



**MINUTES OF THE  
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017**

The Community and Economic Development Committee of the City of San José convened in regular session at 1:31 p.m. in the Committee Rooms 118-120, Council Wing, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Johnny Khamis, Chair; Councilmember Dev Davis (1:34 p.m.), Vice Chair; Councilmembers Lan Diep, Raul Peralez and Don Rocha, members.

**ABSENT:** All present.

**STAFF:** Director of Economic Development Kim Walesh; Assistant City Attorney Ed Moran; Interim Legislative Secretary Suzanne Guzzetta.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**Request to waive 7-day noticing requirement for “Downtown Strategy and EIR Update” Report on Item (d)(2) upon determination that the 6-day posting notice to the public was appropriate. (Open Government Resolution No. 77135, Section 2.3.3.6.A.2)**

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Don Rocha, seconded by Raul Peralez, and carried unanimously, the Committee approved the Orders of the Day. (4-0-1. Absent: Davis.)

**REVIEW OF WORK PLAN**

- (1) Review of Relevant 2018 Legislative Guiding Principles  
Request to drop - Rules Referral 9/27/17**
- (2) Rebuilding for Heroes Program Update  
Request to drop – Rules Referral 10/11/17**
- (3) Business Development and Small Business Update  
Request deferral to November 27**

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Raul Peralez, seconded by Councilmember Lan Diep, and carried unanimously, the Committee dropped “Review of Relevant 2018 Legislative Guiding Principles” and “Rebuilding for Heroes Program Update” from the workplan, and deferred “Business Development and Small Business Update” to the November 27, 2017 agenda. (5-0.)

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no items on the Consent Calendar

## **REPORTS TO COMMITTEE**

- (1) **Verbal Report on Economic Development Activities**  
**Provide a brief summary of recent announcements, significant accomplishments, and upcoming events related to economic development. (Economic Development)**

Documents Filed: San José Economy News, dated November 2017.

Deputy City Manager/Director of Economic Development Kim Walesh offered the report on Economic Development Activities and responded to questions from the Committee.

- (2) **Downtown Strategy and EIR Update**  
**Accept the status report on project scope, schedule, and work plan action items to complete an update to the Downtown Strategy 2040 and a new Environmental Impact Report. (Planning, Building & Code Enforcement)**

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Interim Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Rosalynn Hughey, dated October 17, 2017, transmitting the status report; (2) Staff presentation entitled, “Downtown Strategy and EIR Update.”

Interim Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Rosalynn Hughey introduced the item. Senior Planner Jenny Nussbaum and Department of Transportation Division Manager Jessica Zenk presented the report, and, joined by Senior Transportation Specialist Karen Mack, responded to questions from the Committee. Deputy City Manager/Director of Economic Development Kim Walesh provided additional information.

Committee Discussion ensued.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Raul Peralez, seconded by Councilmember Dev Davis and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report. (5-0.)

**(3) Vacant Storefronts Registry Program**

**Accept report and forward to the full City Council a recommendation to establish a mandatory registration program for storefronts in Downtown San Jose that have been vacant for 30 days and do not possess active City of San Jose Building Department permits under the parameters outlined in this memorandum. (Economic Development/Planning, Building & Code Enforcement)**

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Downtown Manager Blage Zelalich, dated October 13, 2017, transmitting the report and recommendation.

Public Comments:

- (1) Juan Kadah spoke in opposition to the proposal.
- (2) Nate LaBlanc voiced approval for the registry.

Downtown Manager Blage Zelalich introduced the item and presented the report. Joined by Deputy Director of Code Enforcement Diane Buchanan, staff responded to questions from the Committee.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Raul Peralez, seconded by Councilmember Lan Diep, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report, and forwarded to the City Council for action on the November 7, 2017 City Council agenda. (5-0.)

**(4) Prioritization for Tenants of Affordable Housing**

**Accept an overview of the types of residential preferences (including those for residents who work/live in San José, are in particular neighborhoods, become displaced, those in need of emergency housing, and those at particular risk such as artists or emancipated youth) and give direction on Tenant Preferences to explore, which may be used to establish priorities for making affordable apartments available to eligible applicants. (Housing)**

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Housing Jacky Morales-Ferrand, dated October 10, 2017, transmitting the overview; (2) Supplemental Memorandum from Director of Housing Jacky Morales-Ferrand, dated October 20, 2017, providing additional information; (3) Staff Presentation entitled, "Prioritization for Tenants of Affordable Housing."

Director of Housing Jacky Morales-Ferrand introduced the item. Housing Division Manager Kristen Clements presented the report. Staff responded to questions from the Committee. Assistant City Attorney Ed Moran provided clarification to the Committee.

Councilmember Don Rocha contended the item should go before the City Council for their input.

Action: Councilmember Raul Peralez moved to accept the report and send it to the City Council on November 7, 2017. Councilmember Don Rocha seconded the motion.

Councilmember Johnny Khamis indicated he could not support it going before City Council until the scope has been narrowed.

Action: Councilmember Lan Diep made a substitute motion for the item to return to the Community and Economic Development Committee in January 2018 for clarification and further analysis of the various residential preferences.

Public Speakers: Martha O'Connell spoke on the vote taken by the Housing and Community Development Commission.

Action: Upon a call for the question, the substitute motion carried unanimously. (5-0.)

Councilmember Don Rocha left the meeting at 3:58 p.m.  
Councilmember Lan Diep left the meeting at 3:59 p.m.

**(5) Curb Café Program**

**Accept staff's report on the status of the San Jose Curb Café Pilot Program and proposed amendments to formalize the program and extend it beyond a pilot. (Public Works)**

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Public Works Barry Ng, dated October 10, 2017, transmitting the report; (2) Staff presentation on the Curb Café Program.

Public Comments: Nate LaBlanc voiced support for permanent adoption of the program using Option 4.

Assistant Director of Public works Michael Liw introduced the item, joined by Program Manager Tom Borden, presented the report, and responded to questions from the Committee.

Extensive Committee Discussion ensued.

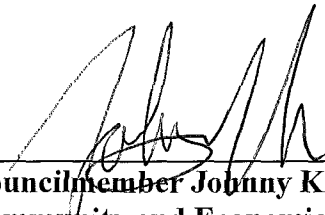
Action: Councilmember Raul Peralez moved to accept the report and recommended Option 4 for the program with direction to check-in and re-evaluate the program after the loss of 50 metered parking spaces, and that parklets cannot operate between the hours of 2 a.m. to 7 a.m. Councilmember Dev Davis seconded the motion. Upon a call for the question, it carried unanimously. (3-0-2. Absent: Diep, Rocha.)

**OPEN FORUM**

There was no public testimony from the floor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Johnny Khamis adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.



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**Councilmember Johnny Khamis, Chair**  
**Community and Economic Development Committee**

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