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CITY OF EMERYVILLE

ACTION MINUTES

City Council

Members:

Mayor Ally Medina
Vice Mayor Christian R. Patz
Council Member John J. Bauters
Council Member Scott Donahue
Council Member Dianne Martinez

Special Study Session

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:46 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Ally Medina
Vice Mayor Christian R. Patz
Council Member John J. Bauters
Council Member Scott Donahue
Council Member Dianne Martinez

3. APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Martinez, seconded by Vice Mayor Patz, to approve the Final Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Ally Medina, Vice Mayor Patz, Council Member Bauters, Council Member Donahue, and Council Member Martinez

4. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Medina and Council Member Bauters each disclosed having had contact with the Onni project developer.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CONSENT AGENDA / ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments made.

6. STUDY SESSION

- 6.1. [ID-2019-007](#) Study Session on Planning Regulations Amendments for Unit Mix and Design, and Tower Separation for High-Rise Buildings (Charles S. Bryant)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[Late Correspondence \(Judith Timmel\)](#)

Community Development Director Charles Bryant gave the staff presentation and responded to Council Member questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Bill Reuter commented that the city is unique and it is difficult to keep it livable. He spoke against giving up mix requirements easily under the pressure of the current housing needs.
2. Susan Donaldson, EUSD School Board member, spoke in support of current unit mix regulations and for staying with the strategy of supporting increased student yields.
3. Barbara Inch, EUSD Board President, requested that no changes be made to the unit mix regulations.
4. Ruth Major spoke about the resident mix at Watergate, and stated that the unit mix should remain the same to accommodate family growth.
5. Ron Freund inquired about the impacts of traffic and pollution, and where they fit in to the regulations, and asked what the priorities of the proposed changes were.
6. Ryan Greenberg, Housing Committee member, spoke against one-size-fits-all building regulations, suggesting that there be a standard for mid-rise that differs from high-rise.
7. A speaker asked how much housing was needed in Emeryville, stating that ABAG prescribes the number, and we have exceeded it at 200%.
8. Sarah Nyguen, EUSD School Board member, stated that there was a lot of housing being developed in Emeryville and asked what the connection between family friendly and affordability was.

Following Public Comment, Council discussion ensued and direction was provided to staff to come back with another study session to provide requested information.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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

/Sheri Hartz/

Sheri Hartz, City Clerk