



**MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS**

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2014

The Economic Competiveness Committee of the City of San José convened in Regular Session at 4:02 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room T1734, 17th Floor of the City Hall Tower.

PRESENT: Mayor Chuck Reed, Chair; Vice Mayor Madison Nguyen, Council Member Liccardo (4:06 p.m.).

ABSENT: Council Member Herrera.

STAFF: City Manager Ed Shikada, Director of Economic Development Kim Walesh, Director of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement Harry Freitas, Director of Public Works Dave Sykes, Chief Building Official of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement Chu Chang, Plan Review Division Manager Kathryn Sedwick, Planning Official Steve Piasecki, Senior Civil Engineer Mike Liw, Building Inspector Manager John Ruck, Mayor's Senior Policy Advisor Ru Weerakoon, Mayor's Agenda Assistant Ahmad Chapman, and Deputy City Clerk Suzanne Guzzetta..

Mayor Reed opened the meeting noting that San Jose remains first in job growth among metropolitan areas in the country, renovations and new construction in San Jose, and highlighting those projects going through the STI/ITI process including Analog Devices, Hitachi, and Lam, among others. In addition, he shared compliments for staff and their commitment to development in the City and thanked staff for their hard work.

MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE

Documents Filed: Development Services Major Project List for June 2014, listing 35 projects and development project maps.

Director of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement Harry Freitas reported on the status of the permit process for many of the projects listed on the Major Projects Update. Various Staff responded to Committee questions regarding specific projects.

ADDRESSING CHALLENGES

Chief Building Official Chu Chang offered remarks on intake appointments and time required to complete the process.

Director of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement Harry Freitas reported on tentative additions to the CED Committee workplan for the second half of the year and updated the Committee on recruitment for vacant positions and updating technology.

Mayor Reed and Staff discussed missed opportunities for bringing business to the City of San Jose. Mayor Reed also raised concerns about STI/ITI appointments.

Staff was available to answer questions from the Committee.

OTHER UPDATES

Mayor Reed noted that marketing has commenced for the North San Jose building group and hopes that it will generate tenant opportunities. Director of Economic Development Kim Walesh offered comments and responded to questions from the Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public testimony on the floor.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

The next meetings are scheduled for Monday, September 8, 2014, Monday, October 6, 2014, Monday, November 3, 2014, and Monday, December 1, 2014, all at 4:00 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall Tower, Room 1734.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Reed adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.



Mayor Chuck Reed
Committee on Economic Competiveness

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