



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

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 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 Committee meeting was teleconferenced from remote locations and convened at 1:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT: All Present.

STAFF: Assistant City Manager Jennifer Maguire; Chief Deputy City Attorney Danielle Kenealey; Paul Pereira, Mayor's Office; City Clerk Toni Taber, and Deputy City Clerk Ruth Krantz.

REVIEW OF WORK PLAN

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Matt Mahan, seconded by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez and carried unanimously, the Work Plan was accepted. (3-0-2. Absent: Arenas, Jones.)

CONSENT CALENDAR

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

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

Assistant Fire Chief Robert Sapien, Jr. provided a report.

Public Comments: (1) Paul Soto questioned infrastructure augmentation and asked what measures have been taken to keep buildings safe. (2) Blair Beekman asked if corners are being cut and referenced the 911 tragedy. (3) Captain Mike Dugan spoke to experience in

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1. Firefighter Safety Systems in High Rise Buildings Report. (Cont'd.)

high-rise catastrophes and argued that safety may be compromised. (4) Captain Mike Gagliano addressed limitations of elevators not taking bottles far enough and safety risks involved. He urged that FBARS be kept in place. (5) Debra Hall, Deputy Director of Firefighter Air Coalition indicated she was available for questions. (6) Chris Murphy Local 230 noted this equipment is vital to safety of citizens of San José.

Staff and Debra Hall responded to questions from Council regarding concerns, training costs and resources. Assistant City Manager Jennifer Maguire additionally offered that this is an informational report with no changes recommended to the San José Municipal Code.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, seconded by Vice Mayor Chappie Jones and carried unanimously, the report on 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 accepted with no changes recommended to the San José Municipal Code. (5-0.)

2. Police Department Operations and Performance Bi-Monthly Status Report. (Police)

Police Sergeant Dan Krauss offered a report, and introduced the Mobile Response Team. Police Lieutenant Jaime Jimenez and Angelie Montesa, Crime and Intelligence Analyst, continued with a sexual assault statistics breakdown. Acting Deputy Chief, Gina Tibaldi continued the presentation.

Public Comments: (1) Paul Soto addressed imbalance in gender and race in ranking officers. (2) Blair Beekman spoke to the police chief candidate meeting held and addressed racial inequities.

Councilmember Sylvia Arenas followed up with questions regarding residence of victim and perpetrator and calls made based on location. Senior Deputy City Manager/Budget Director Jennifer Maguire indicated that the Department would be returning with the Sexual Assault Response and Strategy Annual Report at next month's PSFSS meeting.

Acting Deputy Chief, Gina Tibaldi responded to questions regarding recruitment, race and gender breakdown. It was requested that this specific report come back annually and include some considerations regarding recruitments and demographics as indicated. Staff indicated that a report could be produced as early as September.

Councilmember Raul Peralez additionally asked for a future update on the effectiveness of the Mobile Crisis Response Team and asked for additional County representation to be included with this presentation.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, seconded by Vice Mayor Chappie Jones and carried unanimously, the Bi-Monthly Status Report was accepted, with items addressed to be provided during the next bimonthly report. (5-0.)

3. Smart City Roadmap: Safe City Strategy Status Report. (Civic Innovation)

Chief Information Officer Rob Lloyd, San Jose Police Department Interoperability Manager, Andy Smith, and Director of the Office of Emergency Management, Ray Riordan provided a presentation.

Public Comments: (1) Blair Beekman questioned how this technology may be used by the ‘every day’ community. (2) Paul Soto talked about how infrastructure and asked how equity issues are addressed.

Staff responded to questions. Councilmember Raul Peralez offered expectations that the incoming Police Chief weigh in on these factors and ensure an equity lens when producing policing rules.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Matt Mahan, seconded by Vice Mayor Chappie Jones and carried unanimously, the status report on the Smart City Roadmap: Safe City Strategy regarding the applied use of technology and technology improvement opportunities within the Police Department, Fire Department, and the City Manager's Office of Emergency Management was accepted. (5-0.)

4. Second Quarter Financial Reports for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. (Finance)

Director of Finance Julia H. Cooper introduced the topic, and Investment Officer Qianyu Sun provided the presentation. Deputy Director Nikolai Sklaroff and Deputy Director Rick Bruneau provided additional responses.

Public Comments: (1) Soto addressed the metrics being used for tax responsibility, complaining it is not commiserate with the actual poverty level. (2) Blair Beekman spoke to challenges during times of COVID-19, openness and inclusivity.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, seconded by Vice Mayor Chappie Jones and carried unanimously, the Second Quarter (period ended December 31, 2020) Financial Reports for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 was accepted and cross-referenced to the March 9, 2021, City Council Meeting for full adoption. (4-0-1. Absent: Jimenez.)

5. City of San José Investment Policy Annual Review. (Finance)

Director of Finance Julia H. Cooper provided a presentation and responded to questions from the Commission.

Public Comments: Blair Beekman spoke to the rise in interest rates, questioned investment in municipal bonds and urged preparation for natural disasters.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, seconded by Councilmember Raul Peralez and carried unanimously, the City of San José Investment Policy as well as the appropriate resolution was cross-referenced to the full City Council for consideration at the March 9, 2021 Council Meeting. (5-0.)

OPEN FORUM

1. Blair Beekman asked that public speakers express themselves constructively and referred to language interpretation and ways local government can bring in ideas.
2. Paul Soto thanked Blair Beekman for articulating his ideas and the positivity of working collaboratively. He added that body cam data should be made available.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Sergio Jimenez adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

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

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