

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

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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 - Peralez.

Staff: City Manager, David Sykes; Office of the City Manager, Deputy City Manager, 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 September 21, 2021 Final Agenda

Public Comment: (1) Tessa Woodmansee spoke to land that is being sold and redeveloped in San José and addressed concerns with her neighborhood on Stockton Ave. (2) Blair Beekman expressed his gratitude for dumpster days and addressed Items 2.9 and 2.18 on the agenda regarding tech and mass transit issues.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, seconded by Councilmember Dev Davis and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the September 21, 2021 Final Agenda, as amended, including the Add sheet. (5-0.)

2. Review September 28, 2021 Draft Agenda

Public Comment: (1) Tessa Woodmansee spoke to her concerns with the design of the Boston property. (2) Paul Soto spoke to Item 3.5 on the agenda (Apologizing to Chinese Immigrants and their Descendants), the school systems in San José, and his views on exploitation. (3) Blair Beekman spoke to the appropriation items on the agenda, worker compensation practices, pay raise issues, housing issues, and transitional housing for homeless people. (4) A speaker spoke to public safety services, traffic near parks, and traffic violations.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Dev Davis, seconded by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the September 28, 2021 Draft Agenda. (5-0.)

B. Review of Upcoming Special Meeting Agenda(s)

None provided.

C. Legislative Update

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

There were none presented.

D. Pension Obligation Respective Roles and Responsibilities for Policy Development Study Session. (City Manager)

Public Comment: (1) Paul Soto spoke to the City Manager's Office responsibilities regarding SJPD Pensions. (2) Blair Beekman spoke to open public policies regarding governmental issues. (3) Tessa Woodmansee spoke to her concerns with the City Manager's Office.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Raul Peralez, seconded by Councilmember David Cohen and carried unanimously, the Committee approved the joint Study Session with the City Council, Federated City Employees' Retirement System Board, and the Police and Fire Department Retirement Plan Board entitled Pension Obligation Respective Roles and Responsibilities for Policy Development for Thursday, September 30, 2021 from 1:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. (5-0.)

E. The Public Record

Public Comment: (1) Tessa Woodmansee addressed hybrid council meetings and network connectivity issues and concerns. (2) Blair Beekman spoke to data practices regarding parking issues.

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(3) Paul Soto spoke to a public letter submitted by to Brenda D. and his appreciation for her public letters. (4) Sheena M. spoke to parking concerns in her neighborhood on 71 Vista Montana St. and arsenic level concerns.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Raul Peralez, seconded by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas and carried unanimously, the Public Record for September 2, 2021-September 9, 2021 was noted and filed. (5-0.)

F. Boards, Commissions and Committees

None provided.

G. Rules Committee Reviews, Recommendations and Approvals

1. Consent Calendar

None provided.

H. Review of additions to Council Committee Agendas/Workplans

1. Community and Economic Development Committee

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 parking issues, concepts, and technology, and addressed unhoused community issues.
2. Brian thanked the staff and councilmembers for all their collective efforts and service.
3. Bharat Ram spoke to the public letter process and requested simplified information for the public to get something on the agenda
4. Sheena M. addressed her concerns and frustrations with the trash around her neighborhood due to the R.V. vehicles and the homeless encampment.
5. Paul Soto spoke to effects of poverty and the embarrassment and rejections felt by the unhoused community.
6. Srinath spoke to parking concerns in his neighborhood on 71 Vista Montana St. and the lack of community engagement regarding the decision and relocation of the homeless encampment.
7. Bharat Ram spoke to having a designated safe parking location near 71 Vista Montana St.

K. Adjournment

Vice Mayor Chappie Jones adjourned the Committee meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Approved at the 10/26/21 Council Meeting

Vice Mayor Chappie Jones, Chair
Rules and Open Government Committee

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