



APPROVED: 03/15/2022

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

February 3, 2022

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rodriguez called the meeting to order via teleconference at 5:08 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Members present: Councilmembers Mora, Sarno, Trujillo, Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, and Mayor Rodriguez.

Members absent: None.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following people spoke during public comments: Steve Masura, Stephane Wandell, Lang Cottrell, and William K. Rounds.

In response to Lang Cottrell's public comment, City Attorney, Ivy M. Tsai, added for clarification that Staff did revisit that addition and decided not to include that revision, and make a few edits to remove the word "update" and to lowercase "conditional use permit". Those are the only changes from the proposed language from the business community.

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4. **STUDY SESSION**

2040 Comprehensive General Plan Update (Planning)

Recommendation:

There is no action required at this time. Following this study session, unless a subsequent study session is requested, staff will return to the City Council at a Special City Council meeting on February 8, 2022, seeking approval for the 2040 Comprehensive General Plan update and Final Environmental Impact Report.

City Manager, Raymond R. Cruz, provided a brief update on Item No. 4. He stated that there are certain parts of the General Plan that still require direction from Council, but otherwise believes that an agreement is close to being finalized.

Assistant Director of Planning, Cuong Nguyen provided a presentation on the four outstanding items for Council direction pertaining to 1) non-conforming provisions, 2) freeway commercial implementation and allowed uses, 3) buffer from residential uses (existing and/or planned), and 4) buffer from residential uses (city residents, adjacent cities, and sphere of influence). He emphasized that under the proposed General Plan, all existing permitted, accessory and conditional uses will be allowed to continue in the freeway overlay zone.

Jose Rodriguez from MIG, provided information on the 500-foot buffer from residential uses, including planned and existing residential uses. Councilmember Sarno asked about why warehousing is labeled as nonconforming in certain areas. Assistant Director Nguyen stated that the current map only portrays what is being rezoned from industrial to light industrial. Councilmember Sarno commented that the City should consider current and future developments.

The following speakers provided comments via Zoom: Moshe Sassover, Andrew Fogg, Francis Park, Jeff Hamilton, and Irma Huitron.

Assistant Director Nguyen requested direction from Council on main outstanding issues. City Attorney Tsai explained that the new language for non-conforming provisions does not establish a time frame for any non-conforming uses to amortize or go away, and allows for certain updating of existing structures without increase or enlargement of an area. Council agreed on the language for non-conforming provisions as presented.

City Attorney Tsai commented that this meeting is the time for Council to reach a consensus on the main outstanding issues, in this case specifically addressing issue number four, to allow a buffer from residential uses for only City Residents, Adjacent Cities, and/or the Sphere of Influence. Council provided their feedback and opinions on the subject. City Attorney clarified that the buffer would not affect existing uses, only new uses coming in. Planning Consultant, Laurel Reimer provided further clarification on buffer choices. Council unanimously provided direction on issue number four to only implement a 500-foot buffer from City Residents. Assistant Director Nguyen provided additional information for Council to consider in making a decision for issue number three. A majority of Council provided direction to maintain a 500-buffer for existing and planned residential uses.

Assistant Director of Planning Nguyen provided information on a specific parcel located on Norwalk Blvd & Lakeland Rd and recommend Planning staff deny the request to rezone the corner property to light industrial and maintain current commercial designation for that property and along Norwalk Blvd. Council provided direction to Staff to deny the request.

Steve Masura made a comment as to why he was not in agreement with Council's decision and stated he would provide a follow-up to Planning Department staff.

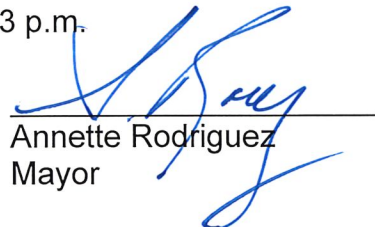
5. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

ATTEST:



Janet Martinez
City Clerk



Annette Rodriguez
Mayor



Date