



# **City Council Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, February 28, 2023**

**1:30 PM**

**Hybrid Meeting – Council Chambers and Virtually –  
<https://sanjoseca.zoom.us/j/88957084529>**

**Special Meeting - Fiscal Year 2023-2024 City Council Priority Setting Session #2  
Administration Report**

MATT MAHAN, MAYOR  
ROSEMARY KAMEI, VICE MAYOR, DISTRICT 1  
SERGIO JIMENEZ, DISTRICT 2  
OMAR TORRES, DISTRICT 3  
DAVID COHEN, DISTRICT 4  
PETER ORTIZ, DISTRICT 5  
DEV DAVIS, DISTRICT 6  
BIEN DOAN, DISTRICT 7  
DOMINGO CANDELAS, DISTRICT 8  
PAM FOLEY, DISTRICT 9  
ARJUN BATRA, DISTRICT 10



## **\* COVID-19 NOTICE \***

*Consistent with AB 361 and City of San Jose Resolution Nos. 80628, 80659, 80685, 80724, 80758, 80809, RES2023-1, and RES2023-22 Councilmembers may be teleconferencing from remote locations.*

## **• Call to Order and Roll Call**

11:00 a.m. - Study Session

Present: Councilmembers - Jimenez (via Zoom), Torres, Cohen, Ortiz, Davis, Doan, Candelas, Foley, Batra, Kamei; Mahan.

Absent: Councilmembers - All Present.

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

### **1. Fiscal Year 2023-2024 City Council Priority Setting Session #2 – Administration Report.**

(a) Accept the report on the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 priority setting process to develop a common understanding of: (1) Key aspects of the structure, operations, and budget of the City Service Areas; (2) The Administration's initial feedback on the Mayoral Transition Committee Report; and (3) The Mayor's suggested Focus Areas and their relationship to the City Service Areas and other important work within the City Service Areas. (b) Provide feedback on the report to, among other things: (1) Inform the Mayor's March Budget Message; and (2) Inform the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Process. CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-009, Staff Reports, Assessments, Annual Reports, and Informational Memos that involve no approvals of any City action.

City Manager, Jennifer Maguire provided opening comments.

Assistant City Manager, Lee Wilcox; Deputy City Manager, Angel Rios; Deputy City Manager, Omar Passons; Deputy City Manager, Rosalynn Hughey; Deputy City Manager, Kip Harkness; Deputy City Manager, Rob Lloyd; and Chief of Staff to the City Manager, Dolan Beckel provided the presentation and responded to questions with Department of Transportation Director, Director, Department of Transportation, John Ristow .

Public Comments: Jeffrey Buchanan (Working Partnerships USA), Jennifer Cortes (Working Partnerships USA), Sandra Munoz (Working Partnerships USA), Kyra Kazantzis (Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits), Poncho Guevara (Sacred Heart Community Services), Kylie Clark (West Valley Community Services), Héctor Sánchez-Flores (National Compadres Network), Kathryn Hedges (SURJ), *Public Comments Continued on Next Page*

Fred Brew, Misrayn Mendoza (Amigos de Guadalupe), Krista De La Torre (IFPTE Local 21), Sandra Asher (SURJ), Deborah St. Julien (SURJ), Lori Katcher (SURJ), Dilza Gonzalez (SOMOS Mayfair),

Doris Livezey, Mary Gloner, William Tyson (City of San José Firefighter Paramedic), Antonia Sandoval, Matt Tuttle (San José Firefighters Local 230), Cheryl, Paola Mondragon, Carmen Gaines (Local Color SJ), Shiloh Ballard (Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition), Erica Valentine (UA Local 393), Brian Pors (UA Local 393), Tina Morrill, Araceli Rueda (SEIU-USWW), Lani Ballard (SURJ), Carmen Brammer, Mundo Escarcega (UA Local 393), Jeremy Barousse (Amigos de Guadalupe), Robert Brownstein, Mike, and Jill Borders offered public comments.

Motion: Councilmember Peter Ortiz moved approval of his memorandum dated, February 27, 2023, and moved approval of *only* recommendations 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7 from Councilmember Bien Doan's memorandum dated, February 28, 2023. Councilmember Omar Torres seconded this motion.

City Attorney, Nora Frimann clarified the purpose of the meeting was to provide feedback on the message rather than direct action to staff, the memorandum can be taken as feedback on the report provided.

Staff responded to the motion of the floor, expressing that recommendation 2 of Councilmember Peter Ortiz' memorandum, dated, February 27, 2023 is already on the existing roadmap and will continue to be a part of staff work. In response to recommendation 3 of the same memo, staff intends to bring forward a new method of creating focus and will return to the Rules and Open Government committee meeting before June 30, 2023 with their recommendations.

Councilmember David Cohen expressed hesitation regarding the motion, expressing a vote on the motion does not indicate a prioritization of the memos approved.

Councilmember Pam Foley confirmed the point of the meeting was to help the Mayor form their budget message and to take in all the input given today. Mayor Matt Mahan confirmed her statement. Councilmember Foley also expressed that there are other recommendations that have not been listed publicly and that the process does not prevent others from including additional memorandums or priorities in the future.

Mayor Matt Mahan clarified that the motion on the floor was passed in the spirit of feedback.

Amended Motion: Councilmember Peter Ortiz amended his motion to move the acceptance of the staff report and include both his memorandum and Councilmember Bien Doan's memorandum as feedback.

Action: On a call to question, the amended motion carried unanimously, the staff report on the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 priority setting process was accepted.

Including acceptance of both Councilmember Peter Ortiz' memorandum dated, February 27, 2023 and *only* recommendations 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7 from Councilmember Bien Doan's memorandum dated, February 28, 2023 as additional feedback to the Mayor's Budget Message.

The February 27, 2023 memorandum authored by Councilmember Peter Ortiz recommends the following:

1. Accept the staff report and add the following as additional Focus Areas for FY 23/24 budget.
  - a. Staff should return to the appropriate Council committee with proposed success metrics for these additional Focus Areas for approval:

- i. Citywide Hiring
  - ii. Vision Zero Traffic Safety and Workplan
  - iii. Children and Youth Services Master Plan
2. Direct staff to continue urgent, important and continuing work in the City Services Areas outlined in the staff report in the FY23-24 Budget Process.
3. Direct the City Manager's Office to return to the Rules and Open Government Committee with an update on how they will determine the feasibility of proposed new policy work that comes before the Committee.

Items 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of the February 28, 2023 memorandum authored by Councilmember Bien Doan recommends the following:

1. Accept and approve the staff memorandum
  2. Accept and approve the Councilmember Ortiz memorandum
  3. ~~Make prefabricated campus environments, composed of Sprung-like structures, a priority for homelessness immediately~~
  4. Prioritize the hiring of police officers, firefighters, and medics
  5. Perform maintenance on fire stations to provide sanitary drinking water and remedy other unsafe living conditions
  6. Develop a simplified permitting fee process for "mom and pop" type residents and another for businesses, both of which are easier to understand, simple, and more cost efficient
  7. Revitalize downtown with incentives for business to start up and thrive.
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## • Adjournment

The Council of the City of San José adjourned at 2:03 p.m

Minutes Recorded, Prepared, and Respectfully Submitted by,




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Grace Turner,  
Deputy City Clerk

Approved at Council on:

# of Actions: 1

Attest by:




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