



**APPROVED MINUTES
CUPERTINO CITY COUNCIL**

Special Meeting
Monday, July 7, 2014

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 5:07 p.m. Mayor Gilbert Wong called the Special City Council meeting to order in the Community Hall Council Chamber, 10350 Torre Avenue, Cupertino, CA and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Gilbert Wong, Vice Mayor Rod Sinks, and Council members Orrin Mahoney and Mark Santoro. Absent: Barry Chang.

STUDY SESSION

1. Subject: Civic Center Master Plan Study Session
Recommended Action: Accept this report and provide direction to staff in response to study session presentation and discussion.
Description: This Council study session seeks to provide an update on the status of the Civic Center Master Plan and Parking Garage project, including an overview of the community outreach to date, and to have Council consideration of and direction on three plan scenarios that will be presented at a general, broad-outreach community workshop.

Written communications for this item included a consultant PowerPoint presentation.

Director of Public Works Timm Borden introduced the item noting that staff would bring the Master Plan to Council probably September 2 with a study session in February for new Council members.

Consultant Geeti Silwal Principal at Perkins + Will made a PowerPoint presentation. She highlighted: Process Timeline; Guiding Principles; Framework; Public Engagement; Community Feedback; Planned Program Elements; Parking – Working Assumptions;

Three Alternatives (On the Plaza, Civic Garden, On the Avenue).

Council comments included: all agreed there was not much interest in the On the Avenue alternative (#3); continue to explore alternatives one and two; have consultant bring back report on Teen Center programming; no real value in relocating Sheriff's substation to Civic Center but discuss cost with Sheriff's department; want to retain green space at Library Field; for the On the Plaza alternative (#1), put parking garage under Library Field rather than have surface parking; review options for remodeling and expanding existing City Hall vs. building a new one; want to see a clear matrix of parking possibilities in each option and their associated cost; want input from the community on space and programming.

Council recessed from 7:12 to 7:30 p.m.

2. Subject: Study Session to discuss proposed changes to Municipal Code Chapter 14.18, Protected Trees
Description: Application No(s): MCA-213-01 (EA-2013-02) Applicant(s): City of Cupertino; Location: Citywide
Recommended Action: Review the final scope of amendments to Municipal Code Chapter 14.18, Protected Trees

Written communications for this item included an email from Jennifer Griffin and a staff PowerPoint presentation.

Assistant Director of Community Development Gary Chao reviewed the staff report via a PowerPoint presentation.

Roy Hampton talked about a tree in his yard that needed to be taken down. He said he had to pay to take out the tree, have an arborist come out, and then pay to replace the tree all of which took a lot of time. He explained that residents are being inconvenienced and no difference is made to the number of trees in Cupertino with the current ordinance.

Yvonne Hampton said that the replacement trees are huge. She noted that she has a small yard and a big tree isn't always appropriate.

Council discussion and comments included:

- Ok with the Two Tier System
- Specimen trees under 12" in diameter – exempt from process
- Specimen trees from 12" to 24" in diameter – Tier One
 - Tree removal permit
 - Replacement tree or in-lieu fee*
 - No arborist report

- No noticing
- No covenant
- Consider capping the maximum trees removed to: 1 year (2% or 2 trees) or 3 year (5% or 6 trees)
- Specimen trees over 24" in diameter – Tier Two
 - Tree removal permit
 - Replacement Tree or in-lieu fee*
 - Arborist report
 - Noticing
 - No covenant
- *Consider increasing the in-lieu fee to 1.5x the cost (labor + material) of replacement to encourage planting
- Consider incentives for a potential tree planting program

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:46 p.m., Mayor Wong adjourned the meeting to a special meeting on Tuesday, July 15 beginning at 5:05 p.m. for a study session on the Climate Action Plan, Cupertino Community Hall, 10350 Torre Avenue. The regular meeting will follow at 6:45 p.m.

/s/ Grace Schmidt

Grace Schmidt, City Clerk

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