

CITY OF SAN MATEO

Special Meeting Minutes

City Council

Monday, June 1, 2020
Remote 5:30 PM
Special Meeting

This meeting is being held under the provisions of State of California Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20; in which Brown Act regulations are relaxed to allow members to remote in due to the Coronavirus Covid-19 health emergency.

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Remote: Mayor Goethals, Deputy Mayor Rodriguez, Council Members: Bonilla, Papan and Lee

CLOSED SESSION

Following the opportunity for public comment, there were no speakers, the Council convened into closed session to consider the following matters:

1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: Case No. 19-CIV-05101)
2. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: One potential case.

In open session, the City Attorney announced that the City Council has approved a settlement agreement with A&M Restaurants and Adam Light for unpaid rent and utility charges incurred by the former restaurant operator at the Poplar Creek Golf Course. The terms provide for installment payments totaling approximately \$96,000 in exchange for the City's dismissal of its complaint without prejudice. The Councilmembers voted as follows: Ayes: Goethals, Rodriguez, Bonilla, Papan and Lee. Noes: None. Motion passed 5-0.

STUDY SESSION

3. Affordable Housing Funding Strategy
Housing Program Manager Sandy Council provided a presentation on the City's various affordable housing funding sources. Council asked questions of staff. Public Comment – Ken Chin, San Mateo Foster City School District Board of Trustee, stated the school district is a willing partner for housing partnerships. Council asked additional questions of staff. Council comments included: the importance of different housing elements including Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), finding ways to streamline the processes, encouraging long-term partnerships for ADUs, rehabilitating older buildings to housing, the importance of very low and government assisted housing, investing in long-term assets, encouraging looking for opportunities for housing, concern expressed to wait for the new financial products to help with affordable housing, exploring partnerships (for instance with the County and HEART), more focus on rapid re-housing of homeless, a focus on opportunities for employee housing needs to be a focus. Discussion ensued on what would provide the highest return on the investment –

perhaps continuing to adopt a flexible strategy including rental assistance, work-force housing, with new construction as the first priority. ADUs are important but long-term investment is more important. The Council concurred to not sit on the small funding sources, however to use them to meet immediate community needs being as flexible as possible and bring back opportunities for large funding new construction whenever it occurs.

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

APPROVED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

Joe Goethals, Mayor

Patrice M. Olds, City Clerk