

**MINUTES OF THE
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2020

*** COVID-19 NOTICE ***

Consistent with the California Governor’s Executive Order No. N-29-20, Resolution No. 79485 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 will not be physically open to the public and the Committee Members will be teleconferencing from remote locations.

ROLL CALL: 1:32 PM.

PRESENT: Councilmember Johnny Khamis, Chair; Councilmember Pam Foley, Vice Chair; Councilmember Raul Peralez, Councilmember Maya Esparza and Councilmember Lan Diep.

ABSENT: All present.

STAFF: Kim Walesh, City Manager's Office; Ed Moran, City Attorney’s Office; Kelly Kline, Mayor’s Office; and Louis Ósémwegie, City Clerk’s Office.

(b) REVIEW OF WORK PLAN

None presented.

(c) CONSENT CALENDAR

None presented.

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

(1) Verbal Report on Economic Development Activities. (Economic Development).

OED Public Information Manager, Elisabeth Handler presented highlights of the September edition of the SJ Economy E newsletter, including: report from the commercial linkage fee issue, and how the discussions are are being managed; Housing Catalyst Gerard Ferguson has developed a tool which is an extremely detailed interactive map and a database that answers all questions. As an example, those looking for a place to build housing in the City of San José, can access a video tutorial that walks them through how to use this map as well as a survey of how people experience using this map. It's part of the geographical data conglomerations that the City is making available to planners, developers, the general public and business leaders throughout the city.

Access the video, the agenda, and related reports for this meeting by visiting the City's website at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/civiccenterv>. For information on any ordinance that is not hyperlinked to this document, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at (408) 535-1266.

(1) Verbal Report on Economic Development Activities. (Cont'd)

The impact of those funds from the federal paycheck protection plan on the City of San José, which topped about a billion dollars for businesses in the city as of May, with the top three loan recipients in business sectors such as restaurants, software and law firms. One hundred and twenty thousand plus jobs were retained as a result of those paycheck protection loans. Both OED and EOC will continue to source such funding loans and grants for small businesses. The Alfresco Initiative continues to provide the use of spaces throughout the city in support of business operations including restaurants, retail, personal care services, education as well as fitness and exercise. These sites include sidewalks, public sidewalks, private parking spaces, parklands which are parking spaces in front of businesses, public parks, plazas, city owned parking lots and complete street block offs as in San Pedro Square. The OED administers the applications for people to take advantage of that program, which is free and instantaneous. Upon registration, businesses can proceed to put chairs out on the sidewalk and go into business. Communications during this time is ongoing; any questions, including those on social distancing protocols may be directed to the OED's team led by the Department Chief Nathan Donato Weinstein. Additional information on communicating with businesses during covid is available on OED's blog post. There are translations into Vietnamese Spanish and both the traditional and simplified Chinese.

Public comments: Blair Beekman commended staff on the report and thanked them for their consideration of Chinese interpretations as well.

Action: No motion was required. The Committee accepted the Verbal Report.

(2) San Jose's Manufacturing Real Estate Landscape (Economic Development).

Office of Economic Development's Nathan Donato Weinstein, SFMade CEO Kate Sofis, and Manufacture: San Jose Regional Director Michael Erickson gave a presentation and responded to questions.

Public comments: Blair Beekman commented on the presentation, describing the future of Google in San Jose as a vital, simple premise that's time tested.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza to move approval, seconded by Councilmember Pam Foley, and carried unanimously, the San Jose's Manufacturing Real Estate Landscape was accepted. (5-0)

OPEN FORUM

1. Blair Beekman commented on housing and the economy, noting that Assemblymember Ash Kalra and many other assembly persons of the Bay Area are part of AB 1436 and the housing measures designed to help both tenants and property owners.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Johnny Khamis adjourned the meeting at 2:40 PM.



for Councilmember Johnny Khamis, Chair
Community and Economic Development Committee

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