

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

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015

The Community and Economic Development Committee of the City of San José convened in regular session at 1:32 p.m. in Council Chambers, Council Wing, City Hall.

PRESENT: Council Member Johnny Khamis, Chair; Council Member Chappie Jones, Vice Chair; Vice Mayor Rose Herrera and Council Member Ash Kalra.

ABSENT: Oliverio. (Excused)

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

(1) Economic Strategy: Services and Amenities.

Action: Upon motion by Vice Mayor Rose Herrera, seconded by Council Member Chappie Jones and carried unanimously, the Committee deferred the item to the June 22, 2015 Community and Economic Development Committee Meeting. (4-0-1. Absent: Oliverio.)

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

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

Documents Filed: Copy of San José Economy News dated June 2015.

Deputy City Manager/Director of Economic Development Kim Welsh offered the report on Economic Development Activities and responded to Committee questions.

The Committee received the verbal report.

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

(2) Hammer Theatre Center Reuse.

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner, dated May 8, 2015, recommending a referral to the Council.

Deputy City Manager/Director of Economic Development Kim Walesh presented introductory comments.

President Mo Qayoumi, San José State University expressed his enthusiasm for the mutual benefits included in the proposal by activating the downtown as a whole, making the facility a world class destination and providing a pipeline for future artists and art consumers.

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner presented the Staff Report on the Hammer Theatre Center Reuse. Dean Lisa Vollendorf, PhD, San José State University offered highlights on the Vision for the Theatre.

Council Member Johnny Khamis opened the floor for public testimony.

Public Comments: Expressing support to the Staff recommendations were Scott Knies, San José Downtown Association; Connie Martinez, Silicon Valley Creates; Richard James, Arts Commission; Rick Holden, Dennis Martin, NAIOP Silicon Valley; Luis Valdez and Marilyn Abad-Cardinalli, El Teatro Campesino; Scott Sublett, Mario Retana and Randall King, San José Stage Company. David Wall expressed opposition to the Staff recommendations.

Committee discussions ensued.

Vice Mayor Rose Herrera encouraged conversations between San José State University and the San José Stage Company/El Teatro Campesino, i.e. for prompt scheduling and accommodations when huge events such as the Jazz Festival and Cinequest come to San José.

Council Member Johnny Khamis recommended that San José State University reach out to the San José Unified School District and encourage Art Programs at the high school level.

Action: Upon motion by Council Member Ash Kalra, seconded by Vice Mayor Rose Herrera and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report and forwarded the item to the full Council for discussion and formal action on June 9, 2015. Staff was directed to address the questions and comments from the Committee and incorporate into the final report to Council. (4-0-1. Absent: Oliverio.)

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

(5) Quarterly Update on Development Services Work Plan.

Heard out of order per Deputy City Manager/Director of Economic Development Kim Walesh.

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Harry Freitas, Interim Director of Public Works Barry Ng and Interim Fire Chief Curtis Jacobson, dated May 1, 2015, recommending acceptance of the report.

Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Harry Freitas and Staff presented the Quarterly Update on Development Services Work Plan and responded to Committee questions.

Vice Mayor Rose Herrera left the meeting at approximately 3:07 p.m.

Council Member Johnny Khamis recommended that Staff provide outreach to the Hispanic and Black Chambers of Commerce and emphasize that the business costs are not as expensive as in prior years.

Action: Upon motion by Council Member Chappie Jones, seconded by Council Member Ash Kalra and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report. (3-0-2. Absent: Herrera, Oliverio.)

(3) North San José Area Development Policy Area Environmental Impact Report.

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Harry Freitas, Deputy City Manager/Director of Economic Development Kim Walesh and Director of Transportation Hans F. Larsen, dated May 8, 2015, recommending Staff return to the Council prior to the end of the calendar year with short term modifications to facilitate near term industrial development and with an amended North San José Area Development Policy and associated EIR in 2017.

Senior Business Development Manager Chris Burton and Division Manager Jason Rogers provided the report and responded to Committee questions.

Council Member Johnny Khamis opened the floor for public testimony.

Public Comments: Dennis Martin, NAIOP Silicon Valley and David Wall presented comments to the North San José Area Development Policy Area Environmental Impact Report.

Action: Upon motion by Council Member Ash Kalra, seconded by Council Member Chappie Jones and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report. (3-0-2. Absent: Herrera, Oliverio.)

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

(4) **Downtown Strategy 2000 Environmental Impact Report.**

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Harry Freitas, dated May 7, 2015, recommending acceptance of the report and to refer to the full Council on June 9, 2015.

Division Manager Jason Rogers summarized the Downtown Strategy 2000 Environmental Impact Report.

Brief Committee discussion ensued.

Council Member Johnny Khamis opened the floor for public testimony.

Public Comments: David Wall expressed opposition to the Staff recommendations.

Action: Upon motion by Council Member Chappie Jones, seconded by Council Member Ash Kalra and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report and forwarded the item to the full Council for discussion and formal action on June 9, 2015. (3-0-2. Absent: Herrera, Oliverio.)

(6) **Report on Key Legislative Items.**

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Director of Intergovernmental Relations Betsy Shotwell and Legislative Representative Roxanne L. Miller, dated May 4, 2015, recommending acceptance of the report.

Director of Intergovernmental Relations Betsy Shotwell was available for questions.

Council Member Johnny Khamis opened the floor for public testimony.

Public Comments: David Wall expressed opposition to the Staff recommendations.

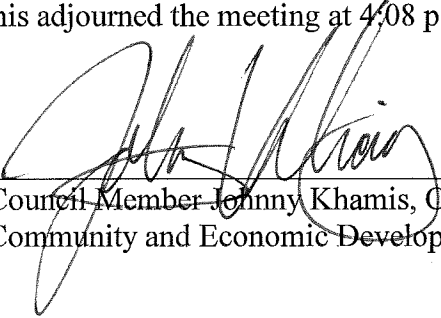
Action: Upon motion by Council Member Ash Kalra, seconded by Council Member Chappie Jones and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report. (3-0-2. Absent: Herrera, Oliverio.)

OPEN FORUM

David Wall opined about the Biosolid Transition Program and the Water Pollution Control Plant.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Johnny Khamis adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m.



Council Member Johnny Khamis, Chair
Community and Economic Development Committee

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