

**MINUTES OF THE  
SMART CITIES AND SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE**

**SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021**

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

Present: Councilmembers - Mahan, Cohen, Jones, Foley.

Absent: Councilmembers - Liccardo.

Staff: City Manager's Office, Kip Harkness; Mayor's Office, Jordan Sun; City Attorney's Office, Ed Moran; City Clerk's Office, Toni Taber; and Yasmin Garcia, City Clerk's Office.

**B. Review of Work Plan**

None presented.

**C. Consent Calendar**

None presented.

**D. Reports to Committee**

**1. Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report, Dashboard, and Residential Housing Natural Gas Elimination Roadmap Report. (Environmental Services)**

Public Comments: (1) Caller '5140' addressed PG&E, the electrical grid, and natural gases. (2) Paul Soto spoke to the city's future population increase mentioned in the presentation, the preparation needed, and cellphone tracking. (3) Blair Beekman spoke to data collection ideas, natural disaster preparedness, and natural gases.

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## **D.1 (Cont'd.)**

Deputy Director of Environmental Services, Ken Davies and Director of Environmental Services, Kerrie Romanow offered the presentation.

Deputy Director of Environmental Services, Ken Davies confirmed that the Google data will be gathered anonymously, and users have the option to opt in or out on their cellular devices.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Matt Mahan, seconded by Councilmember Pam Foley and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report on Climate Smart San José activities. (4-0-1. Absent: Liccardo.)

## **2. FirstNet Update Report. (Information Technology/Civic Innovation)**

Public Comments: (1) Paul Soto addressed racial equity. (2) Blair Beekman thanked Kip Harkness for his comments regarding the earthquake effects and open communication with the public. (3) Caller '5140' spoke to the electrical grid and emergency call response times.

Assistant to the City Manager, City Manager's Office, Abigail Shull and Products-Projects Manager, Information Technology, Ashish Lakhiani offered the presentation.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Pam Foley, seconded by Vice Mayor Chappie Jones and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the staff's report on the City's migration to FirstNet and the status of implementation, including approach, milestones, challenges, and next steps. (4-0-1. Absent: Liccardo.)

- **Open Forum**

1. Paul Soto spoke to the importance of having diverse representation on the Smart Cities and Service Improvements Committee and addressed Councilmember Mahan.
2. Caller '5140' spoke to the concerns of the technology update costs and emergency services.
3. Blair Beekman spoke to the importance of having open public policy practices.

- **Adjournment**

Councilmember Matt Mahan adjourned the Committee meeting at 3:33 p.m.

**Approved at the 5/11/21 Council Meeting**

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Councilmember Matt Mahan, Chair  
Smart Cities and Service Improvements Committee

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