

# CITY OF SAN MATEO

## Special Meeting Minutes

### City Council

**Monday, June 15, 2020**  
**Remote 5:00 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

## STUDY SESSION

### 1. Downtown Parking and Enforcement - Update

Principal Transportation Planner Sue-Ellen Atkinson provided a presentation on Fund 28 which includes parking and lease revenues and related expenditures to support parking operations, enforcement, cleaning and staffing. She then outlined the impact in reduced revenue due to the shelter-in-place order from COVID-19 and reviewed the projected fund balance for fiscal year 2020-21. Staff then presented options for council consideration to address the impacts.

Option 1 – Continue suspension of parking enforcement and paid parking.

Option 2 – Remove 1.6M Capital Improvement Project fund transfer for Central Park Garage

Option 3 – Begin downtown parking enforcement and paid parking

Staff recommended Option 3 with a 30-day communication and warning time frame. Council asked questions of staff. Public comment was offered, there were no speakers. Council discussion ensued.

Direction was given to focus on communication in these 30 days, prorate parking pass holders for July, and go back to full operation on July 15, 2020. Motion passed 5-0.

Moved: Goethals, Seconded: Rodriguez

Ayes: Goethals, Rodriguez, Papan, Bonilla, and Lee

Noes: None

### 2. November 3, 2020 General Municipal Election – Calling the Election and Placing a City Council Proposition on the Ballot

City Attorney Shawn Mason provided a presentation on Council's request to consider placing a ballot measure for the General Municipal election on November 3, 2020. He provided a history of the initiative measure already on the ballot extends Measure P an additional 10 years to 2030. He noted an alternative initiative measure effort was begun in February; however, the COVID-19 shelter-in-place order required that they could not signature gather. On June 1 the proponents of the alternative measure requested the City Council place the

measure on the ballot. He outlined the features of the alternative measure and some recommendation on changing the question.

Community Development Director Kohar Kojayan presented a redrawn Boundary map from the alternative measure and presented implications for the General Plan update process.

Public Comment – Rosanne Foust, SAMCEDA, alternative ballot measure allows for greater flexibility and noted their board voted to oppose the extension of Measure P. Lester Chen stated perhaps it should require a 55% vote to pass. Evelyn Stivers, Housing Leadership Council, stated inclusivity means it should be placed on the ballot; Thomas Weissmiller stated to vote no on putting the alternative measure on the ballot. Michael Weinbauer, stated placing this on the ballot crosses an ethical line; Tim Frank, Executive Director for Center for Sustainable Neighborhoods, asked to place it on the ballot. Drew stated he is struggling with the measure as the boundaries do not encourage inclusivity; Martin stated a need to consider rolling back the height limits and he supports alternative measure. H. Hewitt noted there has been a lot of construction ongoing under Measure P so he does not support putting this on the ballot. Robin stated concerns with the original measure on the ballot.

Council discussion ensued with additional questions of staff noting with COVID-19 restrictions in place campaigning is going to be more difficult, and a discussion about the study areas that are not included in the alternative measure, and a concern that Bridgepointe Shopping Center should be a part of the conversation. Council provided direction noting concerns with equality of process; restricted discourse due to the pandemic; the need for the community to be very focused on affordable housing and how to make that happen; issues with fairness and choice; noting in 2018 the Council supported a compromise with San Mateans for Responsive Government (SMRG) to put the measure on the ballot and proponents of the alternative measure got stopped in their tracks by COVID-19 and it would have qualified otherwise; and concerns about changing the maps as it then becomes a Council measure instead of a proponents measure. More discussion ensued about including Bridgepointe and impacts to equality of the process. Council directed staff to put on the alternative measure as presented and bring back the question language and argument options to the July meeting.

Motion passed 5-0.

Moved: Bonilla, Seconded: Rodriguez  
Ayes: Goethals, Rodriguez, Papan, Bonilla, and Lee  
Noes: None

### **3. General Plan Update – Next Steps**

Joanna Jansen, Principal PlaceWorks, the City's consultant, provided a presentation on the General Plan next steps with the option to resume the alternatives creation and evaluation process as soon as Council approves the updated outreach plan; expedite the alternatives creation and evaluation process; or pause the alternatives creation and evaluation process until after the November 2020 election. Council asked questions of staff.

Public Comment – Karen Herrel, SMRG, in favor of pausing the alternative creation until the end of the year, noting they do support a robust General Plan process. Evelyn Stivers, Housing Leadership Council, stated there are more outreach tools to be inclusive and equitable plan. Adam Loraine stated a preference not to go with option 2. Council discussion ensued and by consensus option three was preferred to pause the discussion until after the November 2020 election.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.

APPROVED BY:

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Joe Goethals, Mayor

SUBMITTED BY:

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Patrice M. Olds, City Clerk