



CUPERTINO

**APPROVED MINUTES
CUPERTINO CITY COUNCIL**

Regular Adjourned Meeting
Tuesday, February 3, 2009

ROLL CALL

At 5:32 p.m. Mayor Orrin Mahoney called the regular meeting to order in Conference Room A, 10300 Torre Avenue, Cupertino, California.

Present: Mayor Orrin Mahoney, Vice-Mayor Kris Wang, and Council members Dolly Sandoval, Mark Santoro, and Gilbert Wong. Absent: none.

STUDY SESSION

A. Review the City Commission Process - An informal discussion to explore ways of improving Council/commission integration, including, but not limited to:

- 1) Interview processes
- 2) Formation of new commissions
- 3) Retirement of existing commissions
- 4) Council/commission integration
- 5) Progress reporting of commission work and issues

Council members discussed the interview and appointment process for commissioners.

Council member Sandoval noted for the record that many times when the Council has an agenda item and finds that the item has not been noticed, or the affected organization has not been invited, the matter is postponed in order to send the notice and invitations. She said that in this case, the commissioners were not notified or invited, and she felt that was a necessary step to promote open and transparent government.

Sandoval moved to cancel the study session at this time, give notice to the commissions, and reschedule the item to a 5:30 p.m. televised session. Mahoney seconded for purposes of discussion. Wong called for the question, and the motion failed with Wang, Wong, and Santoro voting no. Wong noted that tonight's study session had been legally noticed.

Discussion continued regarding the interview process. Topics included: (1) Who is the appropriate person to notify incumbents that were not reappointed; (2) Consider extending the interview length for more complex interviews; (3) Consider a Council discussion session after the interviews but before the vote in order to analyze what the Council is looking for in certain

- 18A. Consider recommendation from the Cupertino Senior Citizens' Commission to dissolve the Commission.

The City Clerk distributed the agenda of the Cupertino Senior Center Volunteer Advisory Council.

Director of Parks and Recreation Mark Linder reported that currently there were two city organizations that were focused on senior issues. It was believed it would be a more effective use of volunteer and staff time to have only one such group, and the Senior Center Volunteer Advisory Committee had been in place for 44 years.

Wong moved and Mahoney seconded to dissolve the Senior Citizens' Commission based on the recommendations of the Senior Citizens' Commission and the city staff. The motion carried unanimously.

- 18B. Report from the study session on commission review process.

Mayor Mahoney reported that Council had held a study session earlier in the evening and had agreed on certain issues as follows: (1) If a commissioner was reappointed the Mayor would contact that person first; (2) Council had discussed changing the interview process but no decision was made; (3) Include additional materials in applications about informal orientation available from staff; (4) The Council would review commission attendance every six months instead of annually; (5) Council members were encouraged to sit in on some commission meetings to see how things were going; (5) Require annual status reports from commission; and the Mayor will provide a template for that report.

Councilmember Sandoval stated for the record, that she was uncomfortable with having such a briefly noticed public session at 5:30 on commission interviews and process because the commissioners were not invited to attend. She said next time it should be on camera, on the dais, and commissioners should be invited to attend to provide input.

Craig Lee, newly appointed Public Safety Commissioner, said he agreed with Councilmember Sandoval's comments. He said he was surprised to see this study session scheduled without any solicitation of input. He said he also believed that there needed to be a clearer statement regarding what Council expected from commissioners in terms of their scope of responsibility and their accountability.

Councilmember Santoro said he believed this meeting had been properly noticed and Council should continue the study session tonight after the regular session was finished.

Council discussed whether or not to continue with the study session this evening or set it for another date. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting to the conference room and, due to the lateness of the hour, to continue the study session for only an additional twenty minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:40 a.m. on Wednesday, February 4, the meeting was adjourned to Monday, Feb 9, at 6:00 p.m. for a Regular Adjourned Meeting to consider dismissal of a Planning Commissioner.


Kimberly Smith, City Clerk

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