



COUNCIL AGENDA: 03-15-05

ITEM: 3.5

# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Katy Allen

**SUBJECT:** CIVIC PLAZA PARKING &  
TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

**DATE:** 02-23-05

Approved

Date 3/1/05

Council District Citywide

## RECOMMENDATION

Adoption of a resolution extending the Civic Plaza Parking & Traffic Committee (PTC) through December 31, 2007 and authorizing the PTC to reduce the number of members to fourteen (14) members.

CEQA: Not a project.

## BACKGROUND

On September 14, 1999, Council adopted a resolution confirming the appointment of members of the PTC; and established a 23-member committee for a period of four years, subject to one-year extensions by the Council.

On September 9, 2003, Council adopted a resolution extending the PTC through 2005; authorizing the PTC to consist of up to seventeen (17) members.

## ANALYSIS

The PTC is scheduled to sunset on December 31, 2005, approximately five months before the new off-site parking garage is scheduled to be complete. The new City Hall will be operational for approximately five months. The PTC is requesting an opportunity to observe and comment on the parking and traffic patterns for a period of time following the opening of the City Hall and the off-site parking garage.

In addition, the PTC is working with City staff regarding mitigating construction impacts as they arise, creation and implementation of traffic calming (including potential street closure) to direct Civic Center traffic, and monitoring the streetscape project for 5<sup>th</sup> Street. The December 31, 2007 sunset date would allow the PTC to continue its work through the construction phase of the

off-site garage, and to observe the City Hall and the off-site garage for 12 to 16 months of operation.

The PTC has been very effective in meeting its stated purpose: that of identifying and recommending solutions to community concerns regarding parking and traffic impacts in the Civic Center Project area. Due to the achievements of the PTC, many of the original member groups who were once very active and highly interested have had their concerns addressed programmatically. As a result, these groups do not participate on a regular basis and several positions have remained vacant for well over a year. This creates a challenge for meeting a quorum at the regular scheduled meetings.

At its January 19, 2005 meeting, the PTC made two motions, both of which carried. They are listed below:

- Amend the bylaws to allow for an extension of the PTC through December 31, 2007.
- Amend the bylaws to allow for total membership of the PTC to consist of 14 members as listed below:
  1. Four members of Horace Mann Neighborhood Association
  2. One member of the Hensley Historic District
  3. One member of the Campus Community Association
  4. One member of the East Santa Clara St. Business Association
  5. One member of the San Jose State University Staff
  6. One member of the Horace Mann Elementary School
  7. One member of the First United Methodist Church
  8. One member of Mother Olson's Inn
  9. One member of San Jose Downtown Association
  10. Two members at large, representatives not affiliated with the above organizations but within an area influenced by the construction and renovation of Civic Plaza Redevelopment Area projects.

These two amendments will allow the PTC to continue its effective role in working with the City around issues of parking and traffic for the new City Hall.

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

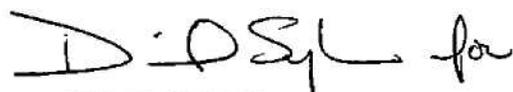
Public Works provides staff support to the PTC and arranges for the appropriate individuals to present information on a regular basis. Several communication channels are available to the PTC and the represented communities.

**COORDINATION**

This memorandum has been coordinated with the PTC Committee and Council District 3.

**CEQA**

Not a project.

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