# Minutes of the Town Council Meeting – Strategic Priorities January 25, 2022

MEETING DATE: 02/15/2022

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, January 25, 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**

Rob Moore

Was asked to speak under the agenda item.

#### Lynley Hogan

 Inquired if Council would be addressing Critical Race Theory (CRT) and Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) efforts.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- 1. Approve the Following Strategic Priorities Actions:
  - a. Affirm the Town Goals of Community Character, Good Governance, Fiscal Stability, Civic Enrichment, Public Safety, and Quality Public Infrastructure,
  - b. Affirm and/or Refine Ongoing Strategic Priorities for 2022-2024,
  - c. For A New Strategic Priority, Identify an Existing Priority that Should Be Removed or Deemphasized; and
  - d. Identify Ordinance Priorities.

#### Opened Public Comments.

#### Ali Miano, Los Gatos Anti-Racism Collation

 Requested the Council consider additional affordable housing and commented on the increased sightings of rats near construction sites and overbuilding in the Town. PAGE 2 OF 4

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Other Business Item #1 - continued

Jak Van Nada, Los Gatos Community Alliance

- Requested Council prioritize a fiscal analysis of the Draft 2040 General Plan.

Tom Picraux, Senior Services Committee Commissioner

- Commented in support of the senior items contained in the Strategic Priorities for 2022-2024.

Kylie Clarke, West Valley Community Services Public Policy Officer

- Requested Council include environmental sustainability as an ongoing priority and include housing as its own priority.

# **Rob Stump**

- Requested Council include enhanced emergency communications and funding for roadside fire fuel reduction as ongoing priorities.

Jim Foley, Los Gatos Chamber of Commerce President-Elect

 Commented in support of completing the General Plan 2040, implementing the Dixon Parking Study suggestions, streamlining the land use/building permitting process, and community vitality.

#### Rob Moore

- Commented in support of the 2022-2024 Priorities and requested Council prioritize affordable housing.

Jack Noymer, Youth Commissioner

- Commented in support of the proposed ordinance priority list, specifically the Single Use Disposable Foodware and Litter Reduction Ordinance.

Kamron Emami, Youth Commissioner

Commented in support of the proposed ordinance priority list, specifically the Single Use
Disposable Foodware and Litter Reduction Ordinance.

Jeffrey Suzuki, Los Gatos Anti-Racism Coalition President

- Requested Council prioritize affordable housing.

Amy Nishide, Los Gatos Anti-Racism Coalition

- Requested Council prioritize Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) efforts, fire protection, and affordable housing.

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Catherine Somers, Los Gatos Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

- Requested Council prioritize a fiscal analysis of the Draft 2040 General Plan and continue prioritizing Economic Vitality and Senior Services.

#### **Emily Thomas**

Requested the Core Goals definitions be updated to make it more valuable to the public;
and commented in support of the tree protection ordinance.

The Council discussed the item.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Badame to reaffirm the Town's Core Goals of Community Character, Good Governance, Fiscal Sustainability, Civic Enrichment, Public Safety, and Quality Public Infrastructure. Seconded by Council Member Sayoc.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Badame and Council Member Hudes requested a financial impact analysis of the 2040 Draft General Plan be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Sayoc to affirm ongoing Strategic Priorities for 2022-2024 as contained in Attachment 3, direct staff to utilize different communication methods to highlight the ongoing work of staff and Council, such as environmental sustainability and affordable housing efforts, that are imbedded in current workplans without creating a new strategic priority. AMENDMENT: Add Community Policing under the in-progress section, revise the subsection of the Community Vitality Strategic Priority to read "Help Seniors Thrive". Seconded by Vice Mayor Ristow.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

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MOTION: Motion by Vice Mayor Ristow to adopt the revised ordinance priorities list in the following order: 1. Amendments to Tree Protection Ordinance, 2. Single Use Disposable Foodware and Litter Reduction Ordinance, 3. Commercial Cannabis Operations and Facilities Ordinance, 4. Social Host Ordinance, 5. Ordinance Relating to Two Unit Residential Development and Urban Lot Splits in Single – Family Residential Zones pursuant to Senate Bill 9, 6. Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance, 7. Lot Merger/Adjustment Ordinance, 8. Noise and Amplified Sound Ordinance, 9. Shared Mobility Device Ordinance, 10. Public Nuisance/Blight/Administrative Abatement Hearing Ordinance, 11. Amendments to Sign Ordinance, 12. Wireless

Facilities Ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Hudes.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
/s/ Jenna De Long, Deputy Clerk