



City of East Palo Alto

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016

7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

EAST PALO ALTO GOVERNMENT CENTER
2415 UNIVERSITY AVE. – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

MAYOR:

DONNA RUTHERFORD

VICE MAYOR:

LARRY MOODY

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

RUBEN ABRICA, LISA GAUTHIER, CARLOS ROMERO

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. All were present, except for Vice Mayor Moody with an excused absence.

PRESENT: RUTHERFORD, ABRICA, GAUTHIER, ROMERO

ABSENT: MOODY

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (*Government Code section 54957.7(a)*)

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Gauthier and seconded by Mayor Rutherford, the City Council **unanimously voted 4-0, with Vice Mayor Moody absent**, to approve the Agenda.

AYES: Rutherford, Gauthier, Abrica, Romero

NOES: None

ABSENT: Moody

3. STUDY SESSION ON THE DRAFT GENERAL PLAN

Guido Persicone, Senior Planner, introduced to City Council Mr. Matt Raimi with Raimi and Associates, and Assistant City Manager Sean Charpentier. He further stated that their purpose was to inform the public of the Draft General Plan and to obtain community input.

Then he mentioned that the next steps would be to release the Environmental Impact Report in April, which would go back to City Council for adoption in the summer.

A. Draft General Plan Study Session

(Sean Charpentier, Assistant City Manager)

Recommendation

Accept information on the General Plan Study Session and provide direction to City staff and the consultant.

Mr. Raimi presented a slide show presentation of the Draft General Plan, stating that it reflected the community's view of the City. He reported the community engagement process, the content of the Draft General Plan including the Westside Area, the long term vision, the implementation of the Plan, and then answered questions by City Council.

Before the City Council addressed the topic, they sought public comment. There were thirteen (13) speakers that commented on the Draft General Plan.

Thereafter, the City Council, Mr. Raimi, and Staff discussed at great length the following topics: procedures of incorporating the public's comments in the General Plan, affordable housing and housing in general, transportation and parking, displacement, retail and economic development, "Main Street," transportation, health and equity, and higher education.

After the discussion, both the Mayor and Staff reiterated to the public that they could still comment on the Draft General Plan until April.

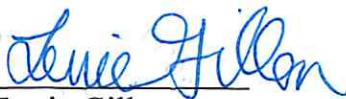
4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON STUDY SESSION ITEM

There were thirteen speakers (13) that spoke immediately after Mr. Raimi's presentation in Item Number 3.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The special City Council meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared, and Respectfully Submitted By:



Terrie Gillen
Deputy City Clerk

Minutes were approved at the regular City Council meeting on April 19, 2016.