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Adam Loraine

CITY OF SAN MATEO

Special Meeting Minutes

City Council

City Hall
330 W. 20th Avenue
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June 17, 2024
City Hall Council Chambers 5:00 PM
Special Meeting

CALL TO ORDER at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Diaz Nash, Deputy Mayor Newsom, Council Members: Hedges, Lee, and Loraine

AB 2449 Requests and Considerations for Meeting Participation by Teleconference due to Just Cause or Emergency Circumstances – there were no requests.

CLOSED SESSION

Following the opportunity for public comment, there were no speakers, the City Council convened into Closed Session at 5:10 p.m. to consider:

1. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code Section 54957.6)
City designated representatives: Yumi Maeda, Karen Huang, Abby Veaser and Stacey Cue.
Employee Organizations: Police Sergeants' Association, San Mateo City Employees Association, SEIU Maintenance and SEIU Non-Merit Part-Time

Council reconvened at 5:33 p.m.

STUDY SESSION

2. Historic Policy Workplan and Timelines – Overview and Council Direction
Zachary Dahl, Community Development Director, gave the presentation on historic policy workplan options.

Public Comment:

Frank Elliot suggested adding a land use attorney and does not support the local designation process. Laurie Watanuki. spoke in favor of option 1. Shawn Fahrenbrach does not support and feels there needs to be some disincentive for people requesting historic preservation status. Kolja stated it is not a priority – city departments are understaffed. Anna Kuhre spoke against ordinance update; ordinances have been rescinded. Jay Kuhre encouraged Council to take action to take decision making out of the hands of organizations, Gene Alston expressed support for option 3. Timothy Elliott spoke for the need of inclusivity and transparency in process. Tom Lease spoke to the need to prioritize implementation. Lisa Vanda Voorde spoke in favor of option 1. Laurie H. thanked staff for working on this and is in favor of option 1. Jeremy Levine has been following Baywood and we do not have good information on historic preservation, no place where all this information is combined. The State does not even have an inventory.

Council discussion followed.

Council consensus and direction to staff was Option 1: to prioritize implementation. City Manager Khojikian clarified that staff would provide an update in early December.

ADJOURNMENT –The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

Lisa Diaz Nash, Mayor

Martin McTaggart, City Clerk