

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Special Meeting
7:00 P.M.

August 21, 2018
Council Chambers

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M., and City Clerk Simonsen called the roll.

Present: Council Members Wilson, Ogorchock and Mayor Wright
Absent: Council Members Tiscareno and Thorpe

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wright led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

1. RECEIPT OF REPORT UNDER ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 9212 CONCERNING THE INITIATIVE TO CHANGE GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATIONS WITHIN THE SAND CREEK FOCUS AREA AND PERMANENTLY REQUIRE VOTER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO URBAN LIMIT LINE (SAVE MOUNT DIABLO INITIATIVE)

Acting City Manager Mastay introduced Agenda Item #1.

Interim City Attorney Cole presented the staff report dated August 21, 2018, recommending the City Council receive a report under Elections Code Section 9212 concerning the Initiative to Change General Plan Designations within the Sand Creek Focus Area and Permanently Require Voter Approval of Amendments to Urban Limit Line (Save Mount Diablo Initiative). He noted that the City received letters regarding this item and his office, in conjunction with the Planning Department, were analyzing the legal positions asserted by those parties.

Director of Community Development Ebbs stated that they had inadvertently referenced “The Ranch Initiative” rather than the “Sand Creek Initiative” in the report which, he noted, was inconsequential. He noted that he would be available to answer questions this evening.

Loretta Sweatt, Antioch resident, stated she was in favor of Council receiving the report and she was in favor of placing the “Sand Creek Initiative” on the ballot. She discussed the impact of new development on home values and questioned how the City was preparing for future development.

Seth Adams, Land Conservation Director for Save Mount Diablo, apologized for not attending the July 24, 2018 Council meeting, as he had a family emergency. He commented that the 9212 report did not state that a majority of the impacts listed were triggered when The Ranch Initiative was adopted. He stated that they understood the City’s concerns regarding fees; however, to suggest there would be a significant decrease in what might be expected was speculative. He clarified that their Measure was focused solely on the area west of Deer Valley Road and would have no effect on unit counts to the east of the area. Additionally, he noted that the 2100-unit suggestion made in the tables was an illustrative figure and the overall unit count could go up or down depending upon how the City proceeded.

Jeff Carman, Contra Costa Fire Protection District, expressed concern that the City had approved The Ranch Development without assuring that the Fire District's needs had been met. He noted the Fire Department had indicated numerous times that it could not serve this community without additional infrastructure and funding. He suggested Council direct City staff to re-engage with the Fire District to discuss their needs and insure services could be provided into the future.

Bryan Wenter, Miller, Starr, Regalia on behalf of Richland Communities, acknowledged the letter they had provided which, he noted, was intended to help clarify the record on this matter and legal issues that had been raised.

Dwayne Eubanks, Antioch resident, stated he did not believe the City could grow their way out of their financial issues. He stated he supported Save Mount Diablo and gathered signatures in support of their Initiative to limit growth.

Kristina Gutilla, Antioch resident, on behalf Antioch Community to Save Sand Creek, encouraged Council to adopt their initiative.

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the City Council unanimously received the report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Razia Chaus, Concord resident, stated she was seeking housing or an SBDC loan for her husband and son, in Antioch. She requested someone from the City contact her regarding this matter.

Mayor Wright requested Acting City Manager Mastay refer this item to Teri House.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS – None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Ogorchock requested staff meet with the Fire Department to discuss their needs and insure services into the future.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Wright adjourned the meeting at 7:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Kitty Eiden
KITTY EIDEN, Minutes Clerk