



**APPROVED MINUTES  
CUPERTINO CITY COUNCIL  
Sunday, February 26, 2017**

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**1. ROLL CALL**

At 8:07 a.m. Mayor Savita Vaidhyanathan called the Special City Council meeting to order in the Aloft Hotel, Tactic I Room, 10165 N De Anza Boulevard.

Present: Mayor Savita Vaidhyanathan, Vice Mayor Darcy Paul, and Councilmembers Barry Chang, Steven Scharf, and Rod Sinks.

**2. MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS**

Mayor Vaidhyanathan explained that the primary focus of the meeting was for Council to set goals for the year and introduced the workshop facilitator Minh Le, President of The Wilfred Jarvis Institute.

**3. GOAL SETTING**

Mayor Vaidhyanathan opened public comment and the following individuals spoke.

Joe Katz talked about the City's initiative on firearm safety and draft ordinance, and was concerned about staff research and the preemption of state law.

Dave Truslow, on behalf of the Pink Pistols, talked about gun safety and the potential impacts of a firearm safety ordinance, and his current public records act requests with the City (distributed written comments).

David Fung, speaking as a resident and not as a Planning Commissioner, talked about seeking common ground and compromise, and managing growth and traffic in the future.

Alan Takahashi, speaking as a resident and not as a Planning Commissioner, talked about community division over Vallco and working towards a solution with

stakeholders to reach a majority compromise.

Geoff Paulson, speaking as a resident and not as a Planning Commissioner, talked about measurable progress on the Vallco Specific Plan, the land purchase for the Stevens Creek Trail, and planting trees at developer's expense.

Jennifer Griffin talked about the evolution of Main Street, a lack of retail and gas station locations in Cupertino, and the Stockmeir house as a history house.

Lisa Warren talked about public involvement and a system of getting community input, and regional communication with neighboring cities.

Mayor Vaidhyanathan closed public comment. She explained that the annual Council retreat was being held in a smaller space in order to create a less formal atmosphere and because the prior year's location in the City Hall EOC was not available.

Minh Le led the goal setting process and asked each Councilmember to talk about the top three items each would like to see accomplished this year on the City Council.

Vice Mayor Paul talked about: 1. Building Lawrence-Mitty Park in Rancho Rinconada by the end of 2018; 2. Affordable housing, not including Market Rate Housing, how to position Cupertino as a community with incentives to make units owner occupied and pushing back on inclusionary zoning; 3. Creating a Technology Innovation Space, including incubator start-up space and opportunities for Main Street.

Councilmember Chang talked about: 1. Lehigh pollution and emissions issues; 2. Traffic congestion on the roads; 3. Climate change issues that are not covered in the Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) program and which are tied into numbers 1 & 2.

Councilmember Sinks talked about: 1. Fixing Mobility: a. Working for Measure B funding, including a Highway 280/Wolfe Road interchange and transportation on Highway 85, and equitable funding for walkways and bikeways for the Bike Plan implementation; b. Consideration of dedicated staffing to manage transit and mobility, including seeking new revenue sources and continuing discussions with neighboring cities for a potential 2018 ballot measure; c. Organized carpooling by means of a closed platform for on-demand rides to schools by partnering with the school districts, not including Uber or Lyft; 2. Affordable housing, including Market Rate Housing by collecting BMR fees to apply to development or by incorporating fees via inclusionary housing inside a project; 3. Driving a process on Vallco which would be commissioned by the City Manager and extended to Measure C and D group advocates and retail

specialists tasked to bring back a set of recommendations.

Councilmember Scharf talked about: 1. BMR for-sale housing to help schools and parcel taxes and to build community, including low-income mixed with market rate and owner occupied for-sale; 2. Distributing the housing and office space throughout the City to share the additional traffic and congestion; 3. Office hours for Councilmembers to resolve concerns outside of the meetings and to lessen long hours on Oral Communications at meetings.

Mayor Vaidhyanathan talked about: 1. Encouraging the youth community with an innovation hub/incubator space; 2. Affordable housing/BMR focusing on senior housing with a transit-oriented development option, including inclusionary housing transit-oriented and encouraging bus routes; 3. Regional and domestic transportation with the West Valley cities, a senior mobility pilot project with an on-demand rideshare for seniors who can't drive and use lessons learned for a youth rideshare project.

Councilmembers talked in more detail about transportation, including: current Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) services, upcoming changes with Measure B; positioning with Cupertino Union School District (CUSD) on a school-based rideshare on-demand system, the City providing leadership to the schools for such a platform, researching the cost through a Joint Venture grant, checking with VTA and School Tripper transit system, looking at existing platforms for drivers and partnering with the schools on an organizational system with carpooling.

The Council recessed at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:20 a.m.

The Mayor announced a meeting stop time of 12:00 pm. and Minh Le continued the discussion regarding areas of common interest. Councilmembers indicated by checkmark support for the other member's listed goals:

Councilmember Barry Chang's goals:

1. Lehigh Pollution (3 checkmarks)
2. Traffic Congestion
3. Climate Change (3 checkmarks)

Councilmember Rod Sinks' goals:

1. Fixing Mobility (2 checkmarks)
2. Affordable Housing and Below Market Rate (BMR) Housing (3 checkmarks)

### 3. Process to address Vallco

Councilmember Steven Scharf's goals:

1. BMR for-Sale Housing (2 checkmarks)
2. Distribution of Housing and Office Space (2 checkmarks)
3. Office Hours for Councilmembers

Vice Mayor Darcy Paul's goals:

1. Lawrence-Mitty Park (1 checkmark)
2. Affordable Housing (2 checkmarks)
3. Technology Innovation Space (1 checkmark)

Mayor Savita Vaidhyanathan's goals:

1. Teen Community and Incubation (3 checkmarks)
2. Senior and Multigenerational Housing and Transit (1 checkmark)
3. Regional and Local Transportation (Rideshare Option) (1 checkmark)

Minh Le reviewed the common goals and noted that there was overall support to address the following interrelated themes:

- 1.) Housing and BMR housing
- 2.) Transportation solutions and fixing mobility
- 3.) Technology innovation and providing a teen incubation space

Council also discussed the non-supported topics of open office hours and open calendars and continuing the conversation on Vallco. The discussion regarding Vallco included: requiring an open waiting period for applicants, studying the traffic patterns of the Apple Campus 2, wholistically looking at the City verses Vallco-specific, studying changing retail and innovation on how people interact, community involvement on elements at the beginning of the process for Cupertino in the future, opportunity to approach the several areas of civic, housing, traffic, and economy, looking at the pieces from the ground-up and then figuring out a budget, having conversations with the community in City-coordinated workshops prior to any proposal, researching other cities who made their failing malls a success.

Minh Le summarized the significant themes to provide staff direction.

Mayor Vaidhyanathan noted that Lawrence-Mitty Park was already in progress and climate change was already being discussed through the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP) and Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE).

Council agreed on the following items to be added to the Work Program

1. Housing/BMR
2. Transportation/mobility
3. Technological innovation/incubation
4. City-sponsored Vallco Citizens' Advisory Task Force to conduct televised public workshops with experts' participation and researching other cities that have successfully transformed failing malls.

#### **4. COMMUNICATION DISCUSSION**

Minh Le explained the purpose of the communication discussion was to identify guiding principles on how Councilmembers communicate with one another and work together as a Council.

Paul moved and Chang seconded to forego hearing Item No. 4 and not bring it back to a future meeting, and Minh Le will deliver any insights or communication improvement suggestions based on what he observed at the workshop in a written memo to the Council. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

The following individuals spoke on this item:

Dave Truslow talked about stopping the gun control matter, addressing the public with free public safety classes not involving guns, using hornet spray as an alternative self-defense measure and the current City ordinance permit requirement for air-guns (distributed wasp and hornet spray cans).

Joan Chin, on behalf of Better Cupertino, talked about listening to residents and building trust, higher level discussions other than Vallco on the City's civic space, office space, and transportation solutions and excluding developers and stakeholders in an advisory committee.

Yuwen Su, on behalf of Better Cupertino, talked about having clearer information on City development projects, including listing the number of bedrooms and the number

of parking spaces in the project summary.

Caryl Gorska talked about Councilmember emails with developers, building trust and transparency, and communication between Councilmembers during meetings. She asked for more buses and roadside trees with setbacks.

Jennifer Griffin talked about adding trees and setbacks and respecting the right-of-ways, urban “villagizing” of frontages alongside San Jose and a task force to examine development in these areas, and the future of Apple land leases after Apple Campus 2 completion.

Council followed up with staff regarding comments made from the public:

- Staff would follow up on the San Jose proposal timeline of the gas station re-development on Stern Avenue and Stevens Creek Boulevard.

Liana Crabtree talked about concern over the meeting outreach, venue and broadcasting. She talked about the VTA redesign and increasing bus stops for students and commuters and around highly dense residential areas.

Phyllis Dickstein talked about respecting public input, conducting open and public meetings with publicly selected experts, focusing on total office allocation and not just Vallco and looking at growth beyond Silicon Valley.

Pamela Hershey talked about Vallco’s history, excluding developers from an advisory committee for transparency and honesty and information presented on the mailers.

Lisa Warren talked about information presented on the mailers, developer neutrality on a task force, assurances in further discussions and possibilities for Vallco, the General Plan Amendment process and clarity on the recent ballot measure.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:00 p.m., Mayor Vaidhyanathan adjourned the meeting.

/s/Kirsten Squarcia  
Kirsten Squarcia, Deputy City Clerk