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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAN JOSE  
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2011**

The Community and Economic Development Committee of the City of San José convened in regular session at 1:32 p.m. in Conference Room 120, Council Wing, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Council Member Rose Herrera, Chair, Council Member Sam Liccardo, Vice Chair, Council Member Ash Kalra and Council Member Pierluigi Oliverio.

**ABSENT:** All Present.

**STAFF:** Assistant City Attorney Ed Moran, Director of Economic Development/ Chief Strategist Kim Walesh, Redevelopment Agency Director Richard Keit, Mayor's Senior Policy Advisor Ru Weerakoon and Deputy City Clerk Susan M. Davis.

**WORK PLAN**

- (1) Staff request to move October 24, 2011 Community and Economic Development Committee Meeting to October 31, 2011.**

Action: The Committee voted unanimously that the Community and Economic Development Committee Meeting would remain on October 24, 2011.

- (2) CleanTech Demonstration Center Business Plan.**

Action: Deferred to October 24, 2011.

- (3) Foreign Trade Zone Site Application.**

Action: Deferred to October 24, 2011.

- (4) Report on Key Legislative Items.**

Action: Deferred to October 24, 2011.

## REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

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

Director of Economic Development/Chief Strategist Kim Walesh presented the report.

Action: The Committee accepted the report.

### (2) Verbal Report on Downtown as “Silicon Valley’s City Center”. (OED)

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Downtown Manager Lee Wilcox, dated September 10, 2011, stating that Staff will provide a status update.

Downtown Manager Lee Wilcox presented the report.

Public Comments: David Wall presented comments to the Committee about the management of St. James Park and also suggested that the Committee look at the economic background of 1stAct Silicon Valley.

Action: The Committee accepted the report.

### (3) Economic Strategy Work Plan October 2011 – March 2012. (OED)

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Director of Economic Development/Chief Strategist Kim Walesh, dated September 9, 2011, recommending acceptance of the report and refer to full Council on October 18, 2011 for action.

Director of Economic Development/Chief Strategist Kim Walesh presented the report.

Public Comments: David Wall presented suggestions about the Economic Strategy Work Plan to the Committee.

Action: The Committee accepted the report, with Items 1 and 6 identified as top priorities and forwarded the Economic Strategy Work Plan October 2011 – March 2012 to the full City Council for formal action on October 18, 2011.

### (4) Incubator/Entrepreneur Center Transition Update. (RDA/OED)

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Redevelopment Agency Director Richard Keit, dated September 9, 2011, recommending acceptance of the report.

Redevelopment Agency Director Richard Keit provided introductory remarks.

Mary Sydney, Chief Operating Officer, San José State University Research Foundation, presented the report.

Public Comments: David Wall spoke in opposition to the Incubator/Entrepreneur Center program and suggested it should be discontinued.

## REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

### (4) (Cont'd.)

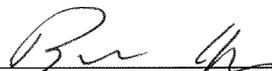
Action: The Committee accepted the report. The Committee referred to the Rules and Open Government Committee Meeting of October 5, 2011: direction to the City Auditor to add to her Work Plan an audit of the City/Redevelopment Agency's participation in the incubator program.

## OPEN FORUM

David Wall suggested the Committee start an innovative program to attack poverty in San José by working with the Federal Government and provide food stamps to children to augment their food at school.

## ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Rose Herrera adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

  
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Council Member Rose Herrera, Chair  
Community and Economic Development Committee

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