



**Minutes of the Town Council Special Meeting – Strategic Priorities
January 26, 2021**

The Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos conducted a Special Meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. to determine Strategic Priorities.

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Marico Sayoc, Vice Mayor Rob Rennie, Council Member Mary Badame, Council Member Matthew Hudes, Council Member Maria Ristow. (All participating remotely).

Absent: None

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Approve the Following Strategic Priorities Actions:
 - A. Affirm the Town Goals of Community Character, Good Governance, Fiscal Stability, Civic Enrichment, Public Safety, and Quality Public Infrastructure
 - B. Affirm and/or Refine Ongoing Strategic Priorities for 2021-2023
 - C. For any new Strategic Priority, identify an existing Priority that should be removed or de-emphasized; and
 - D. Identify Ordinance Priorities

Laurel Prevetti, Town Manager, presented the item.

Opened public comment.

Amy Nishide

- Requested the Council consider the formation of a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee or Task Force.

David MacGregor-Scholes, Chamber of Commerce

- Requested the Town refrain from issuing parking tickets in the downtown area, refrain from collecting business license fees, and work with the Chamber of Commerce to streamline economic recovery events when allowed under the Santa Clara County Public Health Department's Orders.

Michael Miller, Arts and Culture Commission

- Commented in support of the Public Arts Ordinance.

Maureen Cappon-Javey, Arts and Culture Commission

- Commented in support of the Public Arts Ordinance.

Other Business Item #1 – continued

Sierra Barston

- Requested the Council consider forming a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee or Task Force, reducing police budget, and expanding local public transport.

Kiyoshi Nishide

- Requested the Council consider the formation of a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee or Task Force.

Ali Miano

- Requested the Town consider additional ways to recruit Board, Commission, and Committee members.

Emeric Bisbee

- Requested the Council consider the formation of a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee or Task Force; inquired how each Board, Commission, and Committee ensures accountability of addressing diversity and inclusion, and how each Board, Commission, and Committee addresses inclusion, diversity and equity in each project.

Tom Picraux, Community Health and Senior Services Commission

- Requested the Council consider implementing a quality-of-life study of people aged sixty and over to address aging in the community.

Brian Toy

- Requested the Town consider prioritizing Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity.

Lany Tran

- Requested the Town consider prioritizing climate change policy ideas such as: strengthening Reach Codes, mandating the utilization of clean energy sources, incentivizing sustainable options, annually or bi-annually measuring greenhouse gas emissions, and mandating local restaurants to provide plant-based options.

Jeffrey Suzuki

- Requested the Council consider the formation of a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee or Task Force, the formation of a Police Civilian Oversight Committee and the regular publication of Police stop data.

Michael Smythe

- Commented in support of the Public Arts Ordinance and Commercial Cannabis Operations and Facilities Ordinance.

Other Business Item #1- continued

Catherine Somers

- Requested the Town consider a third party to operate senior programs.

Lee Fagot

- Expressed concerns regarding the Commercial Cannabis Operations and Facilities Ordinance not aligning with federal law.

Ellis Wecker, Arts and Culture Commission

- Commented in support of the Public Arts Ordinance.

Sarah N.

- Requested the Council consider the formation of a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee or Task Force.

Tom Spilsbury, Arts and Culture Commission

- Commented in support of the Public Arts Ordinance.

Alicia Cinema-Stereo (Spargo)

- Requested the Council consider the formation of a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee or Task Force.

Closed public comment.

Council discussed the item.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Badame to affirm the Town Goals stated in recommendation A. Seconded by Council Member Ristow.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Badame to affirm the ongoing strategic priorities for 2021-2023 outlined in Attachment 3 with reduced emphasis of additional discretionary pension payments and an emphasis on wildfire safety; diversity, equity, and inclusion; senior services; identification of new revenue sources; and acceleration of the short-term and medium-term actions stated in the Dixon Parking Study.

Seconded by Council Member Hudes.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

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SUBJECT: Minutes of the Town Council Special Meeting of January 26, 2021

DATE: January 27, 2021

Other Business Item #1 – continued

MOTION: Motion by **Council Member Ristow** to approve the priority order of Potential Ordinances and Policies as noted in Attachment 7 with the following changes: remove the Face Covering Ordinance from the list, move Amendments to the Sign Ordinance to priority #6, keep the exploration of the Cannabis Ordinance as priority #7, and move Mills Act Ordinance to the end of the list. **Seconded** by **Council Member Rennie**.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL MEETING ADJOURNED

Meeting adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Jenna De Long, Deputy Clerk