



## **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

### **San José Sexual Assault Response and Strategy**

**SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019**

The Council of the City of San José convened in Open Session at 9:15 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall to hold a special meeting of the City Council.

Present: Jones, Jimenez, Diep (9:48), Carrasco, Esparza, Arenas, Foley, Khamis, Liccardo (11:15)

Absent Councilmembers: Davis, Perez.

Staff: City Attorney Richard Doyle; City Manager, David Sykes; Senior Deputy City Manager/Budget Director Jennifer Maguire; Senior Council Assistant, Mackenzie Mossing; and Deputy City Clerk, Ruth Krantz.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **8.1 19-1053 San José Sexual Assault Response and Strategy Report**

**Accept the Police Department's sexual assault response and strategy, including a report prepared by researchers at the University of Texas at San Antonio on sexual assault data.**

Chief of Police Edgardo Garcia and Police Lieutenant Brian Anderson offered opening comments, and San Jose Police Department Crime Analyst, Angelie Montesa, reported on sexual assaults in San José and crime patterns.

Public Comments: Offering comments regarding a variety of topics on sexual assault, importance of an intersectional approach of human trafficking and domestic violence, child advocacy, the need for broader training and more funding, were members of the public: Sharan Dhanoa (South Bay Coalition to End Human Trafficking); Lindsey Mansfield and Adriana Carcera (YWCA Silicon Valley); Rick Beatty (Allesandra Foundation); Mary Ritter, Examiner for Child Protection, Valley Medical Center; Kate Leehane and Erica Elliott.

Discussion followed, and staff addressed questions and concerns. Councilmember Sylvia Arenas recommended data-gathering to assess ethnicities being most consistently impacted and identifying the relationship between the assailant and victim, where the perpetrator and victim may be living in the same residence.

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Motion: Councilmember Sylvia Arenas moved approval of the report with additional direction to provide information that align with her earlier comments, including coordination and partnering with the County and other agencies and bringing forward a budget proposal that includes surrounding resources. Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco seconded the motion.

Councilmember Johnny Khamis requested a friendly amendment, asking to include any possible correlation between the passage of Prop 47 and the rise in sexual assaults. Councilmember Sylvia Arenas respectfully declined the amendment to the motion. Councilmember Johnny Khamis indicated he could not support the motion as stated.

Council discussion continued, and Chief of Police Edgardo Garcia spoke on ways to lessen the impact on staff, since retrieval of this information is a time-consuming process. Senior Deputy City Manager/Budget Director Jennifer Maguire recommended that a bi-monthly report be provided to the Public Safety, Finance, & Strategic Support Committee rather than returning to Council with a full report.

Action: On a call for the question, the motion carried unanimously, the San José Sexual Assault Response and Strategy Report was accepted with additional direction regarding data requirements, including coordination and partnering with the County and other agencies and bringing forward a budget proposal that includes surrounding resources. Rather than quarterly reports, bi-monthly report be provided to the Public Safety, Finance, & Strategic Support Committee. (6-0-5. Absent: Jimenez, Peralez, Carrasco, Davis, Khamis.)

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Special Meeting of the City Council adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,

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City Clerk

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