



**APPROVED MINUTES
CUPERTINO CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, June 30, 2015**

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 6:45 p.m. Mayor Rod Sinks called the Special City Council meeting to order in Cupertino Community Hall Council Chambers, 10350 Torre Avenue and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Rod Sinks, Vice Mayor Barry Chang, and Council members Savita Vaidhyathan, and Gilbert Wong. Absent: Council member Darcy Paul.

1. Subject: Study Session on policy for processing General Plan Amendment applications
Recommended Action: Conduct study session and comment on the proposed procedures for processing General Plan amendment applications (Attachment A)
Description: Application No(s): CP-2015-02, Applicant(s): City of Cupertino, Location: citywide, Policy for processing General Plan Amendment applications

Written communications included emails to Council and a staff PowerPoint presentation.

Senior Planner Piu Ghosh reviewed the staff report via a PowerPoint presentation.

Staff answered questions from Council.

Mayor Sinks opened the public comment period and the following individuals spoke on this item:

Catherine Alexander
Phyllis Dickstein
Jennifer Griffin
Cathy Helgersen

Cathy Thaler
Xiaowen Wang
Lisa Warren
Kevin McClelland speaking on behalf of Cupertino Chamber of Commerce
Martin Woh
Peggy Griffin (distributed written comments)
Govind Tatachari speaking on behalf of Better Cupertino

Staff answered questions from Council.

Council provided the following comments on the proposed procedures for processing General Plan amendment applications:

1. Move forward on a policy for processing General Plan Amendment (GPA) requests as recommended by staff with the following additional ideas:
 - a. Consider accepting GPA applications for authorization twice a year instead of annually.
 - b. Consider bringing back an option to allow the re-evaluation of GPA applications that did not get selected and would like to revise and resubmit their applications.
2. Prefer a policy instead of an ordinance at the start. Once the process is in place and has been implemented for a few cycles, an ordinance could be considered.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Cathy Thaler talked about previous issues with the temporary stoplight on Stevens Creek Boulevard and Tantau Avenue and said that the new standard has been installed.

Arthur Lu talked about Council's voting record for the GPA on December 4, 2014 and asked for a redline version of the 2005 and 2040 General Plan.

Xiaowen Wang talked about the agreement with Fehr and Peers for traffic work for Vallco and summarized the information she received from staff.

Cathy Helgersen talked about the punishment for violating the Sherman Antitrust Act regarding the bid process.

Govind Tatachari talked about the request for a redline copy of the General Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:05 p.m., Mayor Sinks adjourned the meeting to Tuesday, July 7 for a special meeting beginning at 3:00 p.m. for a closed session followed by the regular meeting at 6:45 p.m., Cupertino Council Chamber, 10350 Torre Avenue.

/s/ Grace Schmidt

Grace Schmidt, City Clerk

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