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**MINUTES OF THE  
JOINT MEETING OF THE RULES AND OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE AND  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 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 2:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers - Jones, Peralez, Arenas, Cohen, Davis.

Absent: Councilmembers - All Present.

Staff: City Manager, David Sykes; Office of the City Manager, Chief of Staff, Lee Wilcox; City Attorney, Nora Frimann; City Clerk, Toni Taber; City Manager's Office, Gloria Schmanek; Mayor's Office, Henry Smith; and City Clerk's Office, Yasmin Johnson.

**A. City Council (City Clerk)**

**1. Review April 20, 2021 Final Agenda**

Public Comment: (1) Blair Beekman spoke on the Office of Immigration and having Zoom translation services for other languages. (2) Christina Johnson, a Commissioner for the Charter Review Commission spoke to the need for adequate funding and staff support to accomplish what Council has asked them to do.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Dev Davis seconded by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas and carried unanimously, the Committee approved the April 20, 2021 Final Agenda, as amended, including Adds, with Sunshine Waivers as required, with Item 8.1 dropped. (5-0.)

**2. Review April 27, 2021 Draft Agenda**

Public Comment: (1) Ellina Y. addressed investing in language interpretations services. Her parents want to participate in community meetings and events, but they feel they can't because of their language barriers. (2) Blair Beekman spoke to the COVID-19 variants, the vaccine process, and HVAC Systems. (3) Marisol stated the public should be given more time to speak at meetings and that staff should listen more and talk less.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Raul Peralez, seconded by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas and carried unanimously, the Committee approved the April 27, 2021 Draft Agenda, as amended, including Adds, and with Sunshine Waivers as required. (5-0.)

**B. Review of Upcoming Special Meeting Agenda(s)**

**1. Review April 23, 2021 Final Pension Obligation Financing Options Study Session Agenda.**

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember David Cohen, seconded by Councilmember Raul Peralez and carried unanimously, the Committee approved the April 23, 2021 Study Session Agenda, as amended, including Adds, and with Sunshine Waivers as required. (5-0.)

**C. Legislative Update**

- 1. State**
- 2. Federal**

There were none presented.

**D. Meeting Schedules**

None provided.

**E. The Public Record**

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas seconded by Councilmember Dev Davis and carried unanimously, the Public Record for April 1, 2021– April 8, 2021 was noted and filed. (5-0.)

**F. Boards, Commissions and Committees**

None provided.

**G. Rules Committee Reviews, Recommendations and Approvals**

**1. Consent Calendar**

- a. Approval of Mental Health Awareness Month Sponsored by Council District 8 as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event. (Arenas)**

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Dev Davis, seconded by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas and carried unanimously, the City Council Sponsored Special Event was approved and cross-referenced to the May 11, 2021 Council Agenda for action. (5-0.)

- b. Approval of National Child Abuse Prevention Month Sponsored by Council District 8 as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event. (Arenas)**

- c. Approval of Proclamation for Earth Day Sponsored by Council District 5 as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event. (Carrasco)**

- d. Approval of Cataldi Dumpster Day Sponsored by Council District 4 as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event. (Cohen)**

Public Comment: Blair Beekman thanked Council for the Dumpster Day item.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Dev Davis, seconded by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas and carried unanimously, the City Council Sponsored Special Events were approved and cross-referenced to the April 20, 2021 Council Agenda for action. (5-0.)

**2. Request for Additional Financial Resources Allocated by the San José City Council to the Charter Review Commission. (Charter Review Commission)**

Public Comment: (1) Jessica stated the importance of assisting elders with language barriers as a city priority. (2) Blair Beekman spoke to offering other options for language translations such as asking San José State University students to translate at a lower rate. (3) Jeffrey Buchanan stated further discussions are needed to ensure adequate resources for civic engagement and spoke on difficulties with Zoom. (4) Veronica addressed her full support for financial resources for the Charter Review Commission. (5) Jeremy Barousse, a Commissioner on the Charter Review Commission stated the importance of investing to allow as many community voices as possible to be included and heard, funding for research, and translation. (6) Brenda Zendejas stated community input cannot be fully captured without translators from various languages and stated her support of the item.

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## **G. 2 (Cont'd.)**

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, seconded by Councilmember Raul Peralez and carried unanimously, the Committee approved the request for additional financial resources allocated by the San José City Council to the Charter Review Commission and cross-referenced it to the April 27, 2021 Council Agenda for action. (5-0.)

### **3. Bill of Right 's for Children and Youth. (Youth Commission)**

Public Comment: Blair Beekman thanked the Youth Commission for their work on this item.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, seconded by Councilmember Dev Davis and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the updated Bill of Rights for Children and Youth and cross-referenced it to the April 27, 2021 Council Agenda for action. (5-0.)

### **4. Assembly Bill 1400: Guaranteed Healthcare for All. (Carrasco)**

Public Comment: (1) Blair Beekman stated healthcare should be accessible to everyone. (2) Mimi S., member of Orchard City Indivisible spoke on healthcare inequities, equity, the COVID-19 effects on the San José Community, and stated her support of the bill. (3) Brenda Zendejas spoke to her support of the bill, expanding healthcare, and rent payments. (4) Peter Ortiz, Trustee for Board of Education, spoke to the importance of having universal healthcare, COVID-19 exposure, the healthcare system, the working class neighborhoods being hit the hardest, and endorsed the bill. (5) Solomon spoke in favor of AB 1400 and stated it would help households and businesses to save money in healthcare premiums and costs. (6) Veronica spoke on behalf of grocery store workers not having the adequate healthcare to pay for medical needs and supporting their family simultaneously. (7) Zac M. spoke in support of AB1400. (8) Riley B. spoke in support of the bill and the importance of healthcare for all. (9) Lucy thanked the Councilmembers for their work and support on this item. (10) Kyle advocated for and endorsed AB 1400. (11) A speaker who is a registered nurse spoke to COVID-19 death rates in her view being correlated to the healthcare system and urged in support of the bill. (12) Bryan, a retired teacher spoke in support of Councilmember Carrasco's memorandum on healthcare and hoped the City of San José can lead the way for the country in healthcare. (13) Luca Dhagat spoke in favor of AB 1400 and stated he feels the healthcare system has oppressive structures.

Omar Torres, Chief of Staff for Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco advocated for the Assembly Bill 1400 and read a statement on her behalf.

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#### **G. 4 (Cont'd.)**

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, seconded by Councilmember Raul Peralez and carried unanimously, the Committee added the item to the April 27, 2021 Council Agenda so that the City's Legislative Representative can advocate and adopt a position of support for the City's support of AB 1400. (5-0.)

#### **H. Review of additions to Council Committee Agendas/Workplans**

##### **1. Update to the January 2021- June 2021 Community and Economic Development Committee Work Plan. (Housing)**

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, seconded by Councilmember David Cohen and carried unanimously, the Committee approved dropping the Moderate-Income Housing Strategy Report from the Community and Economic Development Committee workplan scheduled for May 24, 2021 meeting. (5-0.)

##### **2. Neighborhood Services and Education Committee**

##### **3. Transportation and Environment Committee**

##### **4. Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee**

##### **5. Joint Meeting of the Rules and Open Government Committee and Committee of the Whole**

##### **6. Smart Cities and Service Improvement Committee**

#### **I. Open Government**

None provided.

#### **J. Open Forum**

1. Blair Beekman spoke to the importance of positive sustainability in San José's future.

#### **K. Adjournment**

Vice Mayor Chappie Jones adjourned the Committee meeting at 3:21 p.m.

**Approved at the 6/29/21 Council Meeting**

Vice Mayor Chappie Jones, Chair  
Rules and Open Government Committee

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