



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

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2019

The Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee and Meeting of the Whole of the City of San José convened in regular session at 1:32 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Council Wing, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councilmember Raul Perez, Chair; Vice Mayor Chappie Jones, Vice Chair; Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco; Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, Members.

Councilmember Maya Esparza, Councilmember Johnny Khamis, Councilmember Dev Davis, Councilmember Pam Foley; Mayor Sam Liccardo (2:00 p.m.)

ABSENT: Councilmember Lan Diep.

STAFF: Chief Deputy City Attorney Danielle Kenealey; Senior Deputy City Manager/Budget Director Jennifer Maguire, and Deputy City Clerk Ruth Krantz.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Bi-Monthly Financial Reports for March/April 2019. (Finance)

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Budget Director Margaret McCahan, dated June 12, 2019, providing the Bi-Monthly Financial Reports and recommending referral to the full Council for adoption.

Public Comments: Blair spoke on Measure G Bond Funding.

Action: Upon motion by Vice Mayor Chappie Jones, seconded by Councilmember Raul Perez and carried unanimously, the Bi-Monthly Financial Reports on actual revenues and expenditures as compared to the 2018-2019 Budget for the ten months ending April 2019, was accepted.

(5-0.)

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

(1) Employee Reimbursements Audit Report (City Auditor)

Documents Filed: Memorandum from City Auditor Joe Rois dated June 11, 2019, providing the report "Employee Reimbursements: Strengthening and Streamlining the Reimbursement Process".

City Auditor Joe Rois provided the findings of the audit report, and Senior Deputy City Manager/Budget Director Jennifer Maguire responded to the recommendations.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, seconded by Vice Mayor Chappie Jones, and carried unanimously, the Employee Reimbursements Audit Report was accepted and cross-referenced to the August 6, 2019 Council Meeting for full consideration.

(5-0.)

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

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, dated June 20, 2019. (2) Memorandum from Chief of Police Edgardo Garcia, dated June 11, 2019, recommending acceptance of the annual report. (3) Attachment A: Recommendations from the April 15, 2019 Joint Meeting on Sexual Assault. (4) PowerPoint Presentations: Police Department Operations and Performance Bi-Monthly Status Report; UCR Crime Statistics; The Rise in Sexual Assault Reporting; and Clearance of Sexual Assault Investigations.

Police Lieutenant Brian Anderson and Police Department Crime Analyst Angelie Montesa provided a report and addressed recommendations related to sexual assault and presented additional department efforts. Chief of Police Edgardo Garcia offered comments.

Angelie Montesa continued the report, and Terry Harman, District Attorney's Office, offered additional information. Chief of Police Edgardo Garcia discussed staffing, and extensive discussion from the Committee of the Whole continued.

Councilmember Raul Peralez opened the floor for Public Comment.

Public Comments: Offering support to the City's recommendations for more funding, especially those that meet needs of the most vulnerable; expressing the need for police officer training and cultural sensitivity; the need for emergency housing for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, human trafficking; the importance of collaborations with law enforcement and approval of intersectional approach of human trafficking and domestic violence were Laura Diaz and Esther (NextDoor Solutions); Sharon Dhanda (South Bay Coalition to End Human Trafficking); Paula Sarabia, Sarita Kohli, Erica Villa and Nishtha. Blair Beekman included concerns of bullying.

Motion: Councilmember Sylvia Arenas moved her memorandum dated June 20, 2019, with an addition to Item #2 to ***include a work group that contribute to development of the training program for police officers.*** Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco seconded the motion.

(2) **Police Department Operations and Performance Bi-Monthly Status Report (Cont'd.)**

Extensive discussion followed, including recommendations of potential questions to present to researchers producing a study for the University of Texas San Antonio. Chief of Police Edgardo Garcia responded to those items that may be researched by City staff in time for a special study session in September and indicated a separate project regarding the topic of recidivism will be addressed as bandwidth allows.

Councilmember Johnny Khamis left the meeting at approximately 4:20 p.m.

Action: On a call for the question, the motion carried unanimously, and the Operations and Performance Bi-Monthly Status Report was accepted, including direction as outlined in Councilmember Sylvia Arenas memorandum, as amended, dated June 20, 2019, to:

1) Include research into the following questions in the upcoming info memo and/or special council meeting and the research collaboration with the University of Texas San Antonio:

a. What role does overcrowding and substandard housing play as a factor in the rise in sexual assaults, especially of minor children?

b. How do San Jose's "distribution of internal status" designations, including lack of victim cooperation, compare to other similar jurisdictions?

c. What internal improvements in PD practices would improve cooperation from victims? What kinds of trainings could support these improvements?

d. What role does cultural responsiveness and cultural competency play in successfully closing cases in a diverse place like San Jose?

e. What intervention ages would have maximum impact? What neighborhoods would be most effective to target of school-based interventions?

f. What inter-agencies strategies should be initiated? Which should be led by the City?

g. What could a neighborhood-specific strategy look like?

2) Include in the summer info memo steps to explore opportunities for trauma informed and culturally competent law enforcement training response to sexual assault, domestic violence, and human trafficking to serve San Jose's diverse community in collaboration with ethnic based agencies such as, Asian Americans for Community Involvement, Gardner Health Services, Indian Health Center, Mekong Community Center, or Ujima. ***Include a work group that contribute to development of the training program for police officers.***

3) Include in the future work on this item any intersectional recommendations that can be included (including domestic violence and human trafficking).

4) Include in future PSFSS Workplans or Council Meetings agenda items to review next steps for any Domestic Violence or Human Trafficking recommendations deemed outside of the scope of the work on Sexual Assaults.

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OPEN FORUM

Blair Beekman spoke to empowerment of women and power of communication.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Raul Perez adjourned the meeting at 4:51 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'R' followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

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

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