

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

**SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026**

The Committee meeting was held in the Council Chambers and convened at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers - Kamei, Foley, Doan.

Absent: Councilmembers - Cohen, Candelas.

Staff: Angel Rios, Deputy City Manager, City Manager's Office; Kevin Fisher, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office; Joy Rodriguez, Assistant City Clerk, City Clerk's Office; Rachelle Blattman, Senior Executive Analyst, City Manager's Office; and Daniel Aguilar, Deputy City Clerk, City Clerk's Office.

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

**1. Review April 21, 2026 Final Agenda**

- a) Add New Items to Final Agenda
- b) Assign "Time Certain" to Agenda Items (if needed)
- c) Review of Notice of Waiver Requirements for Agenda Items or Documents (if needed)

Public Comment: None provided.

Action: Upon motion by Vice Mayor Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember Bien Doan, and carried unanimously, the Committee approved the final agenda for the City Council meeting on April 21, 2026. (3-0-2; Absent: Cohen, Candelas)

**2. Review April 28, 2026 Draft Agenda**

- a) Add New Items to Draft Agenda
- b) Assign "Time Certain" to Agenda Items (if needed)
- c) Review of Notice of Waiver Requirements for Agenda Items or Documents (if needed)

Public Comment: None provided.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Bien Doan, seconded by Vice Mayor Pam Foley, and carried unanimously, the Committee approved the draft agenda for the City Council meeting on April 28, 2026. (3-0-2; Absent: Cohen, Candelas)

## **B. Consent Calendar**

Public Comment: Brian Darby offered public comment.

Action: Upon motion by Vice Mayor Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember Bien Doan, and carried unanimously, the Consent Calendar was approved *as a whole*, with the following actions taken as indicated. (3-0-2; Absent: Cohen, Candelas)

### **1. The Public Record for April 2, 2026 - April 9, 2026. (City Clerk)**

Receive and file the Public Record for April 2, 2026 - April 9, 2026.

Action: The Public Record for April 2, 2026 - April 9, 2026, was received and filed. (3-0-2; Absent: Cohen, Candelas)

### **2. VEBA Advisory Committee Appointments. (Human Resources)**

- (a) Approve the appointment of Edgar “David” Parker, nominated by the Federated unions, to the Voluntary Employees Beneficiary Association (VEBA) Advisory Committee for a four-year term, beginning June 1, 2026 and ending on May 31, 2030.
- (b) Approve the appointment of Nicholas Rovetto, nominated by the Federated unions, to the VEBA Advisory Committee for a four-year term, beginning June 1, 2026 and ending on May 31, 2030.
- (c) Place the item on the April 21, 2026 City Council Agenda for action.

Action: The VEBA Advisory Committee Appointments were approved for placement on the April 21, 2026 City Council Agenda for action. (3-0-2; Absent: Cohen, Candelas)

### **3. Approval of the Eritrean Flag Raising Sponsored by Council District 6 as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event. (Mulcahy)**

1. Approve the Eritrean Flag Raising Event scheduled on May 20, 2026 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.
2. Approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses or community groups to support the event.
3. Place the item on the April 21, 2026 City Council Agenda for action.

Action: The Eritrean Flag Raising, sponsored by Council District 6, was approved for placement on the April 21, 2026 City Council Agenda for action. (3-0-2; Absent: Cohen, Candelas)

### **4. Request to Travel. (Candelas)**

1. Authorize travel, accept travel payments to the City of San José, and designate Councilmember Domingo Candelas as the City representative to attend the Cal Cities City Leaders Summit and Board Meeting in Sacramento, CA from April 22-25, 2026.
2. Place the item on the April 21, 2026 City Council Agenda for action.

Action: The request to travel for Councilmember Domingo Candelas was approved for placement on the April 21, 2026 City Council Agenda for action. (3-0-2; Absent: Cohen, Candelas)

**5. Retroactive Approval of Various Events Sponsored by Council District 8 as City Council Sponsored Special Events to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Events. (Candelas)**

1. Retroactively approve the Overfelt High School Making Seasons Bright event scheduled on December 13, 2025 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.
2. Retroactively approve the Vovinam Toy Drive scheduled on December 20, 2025 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.
3. Retroactively approve the Brigadoon Neighborhood Association Meeting scheduled on January 29, 2026 and March 5, 2026 as City Council sponsored Special Events and approve the expenditure of funds.
4. Retroactively approve the TREBA Tet Festival scheduled on February 14, 2026 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.
5. Retroactively approve the Budget Breakfast event scheduled on February 21, 2026 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.
6. Retroactively approve the Welch Park Spring Egg Hunt scheduled on March 28, 2026 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.
7. Approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses or community groups to support the events.
8. Place the item on the April 21, 2026 City Council Agenda for action.

Action: The various events sponsored by Council District 8 were retroactively approved for placement on the April 21, 2026 City Council Agenda for action. (3-0-2; Absent: Cohen, Candelas)

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

**1. Alternative Financing for Affordable Housing. (Mahan, Campos, Tordillos, Cohen, and Ortiz)**

Direct the City Manager to:

1. Return to City Council by August 2026 with policy recommendations for Alternative Financing for Affordable Housing Production based on the March 11, 2026, Information Memorandum from the Housing Department, including additional analysis of:
  - a. The range and mix of affordability levels that the public-private partnerships contemplated in the memo may support, including the feasibility of reaching Very Low-Income affordability levels (30% - 50% AMI), as referenced in the memorandum from Councilmember Ortiz dated January 27, 2026;
  - b. The “trade-offs” between total number of units and depth of affordability for the existing City approach to affordable housing production with each of the policy options in the information memo; and
  - c. How these policies may benefit or impact the existing pipeline of affordable and market rate housing projects in San José.
2. Include as part of the report an analysis of lease-revenue financing, including but not limited to issuance of certificates of participation, for funding affordable housing.

Councilmember Anthony Tordillos introduced the item, bringing forward the recommendation as outlined in the April 6, 2026 joint memorandum co-authored by Mayor Matt Mahan, Councilmember Pamela Campos, Councilmember Anthony Tordillos, Councilmember David Cohen, and Councilmember Peter Ortiz.

Public Comment: None provided.

Action: Upon motion by Vice Mayor Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember Bien Doan, and carried unanimously, the item regarding Alternative Financing for Affordable Housing was referred to the City Manager's Office for a Workload Analysis and is directed to return to the Rules and Open Government Committee on an unspecified date. (3-0-2; Absent: Cohen, Candelas)

## **2. Request to Add a Resolution Honoring the Women and Families of the Farmworker Movement and proclaiming March 31 as Farmworkers' Day to the City Council Meeting Agenda of April 21, 2026. (Foley, Kamei, and Campos)**

1. Consider a draft resolution of the City Council of the City of San José Honoring the Women and Families of the Farmworker Movement and proclaiming March 31 as Farmworkers' Day in the City of San José;
2. Add the draft resolution to the City Council Agenda for its regular meeting of April 21, 2026;
3. Authorize the City Attorney's Office to make such formatting and non-substantive changes and additions to the said draft resolution as it deems appropriate or necessary.

Public Comment: None provided.

Action: Upon motion by Vice Mayor Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember Bien Doan, and carried unanimously, a draft resolution of the City Council of the City of San José Honoring the Women and Families of the Farmworker Movement and proclaiming March 31 as Farmworkers' Day in the City of San José, was approved for placement on the April 21, 2026 City Council Agenda for action. (3-0-2; Absent: Cohen, Candelas)

## **3. Direction to Address Property Damage Impacts from Rancho del Pueblo Golf Course. (Ortiz)**

Direct the City Manager's Office to work in partnership with CourseCo, the operator of the City-owned Rancho del Pueblo Golf Course, to develop and implement solutions that mitigate ongoing property damage and quality-of-life impacts experienced by residents in the California Fairways Homeowners Association (HOA) and the Mayfair Neighborhood, resulting from errant golf balls.

Councilmember Peter Ortiz brought forward the recommendation as outlined in his April 9, 2026 memorandum.

Public Comment: None provided.

Angel Rios, Deputy City Manager, City Manager's Office, confirmed that a Workload Analysis is *not* necessary for the item, as the direction is included within the Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services' current scope of work.

Action: Upon motion by Vice Mayor Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember Bien Doan, and carried unanimously, the City Manager's Office is directed to work in partnership with CourseCo, the operator

of the City-owned Rancho del Pueblo Golf Course, to develop and implement solutions that mitigate ongoing property damage and quality-of-life impacts experienced by residents in the California Fairways Homeowners Association (HOA) and the Mayfair Neighborhood, resulting from errant golf balls. (3-0-2; Absent: Cohen, Candelas)

#### **D. Open Forum**

1. Brian Darby expressed the importance of having trust in government and local officials.

#### **E. Adjournment**

Vice Chair Pam Foley adjourned the Committee meeting at 2:19 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared, and Respectfully Submitted by,

*Daniel Aguilar*

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Daniel Aguilar  
Deputy City Clerk, City of San José

Approved at Council on:

Number of actions: 6

Attest by:



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Toni J. Taber, MMC  
City Clerk, City of San José