



SPECIAL JOINT STUDY SESSION MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION - MAY 16, 2023 – 6:00 P.M. - MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER– The Study Session meeting was called to order by Mayor Stephens at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Planning Commission Chair Adam Ereth, Planning Commissioner Angely Andrade Vallarta, Planning Commissioner Tim Taber, and Planning Commissioner Jimmy Vivar, Council Member Chavez, Council Member Gameros, Council Member Harper, Council Member Marr, Council Member Reynolds, Mayor Pro Tem Harlan, and Mayor Stephens,

Present Via Zoom Webinar: Planning Commission Vice Chair Russell Toler.

Absent: Planning Commissioner Johnny Rojas and Planning Commissioner Jon Zich.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jay Humphrey thanked staff, council, and planning commission for addressing the issue.

Dianne Russell spoke on housing needs and rental housing.

Juana Trejo spoke on rental assistance organizations and individuals who need assistance.

Speaker, spoke on rent increases and interest rate increases.

Jenn Tanaka spoke on proceeding with caution and the risks associated with inclusionary zoning.

Margaret Sharp inquired on the City's plan and spoke on creative solutions.

Speaker, spoke on Measure K and representing residents.

Speaker, spoke on market rate housing.

Speaker, spoke on talking with businesses who will be affected, and regulating low income housing.

Kathy Esfahani, Costa Mesa Housing Coalition, encouraged the City to not be conservative and to focus on the need for very low-income affordable housing, and encouraged a 15% requirement.

Speaker, thanked staff, council, and commissioners for the opportunity to participate in the study session.

Linda Tang spoke on the need for affordable housing.

Eric Nelson spoke on a comprehensive analysis, and exploring all facets on the issue.

STUDY SESSION ITEM:

1. JOINT STUDY SESSION REGARDING INCLUSIONARY HOUSING PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND POLICY DISCUSSION

Presentation by Kathe Head, Consultant and Jennifer Le, Economic and Development Services Director.

City Council and Planning Commission recessed into a break at 7:11 p.m.

City Council and Planning Commission reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

The City Council and Planning Commission provided feedback and direction regarding a potential inclusionary housing ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT – The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes adopted on this 6th day of June, 2023.

John Stephens, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Green, City Clerk

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