

MINUTES OF A JOINT SPECIAL STUDY SESSION
OF THE BUENA PARK CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION
HELD APRIL 3, 2018

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CALL TO ORDER

The City Council and Planning Commission met in a joint special study session on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, at 9:08 a.m., in the Main Conference Room, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California, Mayor Vaughn presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Berry, Brown, Smith, Swift, Vaughn
ABSENT: None

PRESENT: Agrusa, Barstow, Capelle, Schoales, McGuire, Diep
ABSENT: Chung

Also present were: Isra Shah, Interim City Attorney; Adria M. Jimenez, City Clerk; and Diana Varat, Esq.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Vaughn announced the public may at this time address the members of the City Council on any matters within the jurisdiction of the City Council. There being none, Mayor Vaughn closed the oral communications.

STUDY SESSION (1)

1. STATUS UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING 2017 HOUSING PACKAGE
Report by Isra Shah, Interim City Attorney, and Diana Varat, Esq.

Attorney Varat reviewed the "2017 Housing Package," bills which became effective on January 1, 2018. The goals of the 2017 Housing Package are: increase the supply and affordability of housing in California; strengthen planning for and production of housing for people at all income levels, especially lower income households, create tools for local agencies to plan and encourage the production of more dwelling units, and more affordable housing; reduce barriers to the development of new housing; and strengthen enforcement mechanisms to ensure local agencies plan and approve housing to reduce the State's housing shortage.

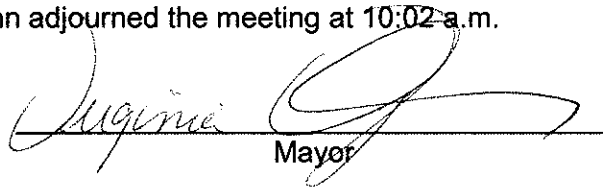
Attorney Varat reviewed the following:

1. Housing Element Law, Cal Gov't Code § 65583
2. No Net Loss, Gov't Code § 65863 (not applicable to charter cities)
3. Housing Accountability Act, Cal Gov't Code § 65589.5
4. Streamlined Housing Approval ("SB 35"), Cal Gov't Code § 65913.4
5. Inclusionary Housing, Cal Gov't Code § 65850
6. Density Bonus Law, Cal Gov't Code § 65915
7. Accessory Dwelling Units, Cal Gov't Code § 65852.2
8. Workforce Housing Opportunity Zones, Cal Gov't Code §§ 65620 to 65625
9. Housing Sustainability Districts, Cal Gov't Code §§ 66200 to 66210
10. Housing Element Annual Reports, Cal Gov't Code § 65400

Attorney Varat explained how these laws limit local authority in an effort to increase the State's overall housing production, as well as the development of affordable housing at all income levels. Attorney Varat also discussed some of the challenges for processing incoming applications at the staff level and highlighted a few housing bills that are being considered during the current Legislative Session that may have a future impact on the City.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Vaughn adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk