



**RULES AND OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**

Meeting Report  
September 10, 2008

**PRESENT:** Mayor Reed and Council Members Chirco and Nguyen.

**ABSENT:** Vice Mayor Cortese, Council Member Constant. (Excused)

**STAFF:** City Attorney Richard Doyle, City Clerk Lee Price, Assistant City Manager Christine Shippey, Senior Deputy City Attorney Lisa Herrick, Director of Communications Tom Manheim, Redevelopment Agency Assistant Director Gary Miskimon, Council Agenda Manager Alicia Bosco and Legislative Secretary Susan Davis.

**A. City Council**

**1. Review of September 16, 2008 Final Agenda.**

Action: The Committee approved the September 16, 2008 City Council Draft Agenda with the following additions:

- Presentation of a proclamation declaring September 21, 2008 as the "International Day of Peace" in the City of San José. (Cortese)

**2. Review of September 23, 2008 Draft Agenda.**

Action: The Committee approved the September 23, 2008 City Council Draft Agenda with the following additions:

- Approval of travel by Redevelopment Agency Executive Director Harry Mavrogenes to Chicago, IL on October 1-3, 2008 to attend the San José Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce "City-to-City" trip. Source of Funds: Redevelopment Agency.

**B. Redevelopment Agency**

**1. Review of September 16, 2008 Final Agenda.**

**2. Review of September 23, 2008 Draft Agenda.**

Action: The Committee approved the September 16, 2008 Redevelopment Agency Agenda and the September 23, 2008 Draft Redevelopment Agency Agenda.

**F. Appointments to Board, Commissions and Committee**

**1. Approve appointments to Work2future Board of Directors. (Mayor)**

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Mayor Reed, dated September 4, 2008, recommending approval of the appointment of Janeen Dittrick as a public sector representative and Philip George as a non-profit sector representative in the Work2future Board of Directors.

Action: The Committee approved the appointments.

**G. Rules Committee Reviews, Recommendations and Approvals**

**1. Traffic Signal Modification at Winchester Boulevard and Forest Avenue. (Public Works)**

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Public Works Katy Allen, dated September 3, 2008, recommending that the traffic signal modification at Winchester Boulevard and Forest Avenue not be agendized for Council action. (2) Memorandum from City Clerk Lee Price, dated September 10, 2008, transmitting the correspondence relating to item (G)(1) traffic modification at Winchester Boulevard and Forest Avenue to the Rules and Open Government Committee.

Director of Public Works Katy Allen provided brief background and responded to questions from the Committee.

Public Comments: Speaking in opposition to the removal of the signal: Kirk Vartan pointed out that the residents who attended the Valley Fair meetings were not in support of the removal of the signal and complained that the EIR Report was not available in today's packet. John Hansen argued that removing the signal would cause a safety risk for children and increase the westbound traffic. Kathleen Yatsko added that there was not a definitive plan for public comments. Robert Soathard expressed concern about the extra traffic which is a safety concern for children. David Stealey and Robert Oberti requested that the signal remain as it is.

Discussion followed.

Action: The Committee approved the Staff recommendation that the traffic signal modification at Winchester Boulevard and Forest Avenue not be agendized for Council action. Staff was directed to work with the Attorney's office to include funding for traffic calming under the encroachment permit a condition of approval.