



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 08/02/2022

**Minutes of the Town Council - Special Meeting
June 30, 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 Tuesday, June 3, 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.

CONTINUED 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.

Rob Moore

- Commented in support of the Draft 2040 General Plan as presented.

Jeffrey Suzuki, Los Gatos Anti-Racism Coalition

- Commented in support of the Draft 2040 General Plan as presented.

Ali Miano, Los Gatos Anti-Racism Coalition and Complete Streets and Transportation Commission

- Commented in support of the Draft 2040 General Plan as presented.

Jeremy Barnes, Los Gatos Anti-Racism Coalition

- Commented in opposition of lowering the total housing capacity.

Public Hearing Item #1 – continued

Quinn Morgan

- Commented in support of affordable housing.

Leonie Pennington

- Commented on traffic concerns related to State Route 17, and in support of affordable housing.

Kinsey Lee, Los Gatos Anti-Racism Coalition

- Commented in support of the Draft 2040 General Plan as presented.

John Shepardson

- Commented on concerns of increasing housing density.

Jak Van Nada

- Commented in opposition of increasing housing density.

Closed public comment.

Council discussed the item.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Hudes to approve item 1 as contained in the staff report. Seconded by Council Member Sayoc.

VOTE: Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Sayoc to approve item 4 as contained in the staff report. Seconded by Vice Mayor Ristow.

VOTE: Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION: Motion by Vice Mayor Ristow to approve item 6 as contained in the staff report. Seconded by Council Member Sayoc.

VOTE: Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION: Motion by Vice Mayor Ristow to approve item 7 as contained in the staff report. Seconded by Council Member Hudes.

VOTE: Motion passes 4/1. Mayor Rennie voting no.

Public Hearing Item #1 – continued

MOTION: Motion by **Council Member Sayoc** to approve change in staff report item 10 as contained in the staff report. **Seconded** by **Vice Mayor Ristow**.

VOTE: Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION: Motion by **Vice Mayor Ristow** to approve item 11 as contained in the staff report. **Seconded** by **Council Member Sayoc**.

VOTE: Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION: Motion by **Council Member Badame** to approve item 12 as contained in the staff report. **Seconded** by **Vice Mayor Ristow**.

VOTE: Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION: Motion by **Council Member Sayoc** to approve item 19 as contained in the staff report. Amendment: revise language to “Goal LU-5: Maintain, cherish, and enhance the Town’s a sense of place and character, while expanding housing opportunities for a diverse population.” **Seconded** by **Vice Mayor Ristow**.

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

MOTION: Motion by **Council Member Badame** to revise Policy LU-5.8 to remove the word “encourage” and add the word “shall”. Revised language to state “New construction, remodels, and additions shall be compatible with the existing neighborhood.” **Seconded** by **Council Member Hudes**.

VOTE: Motion passes unanimously.

Recess 8:47 p.m.

Reconvene 9:05 p.m.

Public Hearing Item #1 – continued

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Hudes to:

- Revert Low Density Residential designation housing density back to the existing 2020 General Plan level;
- Revert Medium Density Residential designation housing density back to the existing 2020 General Plan level;
- Reduce the allowed density in the Mixed-Use designation from 40 dwelling units per acre to 30 dwelling units per acre;
- Reduce the allowed density in the High-Density Residential designation from 40 dwelling units per acre to 30 dwelling units per acre;
- Revert properties in the new Central Business District designation back to housing density allowed in the existing 2020 General Plan
- Include 116 hillside residential units and 250 Senate Bill 9 (SB9) units;
- Include the full amount of the Office Professional and Service Commercial designations as presented in the Draft 2040 General Plan. **Seconded by Council Member Badame.**

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

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Rennie to:

- Revert Low Density Residential and Medium Density Residential designations back to the existing 2020 General Plan density levels;
- AMENDMENT: Change the Medium Density Residential Designation to the Planning Commission recommendation of 14 to 22 units per acre except in the Very High Fire Severity Zone where the density would remain 5 to 12 units per acre as in the 2020 General Plan;
- Keep the Office Professional at the 2020 General Plan level and remove the housing potential from the Service Commercial designation, resulting in 114 units. **Seconded by Vice Mayor Ristow.**

Recess 10:16 p.m.

Reconvene 10:24 p.m.

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

Public Hearing Item #1 – continued

MOTION: Motion by Vice Mayor Ristow to assess the need for changes to the 2040 General Plan if and when production of 1,000 housing units occurs. **Seconded by Council Member Badame**

VOTE: Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Hudes to rename Medium Density Residential to High Density Residential and rename High Density Residential to Very High Density Residential in the 2040 General Plan. **Seconded by Council Member Badame.**

VOTE: Motion passes 3/2. Mayor Rennie and Vice Mayor Ristow voting no.

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Rennie to adopt the resolution certifying the Final EIR of the 2040 General Plan as stated in Attachment 5 to the June 20th meeting staff report, including findings and fact and overriding considerations in Attachment 5 Exhibit A with a modification to section 4.3 to add the following: “Such changes or alterations are within the jurisdiction of another public agency and not the agency making the findings. Such changes have been adopted by such other agency or can and should be adopted by such other agency”. **Seconded by Vice Mayor Ristow.**

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

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Sayoc to adopt a resolution as contained in Attachment 6 of the June 20th staff report to adopt the 2040 General Plan which include the progress motions modifications of the June 20th and June 30th meetings. **Seconded by Vice Mayor Ristow.**

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Jenna De Long, Deputy Clerk