday, May 12, 2025
9:30 AM

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

Call to Order and Roll Call

9:33 a.m.- Study Session.

Present Councilmembers: - Mahan, Foley, Kamei, Campos, Salas, Cohen, Ortiz, Mulcahy, Doan, Candelas, Casey.

Absent Councilmembers: - None.

Staff: City Manager, Jennifer Maguire; Assistant City Manager, Lee Wilcox; City Attorney, Nora Frimann; City Clerk, Toni Taber; and Deputy City Clerk, Daniel Aguilar.

2025-2026 BUDGET STUDY SESSIONS

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES (9:34 a.m.- 11:18 a.m.)

OUTCOMES:

- Healthy Communities that Inspire Belonging.
- A Safe, Fun, and Healthy San José.
- Welcoming and Vibrant Neighborhoods and Public Life.
- Housing Security through Supportive Solutions.

Jill Bourne, City Librarian, Library; Erik Soliván, Director, Housing; Jon Cicirelli, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services; Matt Loesch, Director, Public Works; Rachel Roberts, Deputy Director, Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement; and Angel Rios, Deputy City Manager, City Manager's Office, offered the Neighborhood Services City Service Area 2025-2026 Proposed Operating Budget presentation and responded to questions.

Mayor Matt Mahan opened the floor for Council questions.

PUBLIC SAFETY (11:26 a.m.- 3:15 p.m.)

OUTCOMES:

- A safer San José with effective emergency response services
- Resilient communities that are prepared for emergencies

Robert Sapien Jr, Fire Chief; Paul Joseph, Police Chief; Raymond Riordan, Director, City Manager's Office; and Eddie Aubrey, Independent Police Auditor, offered the Public Safety City Service Area 2025-2026 Proposed Operating Budget presentation and responded to questions.

Mayor Matt Mahan opened the floor for Council questions.

Mayor Matt Mahan adjourned the Budget Study Session for recess from 12:00 pm to 1:30 p.m.

The Public Safety City Service Area 2025-2026 Proposed Operating Budget presentation and discussion resumed at 1:36 p.m.

Khaled Tawfik, Director, Information Technology, responded to questions from Council.

STRATEGIC SUPPORT/APPOINTEES (3:25 p.m. – 4:27 p.m.)

OUTCOMES:

- Excellent City service delivery that enhances internal and external customer experience and engagement
- Strategic investments in people, technology, and assets
- Inclusive, adaptive, and sustainable work environment

Khaled Tawfik, Director, Information Technology; Maria Oberg, Director, Finance; Aram Kouyoumdjian, Director, Human Resources; Matt Loesch, Director, Public Works; and Sarah Zarate, Director, City Manager's Office, offered the Strategic Support City Service Area 2025-2026 Proposed Operating Budget presentation and responded to questions.

Mayor Matt Mahan opened the floor for Council questions.

Jon Cicirelli, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, responded to questions from Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tam Nguyen, Andrew Siegler, Emilia Castellanos, Marc Adams, Pancho Guevara, Erin Stanton, Dilza Gonzalez, Michele Schoeder, Georgia Bacil, Gail Osmer, Marcelo Espiritu, Kathryin Hedges, Sandra Mickanen, Elva Wilson, Robert MicKanen, Sean Panchal, Hong Cao, Sam Ho, Danny Costa, Jaimie Wolak, Ross Martinez, Jim Huang, Tina Morill, Larry Whitaker, Dawn Coppin, Michael Morand, Yvetter Papineaw, Alie Victorine, Gary Victorine, Eugene Torres, Shaun, and six members of the public who did not provide their names at the podium, offered public testimony pertaining to the 2025-2026 Budget Study Session agendized items.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Matt Mahan adjourned the Study Session at 5:17 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,

Daniel Aguilar

Daniel Aguilar
Deputy City Clerk, City of San José

Approved at Council on:

# of Actions: 0

Attest By:

Toni J. Taber, MMC
City Clerk, City of San José