



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 08/02/2022

**Minutes of the Town Council Special Meeting
June 20, 2022**

The Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos conducted a special meeting utilizing teleconference and electronic means consistent with Government Code Section 54953, as Amended by Assembly Bill 361, in response to the state of emergency relating to COVID-19 and enabling teleconferencing accommodations by suspending or waiving specified provisions in the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code § 54950 et seq.) and Town of Los Gatos Resolution 2021-044 on Monday, June 20, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Rob Rennie, Vice Mayor Maria Ristow, Council Member Mary Badame, Council Member Matthew Hudes, Council Member Marico Sayoc (all participating remotely).

Absent: None

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Conduct a Public Hearing, Review the Planning Commission Recommendations, Determine Any Additional Modifications, Adopt the Draft 2040 General Plan, and Certify the Final Environmental Impact Report.

Jennifer Armer, Planning Manager, presented the staff report.

Opened public comment.

Kathleen Willey

- Commented in support of the plant-based diet education program Planning Commission recommendation.

Rob Stump

- Commented in opposition of increasing housing density within the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI).

Sue Ann Lorig

- Commented in support of the plant-based diet education program Planning Commission recommendation.

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Karen Rubio, Plant-Based Advocates

- Commented in support of the plant-based diet education program Planning Commission recommendation.

Steve Rothenberg

- Commented in opposition of increasing housing density.

Lynn Williams

- Commented in opposition of increasing housing density in residential areas.

Daniel Cooley

- Commented in opposition of increasing housing density.

John Shepardson

- Commented in opposition of increasing housing density, in support of the Planning Commission's plant-based diet education program and a Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) element.

Lee Quintana

- Commented in agreement with Rob Stump and John Shepardson's comments.

Barney Davidge

- Inquired about the proposed increase in housing density and commented on fire concerns.

Catherine Somers

- Commented in support of prioritizing alternative modes of transportation.

Closed public comment.

Council discussed the item.

MOTION: Motion by Vice Mayor Ristow to approve the proposed changes from the Planning Commission and Town Staff and outside agencies for the introduction and items 1-8 as contained in Attachment 7 with the following changes:

- Direct staff to bring back proposed language for the Vision Statement that acknowledges a mix of businesses.
- Direct staff to bring back proposed language for the Community Vitality Guiding Principle that highlights our unique and historic downtown.

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- Ensure the proposed revision regarding bike classes allowed on Shannon Road from Los Gatos Blvd. to Cherry Blossom Ln. from “Proposed Class I” to “Proposed Class II” is correct.

AMENDMENT: Amend a sentence in the introduction from “Council is the political body” to “Council is the elected body”. **Seconded by Council Member Sayoc.**

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Motion by Vice Mayor Ristow to direct the Town’s external JEDI consultant to review Chapter 2 Racial, Social, and Environmental Justice Element of the Draft 2040 General Plan and Planning Commission recommendations 9-14 and 42 in Attachment 7, and bring any proposed changes to the Council on June 30, 2022.

AMENDMENT: Direct the Town’s external JEDI consultant to review all of Chapter 2, Chapter 12 Glossary, and any supporting material related to the Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion aspects of the Draft General Plan. **Seconded by Council Member Hudes.**

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Badame to approve Planning Commission Recommendations 15-17 as contained in Attachment 7. **Seconded by Vice Mayor Ristow.**

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Rennie to approve the Planning Commission recommendations 18-22 as contained in Attachment 7. **Seconded by Vice Mayor Ristow.**

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Rennie to approve Planning Commission recommendations 23-25 as contained in Attachment 7. **Seconded by Vice Mayor Ristow.**

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

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MOTION: Motion by **Council Member Badame** to approve Planning Commission recommendations 26-38 and direct staff to bring revised verbiage of item 39 to the meeting on June 30, 2022. **Seconded by Mayor Rennie.**

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Motion by **Mayor Rennie** to approve Planning Commission recommendations 40 and 41 as contained in Attachment 7. **Seconded by Vice Mayor Ristow.**

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Recess 9:08 p.m.

Reconvene 9:15 p.m.

MOTION: Motion by **Mayor Rennie** to direct staff bring back proposed language for Council consideration for MOB 11.3 to allow for improvements of Highway 17. **Seconded by Council Member Hudes.**

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Motion by **Mayor Rennie** to direct staff to bring back proposed language for Council consideration for ENV-10.1 to reduce packaging and microplastics. **Seconded by Council Member Badame.**

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Motion by **Mayor Rennie** to on page 8-33 under item NN, revise the phrase “installation of rooftop solar” to “installation of rooftop solar and storage.” **Seconded by Vice Mayor Ristow.**

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Motion by **Mayor Rennie** to approve the Planning Commission recommendations item 43 through 45 as contained in Attachment 7. **Seconded by Vice Mayor Ristow.**

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing Item #1 – continued

MOTION: Motion by **Council Member Badame** to replace the terms “missing middle housing” with the phrase “small multi-unit housing” in the Land Use Element section of the 2040 Draft General Plan. **Seconded by Council Member Hudes.**

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Motion by **Mayor Rennie** to direct staff to bring implications of reverting the Low Density Residential (LDR) to the previous density range and propose a Low Medium Density designation (0-10 units per acre) to be used in the Community Place Districts for Council consideration on June 30, 2022. **Seconded by Vice Mayor Ristow.**

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Motion by **Council Member Hudes** to rename Community Place Districts to Community Growth Districts. **Seconded by Council Member Badame.**

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Motion by **Council Member Badame** to remove LU-1.3 and LU-3.5. **Seconded by Council Member Hudes.**

VOTE: Motion fails 2/3. Mayor Rennie, Vice Mayor Ristow, and Council Member Sayoc voting no.

MOTION: Motion by **Council Member Hudes** to remove LU-1.3. **Seconded by Council Member Badame.**

VOTE: Motion passed 3/2. Vice Mayor Ristow and Council Member Sayoc voting no.

MOTION: Motion by **Council Member Badame** to rewrite LU-5 as a goal incorporating Land Use Goal #1 in the existing 2020 General Plan and direct staff to bring back proposed verbiage for Council consideration on June 30, 2022. **Seconded by Vice Mayor Ristow.**

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing Item #1 – continued

MOTION: Motion by **Council Member Hudes** to replace the word “urban” with the word “community” in LU-2 and replace the phrase “urban services” with the phrase “municipal services”. **Seconded** by **Council Member Badame**.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Motion by **Vice Mayor Ristow** to approve Planning Commission recommendation 46 as contained in Attachment 7. **Seconded** by **Council Member Sayoc**.

VOTE: Motion passed 3/2. Council Members Badame and Hudes voting no.

MOTION: Motion by **Council Member Sayoc** to approve Planning Commission recommendations 47-52, exclusive of 51, as contained in Attachment 7.
AMENDMENT: Replace the word “and” with “or” in recommendation 49 contained in Attachment 7. **Seconded** by **Vice Mayor Ristow**.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Motion by **Council Member Badame** to approve Planning Commission recommendation 51 as contained in Attachment 7. **Seconded** by **Council Member Hudes**.

VOTE: Motion passed 3-1-1. Vice Mayor Ristow voting no, Council Member Sayoc abstaining.

MOTION: Motion by **Council Member Hudes** to revise the total capacity to be the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) of 1,993 units plus a 15% buffer, and revisit the numbers when more information is obtained from the State understanding the number of units may need to be adjusted. **Seconded** by **Council Member Badame**.

VOTE: Motion fails 2/3. Mayor Rennie, Vice Mayor Ristow, and Council Member Sayoc voting no.

MOTION: Motion by **Vice Mayor Ristow** to continue this item to a date certain of June 30, 2022. **Seconded** by **Council Member Sayoc**.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

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SUBJECT: Minutes of the Town Council Special Meeting of June 20, 2022

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The item was continued to a date certain of June 30, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Jenna De Long, Deputy Town Clerk