



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

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020

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 Committee meeting was teleconferenced from remote locations and convened at 1:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Carrasco.

STAFF: Chief Deputy City Attorney Danielle Kenealey; Assistant City Manager Jennifer Maguire; Paul Pereira, Mayor's Office; City Clerk Toni Taber, and Deputy City Clerk Ruth Krantz.

REVIEW OF WORK PLAN

Public Comments: Blair Beekman expressed support for informative VTA meetings, and asked about public accessibility to view the Work Plan.

Action: Upon motion by Vice Mayor Chappie Jones, seconded by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas and carried unanimously, the Work Plan was accepted. (4-0-1. Absent: Carrasco.)

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Bi-Monthly Financial Report for July/August 2020. (City Manager-Budget/Finance)

Public Comments: Blair Beekman spoke on utilizing the peer review program, suggesting it be covered in the bi-monthly report.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, seconded by Vice Mayor Chappie Jones and carried unanimously, the Bi-Monthly Financial Report was accepted. (4-0-1. Absent: Carrasco.)

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

1. Fire Department Emergency Response Times Performance Annual Report. (Fire)

Fire Chief Robert Sapien, Jr. provided the report. He reviewed how response times are captured and gave an overview of response time performance, addressing business intelligence, off-hook auto-answer, key strategies, and priority time compliance.

Public Comments: (1) Blair Beekman spoke on good practices, healing efforts and improved bureaucratic practices in responding to calls. (2) Caller “5140” complained of slow response times to 911 and the need for improvement.

The Fire Chief responded to questions from the Committee.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, seconded by Vice Mayor Chappie Jones and carried unanimously, the annual report on Fire Department emergency response times performance metrics and progress on response times performance improvement strategies through the end of 2019-2020 was accepted. (4-0-1. Absent: Carrasco.)

2. Park Ranger Program Annual Report. (PRNS)

Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Jon Cicirelli introduced the topic, and Interim Deputy Director for Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Avi Yotam provided the presentation accompanied by Supervising Park Ranger, Pam Helmke.

Public Comments: (1) Speaker “5140” spoke to the need for park rangers to de-escalate adversarial encounters. (2) Blair Beekman addressed police practices used during protests and the need to foster relationships with park rangers in assisting the community.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, seconded by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez and carried unanimously, the annual report on the Park Ranger Program for 2019-2020 was accepted. (4-0-1. Absent: Carrasco.)

3. Worker’s Compensation Program Annual Report. (Human Resources)

Due to a lack of adequate time remaining while the Committee still maintained a quorum, the presentation was not given.

Public Comments (1) Speaker “5140” spoke off topic. (2) Blair Beekman addressed the negotiation process with the POA.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, seconded by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez and carried unanimously, the annual report on the City's efforts to contain workers' compensation costs and reduce claims for Workers' Compensation Program by focusing on wellness, health, and safety through the end of 2019-2020 was accepted. (4-0-1. Absent: Carrasco.)

OPEN FORUM

1. Speaker “5140” defended his remarks via teleconferencing during Council Meetings as peaceful protests, protesting that his speech was being ‘squelched’.
2. Blair Beekman commended the City of Fremont’s use of equity in issues of housing.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Raul Perez adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

approved via email

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

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