

**MINUTES OF THE
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2014

The Community and Economic Development Committee of the City of San José convened in regular session at 1:31 p.m. in Conference Rooms 118 – 120, Council Wing, City Hall.

PRESENT: Council Member Rose Herrera, Chair; Council Member Sam Liccardo, Vice Chair; Council Member Ash Kalra (1:36 p.m.) and Council Member Pierluigi Oliverio.

ABSENT: All Present.

STAFF: Director of Economic Development/Chief Strategist Kim Walesh, Assistant City Attorney Ed Moran, Mayor's Senior Policy Advisor Ru Weerakoon and Deputy City Clerk Susan M. Davis.

REVIEW OF WORK PLAN

Upon motion by Council Member Liccardo, seconded by Council Member Kalra and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the work plan and the below listed actions were taken as indicated. (4-0.)

(1) Downtown and North San José Development Incentives.

Action: Deferred to the September 22, 2014 Community and Economic Development Committee Meeting.

(2) Development Services Process Improvement Work Plan and Development Services Staffing.

Action: Deferred to the September 22, 2014 Community and Economic Development Committee Meeting.

REVIEW OF WORK PLAN

(3) Homeless Housing: Potential Tools for Combating Homelessness.

Council Member Herrera opened the floor for public testimony.

Public Comments: Martha O'Connell expressed support to the concept of the City using land to allow the homeless to live in their cars but pointed out potential problems, i.e. drugs, trash, bathroom facilities and unfriendly animals.

Tim McCormick, representing Houslets.com, explained how his venture is working on developing low cost building systems such as 3D fabrication and WikiHousing as potential tools for combating homelessness.

Action: Upon motion by Council Member Liccardo, seconded by Council Member Kalra and carried unanimously, Item (2) was deferred to the September 22, 2014 Community and Economic Development Committee Meeting. (4-0.)

CONSENT CALENDAR

(1) Team San José Quarterly Performance Measures.

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Assistant to the City Manager/Downtown Manager Lee Wilcox, dated August 15, 2014, transmitting the report.

Council Member Herrera opened the floor for public testimony.

Public Comments: David Wall expressed concern about the issues of downtown parking and suggested that Police Officers should be present at all downtown events.

Action: Upon motion by Council Member Liccardo, seconded by Council Member Oliverio and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report. (4-0.)

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

(1) Verbal Report on Economic Development Activities. (Economic Development)

Director of Economic Development/Chief Strategist Kim Welsh offered the report on Economic Development Activities and responded to Committee questions.

The Committee received the verbal report.

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(2) **City Manager's Downtown Advisory Committee (Street Behavior and Homeless Services)**

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Assistant to the City Manager/Downtown Manager Lee Wilcox and Assistant Director of Housing Jacky Morales-Ferrand, dated August 8, 2014, recommending acceptance of the report.

Assistant to the City Manager/Downtown Manager Lee Wilcox presented introductory remarks. Assistant Director of Housing Jacky Morales-Ferrand, Homelessness Response Team Manager Ray Bramson and Executive Analyst II Sal Alvarez offered the report and responded to Committee questions and concerns.

Council Member Herrera opened the floor for public testimony.

Public Comments: David Wall suggested asking the President to provide a structure complete with Military Police, Doctors and Nurses to aid in controlling the homeless population.

Scott Knies, San José Downtown Association, recommended that there should be more intensive case management, better coordination with the County, and suggested looking into Laura's Law (Mental Illness Policy).

Council Member Herrera proposed that Staff reach out to the faith leaders in the City of San José and advise them of the proper protocol to provide help to the homeless people in the community.

Action: Upon motion by Council Member Liccardo, seconded by Council Member Kalra and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report. (4-0.)

(3) **North San José Transportation Innovation Corridor.**

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Director of Transportation Hans F. Larsen and Director of Economic Development/Chief Strategist Kim Walesh, dated August 15, 2014, recommending acceptance of the report.

Director of Transportation Hans F. Larsen and Doug Davenport, Executive Director, Prospect Silicon Valley, presented the report and responded to Committee questions.

Public Comments: David Wall presented his own views on Prospect Silicon Valley.

Director of Economic Development/Chief Strategist Kim Walesh disclosed that she serves as Chairman of the Board on the nonprofit Prospect Silicon Valley and explained that it is not a conflict of interest because the key purpose the nonprofit was founded was to support the work in technology demonstration.

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

(3) (Cont'd.)

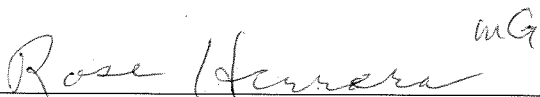
Action: Upon motion by Council Member Liccardo, seconded by Council Member Oliverio and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report. (4-0.)

OPEN FORUM

David Wall presented his own points of view on the reclaimed water project.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Rose Herrera adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.



Council Member Rose Herrera, Chair
Community and Economic Development Committee

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