

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

**SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021**

*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/Webinar or online.*

The Council meeting was teleconferenced from remote locations and convened at 2:02 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers - Liccardo, Jones, Arenas, Davis.

Absent: Councilmembers - All Present.

Staff: City Manager, David Sykes; Office of the City Manager, Chief of Staff, Lee Wilcox; City Attorney, Nora Frimann; City Clerk, Toni Taber; City Manager's Office, Gloria Schmanek; Henry Smith, Mayor's Office; and Yasmin Garcia, City Clerk's Office.

**A. City Council (City Clerk)**

**1. Review January 12, 2021 Final Agenda**

Public Comment: (1) Paul Soto addressed protests last year and today's current events.  
(2) Blair Beekman spoke to the selection process for the new police chief.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Dev Davis, seconded by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the January 12, 2021 Agenda, as amended, including Adds, and with Sunshine Waivers as required. (3-0-1. Absent: Liccardo)

**2. Review January 19, 2021 Draft Agenda**

Cancelled.

**B. Review of Upcoming Special Meeting Agenda(s)**

None provided.

**C. Legislative Update**

**1. State**

**2. Federal**

There were none presented.

**D. Meeting Schedules**

None presented.

**E. The Public Record**

Public Comment: (1) Paul Soto spoke to the open space on Payne Avenue. (2) Blair Beekman addressed mail-in ballots, vote tally, and voting rights issues.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Dev Davis, seconded by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas and carried unanimously, the Public Record for December 10, 2020 – December 22, 2020 was noted and filed. (4-0.)

**F. Boards, Commissions and Committees**

None provided.

**G. Rules Committee Reviews, Recommendations and Approvals**

**1. Consent Calendar**

**a. Retroactive Approval of the Hillview Area Dumpster Day and the Sponsored by Council District 5 as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event. (Carrasco)**

**b. Retroactive Approval of the Purchase of Fiesta Navidena Materials Sponsored by Council District 5 as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event. (Carrasco)**

**c. Retroactive Approval of the San José State University Spartans Championship Tower and Rotunda Lighting Event Sponsored by Council District 3 as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event. (Perez)**

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## **G (Cont'd.)**

- d. Retroactive Approval of the Small Business Advisory Task Force (SBATF) Virtual Membership Recognition Event Sponsored by Council District 1 as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event. (Jones)**

Public Comments: (1) Paul Soto spoke to small businesses being financially burdened during the pandemic. (2) Blair Beekman spoke to the upcoming Dumpster Day event.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Dev Davis, seconded by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas and carried unanimously, the City Council Sponsored Special Events were approved and cross-referenced to the January 12, 2021 Council Agenda for action. (4-0.)

## **H. Review of additions to Council Committee Agendas/Workplans**

- 1. Community and Economic Development Committee Work Plan. (Mayor and Khamis)**

Public Comments: (1) Paul Soto spoke to the improvements needed regarding city infrastructures and emergency responses. (2) Blair Beekman spoke on the budgets for electric buses and mass transit.

Action: Upon motion by Vice Mayor Chappie Jones, seconded by Councilmember Dev Davis and carried unanimously, the Committee approved the Work Plan for the period January through June 2021 and setting its meeting schedule on the fourth Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m. by virtual meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, until further notice. (4-0.)

- 2. Neighborhood Services and Education Committee**

- 3. Transportation and Environment Committee Work Plan. (Mayor and Davis)**

Action: Upon motion by Vice Mayor Chappie Jones, seconded by Councilmember Dev Davis and carried unanimously, the Committee approved the Work Plan for the period January through June 2021 and setting its meeting schedule on the fourth Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m. by virtual meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, until further notice. (4-0.)

- 4. Update to the Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee Work Plan. (Fire)**

Action: Upon motion by Vice Mayor Chappie Jones, seconded by Councilmember Dev Davis and carried unanimously, the Committee approved adding the work plan for February 18, 2021: Firefighter Safety Systems in High Rise Buildings Report. (5-0.)

**5. Joint Meeting of the Rules and Open Government Committee and Committee of the Whole**

**6. Smart Cities and Service Improvement Committee**

**I. Open Government**

None provided.

**J. Open Forum**

1. Blair Beekman addressed sick pay provided to employers during the pandemic and thanked Council for their efforts.

2. Paul Soto addressed his concern for the protestor who was shot with a rubber bullet to the groin area by an SJPD officer during a protest. He also asked that speakers be allowed more time to speak during the January 29, 2021 meeting.

**K. Adjournment**

Mayor Sam Liccardo adjourned the Committee meeting at 2:28 p.m.

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Mayor Sam Liccardo, Chair  
Rules and Open Government Committee

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