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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, October 1, 2019

6:15 PM

Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 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 Donahue, seconded by Vice Mayor Patz, to approve the Final Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor 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 been in contact with members of the building trades. Mayor Medina also stated she had been contacted by Brian Donahue.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

A speaker stated that there should be public bulletin boards on the front lawn at City Hall and a table provided in the Council Chambers for journalists and others to sit at.

6. STUDY SESSION

- 6.1.** [ID-2019-454](#) Study Session On Planning Regulations Amendments For Unit Mix And Design, And Distribution Of Affordable Units. (Charles S. Bryant)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)[Attachment 1 - Staff Report from February 5, 2019 City Council Study Session](#)[Attachment 2 - Hypothetical Building Designs](#)[Attachment 3 - Feasibility Analysis](#)

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Fran Quittel commented that the discussion was based on the needs of developer profit, and stated that large developments demand a huge impact on public resources, adding that premium units will not attract occupants.
2. Judy Timmel, Residents United for a Livable Emeryville (RULE), stated that there were a lot of livability issues inherent with the high rise developments under discussion, and that instead, affordable family-friendly buildings were needed.
3. April Atencio, RULE, echoed the comments of the previous speaker, and stated that the affordable units should be distributed throughout the building.
4. Ruth Major agreed with the previous statements, and stated that the perspective of residents was as important a consideration as that of the developers, and that high rise buildings are not psychologically and emotionally sound.
5. A speaker stated that this matter was only being discussed because of the Onni Project, and reported that Emeryville had the lowest rate of family residences, home ownership, and parks in the Bay Area.

Following Council Discussion, direction was given to staff to schedule a follow-up Study Session at a future meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 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