

**MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022  
SARATOGA CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING**

At 7:00 p.m., the City Council held a Special Meeting via teleconferencing through Zoom.

Mayor Walia called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. via teleconferencing through Zoom.

Prior to Roll Call, the City Clerk explained the City Council meeting was conducted pursuant to State law as recently amended by Assembly Bill 361, which allows the meeting to be conducted entirely by teleconference. The City Council has met all the applicable notice requirements and the public is welcome to participate. All Council Members, staff, and meeting attendees participated by Zoom. Information on how the public can observe the meeting and provide public comment was provided.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Tina Walia, Vice Mayor Kookie Fitzsimmons, Council Members Mary-Lynne Bernald, Rishi Kumar, Yan Zhao  
(All Council Members appearing via teleconference)

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** James Lindsay, City Manager  
Richard Taylor, City Attorney  
Crystal Bothelio, Assistant City Manager  
Britt Avrit, City Clerk  
Debbie Pedro, Community Development Director  
Lauren Pettipiece, Public Information Officer  
Nicole Johnson, Senior Planner  
(All staff members appearing via teleconference)

**REPORT ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

The City Clerk reported the agenda for this meeting was properly posted on January 19, 2022.

Mayor Walia discussed the amount of public comment received at each of the Housing Element public meetings and requested the City Council consider reducing the public speaking time to one minute and consider if the Council would like to limit the public comment time period at this meeting.

**BERNALD/KUMAR MOVED TO CHANGE THE PUBLIC COMMENT SPEAKING TIME TO ONE MINUTE PER PERSON. MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: BERNALD, KUMAR, ZHAO, FITZSIMMONS, WALIA: NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.**

## AGENDA ITEM

1. EIR Project Description for Housing Element and General Plan Update including Housing Opportunity Sites Selection, Policies, and Programs

### **Recommended Action:**

Provide direction on the Housing Opportunity Sites, distribution of units, and policies and programs to include in the project description for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the General Plan and Housing Element Update.

Debbie Pedro, Community Development Director, provided answers to questions received during public comment on January 19, 2022.

Mayor Walia invited public comment on the item.

The following individuals spoke on this item: Dhans, Brenda, Kate Shen, Siva M, James Foley, Lisa Newman, Jill Hunter, Glenda Aune, Anne Johnson, Elango, Hao Ge, Frank Schneider, Anoop Kumar, Jose Nunez, Lochan Narvekar, Doug Robertson, Hadi Ghafouri, Ashok Madanahalli, Ryan, Vish, Savitha, Athena Carter, Sundar, Curt Blanchi, Joy Ciffone, Nancy Lietzke, Scott Connelly, Priya Panchatcharam, Joanne, Bashyam Anant, Concerned Citizen, Timothy McNally, Ken, Ying Shan, Rashmi Shrivastava, Steve Diamond, Debbie, Adya, Priya, Vivian, Kavita, Joe, Erin, Xiaofeng Wu, Terry Cabrinha, Leon Zhang, Denise Xu, Andrey Tovchigrechko, Terry Ward, Resident Input, Sam, Zoom User, Brian & Cynthia, Scott Adams, Arthur Lee, Cristina, Renee Paquier, Bill Cooper, Maria, M, Karen, Steve, Divya, Sanjeev, Doug Boling.

Mayor Walia requested a recess and reconvened the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

**BERNALD/FITZSIMMONS MOVED TO CONTINUE THE HOUSING ELEMENT ITEM TO JANUARY 28, 2022 IN PLACE OF THE CITY COUNCIL RETREAT, REQUESTED STAFF INCLUDE INFORMATION ON THE PROSPECT CENTER, THE COUNTRY CLUB, MONTALVO, QUITO/POLLARD PROPERTY, AND REQUESTED THE CITY COUNCIL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SITES FOR CONSIDERATION TO STAFF BY 8:00 AM MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022 MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: BERNALD, ZHAO, FITZSIMMONS, WALIA: NOES: KUMAR. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.**

## COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS

### Council Member Mary-Lynne Bernald

Nothing to report.

### Vice Mayor Kookie Fitzsimmons

Hakone Foundation Board – stated admission and gift shop sales are up

Council Member Rishi Kumar

Nothing to report.

Council Member Yan Zhao

*Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Policy Advisory Committee* - elected Council Member Moore from the City of Cupertino as Chair and Council Member Lopez from the City of Campbell Vice Chair, adopted FY 2021-2022 budget, received a Measure B update, approved Transportation Development Act funding for design of a multi-use pedestrian and bicycle trail.

*West Valley Sanitation District* – stated she has been selected as the Chair and Vice Mayor Ristow from the Town of Los Gatos was selected as Vice Chair.

Mayor Tina Walia

*Hakone Foundation Board & Executive Committee* - stated the Committee approved a minor bylaw change to streamline processes related to terms of Trustees, received a Treasurer’s Report presentation, discussed the Finance Committee recommendations, and discussed the increase in attendance.

*Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority Board of Directors* - stated the Board elected City of Campbell Council Member Gibbons as the Chair and the City of Los Altos Hills, Mayor Tyson as Vice Chair, selected the five members of the Executive Committee and established an Ad-Hoc committee to address legislative and regulatory responses.

*Cities Association of Santa Clara County-Legislative Action Committee* - discussed the 2022 goals.

*Cities Association of Santa Clara County-City Selection Committee* – stated the Committee elected Morgan Hill City Council Member Yvonne Martinez Beltran as the ABAG Executive Board Alternate, elected Sunnyvale City Council Member Glenn Hendricks to the Measure A Oversight Committee, appointed Sunnyvale City Council Member Russ Melton to the Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Authority Board of Directors and the Town of Los Gatos Council Member Matthew Hudes as the alternate.

*Cities Association of Santa Clara County* – stated the Board discussed goal setting and received the Planning Collaborative Update.

*Council Finance Committee* - stated the Committee received a report regarding the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and an audit report.

**CITY COUNCIL ITEMS**

None

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Council Member Kumar invited the public “submit your request to go through the RHNA number audit.”

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

FITZSIMMONS/BERNALD MOVED TO **ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 12:02 A.M.**  
MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: BERNALD, KUMAR, ZHAO,  
FITZSIMMONS, WALIA: NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Britt Avrit, MMC, City Clerk  
City of Saratoga