

**MINUTES OF THE
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 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 1:32 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, Chair; Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco, Vice Chair; Councilmember Pam Foley, Councilmember Maya Esparza, Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, Members.

ABSENT: All Present.

STAFF: Senior Deputy City Attorney Karin Murabito; Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Jon Cicirelli; City Clerk Toni Taber, and Deputy City Clerk Ruth Krantz.

(B) REVIEW OF WORK PLAN

1. Blighted Properties and Responsible Landlord Engagement Initiative Report.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember Pam Foley and carried unanimously, the report was deferred to December 10, 2020. (5-0.)

(C) CONSENT CALENDAR

None provided.

(D) REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

1. City Council Policy Priority #4: Downtown and/or Citywide Parks Operations and Maintenance Financing District Status Report. (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)

D. 1. (Cont'd.)

Deputy Director, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Avi Yotam, provided a presentation, and Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, John Cicirelli responded to questions, including using bond measures versus assessments.

Assistant to City Manager, Michele McGurk responded to questions regarding ballot measures.

Motion: Councilmember Pam Foley moved approval of the report, and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Maya Esparza.

Councilmember Sylvia Arenas offered a friendly amendment, to include items for the 2022 ballot including some work plan funding strategies, particularly for childcare/distance learning.

Deputy City Manager Angel Rios, Jr. offered that additional information would be provided on rescoping the work plan, providing direction for community engagement on deferred maintenance and funding sources as well as exploration of revenue generation, and review of emerging needs during the pandemic and post-COVID.

Councilmember Pam Foley and Councilmember Maya Esparza noted clarifications and accepted Councilmember Sylvia Arenas' amendment to the motion.

Action: On a call for the question, the motion carried unanimously, with the City Council Policy Priority #4: Downtown and/or Citywide Parks Operations and Maintenance Financing District Status Report was accepted, including fleshing out a work plan for funding strategies, including consideration of evaluating community interest in childcare/distance learning. (5-0.)

2. Age-Friendly City Initiative Update and San José Age-Friendly 3-Year Action Plan. (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)

Deputy Director Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Andrea Flores Shelton and Susan Nash, Encore Fellow Age-Friendly Program, provided a presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: (1) A speaker thanked City Clerk Toni Taber for her quick response to teleconferencing issues, thanked the park service for their efforts but highlighted City's problems with maintenance. (2) Diana Miller, Seniors' Agenda Project Director with the Department of Aging and Adult Services, Santa Clara County, offered support of Age-Friendly initiative and looking forward to continuing to work together. (3) Blair Beekman thanked City Clerk Toni Taber for reading off item numbers during meetings and asked that a previous speaker express himself more politely when addressing Council.

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(D) REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

(2) (Cont'd.)

Councilmember Sylvia Arenas asked that an annual assessment for age-friendly initiatives include transportation issues and conferred with Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Angel Rios, Jr. regarding inclusion of a family-friendly component to the work plan. Staff indicated that DOT could be involved with communicating with VTA regarding age-friendly initiatives.

Motion: Upon motion by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, seconded by Councilmember Pam Foley, and carried unanimously, the Age-Friendly City Initiative Update was accepted, with next development of the work plan to include a family-friendly initiative report along with the age-friendly report, and with this item cross-referenced to the full City Council for consideration and adoption at the October 20, 2020 City Council meeting. (5-0.)

OPEN FORUM

1. Beatrice addressed enrollment of her child's transitional kindergarten not aligning with First 5, and that guidelines should be revised. She asked that the NSE Committee focus more on education and marginalized communities.
Arenas: Encourage to look into library and prns wervices offered as well.
2. Blair Beekman addressed the work of the Housing Department, openness to public policy ideas, civil rights and civil protections.
3. A speaker complained of an inadequate infrastructure within City of San José and poor representation. He addressed Zoom issues, but applauded City Clerk, Toni Taber's efforts to assist.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Sylvia Arenas adjourned the meeting at 3:41 p.m.

Approved via email

Councilmember Sylvia Arenas
Neighborhood Services and Education Committee

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