

MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2021
SARATOGA CITY COUNCIL/COMMISSION STUDY SESSION

At 7:00 p.m., the City Council held a Study Session with the Heritage Preservation Commission, Library & Community Engagement Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, Pedestrian, Equestrian, & Bicycle Trails Advisory Committee, Planning Commission, Traffic Safety Commission and Youth Commission via teleconferencing through Zoom.

AGENDA ITEM

City Council / City Commissions Joint Study Session

Recommended Action:

Review existing policies regarding the City's Mission Statement, Statement of Values, and the Code of Ethics and Values and direct staff accordingly.

James Lindsay, City Manager, presented the agenda item.

The City Manager invited public comment on the item.

The following individuals spoke on this item: Tylor Taylor

BERNALD/FITZSIMMONS MOVED TO **CONTINUE TO EXPLORE COMPONENT PARTS OF THE MISSION STATEMENT, ANALYZE OTHER CITIES' MISSION STATEMENTS AND USE MARKKULA CENTER OR OTHER RESOURCES AND BRING BACK TO THE RETREAT.** MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: BERNALD, FITZSIMMONS, WALIA, ZHAO: NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: KUMAR.

BERNALD MOVED TO **CONTINUE TO EXPLORE COMPONENT PARTS OF THE STATEMENT OF VALUES, ANALYZE OTHER CITIES' STATEMENT OF VALUES AND USE MARKKULA CENTER OR OTHER RESOURCES AND BRING BACK TO THE RETREAT.**

After further discussion Council Member Bernald put her motion on hold.

FITZSIMMONS/BERNALD MOVED TO **DIRECT STAFF TO BRING BACK OPTIONS FOR POTENTIAL CITY COMMISSION OR ADVISORY BODY AND OPTIONS TO PROVIDE TRAINING TO THE CITY COUNCIL.**

After further discussion Council Member Bernald withdrew her second.

FITZSIMMONS//BERNALD MOVED TO **DIRECT STAFF TO LOOK AT PRACTICES AND MODELS OF OTHER CITIES, RETURN TO THE CITY COUNCIL WITH A RECOMMENDATION ON HOW TO PROCEED, THAT INCLUDES CONSIDERATION OF IDEAS FOR NEXT STEPS AND THEMES BASED ON CONVERSATION, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS RECEIVED TONIGHT** MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: BERNALD, FITZSIMMONS, WALIA, ZHAO: NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: KUMAR.

WALIA/BERNALD MOVED TO DIRECT STAFF TO BRING BACK TO THE CITY COUNCIL RECOMMENDED CHANGES AFTER REVIEWING THE CODE OF ETHICS AND VALUES OF OTHER AGENCIES WITH THE ADDITION OF ANOTHER CLAUSE THAT ADDRESSES DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVITY FOR THE CODE OF ETHICS AND VALUES MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: BERNALD, FITZSIMMONS, WALIA, ZHAO: NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: KUMAR.

WALIA MOVED TO REVIEW THE MISSION STATEMENT, STATEMENT OF VALUES, AND THE CODE OF ETHICS AND VALUES AT THE CITY COUNCIL RETREAT AND CONDUCT A PERIODIC REVIEW WITH THE CITY COUNCIL AND ALL COMMISSIONS.

After further discussion Vice Mayor Walia withdrew the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

FITZSIMMONS/BERNALD MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:04 P.M. MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: BERNALD, FITZSIMMONS, WALIA, ZHAO: NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: KUMAR.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Britt Avrit, MMC, City Clerk
City of Saratoga