



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

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 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; Vice Mayor Chappie Jones (2 p.m.), Councilmember Matt Mahan; Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, Members.

ABSENT: All present.

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

(b) Review of Work Plan

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, seconded by Councilmember Matt Mahan and carried unanimously, the Work Plan was accepted. (4-0-1. Absent: Jones.)

(c) Consent Calendar

1. Bi-Monthly Financial Report for January/February 2021. (City Manager-Budget/Finance)

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Matt Mahan, seconded by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas and carried unanimously, the Bi-Monthly Financial Report on actual revenues and expenditures as compared to the 2020-2021 Budget for the eight months during February 2021 was accepted. (4-0-1. Absent: Jones.)

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

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

Budget Deputy Director Claudia Chang, Selena Ubando, Assistant to the City Manager, Financial Status Coordinator, provided a presentation.

At Committee's request, staff agreed to work with OED to see if background information can be found to distinguish between corporations purchasing single family homes or whether these transactions are predominantly buyer to buyer.

Public Comments: (1) Blair Beekman addressed the importance and need to expand the peer review programs, ghost gun issues and side shows. (2) Gil Zamora addressed MCAT and asked if mutual aid may be provided for SJSU MLK library. Officer James Cerniglia and staff responded to the speaker's questions.

Chief of Police Anthony Mata introduced and welcomed Deputy Chief Stan McFadden (Bureau of Field Operations) and Deputy Chief Elle Washburn (Bureau of Investigations).

Lt. Steve Donohue, Research & Development, provided a report including auto theft and sexual assault investigations. Lt. Jorge Gutierrez provided report on MGPTF hotspot areas and related violent crimes. Lt. Dave Anaya continued with traffic enforcement practices and statistics.

Officer James Cerniglia provided a presentation on the Mobile Crisis Assessment Team (MCAT), accompanied by Santa Clara Behavioral Health Division Director Sandra Hernandez, Program Manager Amy Hayes and Law Enforcement Liaison John Costa. They spoke to the mobile response team's work with mental health crises. Sgt. Mike Porter addressed MCAT Goals, including the staffing and program model and 2021 county referrals. Committee discussion followed.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, seconded by Councilmember Matt Mahan and carried unanimously, the verbal bi-monthly status report on Police Department operations and performance in the areas of city-wide crime statistics, crime trends, emerging issues, and other matters of interest, as needed, with a focus on sexual assault and violent and gang-related crime data by Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force hotspots and emerging hotspots, as well as an update on traffic enforcement unit staffing, was accepted, including direction for staff to return to the Committee with a Mobile Crisis Assessment Team report to provide progress updates. (5-0.)

Councilmember Raul Peralez asked that Item D.3 be heard out of order, prior to D.2.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, and seconded by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, and carried unanimously, Item D.3 was selected to be heard prior to Item D.2. (5-0.)

2. Fire Department Call Volume Status Report. (Fire)

Fire Captain Josh Staley gave a presentation. Assistant Fire Chief James Williams responded to questions.

Public Comments: Blair Beekman spoke to reimagining, creative health and human services and equity ideas.

Councilmember Raul Peralez requested more detail on the scope of calls regarding the unhoused community, separating out those within the recently housed community, and look at what items we may want to put forward for Phase II. Assistant City Manager Jennifer Maguire offered suggestions on capturing the calls that may intersect with the Fire Department and reimagining how these overlap with Police.

Having additional conversation with our County counterparts for process improvements in dispatching emergency calls was put forward for future review.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, seconded by Councilmember Matt Mahan and carried unanimously, the status report on Fire Department call volumes, including opportunities to triage calls for service so that departmental resources can be maximized to life-saving and fire mitigation calls was accepted. (4-0-1. Absent: Jimenez.)

3. Fireworks Ordinance Workplan Status Report. (Fire)

Fire Deputy Chief Hector Estrada and Assistant and Police Captain Jason Ta provided the Fireworks Ordinance Workplan Status Report.

Public Comments: (1) Jeff Levine spoke on safety concerns and need to go after the suppliers of illegal fireworks. (2) Caller “5140” offered criticism regarding ability of firework ‘busts’. (3) Blair Beekman expressed support to focusing on manufacturers/suppliers. (4) Gil Zamora offered ideas for curtailing fireworks and support to the plan.

Deputy Director PBCE, Rachel Roberts, responded to questions. Staff responded to questions from the Committee.

Assistant City Manager Jennifer Maguire respectfully requested that the cross-reference date be changed from May 4 to May 11, 2021.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, seconded by Councilmember Matt Mahan and carried unanimously, the status report on the implementation of the Fireworks Ordinance Workplan Pre-Fourth of July 2021 was accepted and cross-referenced to the May 11, 2021 City Council meeting. (5-0.)

OPEN FORUM

1. Caller “5140” urged faster response times for emergencies.
2. Blair Beekman spoke on subsidy issues for the future and use of power cells for back-up generator emergency systems.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Sergio Jimenez adjourned the meeting at 4:44 p.m.

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

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