

Notes from Council Priority-Setting Session.  
 June 23, 2015  
 Informal notes by L. Ames

Process: (starting at 1:30 PM)

- Have last year's top-7, plus several added throughout the year (including riparian)
- Collect suggestions for new priorities
- Public comment on new items
- Vote on which items to add to list of current and added items for round-two voting.

Many hours later:

- Consider full list. (blue/lettered from previous list, green/numbered the top vote-getters from the list of new items)

<b>Step 2: Current Council Priorities</b>	
<b>A</b> Off-Sale of Alcohol at Grocery Stores Streamlining	<b>K</b> Riparian Corridor & Bird-Safe Buildings
<b>B</b> Zoning Ordinance Quarterly Modifications (Recurring)	<b>L</b> Wage Theft, (Parts A, B & C)
<b>C</b> Real Estate Transactions Streamlining (Phase 3)	<b>M</b> North San José Policy Review
<b>D</b> Development Agreement Policy	<b>N</b> Graywater Systems
<b>E</b> Food and Clothing Distribution at City Parks	<b>O</b> Commercial Impact Fee for Affordable Housing
<b>F</b> Downtown Parks Maintenance District and High-Rise Incentive Program	<b>P</b> Update the City's Rental Rights and Referrals Program
<b>G</b> Mobile Home Conversions	<b>2</b> San José is Open for Business/Legal Non-Conforming Uses
<b>H</b> Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Peddler Permits	<b>7</b> Massage Parlor Regulation
<b>I</b> Enforcement/Outdoor Mobile Vendor Policy	<b>8</b> Allowing Secondary Detached Units in San Jose
<b>J</b> Surplus Land Sale	<b>13</b> Local Hiring/Local Business/Apprentice Utilization Program
	<b>17</b> Illegal Fireworks Ordinance

- More public comment. Many speakers, each given 1 minute. (My comments are given below)
- Council votes. Each CM is allowed 7 votes: can be all for one, one each in 7 items, or combo-split.

Council Comments:

- Ash Kalra: See his new memo. Items: Wage theft; Disadvantaged Business; Riparian; Rental Rights; Good jobs.
- Matthews: North SJ; Riparian (worried about future flooding); Affordable housing (rental rights & mobile homes); Jobs (wage theft & living wages)

- Herrera: Riparian; Wage theft; 2nd detached units; Local business hiring; Illegal fireworks
- Rocha: Q: why did staff add some items to the list and not others? A: some were policies (added), some were projects (not added)
- Peralez: Housing (Mobile home conversion, Commercial Impact Fee, Rental Rights, 2nd Units); Economic inequality & wage theft; human trafficking (massage parlors); local hiring. Not adding Illegal fireworks and the 4th is too close.
- Khamis: Fireworks; wage theft; Riparian policy; Rental Property Owners. (talked about \$17/sq.ft fee on housing.)
- Herrera: Q: intent of “Mobile Home Conversion”? A: to control/prevent conversion.
- Carrasco: Affordable housing; wage theft; mobile home; local hires.

Vote by paper ballot; collected and tabulate while Council moved on to other matters.

Final tally:

	May	Jone	Kalra	Pera	Matt	Carra	Olive	Nguy	Herr	Roch	Khar	Total
Policy Name	M	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8	D9	D10	Tot.
Wage Theft		1	1	1	1	2			1	1	2	10
Update Rental Rights	2	1	1	1	1	1		1		1		9
Massage Parlor Regs				1			7					8
Mobile Home Convrnsn	1	1	1	1	1	1		1		1		8
Illegal Fireworks Ord	2					1			1		3	7
Local Hire/Local Business		1	1	1	1	1		1	1			7
Riparian Corr & Bird-Safe Bldgs	1		1		1				1	1	2	7
Allow 2nd'ry Units		1		1					3	1		6
Comm'rcl Impact Fee - Afford.H			1	1		1		1		2		6
Disadvantaged Bus. Enterprise		1	1					1				3
North SJ Police Review					2							2
Develpmnt Agreement Policy		1										1
D'twn Parks Maint.Dist & HiRise Inc	1											1
Real Estate Transaction streamline								1				1
SJ Open for Business								1				1

(final tally was presented well after 9 PM).

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my talk:

Larry Ames.

**Speaking for Neighborhoods Commission:**

You have our [letter](#). Controlling illegal fireworks is critical, especially in our current drought. We urge the Council to take action today: don't prioritize for a year-long study.

**Speaking for Riparian Advocates:**

You do need to continue work on the Riparian Policy.

You have a good policy, preserving room for the creek (when it floods), and for habitat and for trails. The Policy does need some work, such as clarifying what to do when the Water District plans to build flood bypass channels.

Also, the policy needs to apply to all project.

I look forward to Staff working with developers and the community to codify the policy, to give certainty and environment sustainability.

Please prioritize Riparian Policy.