SPECIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SAN JOSÉ ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2017

The Council of the City of San José convened in Special Session at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Present: Councilmembers - Arenas, Carrasco, Davis, Diep, Jimenez, Jones, Khamis, T. Nguyen, Peralez, Rocha; Liccardo.

Absent: Councilmembers - All Present.

Staff: City Attorney Richard Doyle, City Manager Norberto Dueñas, Director, Environmental Services, Kerrie Romanow, City Clerk Toni J. Taber, CMC; Deputy City Clerk, Ruth Krantz.

INTRODUCTION

Mayor Sam Liccardo offered opening comments, and the Director, Environmental Services, Kerrie Romanow, provided an introduction.

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director, Environmental Services, Kerrie Romanow, dated January 25 2017, offering background and goals of the Environmental Sustainability Plan Study Session. (2) Presentation, “Environmental Sustainability Plan (ESP), dated January 30, 2017. (3) Q&A sheet, “Community Choice Energy for San José”.

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Clinton Moloney, Managing Director and Sustainability Advisory Lead, introduced the Sustainability Team, Managers, PwCs Cities of the Future Practice, Shaun Fernando, Engagement Manager, and Tripp Borstel, Engagement Lead, and offered objectives.
Tripp Borstel followed up with stakeholder engagement process, discussed ‘Megatrends’ and accelerating urbanization, climate change, increasing costs of natural disasters and challenges and access to affordable housing.

Council questions and discussion followed.

Clinton Moloney, Managing Director and Sustainability Advisory Lead, continued, discussing workable solutions. He discussed American’s consumer habits and living well without compromise.

Shaun Fernando continued with critical success factors for the ESP, answering ‘what is an Environmental Sustainability Plan?’

Director, Environmental Services, Kerrie Romanow, offered a summary of expectations; Tripp Borstel continued with an “overall work plan” including technical steps, behind the scenes efforts, and stakeholder engagement.

Mayor Sam Liccardo offered appreciation to all participants and presented questions regarding funding.

Director, Environmental Services, Kerrie Romanow responded to questions regarding start-up money, capital and the financing infrastructure needed.

Mayor Sam Liccardo opened the floor for public comment.

Public Comment: Linda Hutchins-Knowles (Mothers Out Front) gave small business owners’ perspective and addressed the climate emergency we are facing; Gloria Chun Hoo (League of Women Voters) discussed the strength of regional government and community engagement; Michael Clossen and Margaret Bruce (Center for Climate Protection) and Julie Allingham (San José Community Energy) offered support to the plan and to affordable renewable energy; Bobby Ram (SunPower) stressed the rampant solar policy changes and noted mechanisms and funding tools available to the City of San José; David Kaneda called for long-term thinking and strong leadership in San José. Jennifer Thompson, Sustainable Silicon Valley, expressed support and offered appreciation for the plan’s focus.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council of the City of San José adjourned the Special Session at 4:20 p.m.
Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,

Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

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