

MINUTES

SARATOGA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 20, 2010

The City Council met in Closed Session in the Administrative Conference Room, 13777 Fruitvale Avenue at 5:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE - REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATION (Gov't Code Section 54956.8):
[APN 389-29-007] Agency Negotiator: Dave Anderson, City Manager

MAYOR'S REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Mayor King stated there was no reportable information.

The City Council held a Joint Meeting with the Traffic Safety Commission in the Administrative Conference Room at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor King called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked Maryann Swan to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO Dave Anderson, City Manager

PRESENT: Richard Taylor, City Attorney
Ann Sullivan, City Clerk
John Livingstone, Community Development Director
Michael Fossati, Assistant Planner

REPORT OF CITY CLERK ON POSTING OF AGENDA

City Clerk Ann Sullivan reported that pursuant to Government Code 54954.2, the agenda for the meeting of October 20, 2010 was properly posted on October 14, 2010.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMISSIONS & PUBLIC

Nancy Kirk, Chair of the Traffic Safety Commission, provided a brief report on the Joint Meeting held with the City Council prior to the 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting. Ms. Kirk noted the various traffic and pedestrian concerns the Commission has addressed during

the last 10 months and the traffic calming measures that were implemented, as well as the pedestrian safety improvements.

COUNCIL DIRECTION TO STAFF

None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

No one requested to speak.

COUNCIL DIRECTION TO STAFF

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Cappello noted the Saratoga Area Senior Council has scheduled a Health Fair in the Community Center on November 6, 2010, for anyone interested in getting a flu shot. The Health Fair will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and the cost for the flu shot is \$10.00. In addition, Councilmember Cappello noted Santa Clara County has established an Emergency Preparedness Alert System for notifying citizens of an emergency situation in the community. He encouraged citizens to visit their website at www.alertscc.com and to sign up for notification of an emergency situation in the community via email or telephone.

Vice Mayor Hunter noted that at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 23, 2010, interested participants could meet at the corner of Fruitvale and Allendale Avenue to help plant donated plants in “Susie’s Garden” located under the large oak tree at City Hall. She added the newly created garden will be a tribute to Councilmember Susie Nagpal, who passed away May 13, 2010, from lung cancer. In addition, Vice Mayor Hunter invited everyone to participate in the annual Witchy-Walk-About in the Village from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Village on Saturday, October 30.

Councilmember Miller reminded everyone that the holidays are approaching quickly and suggested everyone check out the newest edition of the Recreation Activity Guide for fun activities for kids. He added there are some great activities for kids to participate in when schools are closed during the upcoming holiday season.

Mayor King invited everyone to the 3:00 p.m. ribbon cutting ceremony for the Historical Museum on Thursday, October 28.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. COMMENDATION FOR SARATOGA RESIDENT – DEBBIE LILLO

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Present commendation.

Mayor King invited Debbie Lillo and her family and friends up on stage. Mayor King then read and presented the commendation to Mrs. Lillo.

2. PROCLAMATION FOR “END POLIO NOW DAY” – OCTOBER 24, 2010

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Present commendation.

Mayor King invited all the Saratoga Rotarians that were in attendance up on stage. Mayor King asked Councilmember Page to read and present the proclamation to Debbie Rice, President of the Saratoga Rotary.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 6, 2010

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve minutes.

PAGE/MILLER MOVED TO **APPROVE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 6, 2010.** MOTION PASSED 5-0-0.

4. TREASURER’S REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDED AUGUST 31, 2010

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Review and accept the Treasurer’s Report for the month ended August 31, 2010.

PAGE/MILLER MOVED TO **ACCEPT THE TREASURER’S REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDED AUGUST 31, 2010.** MOTION PASSED 5-0-0.

5. REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECK REGISTERS

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council review and accept the Check Registers for the following Accounts Payable payment cycles:

September 30, 2010

October 7, 2010

PAGE/MILLER MOVED TO **ACCEPT THE CHECK REGISTERS FOR THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PAYMENT CYCLES: SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 AND OCTOBER 7, 2010.** MOTION PASSED 5-0-0.

6. RESOLUTION OF LOCAL SUPPORT FOR VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT STP/CMAQ FUNDING FOR

SARATOGA VILLAGE PEDESTRIAN ENHANCEMENT PHASE 2 PROJECT.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt resolution supporting the Community Block Grant STP/CMAQ Funding Application for the Saratoga Village Pedestrian Enhancement Phase 2 Project.

Councilmember Page removed this item for clarification.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-059

BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 10-060

PAGE/MILLER MOVED TO **ADOPT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT STP/CMAQ FUNDING APPLICATION FOR THE SARATOGA VILLAGE PEDESTRIAN ENHANCEMENT PHASE 2 PROJECT.** MOTION PASSED 5-0-0.

7. RESOLUTION OF LOCAL SUPPORT FOR VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT STP/CMAQ FUNDING FOR 2010 VTA LOCAL STREETS AND RESURFACING PROJECT.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt resolution supporting the Community Block Grant STP/CMAQ Funding Application for the 2010 VTA Local Streets and Road Resurfacing Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-061

BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 10-062

PAGE/MILLER MOVED TO **ADOPT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT STP/CMAQ FUNDING APPLICATION FOR THE 2010 VTA LOCAL STREETS AND ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT.** MOTION PASSED 5-0-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. ADOPTION OF THE GENERAL PLAN CIRCULATION AND SCENIC HIGHWAY ELEMENT AND A CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO THE OPEN SPACE AND CONSERVATION ELEMENT TRAILS MAP, AND A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Negative Declaration by Resolution. Approve the Resolution to adopt the revised General Plan's Circulation and Scenic Highway Element, including a conforming amendment to the Open Space and Conservation Element.

Michael Fossati, Assistant Planner, presented the staff report and noted that staff had provided Council with a two page document showing possible revisions to the draft Circulation Element regarding the public health aspects of the Element (this handout

will be included in the official meeting packet of October 20, 2010, for historical record) .

Francesca Church, Traffic Engineer with Fehr and Peers Transportation Consultants, was available to answer questions presented by Council.

Mayor King invited public comment.

No one requested to speak on this item.

Mayor King closed the Public Hearing at 8:10 p.m. and invited the high school students that were in attendance for a government class assignment to join the Council on stage.

At 8:15 p.m. Mayor King declared a 5 minute break.

Mayor King reconvened the Regular meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Council thanked Denise Goldberg, Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission and Chair of the Pedestrian, Equestrian, and Bicycle Trails Advisory Committee (PEBTAC), for meeting with staff and participating in the discussion of issues related to the Circulation Element.

Upon additional discussion, Council expressed an interest in implementing some of the suggestions submitted to the Council via email by Saratoga resident Cheriell Jensen. *[This email will be included in the official meeting packet of October 20, 2010 for historical record.]*

RESOLUTION NO. 10-063

PAGE/HUNTER MOVED TO **CERTIFY THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION BY RESOLUTION.** MOTION PASSED 5-0-0.

PAGE/ MILLER MOVED TO **APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE UPDATED CIRCULATION AND SCENIC HIGHWAY ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN INCLUDING A CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO THE OPEN SPACE AND CONSERVATION ELEMENT WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES SUBJECT TO FINAL COUNCIL APPROVAL THROUGH THE CONSENT CALENDAR AT A FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

1) REVISE THE VISION STATEMENT IN THE CIRCULATION ELEMENT TO REPLACE THE WORD “AUTOMOBILE” WITH “VEHICULAR” IN PLEDGE ITEM NUMBER 1.

2) REVISE THE VISION STATEMENT IN THE CIRCULATION ELEMENT TO ADD A NEW PLEDGE ITEM NUMBER 2 STATING “promote a healthy community by providing recreational opportunities for active transportation, and” AND RENUMBERING EXISTING PLEDGE ITEM NUMBER 2 AS NUMBER 3;

3) PAGE 5, PARAGRAPH 9: REPLACE THE PARAGRAPH (“Quito Road is a two-to four-lane north-south roadway and essentially forms the City’s eastern boundary. Quito Road links Lawrence Expressway (south of Saratoga Avenue) to Saratoga-Los Gatos Road.”) WITH: “Quito Road, with the Sunland exception, forms the City’s eastern boundary. Quito Road links Lawrence Expressway with four lanes to Cox Avenue, proceeding south to Saratoga-Los Gatos road as two lanes.”; AND

4) PAGE 23, LAST PARAGRAPH: REPLACE “Bohlman Road/Montevian Road” with: “Bohlman Road/Montevina Road”; AND

5) PROVIDE NEW LANGUAGE IN THE SECTION TITLED *FUTURE TRAFFIC OPERATIONS* CLARIFYING WHY CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ROADWAYS WILL BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE AT LEVEL OF SERVICE E AND F STANDARDS; AND

6) INCLUDE THE NEW LANGUAGE FOR CIRCULATION ELEMENT GOAL CI.1b and POLICY 1.3 AS WRITTEN ON THE SECOND PAGE OF THE TWO-PAGE HANDOUT REFERENCED IN THE STAFF PRESENTATION. MOTION PASSED 5-0-0.

COUNCIL DIRECTION:

- Staff should meet with PEBTAC to confirm the bicycle route designation change along Quito Road to break off at Sobey Road and then continue back to Quito Road. Staff should provide an amendment to Council if PEBTAC agrees to amend the proposed bicycle route designation change along Quito Road and Sobey Road.
- Staff should meet with Councilmember Page to review the final Circulation Element reflecting the new changes recommended by Council, prior to bringing the final Circulation and Scenic Highway Element Resolution back on the November 3rd or 17th Council meeting agenda as a Consent item for Council approval.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADHOC & AGENCY ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

Mayor Kathleen King – reported:

SCC Cities Association Selection Committee – Noted that there are fewer flights departing the San Jose Airport compared to the San Francisco Airport and added this is a real concern for the City of San Jose and the San Jose Airport. The Cities Association Holiday party is December 2nd at the Los Altos Country Club and she hoped all the Council members could attend.

West Valley Mayors and Managers Association – Will have their next meeting at the Plumed Horse on Wednesday, October 27.

Mayor King noted that there are organizations that provide senior day care and with funding provided by the state and/or federal government they are able to break even or make a small profit. She added there is one organization that has expressed an interest in Saratoga's Adult Day Care and recommended Councilmember Cappello, Recreation Department Director Michael Taylor, and City Manager Dave Anderson meet with this organization.

Vice Mayor Jill Hunter –

Hakone Foundation Board – Meets in November.

Historical Foundation – The Foundation has hired someone to conduct an inventory of all their historic items.

Village AdHoc – At the last meeting they discussed the Big Basin Beautification Project and suggested ideas for the next phase – Phase II.

Susie's Garden Adhoc – Susie's Garden is coming along nicely and the donated plants for Susie's Garden will be planted on Saturday, October 23 at 9:00 a.m.

Tree Adhoc – The next meeting is scheduled on Monday, October 25 and Denise Goldberg is planning to attend this meeting.

Councilmember Howard Miller –

KSAR – The Board is working on their strategic plan. He added all Council meetings from 1990 to the present are now available for viewing on the City's website via Granicus.

Santa Clara County Cities Association Board – At the last meeting there was a presentation from San Mateo County on their RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Assessment) allocation process as a group, rather than by each city. Members of the Association will be looking into what Santa Clara County can do regarding their RHNA allocation process. In addition, there was a presentation by VTA and the San Jose Airport. The San Jose Airport authorities are pleased to announce they are the lowest cost per passenger and the lowest cost per airplane of any regional airport in this area. He added they did request that each city ask their CEO's to call all the airlines at the San Jose Airport and request more and better flights. In addition, he noted the Cities Association has updated their By Laws.

West Valley Transportation Authority PAC – Reported their sales tax revenue is down by 25%. They have implemented the use of express trains for the Light Rail and the express trains are very popular with the ridership. Councilmember Miller noted he was appointed to the VTAPAC nominating committee for the selection of next year's officers. VTA chose to have their employee/family picnic at Saratoga Springs. VTA has taken the lead as the organizer on SB375. A meeting on this topic has been scheduled on November 8th from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chamber.

In addition, Councilmember Miller noted that he, along with some staff members, attended a four hour PG & E informational workshop in San Jose on Smart Meters. He added the gas meter can now be read automatically and the electric meter can now be read automatically by the hour.

Councilmember Chuck Page –

Santa Clara Valley Water District Commission – The Commission is moving forward with their upgrade plans and certain areas of Saratoga will be upgraded during the upcoming year.

Councilmember Manny Cappello – nothing to report.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

Councilmember Page noted there is a “Pod Car” Conference in San Jose in October. He added these Pod Cars will be used for inter-terminal transportation service at the San Jose Airport, and San Jose Airport will be among the first airports in the world to implement this unique form of transportation for airport travelers.

Councilmember Miller noted the Cities Association has created new bylaws and each of the city members need to approve the bylaws before end of this year and asked that this item be agendaized on an upcoming Council meeting agenda.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

PAGE/CAPPELLO MOVED TO **ADJOURN THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 9:05PM.** MOTION PASSED 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Sullivan, CMC
City Clerk

