

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC SAFETY, FINANCE AND STRATEGIC SUPPORT COMMITTEE
AND MEETING OF THE WHOLE**

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020

The Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee and Meeting of the Whole of the City of San José convened in regular session at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Council Wing, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councilmember Raul Peralez, Chair; Vice Mayor Chappie Jones, Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco, Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, Members.

ABSENT: All Present.

STAFF: Chief Deputy City Attorney Danielle Kenealey, Assistant City Manager Jennifer Maguire; Director of Finance Julia H. Cooper; Finance Deputy Directors Nikolai Sklaroff and Rick Bruneau; City Clerk, Toni Taber and Deputy City Clerk Ruth Krantz.

REVIEW OF WORK PLAN/ORDERS OF THE DAY

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, seconded by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, and carried unanimously, the Public Safety, Finance & Strategic Support Committee Workplan and Orders of the Day were accepted, with the Firefighter's Report to be heard first.

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

1. Fourth Quarter Financial Reports for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. (Finance)

Director of Finance Julia H. Cooper offered an introduction, including investment management objectives and reporting; and Investment Officer, Qianyu Sun summarized portfolio performance, breakdown of investments, information on general fund balances, comparison of cash balances by select funds, benchmark comparisons, and investment strategies. Assistant Director of Finance, Luz Cofresi-Howe and staff responded to questions.

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1. Fourth Quarter Financial Reports for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. (Cont'd.)

Public Comments: Blair Beekman offered appreciation for the details, inquired about policing in the budget and asked where the referenced 'budget book' could be found. Assistant City Manager Jennifer Maguire noted where these finance reports and 'budget book' can be found online.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, seconded by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, and carried unanimously, the Fourth Quarter Financial Reports for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 referred to the September 15, 2020 City Council Meeting for full adoption. (5-0.)

2. Firefighter Safety Systems in High Rise Buildings Report. (Fire)

Fire Chief Robert Sapien, Jr. provided a report, outlining use of the Firefighter Breathing Air Systems (FBARS) and Fire Service Access Elevators (FSAE) which offer breathing air support. He provided recommendations of an amendment to the San José Municipal Code.

Public Comments: (1) Blair Beekman offered good luck in the City's firefighting efforts. (2) Chris Murphy representing IAFF Local 230, asked that any final decision be delayed until further studies are concluded, urging the safety of firefighting personnel.

Chief Sapien answered questions regarding the regulations and proposed system changes. Committee discussion followed regarding the development community's feedback. Chief Sapien noted that a survey had been conducted with the developers.

Councilmember Sergio Jimenez questioned Chris Murphy on the approximate amount of time required for more analysis to allow for a comprehensive response. A ninety-day timeline was proposed.

Councilmember Raul Peralez asked when this may be heard by Council, considering the complete analysis is received within 90 days. Assistant City Manager Jennifer Maguire recommended this be scheduled for Council on December 10, 2020.

Councilmember Sylvia Arenas asked that cost data be included in the report. It was recommended that staff continue their dialog with the Office of Economic Development to determine cost considerations.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, seconded by Vice Mayor Chappie Jones and carried unanimously, any action regarding the firefighter safety systems in high rise buildings comparing Firefighter Breathing Air Replenishment Systems and fire-rated elevators, including consideration of any changes to the 2019 California Fire Code and/or Fire Department policies, procedures, and equipment was deferred, allowing 90 days for a report out by IAFF Local 230, and subsequent action by City Council on December 10, 2020. (5-0.)

OPEN FORUM

1. Blair Beekman asked that Open Forum time allowances be reviewed.
2. Crystal requested consideration of waiving business tax for medical marijuana, noting the disparity of taxing medical cannabis, but not other prescribed medicine. She added that with a 35% tax, many at-risk patients have had to resort to underground resources.
3. One constituent discussed the need to fix potholes and clean up the Rose Garden, getting rid of graffiti, mowing the grass and fixing the fountain.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Raul Peralez adjourned the meeting at 2:47 p.m.

Approved via email

Councilmember Raul Peralez, Chair
Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee

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