

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 PROPOSED 2014-2015 CAPITAL BUDGET AND 2015-2019 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROPOSED 2014-2015 FEES & CHARGES STUDY SESSIONS

May 7, 2014 – May 12, 2014

The Council of the City of San José convened in Regular Budget Study Session on Monday, May 7, 2014 at 8:35 a.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall Council Wing, San José, California.

Present: Council Members - Campos, Chu, Constant, Herrera, Kalra (9:02 a.m.), Khamis, Liccardo (9:22 a.m.), Nguyen, Oliverio (8:54 a.m.), Rocha; Reed.

Absent: Council Members - All Present.

Staff: Assistant City Attorney Ed Moran, City Manager Edward K. Shikada, Budget Director Jennifer Maguire, Assistant City Manager Pamela Antil, Director of Economic Development/Chief Strategist Kim Walesh, City Clerk Toni J. Taber, CMC and Deputy City Clerk Susan M. Davis.

Documents Filed: (1) Staff presentation dated May 7, 2014 summarizing the 2014-2015 Proposed Operating Budget Overview. (2) Staff presentation dated May 7, 2014 describing the Community and Economic Development 2014-2015 Proposed Operating Budget. (3) Presentation dated May 1, 2014 from the Office of Mayor Reed summarizing San José General Fund Deficits, The Crushing Burden of Retirement Cost Increases, Fire Department Budget and Staffing Since FY2003-04, Police Department Budget and Staffing Since FY2003-04, Employer Costs – San José Police Officers and Public Safety Retirement Benefits.

OPENING COMMENTS

Mayor Reed offered opening comments and background.

INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

City Manager Edward K. Shikada provided introductory comments and thanked the Budget Staff.

OVERVIEW PRESENTATION

Budget Director Jennifer A. Maguire presented an overview of the 2014-2015 Proposed Operating Budget Overview.

Director of Economic Development/Chief Strategist Kim Walesh provided introductory remarks. Economic Development Officer John Lang offered an overview of the economy.

Mayor Reed provided an overview of the San José General Fund Deficits, the Crushing Burden of Retirement Cost Increases, Fire Department Budget and Staffing Since FY2003-04, Police Department Budget and Staffing Since FY2003-04, Employer Costs – San José Police Officers and Public Safety Retirement Benefits.

Council Member Liccardo recommended that Staff request Cheiron to provide an alternative analysis in 2015 that would reflect full costs in order to understand what the City is not paying.

Community and Economic Development

Mayor Reed offered introductory comments and acknowledged the hard work of the City Staff.

Director of Economic Development/Chief Strategist Kim Walesh presented an overview of the Community and Economic Development CSA and responded to Council questions and concerns.

Adjournment

Mayor Reed adjourned the Budget Session at 10:53 a.m.

RECESS/RECONVENE

The City Council recessed at 10:53 a.m. from the morning Study Session on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 and reconvened on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 9:07 a.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Present: Council Members - Campos, Chu, Constant, Herrera (9:14 a.m.), Kalra, Khamis, Liccardo, Nguyen (9:18 a.m.), Oliverio (9:20 a.m.), Rocha; Reed.

Absent: Council Members - All Present.

Documents Filed: (1) Staff presentation dated May 8, 2014 outlining the Transportation and Aviation Services 2014-2015 Proposed Operating Budget. (2) Staff presentation dated May 8, 2014 summarizing the Neighborhood Services CSA 2014-2015 Proposed Operating Budget. (3) Staff presentation dated May 8, 2014 summarizing the Environmental and Utility Services CSA 2014-2015 Proposed Operating Budget.

Transportation and Aviation Services

Director of Aviation Services Kimberly Becker Aguirre presented the report on Aviation Services. Director of Transportation Hans F. Larsen offered an overview on Surface Transportation.

Council Member Campos requested that Staff consider using Federal Funding grants if possible, to help with bridge replacements.

Mayor Reed and Council Member Herrera emphasized the importance of a tax measure to fund pavement maintenance.

Mayor Reed and Council Members Liccardo and Herrera requested that Staff provide an inventory and an order of magnitude cost estimate for the City's unfunded transportation needs as a complement to the annual update of the City's deferred infrastructure maintenance needs.

Council Member Oliverio requested that Staff consider the number of disabled parking citations that would need to be written by a Parking and Traffic Control Officer dedicated to enforcing disabled parking violations to reach cost recovery.

Council Member Herrera suggested that Staff take a look at how the City of San Francisco is handling the violations for parking without a disability placard.

Council Member Liccardo recommended that "Speed Bumps, Sans the Studies" Pilot Project be enacted to reduce safety-related impacts and decrease speeding on neighborhood streets.

Neighborhood Services

Library Director Jill Bourne, Deputy Director of Animal Care and Services Jon Cicirelli, Code Enforcement Officer Diane Buchanan and Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Julie Edmonds-Mares offered the report and responded to Council questions and concerns.

Mayor Reed recommended more focus on citations for illegal dumping and graffiti and suggested deputizing all Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Staff to provide more help in that regard.

Council Member Herrera suggested using Apps similar to San José Clean for illegal dumping and graffiti.

Council Member Herrera requested that Staff consider installing motion sensor trail cameras in City parks to help decrease crime and drug activity and increase the family friendly nature of a City park.

Council Member Campos recommended that all signage at the parks state that patrons must vacate at dusk and cannot enter the parks before the sunrise.

Council Member Kalra suggested that Staff focus on keeping all the libraries open on Saturday.

Vice Mayor Nguyen requested that Staff explore the option of reopening the Office on Aging.

Several Council Members expressed an interest in alternative Staffing models for the satellite community centers.

Adjournment

Mayor Reed adjourned the morning Budget Session at 11:58 a.m.

RECESS/RECONVENE

The City Council recessed at 11:58 a.m. from the morning Study Session and reconvened at 1:35 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Present: Council Members - Campos, Chu (1:47 p.m.), Constant, Herrera, Kalra, Khamis, Liccardo (1:45 p.m.), Nguyen, Oliverio (1:59 p.m.), Rocha; Reed.

Absent: Council Members - All Present.

Environmental and Utility Services

Director of Environmental Services Kerrie Romanow, Director of Transportation Hans Larsen and Director of Public Works David Sykes provided the report on the Environmental and Utility Services 2014-2015 Proposed Operating Budget.

Mayor Reed encouraged Staff to work with the private sector on pilot projects to address the residential solid waste and plastic residue issues.

Council Member Khamis suggested using more recycling water, i.e. for farming.

RECESS/RECONVENE

The City Council recessed at 2:26 p.m. from the afternoon Study Session on Thursday, May 8, 2014 and reconvened at 9:26 a.m. on Friday, May 9, 2014 in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Present: Council Members - Campos, Chu (9:41 a.m.), Constant (9:45 a.m.), Herrera (9:35 a.m.), Kalra, Khamis, Liccardo, Nguyen (9:34 a.m.), Oliverio, Rocha (10:14 a.m.); Reed.

Absent: Council Members - All Present.

Documents Filed: (1) Staff presentation dated May 9, 2014 summarizing the Strategic Support 2014-2015 Proposed Operating Budget. (2) Staff presentation dated May 9, 2014 describing the Fire Department's Report on Emergency Response Performance and Squad Pilot Program.

Strategic Support

Mayor Reed offered opening remarks.

Deputy City Manager Alex Gurza Director of Finance Julia H. Cooper, Acting Chief Information Officer Vijay Sammeta, Director of Public Works David Sykes and Director of Retirement Services Donna Busse provided the report on the Strategic Support 2014-2015 Proposed Operating Budget.

Extensive Council discussion ensued.

Council Member Herrera requested a report from Staff summarizing the reasons why Police Officers are leaving the City. Council Member Herrera suggested engaging the private sector and other Cities and including them in the recruiting efforts. Council Member Herrera suggested the Information Technology Staff work with Planning, Building and Code Enforcement on Electronic Plan submission.

Council Member Liccardo expressed concerned about how the Police Officers are receiving information concerning disability issues and requested that Staff increase the communication and outreach to the Officers.

Public Safety

Chief of Police Larry Esquivel, Acting Fire Chief Ruben Torres, Deputy Chief of Police Jeffrey Marozick and Independent Police Auditor Judge LaDoris Cordell presented the report on the Public Safety 2014-2105 Proposed Operating Budget.

Public Safety (Cont'd.)

Council Member Constant requested that Staff continue to look for ways to earmark reserves for the Silicon Valley Interoperability Authority Project. Council Member Constant recommended that any remaining fund balance from the Public Safety CSA in Fiscal Year 2014-2015 should be allocated to pay for San José's share of a critical countywide public safety communication interoperability infrastructure project.

Vice Mayor Nguyen suggested that Police Staff reach out to the minorities and women for recruiting. Vice Mayor Nguyen requested that Staff explore way to prioritize the reestablishment of a Burglary Investigation Unit within the Police Department as part of a Police Staff Restoration Strategy.

Council Member Chu suggested that the Police Staff consider pursuing an aggressive recruitment of Asian women and veterans for the Police Academy.

Council Member Khamis requested that Staff continue to endeavor to improve morale and restore a Crime Prevention Specialist.

Public Comment

Nadia Ahmad complained that there are 150 brothels in San José and that there is one near her home.

Mayor Reed referred Ms. Ahmad to speak with City Manager Edward K. Shikada and Chief of Police Larry Esquivel.

Adjournment

Mayor Reed adjourned the morning Budget Session at 11:57 a.m.

RECESS/RECONVENE

The City Council recessed at 11:57 a.m. from the morning Study Session and reconvened at 1:35 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Present: Council Members - Campos, Chu, Constant, Herrera, Kalra, Khamis, Liccardo, Nguyen, Oliverio (1:56 p.m.), Rocha (1:42 p.m.); Reed.

Absent: Council Members - All Present.

Public Safety

Council Member Herrera suggested for recruiting Police Officers that Staff focus on a firm that is an expert in diversity and women. Council Member Herrera proposed pursuing a specialty recruiting and mentoring program for women.

Vice Mayor Nguyen requested information related to the approximate cost to operate each of the City of San José's Fire Stations.

Fire Emergency Medical Services

Acting Fire Chief Ruben Torres, Deputy Director of Fire Department Ron D'Acchioli, Deputy Chief Robert Sapien and Captain Jeff Fielding provided the report.

Mayor Reed and Council Member Liccardo requested that the Fire Department Staff to continue efforts and discussions towards regional partnerships, specifically related to regional dispatch.

Mayor Reed adjourned the afternoon Budget Study Session at 5:05 p.m.

RECESS/RECONVENE

The City Council recessed at 5:05 p.m. from the afternoon Study Session of May 9, 2014 and reconvened at 1:10 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2014 in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Present: Council Members - Campos, Chu (1:46 p.m.), Constant, Herrera, Kalra, Khamis, Liccardo (1:33 p.m.), Nguyen, Oliverio (1:46 p.m.), Rocha; Reed.

Absent: Council Members - All Present.

Documents Filed: (1) Staff presentation dated May 12, 2014 from the Office of the City Attorney stating Proposed Budget Actions. (2) Staff presentation dated May 12, 2014 summarizing the Proposed 2014-2015 Capital Budget and 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Plan.

Mayor, City Council and Appointees

Mayor Reed presented introductory comments.

City Attorney Richard Doyle, City Auditor Sharon W. Erickson, City Clerk Toni J. Taber, CMC and City Manager Edward K. Shikada presented the Appointees' 2014-2015 Proposed Budgets.

Fees and Charges

Mayor Reed requested Staff to provide information about the Fire and Planning Development Fee Study, including the scope of work as well of the timeframe associated with the proposed fee study. Mayor Reed commented that he would like the study completed before the end of the year.

Council Member Khamis requested further information regarding small home remodels in terms of scope, time frame and the outreach plan.

Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Program

Mayor Reed presented opening comments.

Capital Budget Coordinator Jim Shannon and Director of Public Works David Sykes presented the Proposed 2014-2015 Capital Budget and 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Program.

Council discussion ensued.

Adjournment

Mayor Reed adjourned the afternoon Budget Study Session at 2:45 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,

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