

CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA CITY COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Special Meeting of the South Pasadena City Council was called to order by Mayor Cacciotti on Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. The City Council Chambers are located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Mayor

Jon Primuth

Mayor Pro Tem

Evelyn G. Zneimer

Councilmember

Jack Donovan

Councilmember

Janet Braun

ABSENT

Councilmember

Michael A. Cacciotti

Lilian Estrada, Administrative Secretary, announced a quorum.

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Angelica Frausto-Lupo, Community Development Director; Tamara Binns, Assistant to the City Manager; Alison Becker, Community Development Deputy Director were present at Roll Call. Other staff members presented reports or responded to questions as indicated in the minutes.

Mayor Primuth announced the format of meeting will be conducted as a community forum with presentations from staff, public comments, and then allow more feedback from the community.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Housing Element Presentation

Angelia Frausto-Lupo, Community Development Director, introduced the item and consultant Grant Henninger, with Mobius Planning, who provided a presentation on the Housing Element.

Community Development Deputy Director Alison Becker and Senior Planner Leah Demarest also presented on the item.

Community Development Director Angelica Frausto-Lupo opened the discussion to community members.

Community members, Councilmembers and staff members proceeded to have an open discussion regarding the Housing Element.

Meeting concluded with no motions from Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment – (Agenda Only Items)

Zoom Public Comments:

Dr. Tom Williams inquired about lot splits and increasing number of units.

Omari Ferguson spoke on existing zones and inquired on current unit per acre.

Bill Kelley spoke on City's efforts on Housing Element draft, affordable housing, and housing crisis.

David Melford spoke on Affordable Housing in South Pasadena.

In Person Public Comments:

Dwight Bond spoke regarding the future of South Pasadena and the Housing Element.

Simon Frasier spoke on the site progress.

John Serbalas spoke on renters in South Pasadena and the Housing Element.

Sheila Rossi spoke on the public engagement events and the Housing Element.

Roberto Flores spoke on the relocation of renters related to the Housing Element.

Alan Ehrlich spoke on the process of the past public engagement on the General Plan and Downtown Specific Plan, Caltrans houses, and the Housing Element.

Jeralyn Schmidt spoke on green spaces in the city and the item.

Anne Bagasao spoke on the efforts on the presented draft.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters, Mayor Primuth adjourned the meeting of the City Council at 8:10 P.M., to the next Special Joint Meeting with City Council and Planning Commission meeting scheduled on Wednesday, February 15, 2023.

Respectfully submitted:

Mark Perez

Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

Jon Primuth

Mayor

ATTEST:

Mark Perez

Deputy City Clerk

Approved at City Council Meeting: September 6, 2023