

**SPECIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
ON THE SAN JOSE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2017

The Council of the City of San José convened in Special Session at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Council Members - Arenas, Carrasco, Davis, Diep, Jimenez, Jones, Khamis, T. Nguyen, Peralez, Rocha; Liccardo.

Absent: Council Members - All Present.

Staff: City Attorney Richard Doyle, City Manager Norberto Dueñas, Director, Environmental Services, Kerrie Romanow; Director, Department of Transportation, Jim Ortbal; City Clerk Toni J. Taber, CMC; Deputy City Clerk, Kate Handford.

Documents Filed: (1) Presentation, “Sustainable San José – Environmental Sustainability Plan”, dated August 21, 2017. (2) Joint letter from Greenbelt Alliance, Committee for Green Foothills, Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, California Native Plant Society, Sierr Club, TransForm and San José Downtown Residents Association, dated August 16, 2017, offering support to the Sustainability Plan. (3) Email correspondence from Chris Macintosh, Michael LeClair, James Haskell, Nancy Reyering, Mary Martin, Carol Ruth, Bill Leikam, Chris Nagel, Chris Allingham, Ronald Semenza and Carolyn Straub, each dated August 16, 2017, stressing importance of preservation of open space. (4) Letter from Shani Kleinhaus, Eileen McLaughlin, Linda Ruthruff, Erica Mharg, Michael Ferreira and Alice Kaufman, dated August 18, 2017, offering support to the plan.

INTRODUCTION

Mayor Sam Liccardo offered opening comments, and the Director, Environmental Services, Kerrie Romanow, provided an introduction.

STATUS OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSÉ ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Director, Environmental Services, Kerrie Romanow introduced and thanked members of the staff and Price Waterhouse involved in this Plan and discussed the environmental goals.

STATUS OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSÉ ESP UPDATE (Cont'd.)

Clinton Moloney, PwC Managing Director and Sustainability Advisory Lead, continued with critical elements involved in creating a community-centered climate action plan.

Shaun Fernando, PwC Engagement Manager, followed up with the team's development of the plan, input of the community and the benefit of technical analysis. He continued with an outline of San José's current and forecast profile of carbon emissions, the main contributor to climate change.

INPUT FROM COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL STAKEHOLDERS

Mayor Sam Liccardo opened the floor for public comment.

Public Comment: Offering comments on the climate emergency we are facing, offering support to the plan and to affordable renewable energy and expressing appreciation for the plan's focus, were: Linda Hutchins-Knowles (Mothers Out Front); Andrea Mackenzie (Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority); Deb Kramer (Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful); Bill Baron (Brandenburg Properties); Alice Kaufman (Committee for Green Foothills); Kiyomi Yamamoto (Greenbelt Alliance); Rita Norton (League of Women Voters); Joanne Lewis; Mackenzie Mossing, Shani Kleinhans (Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society); Bruce Nargel (SSV); Eileen McGlaughlin (Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge); Cayce Hill (Veggielution); Amanda Myers (Charge Point); Josue Garcia (Building Trades); Rhonda Berry (Our City Forest); Smita Patel, Elizabeth Guimarin, Julie Allingham and Roland Lebrun.

RECOMMENDED MEASURES FOR THE ESP

Mayor Sam Liccardo discussed the preservation of open space, practical measures that can be taken, and the use of Coyote North for flood control purposes, engaging the environmental community in an effort to see how we can do our best to preserve open space in Coyote. He followed up with the expansion of solar programs in the City of San José.

Shaun Fernando responded to questions regarding solar expansion, and Director, Department of Transportation, Jim Ortbal offered comments regarding use of the Volkswagen settlement fund.

Council discussion followed, and Director, Environmental Services, Kerrie Romanow responded to questions.

Deputy City Manager/Director of Economic Development Kim Walesh provided comments on the environmental sustainability plan reinforcing the strategy that is at the heart of the general plan about putting jobs closer to where people live in San José.

Director, Department of Transportation, Jim Ortbal and Interim Director, Planning, Building and Code Enforcement, Rosalynn Hughey offered additional insights and responded to questions.

Councilmember Raul Peralez spoke to the necessity of sustaining the environment, and the importance of including this terminology including the preservation of habitat in these measures.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sam Liccardo adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,

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