

**SPECIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
GREEN VISION STATUS REPORT AND 2009 WORK PLAN**

SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009

The Council of the City of San José convened in Special Session at 1:32 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Council Members- Campos, Chu, Constant, Herrera, Kalra, Liccardo, Nguyen, Oliverio, Pyle; Reed.

Absent: Council Members- Chirco. (Excused)

- (a) Accept the staff presentation of strategic focus areas and goals for 2009.**
- (b) Adopt a resolution approving the strategic focus work plan for 2009.**

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from City Manager Debra Figone, dated February 25, 2009, recommending approval of the Green Vision Annual Status Report and adoption of the 2009 work plan. (2) San José's Green Vision Annual Report, dated March 9, 2009.

Mayor Chuck Reed presented opening comments and announced that the City of San José had been honored by the Green Vision Council as being a platinum level LEED certified building, "The Greenest City Hall in the Country".

City Manager Debra Figone introduced the Annual Green Vision Status Report and the 2009 Green Vision Work Plan and acknowledged the Mayor, Council Members and Staff for their efforts.

Chief Development Officer Paul Krutko and Director of Environmental Services John Stufflebean outlined the City's accomplishments in addressing Green Vision Goals.

Council questions and discussion followed.

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Deputy City Manager Ed Shikada offered a presentation on establishing priorities, adapting to emerging opportunities and leveraging resources to advance the City's Green Vision goals.

Mayor Reed suggested narrowing down the City's focus for this year by including screening criteria as listed below in "Action".

Director of Environmental Services John Stufflebean responded to further questions. Council discussion continued.

Public Comments: (1) Linda LeZotte congratulated Staff on progress made to-date and suggested that goals, strategies and targets be clarified to ensure greater achievements by 2020. In addition, she urged the Council to consider reducing the total City vehicle miles traveled to achieve greater CO2 reductions and to adopt a renovation policy for the private sector. (2) David Wall criticized the staff report and urged a complete ban of plastic bags. (3) Elizabeth Melgarego (King PACT) urged the Council to consider providing training opportunities for youth in "green collar" jobs.

Action: Upon motion by Council Member Liccardo, seconded by Council Member Pyle and carried unanimously, the Staff's presentation was accepted, approving the strategic focus work plan for 2009, with Staff directed to take back to the Transportation and Environmental Committee three additional screening criteria, as proposed by Mayor Reed: (1) Does the initiative save the City money or generate new revenues, especially for the General Fund? (2) Will the initiative generate investment from the private sector or the federal or state governments, and (3) Does the initiative make measurable progress on one of the ten Green Vision goals? Note: Resolution No. 74831 was reserved for this item but not required to be adopted. (10-0-1. Absent: Chirco.)

ADJOURNMENT

The Council of the City of San José was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,

Lee Price, MMC
City Clerk

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