



**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC SAFETY, FINANCE AND STRATEGIC SUPPORT COMMITTEE**

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2012

The Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee of the City of San José convened in regular session at 1:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, Council Wing, City Hall.

PRESENT: Council Member Pete Constant, Chair; Vice Mayor Madison Nguyen, Vice Chair; Council Member Kansen Chu and Council Member Pierluigi Oliverio.

ABSENT: All Present.

STAFF: Deputy City Manager Alex Gurza, Chief Deputy City Attorney Danielle Kenealey and Deputy City Clerk Susan M. Davis.

REVIEW OF WORK PLAN

Action: The Committee voted to move Item (d)(6) Report on Key Legislative Items to the Consent Calendar.

Public Comments: David Wall suggested that the Committee modify the Auditor's Work Plan to include the Plant Master Plan Agreements.

CONSENT CALENDAR

(1) July/August Bi-Monthly Financial Report. (Budget/Finance)

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Budget Director Jennifer A. Maguire, dated October 10, 2012, recommending acceptance of the report.

Action: The Committee accepted the report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

(6) Report on Key Legislative Items. (Intergovernmental Relations)

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Director of Intergovernmental Relations Betsy Shotwell and Legislative Representative Roxanne Miller, dated October 9, 2012, recommending acceptance of the report.

Public Comments: David Wall suggested consolidating the legislative items due to time constraints.

Action: The Committee accepted the report.

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

(1) Police Department's Report on Operations and Performance. (Police)

Assistant Chief of Police Rikki Goede presented the report and responded to Committee questions.

Action: The Committee accepted the report.

(2) Monthly Report on Public Safety Communications Initiatives. (Police/Fire)

Director of Emergency Services Christopher Godley, CEM, presented the report.

Council Member Constant provided highlights of the Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Authority (SVRIA) Meeting, including a budgeting strategy and reserve allocation strategy structured to meet the needs of equipment replacement and maintenance. Council Member Constant remarked that the SVRIA was continuing to explore what it will take in dollars and logistics to fully build out the infrastructure, i.e. the commitment of money either from all the agencies or directly from the residents as an assessment tax or similar. Council Member Constant pointed out that the SVRIA does not have a taxing or funding authority.

Council Member Oliverio suggested referring the issues identified by Council Member Constant (SVRIA Meeting) to the City Clerk to be agendaized to the next Joint City/County Meeting in Fall 2013.

Action: The Committee accepted the report. Council Member Oliverio agreed to forward a referral to the City Clerk regarding the issues as identified at the SVRIA Meeting.

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

(3) Update on Body Camera Pilot Project for San José Police Department Patrol Officers. (Police)

Assistant Chief of Police Rikki Goede presented the report.

Council Member Oliverio suggested that the Body Camera Pilot Project Team work with Acting Information Technology Officer Vijay Sammeta for assistance with cloud storage.

Action: The Committee accepted the report.

(4) Report on Burglary Rates by Police District for the Year to Date, Compared to Last Year. (Police)

Documents Filed: Reported Incidents of Burglary (Includes Attempts) by Police District from June and July 2012 dated October 15, 2012.

Assistant Chief of Police Rikki Goede presented the report and responded to Committee questions and concerns.

Extensive Committee discussion ensued.

Council Member Constant, Vice Mayor Nguyen and Council Member Oliverio expressed concerns about the calls and emails they have been receiving from their constituents regarding the poor communication in the field, expressing grave concerns because Officers are telling residents that the burglary unit is closed and there are no investigations on burglaries, stating they are upset, scared and their confidence levels have dropped. Council Member Constant also voiced concern that there appears to be an absence of documented communication within the Police Department.

Council Member Constant requested that Staff provide information to the full Council regarding specifically how the Police Department is deploying all the officers and where the officers are assigned and working.

Public Comments: David Wall suggested requesting assistance from the United States Military Police to set up stockades and other ways to process undesirables.

Action: The Committee accepted the report.

(5) Review of Relevant 2013 Legislative Guiding Principles. (Intergovernmental Relations)

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Director of Intergovernmental Relations Betsy Shotwell, dated October 10, 2012, recommending acceptance of the report.

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

(5) (Cont'd.)

Director of Intergovernmental Relations Betsy Shotwell offered the report.

Council Member Oliverio, referencing Page 9, Item 6, of the 2013 Legislative Guiding Principles Draft dated October 04, 2012, requested that Staff refer his suggestion to the relevant department of the Office of the City Attorney pertaining to the ability of the City to have more flexibility and control with regard to transportation, i.e. putting in a crosswalk, stop sign or leniency on lowering the speed limit where appropriate.

Action: The Committee accepted the report.

(6) Report on Key Legislative Items. (Intergovernmental Relations)

Action: Item (6) was moved to the Consent Calendar.

(7) Monthly Report of Activities. (City Auditor)

Documents Filed: Memorandum from City Auditor Sharon W. Erickson, dated October 9, 2012, recommending acceptance of the report.

City Auditor Sharon W. Erickson presented the report.

Public Comments: David Wall suggested that the City Auditor provide an audit for Environmental Services.

Action: The Committee accepted the report.

(8) Audit of Fire Department Injuries. (City Auditor)

Documents Filed: Fire Department Injuries: A More Coordinated Response and Better Follow-Up Is Needed Report dated September 2012 from the Office of the City Auditor.

City Auditor Sharon W. Erickson provided the report.

City Auditor Sharon W. Erickson, Deputy Director of Fire Department Ron D'Acchioli and Deputy City Manager Alex Gurza responded to Committee questions.

Action: The Committee accepted the report and referred the Audit of the Fire Department Injuries to the full City Council for discussion and action on October 30, 2012.

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

(9) Workers' Compensation Reform Report. (Human Resources)

Deputy City Manager Alex Gurza presented the report.

Chief Deputy City Attorney Danielle Kenealey and Deputy City Manager Alex Gurza responded to Committee questions.

Public Comments: David Wall spoke in opposition to the Staff recommendations.

Action: The Committee accepted the report.

OPEN FORUM

David Wall suggested requesting assistance from the United States Military Police to help address the homeless population.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Constant adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.



Council Member Pete Constant, Chair
Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee

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