



CITY OF ALBANY
MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
ALBANY CITY COUNCIL

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1000 SAN PABLO AVENUE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2015

6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Maass called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Maass led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members McQuaid, Nason, Pilch, Vice Mayor Barnes, Mayor Maass

3. STUDY SESSION

3-1. Draft General Plan Study Session

The Council held a study session to review the draft General Plan

Community Development Director Jeff Bond provided an overview and introduced Consultant Barry Miller who provided a presentation to the Council regarding the Draft General Plan. The goal is to adopt a final General Plan in Spring 2016. Once adopted, the General Plan can be amended up to four times per year.

The following people spoke: Delia Carol; Malcolm Russell; Julie Wakelee-Lynch; Kevin Omi; Alexa Hauser; Jerri Holan.

A summary of comments is as follows: encouraged further measures to minimize automobile traffic, improve accessibility to the waterfront, link land use and conservation/sustainability elements; encouraged more contingency planning in the General Plan such as climate change impacts, increased population density; include affordable housing as a top priority for any development intended on the Golden Gate Fields property and/or financing to establish affordable housing at a different location in Albany, and with any changes proposed to Measure C for

development at the waterfront; encouraged revenue from any sale of Golden Gate Fields to provide an affordable housing fund; encouraged including language regarding removing parking as a barrier to developing affordable housing; historic resources within Albany should be further protected to ensure preservation of historical sites, and a historic zoning ordinance should be adopted.

The Council provided feedback regarding the draft General Plan including areas for clarification and further detail.

4. ADJOURNMENT

10:00 pm. There being no further business before the City Council it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Nicole Almaguer, City Clerk.



Peter Maass
Mayor

Attest:



Nicole Almaguer, City Clerk