

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2020

Consistent with the California Governor's Executive Order No. N-29-20, Resolution No. 79450 from the City of San José and the Santa Clara County Health Officer's March 16, 2020 Shelter in Place Order, the City Council meeting was not physically open to the public. Public comments were accepted via eComment, email, by phone and webinar.

The Council meeting was teleconferenced from remote locations.

The Council of the City of San José convened in a Special Session on Friday, June 26, 2020, at 1:33 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers - Arenas, Carrasco, Davis, Diep, Esparza, Foley, Jimenez, Jones, Khamis, Peralez; Liccardo.

Absent: Councilmembers - All Present.

Staff: City Attorney Richard Doyle; City Manager, David Sykes; City Clerk Toni J. Taber; Deputy City Clerk Ruth Krantz.

3.1 20-765 Planning Commission Appointment.

(a) Interview applicants for appointment to the Planning Commission; (b) Appoint one (1) applicant to the Planning Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2022; and (c) Appoint four (4) applicants to the Planning Commission for terms expiring June 30, 2024; and (d) If any vacancy remains, direct the City Clerk to continue recruitment efforts and bring forward additional applicants for consideration within 120 days. CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-010, City Administrative Activities, resulting in no changes to the physical environment. (City Clerk)

City Clerk Toni J. Taber, CMC outlined the procedures to be used for this process, indicating there were five applicants to be interviewed for five seats on the Commission. She added that four applicants are incumbent, and two of these incumbents have reapplied. She added that an applicant for District 6, Shiloh Ballard, had withdrawn her application.

The following applicants were interviewed: Jorge Antonio Garcia (District 8); Andrew Ditlevsen (District 6); George Casey (District 10); Peter Allen (District 6); Carlin Black (District 1); and Justin Lardinois (District 1).

Public Comments:

1. Blair Beekman spoke on digital inclusion projects as part of the digital planning process with his hopes that those selected will choose most accountable practices.
2. Matt indicated that he is appreciative of questions regarding equity and privilege, since the Planning Commission composition should be more diverse.
3. Andrea noted the importance to choose wisely, with focus on equity and systemic inequities, and that appointees should be able to demonstrate an understanding of racial equity and marginalized communities.
4. Erica spoke on COVID restrictions and the importance of opening hair salons.
5. An unnamed speaker spoke in opposition to the destruction of San Jose' statues, and offered opposition to demonstrators' use of projectiles during demonstrations.
6. Olivia spoke to the need for a diverse composition of the Commission.
7. Lydia recommended solutions to affordable housing.
8. Maria Martinez asked for good representation for the Latino community.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sam Liccardo adjourned the Special Meeting of the Council of the City of San José at 3:39 p.m. He indicated that the meeting would be continued to Monday, June 29, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,

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Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

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