

**MINUTES  
CITY OF PLEASANTON  
Special City Council Meeting  
January 30, 2007**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Hosterman called the Special Meeting of the City Council to order at 10:39 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Cook-Kallio, McGovern, Sullivan, Thorne, Mayor Hosterman  
Absent: None

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

4. **COUNCIL DIRECTION REGARDING THE PRELIMINARY TRAFFIC MODELING**

Mayor Hosterman called for a motion regarding the topics discussed in the workshop.

It was m/s by Sullivan/Cook-Kallio to adopt a policy supporting constrained gateways in the General Plan.

An amendment was requested by Councilmember McGovern to include a case-by-case review to try to preserve trees and landscaping. Councilmember Sullivan agreed to the amendment. Motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cook-Kallio, McGovern, Sullivan, Thorne, Mayor Hosterman  
Noes: None  
Absent: None

It was m/s by Thorne/Cook-Kallio, to model the Stoneridge Drive extension before requesting the Environmental Impact Report. Motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cook-Kallio, McGovern, Sullivan, Thorne, Mayor Hosterman  
Noes: None  
Absent: None

It was m/s by Sullivan/Thorne to model the transit oriented development (TOD) land use option and the hybrid land use option as defined in Attachment 2. Motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cook-Kallio, Sullivan, Thorne, Mayor Hosterman  
Noes: Councilmember McGovern  
Absent: None

5. **CONSIDER THE DRAFT COMMUNITY CHARACTER ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN**

Janice Stern, Current Planner, presented the staff report.

Ms. Stern noted staff had provided language in response to questions in a number of places.

Mayor Hosterman opened the item for comment.

Mary Roberts referred to her comments made at the workshop regarding constrained gateways and the conformance with the community character element and suggested adding signs along Vineyard Avenue directing people to downtown Pleasanton.

Mayor Hosterman closed the public comment period.

Ms. Stern referred to the questions of Councilmember McGovern and reviewed the suggested changes to the element as set forth on Attachment 5.

Councilmember Sullivan referred to page 10-22, Program 9.3, and said he would like to have further discussion of the monument signage at the city's entryways. Mayor Hosterman agreed.

There was some discussion regarding the "greenbelt" buffer between Livermore and Pleasanton as stated in #15 of the attachment.

Mayor Hosterman supported the addition as stated in #16 to explore public/private partnerships to clean up and improve the appearance of freeway on/off ramps at Foothill Road and I-580 and other locations as needed.

Ms. Stern offered other suggestions to the language.

Mayor Hosterman commented these were all good suggestions and thanked Councilmember McGovern for working with staff on this.

Councilmember Sullivan referred to page 10-20, Goal 2, Policy 1, and suggested language "to adopt an historic preservation ordinance."

Ms. Stern said there is a policy to adopt that in the conservation element.

Councilmember Sullivan referred to page 10-21, Policy 6, and suggested the wording say, "Enhance the visual appearance and natural condition of the Arroyos." Also under that Policy, he requested adding something about working with Zone 7 on the Stream Management Master Plan projects that have been identified. On page 10-25 at the bottom it says, "Maintain and enhance the quality, character and distinctiveness of residential neighborhoods". He requested a phrase such as "protect neighborhood character" which he did not see in the document. He suggested it say, "Protect and maintain neighborhood character".

Councilmember Cook-Kallio preferred wording in terms of community character rather than specific neighborhoods.

Councilmember Sullivan believed community character was different than neighborhood character. His point was to include the word "protect." He stated that he supported Ms.

Roberts' comments about adopting hillside design standards. He referred to page 10-27 that stated to preserve scenic hillside and ridge views, and suggested adding, "implement southeast hills open space plan." It indicated that this was a Council priority, and believed it would have more standing as a General Plan policy.

City Manager Fialho thought that was a great project and ultimately the vision would play out to provide a wonderful greenbelt in the southeast hills. He noted that Council had not had a chance to have that discussion because the Oak Grove project had not come forward; however, he indicated that there is an earlier policy regarding a greenbelt around the City and that it was all encompassing. Mr. Fialho suggested adding the wording "preserve scenic hillside and ridge views and other natural features in the hills" as it could accomplish the goal.

Councilmember McGovern felt that was an area where the blue oak exists and that there are few areas like that. She believed this was a special entity on its own and is as important as the Pleasanton Ridge.

Councilmember Sullivan said if there was a policy to preserve the Ridge then there should be a policy to preserve the southeast hills.

Community Development Director Iserson believed something more generic could be added to the language that did not reference the southeast plans but strives to protect the environment and character of the area.

It was m/s by Sullivan/McGovern to adopt the Community Character Element as amended. Motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cook-Kallio, McGovern, Sullivan, Thorne, Mayor Hosterman  
Noes: None  
Absent: None

6. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further discussion, the special meeting was adjourned at 10:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Karen Diaz  
City Clerk