



MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022
4:00 p.m.

Hybrid In-Person/Virtual via Zoom

**New Police Operations & 911 Dispatch Center – Community Room
1 Chestnut Avenue, SSF**

The City Council may meet by teleconference, consistent with the Brown Act as amended by AB 361 (2021). Under the amended rules, the City will not provide a physical location for members of the public to participate in the teleconference meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nagales called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Addiego, present
Councilmember Coleman, present
Councilmember Flores, present
Vice Mayor Nicolas, present
Mayor Nagales, present

AGENDA REVIEW

No changes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Comments are limited to items on the Special Meeting Agenda.

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Presentation on South San Francisco Community Survey results. *(Bryan Godbe, Consultant)*

Consultant with Godbe Research, Bryan Godbe presented the 2021 Community, Police Services, and Social Justice Surveys results. Consultant Godbe discussed the police and social justice survey and noted a highly positive response from the community with police interaction. He pointed out that the critical community requests were the need for affordable housing, address homelessness, workforce training and job placement support, small business assistance, renters' assistance, and expansion of the guaranteed income program.

Councilmember Addiego inquired about community outreach and engagement efforts. Police Chief Campbell noted that community outreach events were postponed due to the pandemic and said that the Citizens' Police Academy was being finalized and would be advertised soon.

Councilmember Flores inquired if the top five community concerns were the same as previous surveys. Consultant Godbe provided an overview of the 2017 and 2019 survey results and noted that the ordering of items changed, but affordable housing remained one of the top priorities.

Mayor Nagales requested clarification on the rent control question and community feedback. Consultant Godbe indicated it was an open-ended question with no predetermined list of appropriate answers and no follow-up question.

Mayor Nagales noted the city's efforts to address street and road maintenance. He requested an update from City Manager Futrell, who indicated that the City Council has managed road conditions and invested funds to improve conditions.

2. Presentation on Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Projects. (*Eunejune Kim, Director of Public Works/City Engineer*)

Director of Public Works Eunejune Kim presented the report and reviewed the guiding principles and policies. He noted that the City Council adopted a Vision Zero resolution on February 24, 2021, noting that the goal of Vision Zero is to achieve zero traffic deaths and serious injuries on city streets by 2025. Director Kim reviewed the prioritized Bike and Pedestrian, Capital Improvement, and Paving Projects. The South City Shuttle provides free transportation to the downtown area, senior centers, Kaiser Hospital, libraries, city hall, parks, schools, and transit connections to SamTrans and BART.

Councilmember Addiego inquired about the shuttle ridership. Deputy Director of Public Works Dave Bockhaus provided an overview of bus shuttle ridership and operations.

Councilmember Flores discussed the impacts of traffic congestion and noted the need for signage, especially on El Camino Real and Chestnut Avenue during commute hours. He encouraged staff to be creative with solutions to address traffic impacts, i.e., Traffic Pilot Study like the Traffic Relief Pilot Program of the City of Foster City and noted the importance of educational outreach. Director Kim provided an overview of the city's pilot program efforts and indicated that additional signage would be added on El Camino Real by Caltrans.

City Manager Futrell indicated that pre-pandemic, Mobility 20/20 included significant projects aimed at reducing traffic congestion and improving access to public transit east of 101 - staff will resume the project and return for Council input in August 2022.

Vice Mayor Nicolas inquired about Lincoln Street and Hillside Boulevard intersection project. Director Kim provided an overview of the proposed 2022 projects for that location.

Councilmember Coleman raised concerns with bike accessibility in the Westborough and Junipero Serra corridor. Director Kim provided an overview of the feasibility study and challenges of the area and indicated that Senior Planner Christopher Espiritu would continue to explore solutions for bike lanes to improve accessibility and visibility.

Mayor Nagales reiterated the city council's commitment to addressing traffic and transportation concerns. He thanked the staff for their support.

3. Report regarding the exploration and implementation of youth services to address internship and employment opportunities. (*Maryjo Nunez, Lead for America Fellow*)

Lead for America Fellow Maryjo Nunez provided an overview of the Youth Summer Internship Program and potential partnerships with local businesses.

Vice Mayor Nicolas suggested staff reach out to local businesses that offer internships for students aged 16 for more information.

Mayor Nagales expressed his support of the program, noted his disappointment with program restrictions for students who cannot meet federal requirements, and suggested exploring a non-payment option. Fellow Nunez indicated that they would continue to discuss alternatives, including different industry internships, and apprise the Council.

Councilmember Coleman expressed his support of the program. He noted that the South San Francisco High School Futurelab partnership with Genentech did not include an internship which he felt was a missed opportunity for students to explore the industry.

Councilmember Flores inquired about the length of the program and expressed support of extending the program to 8 weeks. students to benefit from the program. He encouraged staff to reach out to the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and propose a partnership. Human Resources Director Lockhart provided an overview of the program length which begins one week after students are out for summer break for seven weeks. She indicated that the last internship program received 126 applications, only 15 students were placed, and other applicants were referred to outside programs like JobTrain.

Council expressed concern with student capacity and supported staff to pursue partnerships with local businesses outside of the biotech industry.

Meeting recessed: 5:31 p.m.

Meeting resumed: 5:40 p.m.

4. Report regarding cannabis retail operations in San Mateo County. (*Ashley Crociani – Policy Analyst*)

Policy Analyst Ashley Crociani presented the report regarding licensing storefront and Cannabis retail and provided an overview of the current ordinance.

Councilmember Coleman inquired about the status of storefront retail in neighboring cities. Analyst Crociani provided an overview of her findings and noted the potential revenue.

Councilmember Addiego noted his concerns and expressed support to revisit the issue. Vice Mayor Nicolas expressed her concern but was open to discussing options.

Councilmember Flores expressed concern with these businesses' underground sales and cash flow, noting the community's safety and his hesitation with supporting store front retail in the city.

Mayor Nagales supported a discussion of the topic but shared his concerns and opposition. He recognized the potential revenue that could be generated like neighboring cities but noted public safety considerations. Councilmember Flores encouraged the Council to consider community safety rather than a revenue-generating source.

City Manager Futrell indicated that staff would continue pursuing further research and scheduling a future study session.

5. Presentation of 2022 work plan. *(Mike Futrell, City Manager)*

City Manager Futrell presented the Executive Leadership Team's strategic goals for 2022.

Councilmember Coleman discussed childcare programs in the east of 101 area. He suggested the city consider offering childcare services to help the workforce and support businesses. Assistant City Manager Ranals provided an overview of the city's childcare programs. City Manager Futrell indicated that staff would bring the Childcare Master Plan to Council on March 16, 2022.

Given the lack of institutional knowledge, Mayor Nagales emphasized the importance of succession planning and attracting qualified personnel. Councilmember Flores suggested increasing shuttle services and adding additional stops.

6. Council comments and discussion. *(Mark Nagales, Mayor)*

Mayor Nagales discussed a partial street closure on Grand Avenue, in front of City Hall, during the weekends and in the summer, bringing the community together to enjoy food and music – considering downtown businesses and possible impacts.

Vice Mayor Nicolas noted the Concert in the Park event held at Orange Memorial Park in September as an opportunity for communities to come together.

Councilmember Coleman expressed support of hosting cultural celebrations on Grand Avenue monthly.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business Mayor Nagales adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Rosa Govea Acosta, MMC, CPMC
City Clerk

Mark Nagales
Mayor

Approved by the City Council: _____ / _____ / _____