



Memorandum

TO: RULES AND OPEN
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

FROM: Nanci Klein

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: February 1, 2021

Approved

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Date

2/4/2021

**SUBJECT: STUDY SESSION ON GOOGLE DOWNTOWN WEST MIXED-USE
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UTILITIES**

RECOMMENDATION

Set a City Council Study Session entitled *Google Downtown West Mixed-Use Development District Utilities* for Thursday, March 25, 2021 from 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and approve a draft Study Session agenda.

PURPOSE OF STUDY SESSION

To provide an update on issues and topics identified and associated with a district utilities system as proposed by Google for its Downtown West project.

OUTCOME

The Mayor and Councilmembers will understand issues, complexities, and opportunities associated with the proposed district utilities plan.

BACKGROUND

On December 4, 2018, City Council approved a [Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\) with Google](#) to guide collaboration on a mixed-use development project moving forward. The MOU outlined guiding principles and shared goals for a mixed-use, transit-oriented development to be proposed by Google. One of the areas of shared interest was sustainability and the opportunities for Google and the City to collaborate on an array of infrastructure that could be innovative and exemplary for future development opportunities in the City.

In addition to infrastructure generally required of all projects in San Jose, and specific projects identified in the Diridon Infrastructure Plan, Google proposes novel approaches to certain infrastructure to solely support its Downtown West project developments. Included in its proposal are:

- Utility corridors (utilidors) for privately owned utilities within the public rights of way
- Privately owned electrical distribution system
- Google fiber optics system
- Automated garbage and recycling collection system
- Wastewater and recycled water collection and treatment and distribution system
- Building heating and cooling systems
- Goods and services

ANALYSIS

The Administration recommends scheduling a study session on Google's Downtown West project on Thursday, March 25, 2021. A draft study session agenda is attached. The Administration proposes that the meeting focus on the following element:

- **Google's Downtown West Project Proposed District Utilities:** Staff will present its analysis of issues, complexities, and opportunities associated with the district utilities program.

Given the significant amount of material proposed to be covered, and the expected community interest, the Administration recommends extending the hours of the study session to 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

COORDINATION

This memo was coordinated with the Departments of Community Energy, Environmental Services, Planning, Building and Code Enforcement, Public Works, and the City Attorney's Office.

/s/

NANCI KLEIN

Director of Economic Development

For questions please contact Nanci Klein, Director of Economic Development, at (408) 535-8184.

Attachment:

Draft Study Session Agenda

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION AGENDA

GOOGLE DOWNTOWN WEST MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT

March 25, 2021
1:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Purpose: To provide an update on Google's proposed district utilities within the Downtown West Project

Outcome: Understand the progress of various staff analyses relating to the implementation of a district utilities system.

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 - d. When called, please limit your remarks to the time limit allotted.

Call to Order and Roll Call

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Introduction

Google’s proposed district utilities system associated with its Downtown West development project

- Utility corridors (utilidors) for privately owned utilities within the public rights of way
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- Google fiber optics system

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Council Questions and Feedback

- **Public Comments**
- **Adjourn**