

STUDY SESSION OF THE FOSTER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

Council Chambers – 620 Foster City Boulevard -- Foster City

MINUTES

AUGUST 20, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 8:13 p.m. by Vice Chair Wykoff

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Avram, Dyckman, Pattum, Wykoff

Absent: Commissioner Williams

Staff Present: Curtis Banks, Community Development Director; Leslie Carmichael, Consultant Planner

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT LAND USE AND CIRCULATION ELEMENT

Commissioner Dyckman:

- Pg 3-1-43: The jobs projection graph, ABAG's estimates/projections seem low. Is there a need to go back and address these? How does this low projection impact the city?
- CP Carmichael: The Element is using the ABAG projections. There are different ways to count employment. ABAG projections are intended to reflect the economic conditions that they are forecasting. The ABAG forecasts are the basis for a lot of other regional planning efforts. They are already working on the next iteration of the forecasts and we have told them we think some of the Foster City projections are too low.
- Pg 3-1-60: 2nd chart, place of residence for Foster City workers, shows that about a quarter of our workers come from Alameda County. It would be good to focus additional transit programs on getting people from the East Bay to the Peninsula.

Commissioner Pattum:

- In LUC-A-2 regarding views, should use the word "adjacent or left or right" instead of "neighboring" properties to protect views from waterfront properties – not necessarily those behind.
- Pg 3-1-75: It says to protect views from waterfront properties; it will be done through Design Review Process. There is no clear definition in the Glossary of the Design Review Process (p. 3-1-106)

Commissioner Noemi Avram:

- In response to Comm. Pattum's comment on the use of the word "adjacent", she comments: It should rather be more generic than specifically mention of "adjacent".
- CDD Banks: We can clarify, that this is for properties that have frontage along the lagoon or are directly abutting the water, and not intended to protect properties on adjacent streets.

Commissioner Wykoff:

- Pg. 3-1-63: The table indicates that the existing PM level of service is LOS C for the Eastbound SR 92 Ramps/Metro Center Blvd. but it looks to me to be LOS F in afternoon peak time. When I see it at 5:00 pm, the cars are backed up onto Foster City Blvd. The table says LOS C as existing conditions and is projected to LOS D.
- CP Carmichael: We will ask the consultant to look into this.

2. TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Commissioner Dyckman: Regarding greenhouse gas emissions from SR 92 – are we penalized for greenhouse gas emissions over which we have no control?

Ben Ritchie: Yes, they are included. It's a double-edged sword. You get the credit for the state's actions to reduce emissions, like the regulations such as the Pavley fuel emission standards, but you also have to count the regional traffic that passes through your City.

Commissioner Dyckman: Regarding levee height – do we have data on what the high level of water has been historically?

CP Carmichael: There has been extensive study of sea level rise in the Bay that included some historical information. We can provide this.

Commissioner Avram: How are our efforts integrated with regional and state efforts?

CP Carmichael: We have been working with San Mateo County Energywatch, including the Regionally Integrated Climate Action Planning Suite (RICAPS). Many of the implementation programs are joint programs or statewide programs with coordination and shared resources between the various jurisdictions.

CDD Banks: With respect to sea level rise, there is a county-wide effort taking place. Foster City is participating in those groups. The issue doesn't stop at city or county borders.

Commissioner Wykoff: Regarding programs that require new ordinances and policies – these efforts should include working with the people that will be affected and get their input on the intended and unintended consequences. Also, the conservation based water rates will need to be adjusted based on legal issues.

CDD Banks: The previously adopted three tiers of rates have been adjusted to meet the legal requirements. We will modify the wording of that particular policy.

CP Carmichael: It is our intent that prior to developing any of the regulation or policy changes, we would meet with the people who could be affected to gather their input.

CDD Banks: Before an ordinance would come to hearing we would have those discussions with interested parties as a matter of course.

4. STATEMENTS AND REQUESTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

None

5. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:55p.m. to a Study Session, September 1, 2015, Council Chambers, 620 Foster City Boulevard, Foster City, California.

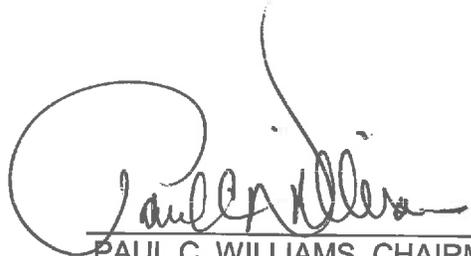
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Planning Commission of the City of Foster City at a Regular Meeting thereof held on October 1, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES, COMMISSIONERS: Avram, Dyckman, Pattum, Wykoff and Chair Williams

NOES, COMMISSIONERS:

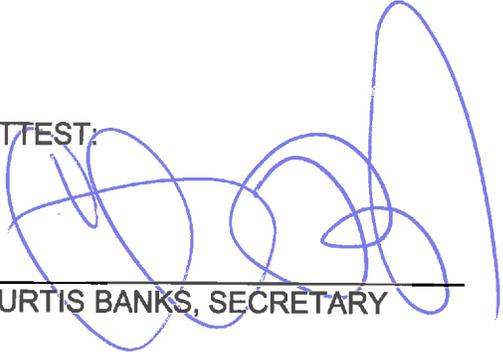
ABSTAIN, COMMISSIONERS:

ABSENT, COMMISSIONERS:



PAUL C. WILLIAMS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



CURTIS BANKS, SECRETARY