

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

**SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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; Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco, Vice Chair; Vice Mayor Chappie Jones, Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, Members.

**ABSENT:** All present.

**STAFF:** Chief Deputy City Attorney Danielle Kenealey, Assistant City Manager Jennifer Maguire, and Deputy City Clerk Ruth Krantz.

**REVIEW OF WORK PLAN**

Public Comments: Blair expressed appreciation for allowing public comment for the workplan and asked that the public be informed as to what this item represents.

Councilmember Sergio Jimenez explained its representation for the public.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, seconded by Vice Mayor Chappie Jones and carried unanimously, the Work Plan was accepted. (5-0.)

**REPORTS TO COMMITTEE**

**1. Police Department Operations and Performance Bi-Monthly Status Report (Police)**

Assistant City Manager Jennifer Maguire introduced Police Lieutenant Paul Cook and indicated this was his last PSFSS meeting, as he is retiring.

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## **1. Police Department Operations Status Report (Cont'd.)**

Public Comments: (1) Blair Beekman offered ideas on domestic violence policing and best practices and suggested body camera footage should be available for court trials. (2) A speaker asked about an action plan for overnight shifts in D9, the problem of car theft and not enough patrols.

Councilmember Sylvia Arenas offered questions on gathering data and asked if class size could be expanded due to the on-line format being used for training officers. Lieutenant Cook offered to forward this question to the unit commander for response. Councilmember Sylvia Arenas recommended thorough training of officers to detect signs of trauma with children.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, seconded by Vice Mayor Chappie Jones and carried unanimously, the Police Department Operations and Performance Bi-Monthly Status Report was accepted. (5-0.)

## **2. Police Department Recruitment Activity Annual Report. (Police)**

Lieutenant Stephen Donohue outlined recruiting efforts and responded to questions.

Public Comments Blair Beekman discussed community policing and hiring a police chief that has a good rapport with the community.

Councilmember Sergio Jimenez asked for more concrete data on ethnicities applying for the Department including data on any evident changes in recruiting in light of the socio-political climate.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, seconded by Vice Mayor Chappie Jones and carried unanimously, the annual report on Police Department recruitment activity was accepted. (5-0.)

## **3. Cardroom Compliance with Title 16 of the San José Municipal Code (Gaming Control Regulatory Program) Annual Report. (Police)**

Senior Auditor Kirill Yermanov provided the report and responded to questions.

Public Comments: A speaker with the last four phone digits 5140 questioned the necessity of this compliance team.

Action: Upon motion by Vice Mayor Chappie Jones, seconded by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas and carried unanimously, the Cardroom Compliance with Title 16 of the San José Municipal Code (Gaming Control Regulatory Program) Annual Report was accepted (5-0.)

#### **4. Impact of Cardroom Gambling on Crime Annual Report. (Police)**

Senior Auditor Kirill Yermanov and Acting Sergeant, Division of Gaming Control Nathan Trang provided the report.

Public Comments: Blair Beekman indicated problems with Zoom and offered appreciation for the gambling reform ideas.

Action: Upon motion by Vice Mayor Chappie Jones, seconded by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas and carried unanimously, the Impact of Cardroom Gambling on Crime Annual Report was accepted. (5-0.)

#### **5. Office of Emergency Management Work Plan Priorities Annual Report. (City Manager-Emergency Management)**

Director of the Office of Emergency Management, Ray Riordan gave an update and responded to questions.

Public Comments: (1) Blair Beekman spoke to public involvement in the community process and mutual aid. (2) A speaker with the last four phone digits 5140 opined that San José is poorly prepared for any emergencies.

Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco suggested more certification training be done in Spanish, with under-represented districts provided disaster tool kits for non-English speakers. Committee discussion continued.

Action: Upon motion by Vice Mayor Chappie Jones, seconded by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas and carried unanimously, the Office of Emergency Management Work Plan Priorities Annual Report was accepted. (5-0.)

#### **OPEN FORUM**

1. A speaker with the last four phone digits 5140 indicated ideas for emergency preparedness and offered complaints regarding the police department.
2. Blair Beekman spoke on reimagining and reform of the police department and the need to develop new tools and skills that incorporate community involvement.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Raul Peralez adjourned the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

*Raul Peralez (approved via email)*

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