

MINUTES OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019

The Ad Hoc Committee on Development Services convened in Regular Session at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councilmember Maya Esparza, Councilmember Pam Foley.

ABSENT: Carrasco, Davis, Peralez. (Excused)

STAFF: Senior Deputy City Attorney, Johnny Phan; Rosalynn Hughey, Director, Planning, Building and Code Enforcement; Deputy City Manager, Civic Innovation and Digital Strategy, Kip Harkness; Deputy Director Public Works, Matt Loesch and Deputy City Clerk Ruth Krantz.

Documents Filed: Staff presentation dated April 25, 2019, "Ad-Hoc Committee on Housing Construction and Development Services".

Call to Order: It was noted by Chair Esparza that there was not a quorum and no action would be taken at this meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee.

1. Development Services Transformation Update (Planning, Building and Code Enforcement/Public Works).

Deputy City Manager, Civic Innovation and Digital Strategy, Kip Harkness presented introductory comments.

Interim Director, Planning, Building and Code Enforcement, Rosalynn Hughey provided the report on Development Services Transformation, and Associate Engineer Joe Dyke of Public Works offered a GeoCortex Demo using the web-based platform, AMANDA. Staff indicated that while at this time the AMANDA viewer is available only to internal staff, there are future plans to have external viewing for customers and residents. Robert Manford, Deputy Planning Director, offered information on CEQA Process Improvement recommendations and Deputy Director Matt Loesch continued with Development Services Transformation Q2 2019.

2. Housing Production Indicators Update (Planning, Building and Code Enforcement).

Senior Business Development Manager Chris Burton and Housing Policy & Program Administrator Rachel VanderVeen provided the Housing Production Indicators Update, and responded to questions from the Committee.

Councilmember Maya Esparza opened the floor for public testimony.

Public Comments: Erik Schoennauer, the Schoennauer Company, brought the perspective that San José is underperforming in housing and office production. He expressed concerns about developments working their way through the process and showed article from the *Mercury News* citing San José is “Region No. 1 in Building Costs” in the world, citing the costs of development as the reason for this problem and urged finding a way to shorten the process and maintain costs.


Gerry DeYoung, R & G, Inc. spoke on the environmental process, offered appreciation to Deputy Planning Director Robert Manford’s contributions, but indicated that there are complex issues to contend with, such as looking differently at the environmental review process.

Next Meeting

August 22, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Committee Rooms 118-120, Council Wing.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Maya Esparza adjourned the meeting at 9:37 a.m.


Councilmember Maya Esparza, Vice-Chair

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