CITY OF SAN JOSE
CAPITAL OF SILICON VALLEY

MINUTES OF THE
JOINT MEETING OF THE RULES AND OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025**

The Committee meeting was held in the Council Chambers, and convened at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers - Cohen, Kamei, Foley, Doan (*arrived after roll call*), Candelas.

Absent: Councilmembers - None.

Staff: Assistant City Manager, Lee Wilcox; Assistant City Clerk, Joy Rodriguez; Assistant City Attorney, Kevin Fisher; City Manager's Office, Rachelle Blattman; and City Clerk's Office, Megan Roche.

A. City Council (City Clerk)

1. Review March 18, 2025 Final Agenda
a) Add new items to Final Agenda
b) Assign "Time Certain" to Agenda Items (if needed)
c) Review of Notice of Waiver Requests for Agenda Items or Documents (if needed)

Public Comment: None provided.

Action: Upon motion by Vice Mayor Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember Rosemary Kamei, and carried unanimously, the Committee approved the March 18, 2025 final agenda, including the Add Sheet; and *Item 3.3* to be heard last, *but not before* 4:00 p.m., on the March 18, 2025 City Council agenda. (4-0-1; Absent: Doan)

2. Review March 25, 2025 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)

Public Comment: None provided.

Action: Upon motion by Vice Mayor Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember Domingo Candelas, and carried unanimously, the Committee approved the draft agenda for the City Council meeting on March 25, 2025. (5-0-0)

B. Consent Calendar

Public Comment: None provided.

Action: Upon motion by Vice Mayor Pam Foley, seconded by Domingo Candelas, and carried unanimously, the Consent Calendar was approved as a whole. The below actions were taken as indicated. (5-0-0)

1. The Public Record for February 27, 2025 - March 6, 2025. (City Clerk)

The Public Record for February 27, 2025 - March 6, 2025, was received and filed.

2. Parks Maintenance and Capital Funding Study Session. (Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services)

A City Council Study Session Meeting entitled *Parks Maintenance and Capital Funding*, was set for Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, including the approval of the Study Session agenda.

3. Approval of the Proclamation of Cambodian New Year, Cambodian Flag Raising, and Tower Lighting 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. (Ortiz)

The Proclamation of Cambodian New Year, Cambodian Flag Raising, and Tower Lighting special events sponsored by Council District 5, were approved for placement on the March 18, 2025 City Council Agenda for action.

4. Retroactive Approval of Various Events Sponsored by Council District 8 as City Council Sponsored Special Events to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Events. (Candelas)

The various special events sponsored by Council District 8 were approved for placement on the March 18, 2025 City Council Agenda for action.

C. Rules Committee Reviews, Recommendations and Approvals

1. Addressing Vanlording and Ensuring Safe, Regulated Housing in Public Right-Of-Way: A Proposal for Increased Enforcement in San José. (Mayor, Doan, Mulcahy, and Cohen)

1. Direct the City Manager, in collaboration with the City Attorney and other relevant departments, to report back to the City Council within 90 days with an analysis and recommendations for a proposed City ordinance to curtail the leasing, renting, let out, or otherwise loan of recreational vehicles in the public right of way in exchange for money, goods, or services. Include the following items within the scope of work:

a. Any relevant existing ordinances or codes that may be enforced.

b. The feasibility of adopting new ordinances that place restrictions on the sale, trade, and/or auctioning of recreational vehicles in the public right of way.

c. Explore the prevention of the trade or sale of recreational vehicles between tow yards, salvage yards and vanlords.

d. Research similar ordinances in other municipalities and gather relevant data on effectiveness in order to produce a staff recommendation.
e. Explore enforcement mechanisms that can be potentially executed by Planning, Building and Code Enforcement, Parking Control Officers, or any other relevant departments.

Public Comment: Rudy Ortega offered public comment.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Bien Doan, seconded by Councilmember Domingo Candelas, and carried unanimously, staff was directed to return to the Rules and Open Government Committee in two weeks with a Workload Analysis and recommendations for a proposed City ordinance to curtail the leasing, renting, let out, or otherwise loan of recreational vehicles in the public right of way in exchange for money, goods, or services; including the scope of work noted above. (5-0-0)

2. Honoring the Grateful Dead's Start in San José. (Mayor, Foley, Salas, Ortiz, and Candelas)

1. Explore installing an artistically designed plaque, honoring the Grateful Dead's first official performance on the San José City Hall campus.
2. Coordinate with community-based organization, San Jose Rocks, to privately fundraise for the creation and installation of an artistically designed plaque.
3. Report back in 30 days with the cost estimates for installation and final site verification.
4. Allow for a special event to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Grateful Dead's first concert, which took place at 43 South Fifth Street; now the location of the City Council chambers on the San José City Hall Campus.

Michael Lomio, Senior Land Use and Economic Development Policy Advisor, Mayor's Office; and Jessica Barriga, Economic Development Policy Advisor, Mayor's Office, introduced the item and brought forward the recommendations as outlined in the March 6, 2025 joint memorandum co-authored by Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, Councilmember Salas, Councilmember Ortiz, and Councilmember Candelas.

Public Comment: Dan Orloff, David Borough, and Mark Purdy offered public comment.

Action: Upon motion by Vice Mayor Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember Domingo Candelas, and carried unanimously, the item was directed to return to the Rules and Open Government Committee as soon as staff is able to bring it back. (5-0-0)

D. Open Forum

1. Rudy Ortega expressed his concerns stating that most RV dwellers are people in need of shelter, are not criminals; and that criminalizing homelessness instead of offering real solutions demands transparency, including the need for documentation on alleged criminal activity connected to RVs.

E. Adjournment

Chair David Cohen adjourned the Committee meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared, and Respectfully Submitted by,

Daniel Aguilar

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Deputy City Clerk, City of San José

Approved at Council on:

Number of actions: 5

Attest by:

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