



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

**SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 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 Committee meeting was teleconferenced from remote locations and convened at 1:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Raul Peralez, Chair; Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, Vice Chair; Vice Mayor Chappie Jones, Councilmembers Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, and Councilmember Matt Mahan, Members.

**ABSENT:** All Present.

**STAFF:** Acting City Manager Jennifer Maguire; Senior Deputy City Attorney Rosa Tsongtaatarii; Paul Pereira, Mayor's Office; City Clerk Toni Taber, and Deputy City Clerk Ruth Krantz.

**(b) Review of Work Plan**

No Changes. No vote required.

**(c) Consent Calendar**

None provided.

**REPORTS TO COMMITTEE**

**1. Fourth Quarter Financial Reports for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. (Finance)**

Director of Finance Julia H. Cooper offered an introduction, and Nikolai J. Sklaroff, Deputy Director of Finance, Debt & Treasury Management and Luz Cofresí-Howe, Assistant Director of Finance provided a presentation.

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## 1. Fourth Quarter Financial Reports (Cont'd.)

Public Comments: (1) Tessa Woodmansee spoke to realigning our decisions to save the Earth and need to eliminate fossil fuel investments. (2) Paul Soto addressed the need to have a framework of equity in terms of investments. (3) Blair Beekman spoke to preparation for natural disasters, labor and healthcare programs.

Staff responded to questions.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Matt Mahan, seconded by Vice Mayor Chappie Jones and carried unanimously, the Fourth Quarter (period ending June 30, 2021) Financial Reports for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for the following programs: (a) Debt Management (b) Investment Management (c) Revenue Management was accepted and referred and cross-referenced to the **September 14, 2021** City Council Meeting for full adoption. the verbal bi-monthly status report on Police Department operations and performance in the areas of city-wide crime statistics, crime trends, emerging issues, and other matters of interest, as needed, with a focus on sexual assault was accepted. (5-0.)

## 2. Police Department Recruitment and Hiring Activity Annual Report. (Police)

Acting City Manager Jennifer Maguire noted the written language from the memorandum is the updated direction to be followed.

Deputy Chief Heather Randol offered an introduction. Lieutenant Christina Anaya provided the presentation.

Public Comments: (1) Tessa Woodmansee spoke to fascism and strong-arm policing. (2) Paul Soto addressed an imbalance of power and unnecessary use of force. (3) Blair Beekman asked if better recruiting practices were being considered.

Lieutenant Christina Anaya and Acting City Manager Jennifer Maguire responded to questions, and Police Chief Anthony Mata provided additional comments.

Councilmember Raul Peralez suggested identifying key recruitment efforts that have been particularly effective and incorporating this information into next year's report, additionally asking that someone from Communications be present to participate in next year's meeting to offer their perspective.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Matt Mahan, seconded by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas and carried unanimously, the annual report on Police Department sworn personnel 2020-2021 recruitment and hiring activity, including recruiting climate, recruiting unit budget and activities, communication/marketing activities and analysis, qualified applicant pool diversity and sworn demographic data by rank, and resignation data, as well as 2020-2021 recruitment and hiring activity for communications personnel was accepted. (4-0-1. Absent: Jones.)

Councilmembers Jimenez and Arenas left the meeting at approximately 4 p.m.

### **3. Fireworks Ordinance Work Plan Status Report. (Fire/Police/Planning, Building and Code Enforcement/City Manager - Communications)**

Arthur Belton, Acting Deputy Fire Chief and Police Captain Jason Ta offered a presentation and responded to questions along with Chief Technology Officer Jerry Driessen.

Public Comments: (1) Caller “5140” criticized restrictions on fireworks. (2) Tessa Woodmansee spoke to fire danger and pollution caused by fireworks. (3) Paul Soto asked that data be broken down into more detail and warned of a serial arsonist. (4) Blair Beekman spoke to fireworks and gun control issues being handled at the state level.

Action: Upon motion by Vice Mayor Chappie Jones, seconded by Councilmember Matt Mahan and carried unanimously, the status report on the implementation of the Fireworks Ordinance Work Plan Post-Fourth of July 2021 was accepted.

(3-0-2. Absent: Arenas, Jimenez)

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

Director of the Office of Emergency Management, Ray Riordan provided the presentation.

Public Comments: (1) Paul Soto asked that his questions be responded to during meetings. (2) Tessa Woodmansee asked that our policies be in Charter and not be politicized. (3) Caller “5140” offered criticism of the EMS and 311 staffing. (4) Blair Beekman spoke to health & human services issues, police officer overtime, and usefulness of emergency data portals and data collection.

In response to Paul Soto’s comments, Councilmember Raul Peralez noted that the public comment forum is not an opportunity to engage in dialog but encouraged speakers to reach out to members of staff outside of the meeting.

Director of the Office of Emergency Management, Ray Riordan responded to questions.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Matt Mahan, seconded by Vice Mayor Chappie Jones and carried unanimously, the annual report on the City Manager’s Office of Emergency Management Work Plan priorities for 2021-2022 was accepted.

(3-0-2. Absent: Arenas, Jimenez)

### **OPEN FORUM**

1. Paul Soto asked that questions be addressed during the public sphere.
2. Caller “5140” complained that no one from staff returns calls and they can’t handle criticism.
3. Tessa Woodmansee asked that priorities be put in Charter and asked for equity and caring for peoples’ basic needs.
4. Blair Beekman asked that the City’s public website search engine should be easier to use.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Sergio Jimenez adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

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

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