



**MINUTES OF THE JOINT CITY COUNCIL
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2012

The Council of the City of San José reconvened in Regular Joint Session with the County Board of Supervisors at 9:07 a.m. at the Board of Supervisors’ Chambers, County Government Center, 70 West Hedding Street, First Floor, San José, California.

Present: Council Members - Kansen Chu, Sam Liccardo (9:57 a.m.), Madison Nguyen, Vice Mayor; Pierluigi Oliverio, Donald Rocha; Chuck Reed, Mayor.

Absent: Council Members - Xavier Campos, Peter Constant, Rose Herrera, Ash Kalra, Johnny Khamis. (Excused)

Present: County Supervisors - Ken Wasserman, Vice President; Cindy Chavez, S. Joseph Simitian; Ken Yeager, President.

Absent: County Supervisors - David Cortese. (Excused)

City Staff: City Attorney Richard Doyle, Deputy City Manager Norberto Dueñas, Acting City Clerk Toni Taber, CMC and Deputy City Clerk Susan M. Davis.

County Staff: County Counsel Orry Korb, County Executive Jeffrey V. Smith and Clerk of the Board Lynn Regadanz.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Reed and President of the Board Yeager led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING REMARKS

President of the Board Yeager welcomed Mayor Reed and the Council Members. President Yeager remarked that the Joint Meeting today will provide an opportunity to continue to establish a stronger City/County relationship to benefit the community.

INTRODUCTION OF CITY/COUNTY STAFF

Deputy City Manager Norberto Dueñas and County Executive Jeffrey V. Smith presented introductions of the City and County Staff.

Documents Filed: (1) Letter from City Manager Debra Figone and County Executive Jeffrey V. Smith, dated October 18, 2013, providing background and analysis on the Annual City/County Meeting. (2) Staff presentation dated October 18, 2013 summarizing the County, City and Community Partnership to End Chronic Homelessness. (3) Staff presentation dated October 18, 2013 outlining the Update on the Affordable Care Act in Santa Clara County. (4) Staff presentation dated October 18, 2013 describing Improving Public Access to Water.

(1) Homelessness – System Changes and Strategy Update; Update on Housing 1000 and Expansion of the Collective Impact Model, and Affordable Housing.

Director of Homeless Systems, County of Santa Clara Ky Le, Homeless Response Team Manager Ray Bramson and Jennifer Loving, Executive Director, Destination: Home offered the report.

Director of Housing Leslye Corsiglia reported on Sequestration and other Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Program cuts.

Supervisor Wasserman expressed concern about the 25% chronically homeless that are identified as long term, with medical issues and decide to leave the program once housing has been found for them.

Supervisor Chavez suggested referencing this report back to the County in order for Staff to understand and identify the immediate strategies versus the long term strategies, even if they are unconventional, for example building “military” type camps to house the homeless.

Mayor Reed thanked the City/County Staffs and Destination: Home for their hard work and emphasized additional funding is still needed.

Vice Mayor Nguyen agreed that this is a very challenging issue and commended Destination: Home for its efforts. Vice Mayor Nguyen inquired about opportunities on the next steps to provide skills and job training. Jennifer Loving, Executive Director, Destination: Home, replied that they are looking into a work force strategy and funding over the next six months.

Council Members Oliverio and Rocha concurred that chronic homelessness should remain as priority number one on the agenda for the next City/County Joint Meeting.

(1) (Cont'd.)

Council Members Oliverio, Rocha and Liccardo expressed concern about the market rate housing availability and that impact on the affordable housing stock.

Council Member Rocha strongly asserted that more entry rate and market rate housing should be developed and should be part of the “tool box”.

Council Member Liccardo inquired if there was a way to create incentives to build 600 square foot units that are needed by a large percentage of the work force that would otherwise be living on the streets. Director of Housing Leslye Corsiglia responded that was a viable option but it would not solve the overall homeless situation and pointed out that there must be different solutions for diverse income groups as well.

Council Member Chu requested that Staff reach out to the Schools/City Collaborative to locate situational homeless families and raise homelessness awareness as an important issue. Council Member Chu continued that his office receives many calls about children going to school hungry which contributes to his/her low performance in the classroom.

President of the Board Yeager opened the floor for public testimony.

Public Comments:

Lynn Morison, Bill Wilson Center, stated that there are approximately 1,200 homeless youth under 25 in Santa Clara and San Jose who are very motivated and willing to access shelter, employment and to become permanently housed.

Kate Teague, California Youth Connection and Robin Reynolds, Bill Wilson Center, invited everyone to *Lighting the Way Home*, a walk to raise awareness for “National Homeless and Runaway Prevention Month” on November 1, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. beginning at City Hall, 200 East Santa Clara Street, San José.

Morris Chubb, Project We Hope, East Palo Alto, explained that his organization focuses on their clients’ comfort and dignity, providing good food and comfortable accommodations and added that Project We Hope would welcome any support from the City and the County.

Cynthia Hunter, Domestic Violence Advocacy Consortium of Santa Clara County wrote: “We need more funds for the recurring and situational homeless to provide rapid rehousing rental assistance and subsidies. Domestic violence survivors and their children could avoid shelter and homelessness with temporary financial assistance and help them increase their self sufficiency”.

(2) Update on the Implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

Rene Santiago, Deputy County Executive and Pat Cox Acting Chief Executive Officer, Valley Health Plan presented the report on the Implementation of the Affordable Care Act summarizing better health for all and dedicated to the health and well being of communities in Santa Clara County.

(3) Overview and Update on Hydration Station Project.

Sarah Cody, MD, Health Officer and Aimee Reed, EdD, MPH, Division Director offered the report. The project outcome goals are to increase access to and utilization of safe, fresh drinking tap water for people in the Santa Clara County through the installation and promotion of 100 water bottle filling stations; and to promote water conservation and minimize disposable plastic water bottles from entering the waste stream.

Supervisor Chavez recommended that the Staff who clean and maintain the water hydration stations should be part of the selection process.

Public Comments: Richard Calhoun expressed grave concerns that a 75 year old woman, resident of District 6 in San José, was overcharged \$15,000 by the Office of the Public Guardian.

Council Member Rocha acknowledged that he would like to see more City involvement on the Hydration Station Project, including opportunities for funding.

Council Member Rocha suggested that Staff look at the City Environmental Services Department, the concept of reducing trash load reduction goals, including plastic bottles and how that might impact the goal. Council Member Rocha pointed out that perhaps Staff will discern funding opportunities to enhance City efforts related to the Hydration Station Project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Wall opined about the assessment of taxes on property that remains under title to deceased property owners and noted that he has provided documents to the County Assessor's Office so they can investigate the process.

The Joint City/County meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,

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