

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS**

SPECIAL MEETING – June 17, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met in Special Session at 5:01 p.m., Monday, June 17, 2013, in the Council Chamber, 3191 Katella Avenue, Mayor Kusumoto presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members: Edgar, Grose, Murphy, Mayor Pro Tem Graham-Mejia, Mayor Kusumoto

Absent: Council Members: None

Present: Staff: Gregory D. Korduner, Interim City Manager
Dave Hunt, City Engineer
Corey Lakin, Community Services Director
Steven Mendoza, Community Development Director
Tom Oliver, Planning Aide
Windmera Quintanar, CMC, City Clerk

3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

A. General Plan – Draft Land Use Plan (Community Development)

This step in the General Plan Update was to lock in the Draft Land Use Plan that included consideration of ten opportunity sites that may be subject to a land use change. A Citywide land use concept was drafted and presented to Commissioners through focused joint meetings and formally to the Planning Commission prior to Council consideration. The Land Use Plan will create the basis for the General Plan Land Use map and the proposed project to be analyzed through an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) under CEQA.

Community Development Director Mendoza introduced the item and turned the presentation over to Collin Drucker, The Planning Center consultant. Community Development Director Mendoza and Mr. Drucker gave a PowerPoint presentation of the General Plan's progress to date and answered questions from the City Council.

Council Member Grose stated Staff had done an excellent job addressing all issues and engaging in outreach with the different share holders. He was enthusiastic regarding the envisioning for the City and Joint Forces Training Base. He stated support for Staff's direction.

Council Member Edgar stated the General Plan had started with the Council and Staff had done a good job of providing progress updates. He stated the importance of the Downtown Plan and St. Isidore as a historical location. He stated support for moving the process along and allowing the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to sort out the details.

Mayor Pro Tem Graham-Mejia inquired whether property owners had been notified.

Community Development Director Mendoza answered in the negative, and clarified stakeholders were invited to participate; however, noticing would occur during the Public Hearing process.

Mayor Pro Tem Graham-Mejia wanted to ensure Council was not taking any action before addressing the property owners' preference for the land. She indicated she wanted to protect the future of the community without limiting what owners were capable of doing. She stated support for mixed use.

Council Member Murphy congratulated Staff on the use of Joint Commission meetings and stated his belief it had pulled the City together.

Mayor Kusumoto thanked Staff and Mr. Drucker for their work and indicated he looked forward to the continued process. He inquired about parking for mixed use sites.

Mr. Drucker indicated parking standards would be adhered to. He pointed out developers were careful to ensure there was sufficient parking to protect their clients and tenants. He clarified mixed use sites would have established development standards.

Mayor Kusumoto asked for an explanation of overlay zoning and if changes could be made.

Mr. Drucker stated overlay designations allow everything that is currently designated in addition to the new zoning. He stated zoning could be changed through a General Plan amendment.

Mayor Pro Tem Graham-Mejia referred to the overlay zoning at the hospital. She inquired if revenue would be lost if overlay zoning was permitted in the industrial areas.

Mr. Drucker stated there was not enough information to project revenue changes. He pointed out the medical campus would have prime property values and allowing locations for medical uses off campus would allow growth for smaller practices.

Mayor Pro Tem Graham-Mejia inquired about splitting a parcel into two different zoning designations.

Mr. Drucker indicated this was a potential plan for long term changes and it was likely industrial could convert to medical. He stated it would be a policy clarification more than an overlay.

Community Development Director Mendoza clarified the idea of splitting parcel's zoning was to preserve retail on Katella Ave.

Mr. Drucker stated the City of Los Alamitos was very balanced and only incremental improvements were being sought.

Mayor Pro Tem Graham-Mejia stated support for allowing the sports locations to remain in the industrial zoning.

Mayor Kusumoto opened the item for public comment.

Mike Wilson, Cottonwood Church, requested an overlay at the Cottonwood Church property on Sausalito to maintain current zoning.

Mayor Kusumoto closed the item for public comment.

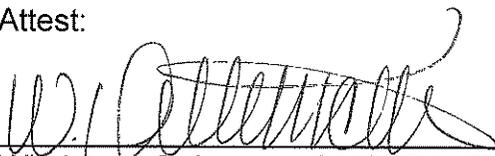
4. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 5:57 p.m.



Warren Kusumoto, Mayor

Attest:



Windmera Quintanar, CMC, City Clerk