

**MINUTES OF THE  
JOINT MEETING OF THE RULES AND OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE AND  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 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 at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers - Jones (2:12 p.m.), Peralez, Davis, Arenas, Cohen.

Absent: Councilmembers - All Present.

Staff: Office of the City Manager, Chief of Staff, Lee Wilcox; City Attorney, Nora Frimann; City Clerk, Toni Taber; City Manager's Office, Gloria Schmanek; Henry Smith, Mayor's Office; and Deputy City Clerk Ruth Krantz.

**A. City Council (City Clerk)**

- 1. Review May 11, 2021 Final Agenda**
  - a) Add new items to Final Agenda**
  - b) Assign "Time Certain" to Agenda Items (if needed)**
  - c) Review of Notice Waiver Requests for Agenda Items or Documents (if needed)**

Public Comments: (1) Blair Beekman addressed the fireworks issue, recommending it be brought to a state and federal level. He addressed San José Clean Energy and spoke to a future of subsidies. (2) Prince Sahota indicated he is immersing himself in the experience of local politics.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas seconded by Councilmember Dev Davis, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the May 11, 2021 Final Agenda with Adds as required and with the Sanctioned Encampment (8.x) not to be heard before 3 p.m. and with Item 8.1, the Annual Action Plan not heard before 5 p.m. (5-0.)

## **2. Review May 18, 2021 Draft Agenda**

Public Comment: (1) Blair Beekman addressed budget issues related to COVID, digital inclusion, Vision Zero, federal funding and open public policies. (2) Scott Largent spoke on sanctioned encampments and video comments he's filmed offering input from the unhoused community which he'd like to share at a future Council meeting.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Dev Davis, seconded by Councilmember Raul Peralez, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the May 18, 2021 Draft Agenda. (5-0.)

### **B. Review of Upcoming Meeting Agenda(s)**

None provided.

### **C. Legislative Update**

#### **1. State**

#### **2. Federal**

There were none presented.

### **D. Meeting Schedules**

None provided.

### **E. The Public Record for April 22 – April 29, 2021. (City Clerk)**

Public Comments: Blair Beekman spoke on parking at the sports arena and need for electric cars, suggesting sustainability and public transit and working towards good practices.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Dev Davis, seconded by Councilmember Raul Peralez and carried unanimously, the Public Record for April 22 – April 29, 2021 was noted and filed. (5-0.)

### **F. Boards, Commissions and Committees**

None provided.

### **G. Rules Committee Reviews, Recommendations and Approvals**

#### **1. Consent Calendar**

- (a) Approval of the Philippine Independence Day Community Event, City Hall Tower and Rotunda Lighting, and Flag Raising Sponsored by Council District 8 as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event. (Arenas)**

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## **G. 1. (Cont'd.)**

- (a) Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Dev Davis, seconded by Councilmember Raul Perez and carried unanimously, the City Council Sponsored Special Event was approved and cross-referenced to the June 8, 2021 Council Agenda for action. (5-0.)

**(b) Approval of India Independence Day Community Event, City Hall Tower and Rotunda Lighting, and Flag Raising Sponsored by Council District 8 as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event. (Arenas)**

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Dev Davis, seconded by Councilmember Raul Perez and carried unanimously, the City Council Sponsored Special Event was approved and cross-referenced to the August 10, 2021 Council Agenda for action. (5-0.)

**(c) Approval of the Sound the Alarm Day of Action Sponsored by Council District 4 as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event. (Cohen)**

**(d) Retroactive Approval of Multiple Special Events Sponsored by Council District 7 as City Council Sponsored Special Events to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Events. (Esparza)**

**(e) Approval of the Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful Commendation Sponsored by Council District 3 as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event. (Perez)**

**(f) Approval of Recognizing the Natalia Smüt Lopez Lighting Ceremony and Proclamation Sponsored by Council Districts 5 and 9 as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event. (Carrasco and Foley)**

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Dev Davis, seconded by Councilmember Raul Perez and carried unanimously, the City Council Sponsored Special Events were approved and cross-referenced to the May 11, 2021 Council Agenda for action. (5-0.)

## **G.2. Approval of District 10 SAP Grant for Almaden Valley Women's Club. (Mahan)**

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Dev Davis, seconded by Councilmember Raul Perez and carried unanimously, the request to agendaize for City Council deliberation on May 11, 2021, a \$2,500 SAP grant from Council District 10 to support the efforts of the Almaden Valley Women's Club to provide recreational and cultural opportunities to the community was accepted. (5-0.)

## **H. Review of Additions to Council Committee Agendas/Workplans**

None provided.

## **I. Open Government**

None provided.

## **J. OPEN FORUM**

1. Sandra asked for a factual and balanced approach to open housing.
2. Scott Largent complained that towing companies prey on vulnerable people.
3. Prince Sahota had questions about local political leadership. Vice Mayor Chappie Jones suggested that he engage with his councilmember for a direct response. City Clerk Toni J. Taber, gave the speaker information following the meeting.
4. Blair Beekman spoke on mixed income housing and addressed new occupancy ideas. He expressed a need for peer review counseling for the PD.

## **G. Adjournment**

Vice Mayor Chappie Jones adjourned the Committee meeting at 2:37 p.m.

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Vice Mayor Chappie Jones, Chair  
Rules and Open Government Committee

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