



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAN JOSÉ
RULES AND OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2009

The Rules and Open Government Committee of the City of San Jose convened in regular session at 2:00 p.m. in Conference Room 118 and 119, Council Wing, City Hall.

PRESENT: Vice Mayor Chirco, Council Members Nguyen and Pyle

ABSENT: Mayor Reed and Council Member Constant

STAFF: Assistant City Attorney Ed Moran, Assistant City Clerk Dennis Hawkins, Deputy City Manager Norberto Duenas, Redevelopment Agency Assistant Director Gary Miskimon, City Manager Agenda Services Staff Gloria Schmanek, Mayor's Council Agenda Manager Nikhil Warrior and Deputy City Clerk Michelle Radcliffe.

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REVIEW

3.1 Review of April 7, 2009 Final City Council Agenda.

Action: The Committee approved the April 7, 2009 final Council Agenda, as revised.

3.2 Review of April 14, 2009 Draft Agenda.

Action: The Committee approved the April 14, 2009 draft Council Agenda, as revised.

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (RDA) AGENDA REVIEW

4.1 Review of April 7, 2009 Final Agenda.

Action: The Committee approved the April 7, 2009 RDA Meeting.

4.2 Review of April 14, 2009 Draft Agenda.

Action: There were no items for the April 14, 2009 Draft Agenda.

MEETING SCHEDULES

- 7.1 Set a General Plan City Council Spring hearing for the evening of June 16 2009 for General Plan Amendments that do not involve the conversion of employment land to non-employment uses, do not involve modifications to the Urban Growth Boundary, or do not involve expansion of the Urban Service Area, unless early consideration for continued processing or denial is recommended by City staff**

Document filed: Memorandum from Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Officer Joe Horwedel dated March 20, 2009 forwarding the recommendation.

Action: The Committee approved the General Plan Spring hearing date.

- 7.2 Set a Foreclosure Mitigation Study Session on April 13, 2009 in the Council Chambers from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Document filed: Memorandum from Housing Director Leslye Krutko dated March 26, 2009 forwarding the recommendation.

Action: The Committee set the Study Session and approved the Study Session Agenda.

THE PUBLIC RECORD

8 Public Record

Documents Filed: Memorandum from City Clerk Lee Price, dated March 26, 2009, transmitting items for the Public Record for the period of March 13 – 25, 2009

Public Comment: Roger Lasson spoke in support of the letter written by Martha O'Connell regarding amending San José Municipal Code Section 2.08.060.

Martha O'Connell commended the Committee for its support of gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender community and requested the Committee to direct staff to amend the San José Municipal Code to include "significant other" in its unexcused absence policy.

Assistant City Clerk Dennis Hawkins reported that the Office of the City Clerk is currently conducting a Board and Commission Structural Improvement Project which includes a review of the Municipal Code Section regarding attendance. Assistant City Clerk Hawkins further noted that standardization of by-laws for all commissions are also being developed and that the issue raised by Ms. O'Connell's letter may be addressed through the project.

Action: The Committee noted and filed the Public Record.

RULES COMMITTEE REVIEWS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND APPROVALS

- 10.1 1) Approve the District 10 Disaster and Emergency Preparedness Conference as a City Council sponsored special event; 2) approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses or community groups to support the event; and 3) Place this item on the April 7 City Council Agenda for action.**

Documents Filed: Memorandum from City Clerk Lee Price dated March 20, 2009 forwarding the recommendations.

Action: The Committee approved the event and the related actions as recommended.

OPEN FORUM

David Wall commended Vice Mayor Chirco for being the Chair of the Committee meeting. .

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.



Vice Mayor Judy Chirco
Rules and Open Government Committee