

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL & PLANNING COMMISSION
DECEMBER 16, 2009

Mayor King called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00PM.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmembers:
Mayor Kathleen King
Vice Mayor Jill Hunter,
Chuck Page
Howard Miller

Planning Commissioners:
Joyce Hlava
Yan Zhao
Doug Robertson
David Reis

ABSENT: Councilmember Susie Nagpal (Excused Absence)
Planning Commissioners Linda Rodgers, Manny Cappello and
Mary-Lynne Bernald

ALSO PRESENT: Dave Anderson, City Manager
Richard Taylor, City Attorney
Ann Sullivan, City Clerk
John Livingstone, Community Development Director
Chris Riordan, Senior Planner

REPORT OF CITY CLERK ON POSTING OF AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 16, 2009

Ann Sullivan, City Clerk, reported that pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, the agenda for the meeting of December 16, 2009, was properly posted on December 15, 2009.

1. REVIEW COMMENTS FROM THE STATE REGARDING THE CITY OF SARATOGA HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
Implement Council's Direction

At the March 31, 2009 Housing Element Study Session, Council agreed to designate a 6 acre parcel on Prospect/Lawrence Expressway as 20 dwelling units per acre (minimum) to meet, in part, the City's fair share affordable housing allocation requirements and that this same parcel could be designated as the SB 2 Emergency Shelter area.

Subsequently, the City provided a revised draft housing element to the Department of Housing and Community Development Division of Housing Policy Development, reflecting this designated 6 acre parcel as the City's obligation to also provide Emergency Shelters as needed, which is required by State law.

The City received a letter, dated December 14, 2009, from the Department of Housing and Community Development Division of Housing Policy Development, indicating further revision was required to comply with State housing element law (Article 10.6 of the Government Code).

In order to comply with the State's requirements, Council and Planning Commissioners agreed to allow emergency shelters by right as a permitted use in all commercial zones.

PAGE/MILLER MOVED TO **ALLOW EMERGENCY SHELTERS BY RIGHT IN COMMERCIAL ZONES, WHICH IS TO BE REVIEWED WITHIN ONE YEAR; AND TO LOOK AT ALL COMMERCIAL ZONES FOR POTENTIAL EMERGENCY SHELTERS.** MOTION PASSED 4-0-1 WITH COUNCILMEMBER NAGPAL ABSENT.

There being no additional business, Mayor King asked for a motion to adjourn.

PAGE/MILLER MOVED TO **ADJOURN THE SPECIAL MEETING AT 6:30PM.** MOTION PASSED 4-0-1 WITH NAGPAL ABSENT.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Sullivan, CMC
City Clerk