

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE CITY ROADMAP FROM  
COVID TO RECOVERY**

**SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

**MONDAY, MARCH 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 Council meeting was teleconferenced from remote locations and convened the Listening Session at 9:02 a.m.

Present: Council Members - Liccardo, Jones, Jimenez, Peralez, Cohen, Carrasco, Davis, Esparza, Arenas, Foley, Mahan.

Absent: Council Members - 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; Deputy City Manager, Kim Walesh; Assistant to the City Manager, Zulma Maciel; and Yasmin Garcia, City Clerk's Office.

**INTRODUCTION**

Deputy City Manager, Kip Harkness offered the presentation.

Director of Housing, Jacky Morales-Ferrand addressed the differences between the two different memorandums.

Motion: Councilmember Pam Foley made a motion to combine (New Proposed FY 2021-2022 Council Policy Priorities) NP20 (Unhoused Resident Safe Relocation) with NP 10 (Encampment Management Strategy), Councilmember Matt Mahan seconded the motion. (11-0.)

Motion: Councilmember Dev Davis made a motion to consolidate and combine NP3 (Al Fresco Forever), NP6 (Build Back Better Initiative), and NP8 (Citywide COVID-19 Recovery Task Force), Councilmember Raul Peralez seconded the motion. (11-0.)

Motion: Councilmember Sylvia Arenas made a motion to drop NP17 (Sexual Assault Bill of Rights) from priority setting (City Roadmap Process), Councilmember Dev Davis seconded the motion. (11-0.)

Mayor Sam Liccardo identified two items in the budget message that would be subject to Council consideration and need either approval or rejection by Council on March 16, 2021, specifically both items would require funding to be able to move forward.

Motion: Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco made a motion to remove and drop the two items mentioned by Mayor Sam Liccardo, NP11 (Resilience Corps) and NP1 (Advance the Airport, Diridon, Stevens Creek Connector), Councilmember Pam Foley seconded the motion. (11-0.)

Mayor Sam Liccardo opened the floor for public comment.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Paul Soto addressed the way the Director of Housing, Jacky Morales-Ferrand, spoke on equity and the increase of staffing and funding needed at the Office of Racial Equity.
2. Jeffrey Buchanan, from Working Partnerships USA urged staff to prioritize wage theft prevention, NP18, and NP6.
3. Sameena Usman stated she's in favor of the surveillance ordinance, the need for a privacy commission to approve the surveillance technology, and gave her recommendation.
4. Dave Poeschel stated he's in favor of CP 14, addressed his housing concerns, and the need for a faster light rail system.
5. Perla Flores stated she's in favor of NP 19.
6. Jane Iverson addressed homelessness issues and is in support of Councilmember Matt Mahan's memorandum.
7. Susan B. stated he importance of prioritizing Item RR5, green streets, urban greening, Item NP11, and energy efficiency.
8. Ethan Gregory Dodge is in favor of prioritizing Item NP16.
9. Blair Beekman spoke on the surveillance technology and Sunshine Ordinance.
10. Az Zaidi stated she's in favor of Item NP16, Item RR5, and urban greening.
11. Adriana stated she's in favor of Items NP19 and NP7 and thanked Councilmember Arenas for prioritizing the item on sexual assault awareness.
12. Brandi was in support of Councilmember Mahan's Memorandum that addressed homeless encampments.

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13. Paula Escobar stated she's in support of Item NP7 and NP19, she shared the hardships of being a high school student suffering in isolation, and the importance of having resources to feel connected and motivated to learn.
14. Victor Sin, Chair of the local chapter of the ACLU urged council to vote on the items dealing with the Digital Privacy Policy due to his privacy concerns.
15. Donna Diaz and Devyani voiced their support of NP 10 and thanked Councilmember Matt Mahan for bringing awareness to the item.
16. Joshua Quigley, from Save the Bay Organization; Alice Kaufman, advocate for Green Foothills Foundation; Lena Eyen, from the Open Space Authority; Shani Kleinhaus, from the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society; and Linda Ruthruff, from the California Native Plant Society, addressed the current climate changes, and voiced their support of Item RR5 (urban greening strategy).
17. Melissa Hong and Keith Morales stated their support of Item NP 21.

Deputy City Manager, Kip Harkness gave a recap of the motions made thus far in the study session.

Mayor Sam Liccardo opened the floor back to Council for further discussion.

Deputy City Manager, Kip Harkness gave the staff proposal for the two outcomes for today's study session: selecting the items that are to be adopted on the City Roadmap and the items that received points today but were not necessarily prioritized as the top two would then become the new priorities.

Motion: Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco made a motion to use Council's five votes to nominate two items between the green, yellow, and orange priorities and exclude using the voting points towards the blue section items. The top two priorities would move onto the City Roadmap and when completed, continue on with the prior unfinished priorities (blue items) in order of their prioritization. Councilmember Raul Perez seconded the motion. No vote was taken.

Superseding Motion: Councilmember David Cohen made a motion to implement the staff's recommended proposal to vote on all of the items and the top two voted priority items would go on the City Roadmap. Council's votes would be used to rank the priorities and the top two would make it onto the City Roadmap. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dev Davis. (11-0.)

Substitute Motion: Councilmember David Cohen made a substitute motion to his original motion to include voting on all the items with additional votes (10 votes total), no more than one vote per item from any one councilmember, the top two votes would move to the City Roadmap. Matt Mahan seconded the substitute motion. (11-0.)

Motion: Councilmember Sylvia Arenas moved to call a vote and begin the voting process, Councilmember Dev Davis seconded the motion.(11-0.)

Staff took a 7 minute break that began at 12:44 p.m. to submit their votes via the e-mail link provided by Deputy City Manager, Kip Harkness.

Action: Item 3.1 was continued to March 16, 2021: Regular Session. 3.1 Special Meeting of the City Council on the City Roadmap – From COVID to Recovery. (11-0.)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Sam Liccardo adjourned the Study Session at 1:24 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,

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