

February 2026 Minutes

February 2nd, 2026 at 7:00 pm (via Zoom)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82431949558>

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Welcome and Introductions
- Agenda Revisions
- Guest Speakers
- Updates from Elected Officials
- Continuing Business
- New Business
- Board and Commission Updates
- Advocacy and Community Group Updates
- D6NLG Business
- Adjournment

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Larry Ames at 7:05.

Quorum and Attendance

Officer Attendance		
Officer	Person	Present
Chair	Edward Saum	No
Vice Chair	Larry Ames	Yes
Treasurer	Art Maurice	Yes (Late)
Secretary	Mary Pizzo	No

Active Entity Attendance		
Organization	Person	Present
All District Leadership Group	Jim Carter	Yes
Burrell Park NA	Jo Hogin	No
Cory NA	Art Maurice	Yes (Late)
D6 CERT	Jim Carter	Yes
Delmas Park NA	Kathy Sutherland	No
Del Monte NA	Norma Ruiz	No
Friends of the Bascom Library	Steve Kline	Yes
Glenside-Riviera NA	Sheela Mohan-Peterson	No
North Willow Glen NA	Bill Rankin	Yes
Rose Glen NA	Susan Price-Jang	No
Rosemary Gardens NA	Corry Addison	No
San Jose Parks Advocates	Jean Dresden	Yes
Save Our Trails	Bill Rankin	Yes
Shasta Hanchett Park NA	Edward Saum, Liana Bekakos	No, Yes
<i>Sherman Oaks NA</i>	<i>Jennette Holzworth</i>	Yes
The Alameda Business Assn	Edward Saum	No
The Alameda Park NA	Judy Ciesla, Joanne Harris	No, No
Willow Glen NA	Maren Sederquist, Mary Pizzo	No, No

Active Community Volunteer Attendance	
Person	Present
Larry Ames	Yes

Quorum (6 Voting Members, on Behalf of At Least 4 Active Entities)	Yes
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Other Attendees

None

Guest Speakers

Guest speakers have **fifteen minutes to present**. Attendees are welcome to ask questions after the presentation. Total time allotted to an individual speaker & questions shall not exceed **twenty minutes**. Those with additional questions or comments beyond that timeframe are encouraged to contact the speaker or Officer(s) individually. Please be courteous to your neighbors by respecting these guidelines.

Scheduled Guest Speakers:

- *None*

Updates from Elected Officials (7:09)

Items

1. Office of Supervisor Susan Ellenberg (*Steve Kline*)
Major events causing concerns about additional ICE activity
 - *Super Bowl*
 - *FIFA World Cup*
 - *County passed law banning ICE from using County lands for immigration enforcement*
 - *Best response(s) if you see ICE activity*
 - *Do *not* post on social media*
 - *Call Rapid Response Network (RRN) (408) 290-1144*
 - *Upcoming Meetings*
 - *February: Mid-year budget revisions (revenues versus anticipated)*
 - *County budget cuts*
 - *Attempts are to move employees to open positions in response to budget issues, rather than firing*
 - *State of the District Feb 18th at Willow Glen High School*
 - *Registration is required*
 - *To receive Emergency Alerts: Text SBLX to 888-777*
 - *URL to ask Supervisor Ellenberg questions:*
<https://d4.santaclaracounty.gov/contact-susan>

Continuing Business (7:15)

Items

Correspondence

1. City Budget Planning priorities from *individual NAs ADLG*
 - a. *Review of proposed letter (version 4)*
 - i. *Using old data as a 'survey' potentially weakens the letter*
 - ii. *Survey data is potentially contradicted by City's more recent data*
 - b. *Ongoing General Fund Reduction Targets*

2026-2027 OPERATING BUDGET SUBMITTALS

2026-2027 Ongoing General Fund Reduction Targets

*(For purposes of proposal development only;
final package will not reflect uniform reductions)*

Target = \$ 60,000,000 *

Public Safety Departments	2.50%
Mayor & City Councils, Appointees	6.50%
All Other Departments	13.00%

City Departments/Offices

Energy	\$ 112,000
Environmental Services	321,000
Finance	2,080,000
Fire	5,240,000
Housing	2,828,000
Human Resources	1,604,000
Information Technology	2,298,000
Library	5,463,000
Parks, Rec & Neigh Services	15,006,000
Planning, Bldg & Code Enforcement	603,000
Police	11,468,000
Public Works	5,994,000
Transportation	2,740,000
Mayor, City Council & Appointees (see breakdown below)	<u>4,245,000</u>
ONGOING:	\$ 60,000,000

Mayor, City Council, and Appointee Breakdown

City Attorney	1,015,000
City Auditor	125,000
City Clerk	235,000
City Manager	1,885,000
Independent Police Auditor	60,000
Mayor and City Council	<u>925,000</u>
Total Mayor, City Council and Appointee Breakdown:	\$ 4,245,000

* The \$60 million reduction target amount represents approximately 3.6% of the 2026-2027 Preliminary Base Budget. In developing the departmental reduction targets, major non-discretionary and revenue-offset expenditures have been removed from the Base Budget, as well as services directly addressing Animal Care and Services operations. The reduction target percentages are based on the adjusted Base Budget.

- i. *Parks cuts are 25% of all proposed cuts*
- ii. *Parks staff has never recovered from 2000 cutbacks*
 - 1. *20% increase in park lands since then*
 - 2. *Trying to maintain 20% more land with 19% fewer full-time employees*
- iii. *Neighborhood Services (including Graffiti Removal) could be drastically cut*
- iv. *San Jose spends \$37 per resident on Parks, already last among large cities*
- c. *Budget process and timeline*
- d. *Governor's estimated budget deficit is \$9 billion, but Legislature's estimate is \$15-\$20 billion*
- e. *Most of the cuts are required because of reduced tax revenue and fixed pension responsibilities*
- f. *SJFD + SJPD trend to address cuts is by transitioning positions from uniformed personnel to non-uniformed personnel*
- g. *Possible letter bullet points (EIH)*
 - i. *Consolidation of contracts for services*
 - ii. *Develop contracts that are more specific about services provided which help participants move through the housing system*
- h. *Letter deadline is Feb 12th*
- i. *No motion, no action*

Meetings + Events Recap / Summary

- 1. City Council Meeting - Jan 13th
 - a. Consent Agenda
 - i. Santa Clara Valley Habitat Plan Amendment
 - ii. Zoning Code Amendments
 - b. Regular Agenda

- ~~i. Establishment of The Alameda Business Improvement District (BID)~~
- ~~ii. Substantial Amendment to Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan~~
- ~~2. Housing Dept Community Meeting: Inclusionary Housing Ordinance - Jan 13th~~
- ~~3. Housing Dept Community Engagement Series: Incentive Programs - Jan 22nd~~
- ~~4. City Council Meeting: 'Housing Day' - Jan 27th~~
- ~~5. BeautifySJ Neighborhood Forum - Jan 31st~~

New Business (8:21)

Items
<p>Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All District Leadership Group Draft Letter: Budget Priorities <i>See 'Continuing Business' above</i> <p>Upcoming Meetings + Events</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>City Council: Transit Occupancy Tax Increase (Ballot Measure) - Feb 10th</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Hotel tax increase (from 4% to 6%) w/ \$10 million projected revenue b. General Budget tax, so 50% + 1 threshold is required c. Stated purpose: Park maintenance, recreational services, etc. <i>To fund essential city services including police and fire emergency response; address homeless encampments impacting parks, neighborhoods, and waterways; remove trash, illegal dumping, and graffiti; and maintain trails, playgrounds, recreational facilities, and park restrooms, shall an ordinance be adopted increasing the general fund transient occupancy (hotel) tax from 4% to 6%, generating approximately \$10 million annually, and paid by hotel/motel guests, until repealed by voters?</i> d. Would in reality be used to backfill \$60 million budget deficit e. As a General Budget tax matter, there is no requirement that the stated purpose is how the money is actually spent; parks simply polls well f. Potentially harms other future funding mechanisms 2. <u>Santa Clara County District 4 2026 State of the District - Feb 18th</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Willow Glen High School 3. General Plan Task Force: Residential Capacity / Jobs to Employed Residents Ratio - Apr 1st

Board and Commission Updates

Items
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Neighborhood Association Engagement Model (Jim Carter)</u>

Advocacy and Community Group Updates (8:50)

Items
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All District Leadership Group (Larry Ames) 2. D6 CERT (Jim Carter) 3. San Jose Parks Advocates (Jean Dresden)

4. Save Our Trails (*Bill Rankin*)
 - a. *Next meeting in April*
 - b. *Also potential picnic in Coyote Meadows*
- ~~5. The Alameda Business Association (*Edward Saum*)~~

D6NLG Business (8:15)

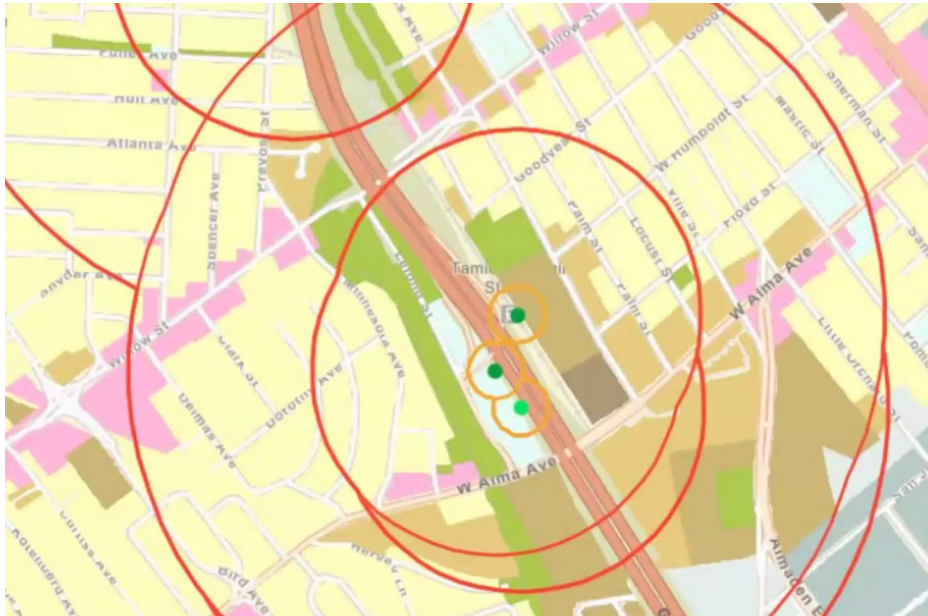
Items

1. Agendas and Minutes
 - a. Approval of December Minutes: [D6NLG Minutes Dec'25_DRAFT](#)
 - b. Approval of January Minutes: [D6NLG Minutes Jan'26_DRAFT](#)
No vote held, out of perception that a quorum was not present
2. Chair Updates
 - a. Potential Future Guest Speakers
 - i. SJFD re: First Responder Fee
 - ii. SJFD re: smoke detectors and fire safety
 - iii. SJFD re: Med 30 service
 - iv. City Manager re: Budget
 - v. City Arborist
 - vi. SJPD + District Attorney re: GVRO
- ~~3. Vice Chair Updates~~
- ~~4. Secretary Updates~~
5. Treasurer Updates
 - a. BeautifySJ Grant
 - b. UNSCC Status
UNSCC annual membership fees are due
6. Date for Next Scheduled Meeting: Monday, March 2nd (via Zoom)

Open Forum (8:31)

Additional brief updates from attendees not otherwise agendized. Not to exceed **two minutes** per person, with a total time allotment of no more than **twenty minutes**. Further discussion on items can be agendized for future meetings.

- **SB79: Tamien Station Analysis**
 - *VTA: Analysis of overlapping Virginia St station and Tamien station subject properties and ¼ mile, ½ mile radii*
 - *Concern is that non-phased development will lead to inadequate infrastructure (sewer lines, etc) if multiple single-family parcels are aggregated and developed before infrastructure is upgraded*



- **SB9 Zoning Code Changes**
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- **High Density Housing upzoning adjacent to Urban Villages**
 - *Winchester north of Valley Fair (Cory Neighborhood, etc)*
 - *The Alameda from TAUV to Hwy I-880*
 - *King Ave*
 - *10th + 11th*

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm by Vice Chair Larry Ames. Thanks, all.