
RULES AND OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

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AGENDA

2:00 P.M.

January 30, 2013

Wing 118-120

A. City Council (City Clerk)

1. Review February 5, 2013 Final Agenda
 - a. Add New Items to Draft Agenda
 - b. Assign "Time Certain" to Agenda Items (if needed)
 - c. Review of Items that Meet Exception Rule (if needed)
2. Review February 12, 2013 Draft Agenda
 - a. Add New Items to Draft Agenda
 - b. Assign "Time Certain" to Agenda Items (if needed)
 - c. Review of Items that Meet Exception Rule (if needed)

B. Review of Upcoming Study Session Agenda(s)

C. Legislative Update

1. State
2. Federal

D. Meeting Schedules

1. [Accept the preliminary Study Session Topics \(see attached recommendations\)](#)

E. [The Public Record](#)

F. Boards, Commissions and Committees

1. Appointments
 - a. [Approve appointments to the Project Diversity Screening Committee.](#) (City Clerk)
 - b. Workplans
 - c. Annual Reports

G. Rules Committee Reviews, Recommendations and Approvals

1. Workload Assessment for Council Requests and Referrals.
2. [Refer to the Elections Commission for its review the issue of whether the City ought to adopt a standard for automatic recounts in elections that are decided by a very small margin.](#)
(Councilmember Rocha)

3. [Approve sending Councilmembers to Sacramento to meet with our State Legislators. The trip would be another opportunity to present our representatives with information about the impact of state budget issues and state legislation on the City of San José. \(Councilmember Kalra\)](#)
4. [Approve the transfer of Councilmember Chu's surplus campaign funds in the amount of \\$9,262.23 with the following distribution: \(Councilmember Chu\).](#)
 - a. \$3,000 to the San Jose Public Library Foundation to support the Educational Park Branch Library
 - b. \$3,000 to the Santa Clara City Library Foundation & Friends to support the future Northside Library
 - c. \$3,262.23 to fund the gun buy-back program
5. [Amendment to Business Tax Exemption Process and Fee: \(Councilmember Rocha\)](#)
 - a. Direct the City Attorney and Finance Department to examine and implement improvements to the Business License Tax Exemption Process and Fee, such as:
 - Fee amount
 - Qualifications for Business License Tax
 - Qualifications for Business License Tax Hardship Exemption
 - Names and descriptions of exemptions, fees, and processes
 - b. Pending staff's recommendations and subsequent direction from the Rules and Open Government Committee either: extend the amnesty program for one year for businesses and independent contractors that qualify under the current exemption guidelines; or implement the changes as soon as possible so businesses and independent contractors avoid fees and penalties that will be incurred after Friday, March 29, 2013 (End of the Amnesty Program).
6. [Approval of the District 2 and District 5 Arthritis Awareness sponsored special event, to expend City funds and accept donations of materials and services for the event.](#)

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. Rules and Open Government Committee

I. Open Government

1. Appeals of Public Records Act Request

J. Open Forum

Members of the Public are invited to speak on any item that does not appear on today's Agenda and that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee.

K. Adjournment

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1. Public Meeting Decorum:

- a) Persons in the audience will refrain from behavior which will disrupt the public meeting. This will include making loud noises, clapping, shouting, booing, hissing or engaging in any other activity in a manner that disturbs, disrupts or impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- b) Persons in the audience will refrain from creating, provoking or participating in any type of disturbance involving unwelcome physical contact.
- c) Persons in the audience will refrain from using cellular phones and/or pagers while the meeting is in session.
- d) Appropriate attire, including shoes and shirts are required in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms at all times.
- e) Persons in the audience will not place their feet on the seats in front of them.
- f) No food, drink (other than bottled water with a cap), or chewing gum will be allowed in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, except as otherwise pre-approved by City staff.
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 - The items cannot create a building maintenance problem or a fire or safety hazard.

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- a) Persons wishing to speak on an agenda item or during open forum are requested to complete a speaker card and submit the card to the City Clerk or other administrative staff at the meeting.
- b) Meeting attendees are usually given two (2) minutes to speak on any agenda item and/or during open forum; the time limit is in the discretion of the Chair of the meeting and may be limited when appropriate. Applicants and appellants in land use matters are usually given more time to speak.
- c) Speakers should discuss topics related to City business on the agenda.
- d) Speakers' comments should be addressed to the full body. Requests to engage the Mayor, Council Members, Board Members, Commissioners or Staff in conversation will not be honored. Abusive language is inappropriate.
- e) Speakers will not bring to the podium any items other than a prepared written statement, writing materials, or objects that have been inspected by security staff.
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- g) Speakers and any other members of the public will not approach the dais at any time without prior consent from the Chair of the meeting.

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