

MINUTES  
OF THE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL

August 30, 2005

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hosterman called the Special Meeting of the City Council to order at 10:26 p.m.

The Deputy City Clerk called the roll as follows: Councilmembers present were: Steve Brozosky, Cindy McGovern, Matthew Sullivan, Jerry Thorne, and Mayor Jennifer Hosterman. Staff members present were: Nelson Fialho, City Manager, Lynn Tracy Nerland, Assistant City Attorney, Jerry Iserson, Director of Planning and Community Services, and Brian Swift, Retired Director of Planning and Community Services.

2. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no speakers.

3. ACTION ITEMS CONCERNING GENERAL PLAN UPDATE: CIRCULATION ELEMENT UPDATE

Mr. Fialho indicated staff was asking Council to accept the definitions for cut-through traffic as presented and as the process continues discussions can be held with Dublin and Livermore to see if the language needs to be changed or not.

**It was moved by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mayor Hosterman, to accept the staff definitions of cut-through traffic as a working draft to be used as a tool to help understand where traffic is going with the understanding that there will be discussions with Dublin and Livermore to seek standardization.**

Mr. Brozosky did not like the example for city-based arterial cut-through traffic which says someone who lives on one side of town and wants to go to the mall and does not use the freeway, is considered cut-through. He acknowledged it is necessary to establish basic terminology so everyone understands what is being discussed. He did not see an advantage of approving the definitions at this meeting.

Mr. Fialho felt Council could take the same approach as it did with the Circulation Element and just adopt the definitions as a working draft to be adjusted as the process goes forward.

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

**AYES: Councilmembers McGovern, Sullivan, Thorne, and Mayor Hosterman**  
**NOES: Councilmember Brozosky**  
**ABSENT: None**  
**ABSTAIN: None**

Mr. Thorne said he could accept the definitions as a working draft so long as it is clear the citizens of Pleasanton are not being classified as cut-through.

Ms. McGovern accepted the working draft but reiterated her desire to have some changes.

**It was moved by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Thorne, to adopt Alternative B as a working draft, subject to modification as part of the future land use and traffic circulation element workshops to occur in the future.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

**AYES: Councilmembers Sullivan, Thorne and Mayor Hosterman**  
**NOES: Councilmembers Brozosky and McGovern**  
**ABSENT: None**  
**ABSTAIN: None**

Ms. McGovern did not support the motion because she preferred Alternative A with the addition of some things from B. She did not want to run traffic models, which include things like Rose Avenue that will not be constructed. She believed all the traffic models shown at the meeting dealt with Alternative A and not B.

Mr. Brozosky agreed all the modeling was for Alternative A and he did not have enough information. Staff presented many options and he would like to start with A, discuss land use and then see what other options can be applied to mitigate impacts. He felt it was harder to get rid of things than to add things.

Ms. Hosterman supported the motion because it is the best opportunity to put everything on the table and thoroughly understand options before removing anything. She acknowledged there are improvements that will never happen like the Rose Avenue extension.

Mr. Brozosky asked why she did not support Alternative C, since she wanted everything on the table?

Mr. Hosterman replied that it was important to understand the Stoneridge Drive extension and West Las Positas interchange, and to share that information with the neighboring cities. In the spring, when it is known those projects will have an impact, discussions can then be had with regard to mitigations.

Ms. McGovern pointed out that Alternative B did not include the Stoneridge Drive extension and West Las Positas interchange.

Mr. Fialho assumed the Mayor was talking about modeling the 1996 General Plan. Council selected a working draft tonight and at the end of the process it would be compared to the 1996 General Plan in order to make an informed decision.

Mr. Fialho indicated there is a proposed workshop on September 27, 2005 to discuss land use. That agenda will be posed on the website.

Mr. Brozosky said a question had been raised about the businesses in town which he felt was not answered. He asked if "approved" includes all the entitlements for the Bernal property, the Stoneridge Mall and Hacienda Business Park?

Mr. Swift said there is a comprehensive list in one of the earlier staff reports. He noted the expansion of the mall as set forth in the development agreement is included, but if more is desired, it is not included. The Bernal property development in the development agreement is included (745,000 sq. ft. of office/commercial). The complete build out of Hacienda Business Park as set forth in the development agreement is also included, but nothing on Staples Ranch, east area of Kaiser/Kiewit property. The Applied Biosystems development south along Sunol Boulevard is also included.

Ms. McGovern referred to discussion about putting a Council sponsored measure on the ballot. She did not support that because she felt the signature gathering process provided a way to talk to the public about their opinions.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the special meeting of the City Council was adjourned at 10:39 p.m. to meet again in regular session on Tuesday, September 6, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Abrahamson  
City Clerk