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# CITY OF SAN MATEO

## Special Meeting Minutes

### City Council

City Hall  
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**Tuesday, January 29, 2022**  
**Remote 9:00 AM**  
**Special Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER** This meeting was held pursuant to authorization from Government Code 54943(b)(3) / AB361 (2021) in which Brown Act regulations are relaxed to allow members to participate virtually due to the Covid-19 health emergency.

#### Roll Call

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

#### STUDY SESSION

1. City Council Goal Setting Workshop

The Mayor stated the purpose of the workshop is to review the current Council Strategic Plan and identify new Council objectives for consideration for fiscal year 2022-23.

Public Comment – Raayan Mohtashemi, Silicon Valley Bike, Coalition presented an organized presentation on bicycle network goals. Lisa Diaz Nash spoke regarding the goals. Alan Mattlage spoke in favor of green goals. Michelle Hudson spoke in support of fighting climate change. Robert Whitehair spoke in favor of housing and decarbonization. Heather Wolnick recommended prioritizing active transportation network. Zachary Scott, 12 years old, spoke about supporting policies for climate change. Siya Verma in support of placing 18 to 25 year-olds on the Park & Recreation Commission. David Hunt spoke in favor of active alternative transportation plan. Mary Rose LeBaron spoke in favor of lower fossil fuel emissions the fastest. Adam Loraine spoke in favor of environmental priorities. Debra Leschyn spoke in favor of the B Street mall and climate change initiatives. Justin Alley, One San Mateo, spoke in favor of keeping families in their homes by fighting unjust evictions. Megan Strain spoke in support of climate action policies.

Mayor Bonilla outlined the process to be used today and City Manager Drew Corbett provided information specifics about the process going forward. Facilitator Tim Dunkin led the workshop.

City Manager Drew Corbett reviewed prior strategic goals that required updating. Council discussion ensued on proposed changes. Department Heads Azalea Mitch, Public Works Director and Police Chief Ed Barberini responded to questions raised.

Council recessed from 10:32 am to 10:42 am.

Council reviewed City Council proposed objectives and made modification to the following:

#### New Council Objectives

- Establish policies to decarbonize existing buildings and infrastructure. Eliminate methane gas use by 2030.
- Analyze density minimums for mixed-use projects and update the Density Bonus and Community Benefits policies
- Adopt an ordinance that creates a buffer zone during large protests around clinics, like planned parenthood, so that accessibility remains possible.
- Study fiscal impact of adopting an environmental, social, and corporate governance (ESG) provision for our City's investment policy.

- Study landscaping water conservation incentive policies
- Study campaign finance reform policies
- Explore ways to explore expanding youth participation and representation on Boards and Commissions
- Explore policies to strengthen AB1482 Tenant Protection Act
- Increase education and resources to small businesses on ADA compliance
- Open public bathroom downtown
- Evaluate leaf blower regulations
- Adopt a Retail Cannabis Ordinance with restrictions around schools and significant public benefits including license fees and safety standards.
- Provide no cost menstruation products at recreation centers.
- Address structural issues at the Marina Library
- Implement projects and programs to enhance Police Traffic Unit services.
- Explore whether the City should adopt an ordinance to zone parcels for up to 10 units of residential density per parcel if the parcel is located in a transit-rich area or an urban infill site (SB10).

Council proceeded to rank the new objectives with the result they were all given A level status.

Public Comment – One San Mateo - spoke in favor protecting rent eviction regulations. There being no further business the Council moved on to adjournment.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.