

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/
CITY COUNCIL AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY
TO DISSOLVED REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
901 SHERMAN AVENUE
APRIL 1, 2013 – 6:30 PM

A. CONVENE, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Eklund
Mayor Pro Tem Lucan
Councilmember Athas
Councilmember Kellner
Councilmember MacLeamy

Chair Berson
Vice Chair Jordan
Commissioner Butler
Commissioner Dawson
Commissioner Strauss
Commissioner Walker

Absent : Commissioner Tiernan (Commissioner Tiernan joined the meeting
at 7:05 p.m.)

Also Present: City Manager Michael Frank, Community Development Director Bob Brown, Senior Planner Hans Grunt, Senior Planner Steve Marshall, Assistant City Attorney Veronica Nebb and City Clerk Sheri Hartz.

The Level 4 Novato Gymnastics team led the Pledge of Allegiance

B. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

No closed session was scheduled.

C. APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

*Councilmember Eklund moved, Seconded by Councilmember Athas, to approve the Final Agenda. **The motion was approved unanimously.***

D. WORK STUDY SESSION

1. CITY OF NOVATO HOUSING ELEMENT 2007-2014; DRAFT REVIEW

Consider holding a joint meeting of the Novato City Council and Planning Commission on the revised Draft Housing Element dated March 22, 2013, to:

-Understand the revisions to the Draft Housing Element proposed by staff in response to State comments;

-Conduct a scoping session for a Program EIR to be prepared for the Draft Housing Element

-Receive and consider public comments on the revised Draft Housing Element and Program EIR; and

-For staff to receive comments from the City Council on the Draft Housing Element and initiation of the EIR preparation.

City Manager Michael Frank opened the item before turning it over to Community Development Manager Bob Brown. Senior Planner Hans Grunt provided background of the Housing Element process thus far. Senior Planner Steve Marshall discussed the EIR scope.

E. STAFF ANSWERS TO CITY COUNCIL/PLANNING COMMISSION QUESTIONS

Councilmember and Commissioner questions were submitted in advance.

Director Brown provided responses to the questions that had been submitted to staff in advance.

F. ADDITIONAL CITY COUNCIL/PLANNING COMMISSION QUESTIONS

Councilmembers and Commissioners asked additional questions as needed.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Archie Francisco
2. John Christopher
3. Marjorie Conte
4. Chris Beering
5. Christina Corsetti
6. Edward Mainland
7. Rob Newell
8. Barry Trudeau

9. Roberta Freeberg
10. Clay Freeberg
11. Katie Crecelius
12. Alan Berson
13. Harry Brophy
14. Mark Trello
15. Toni Shroyer
16. Dan Thompson
17. Dixon Smith
18. Trish Boorstein
19. Brad LaPoint
20. Pam Drew
21. Roberta Robinson
22. Emily Larsen
23. Clay Schulenburg

H. RECESS

At 8:45 p.m., the meeting was briefly recessed and reconvened at 8:59 p.m.

I. STAFF RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Director Brown reviewed questions from the public and provided staff responses. Councilmember and Commissioner questions followed.

J. ADDITIONAL CITY COUNCIL/PLANNING COMMISSION QUESTIONS
(ONE EACH)

Councilmembers asked remaining questions, if any.

K. PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS (SAME TIME LIMIT EACH AS FOR
PUBLIC)

Each of the Planning Commissioners made closing remarks.

L. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS/DIRECTION (SAME TIME LIMIT EACH AS FOR
PUBLIC)

The Councilmembers made closing comments and gave direction, generally concurring that good progress had been made on the Draft Housing Element, especially regarding the 20-23 units per

acre and emphasis on senior housing. A discussion ensued as to whether language regarding the Landing Court "transition area" should be revised to specify a no development or restricted use buffer on a portion of the property. At length, it was decided to let the language go forward as it was and more defined language be included when the Element comes back to the Council.

M. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the Novato City Council.

Sheri Hartz, City Clerk