

**JOINT CITY COUNCIL & PLANNING
COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo,
California**

APRIL 18, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Council Present: Mayor McConnell, Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga, Councilmembers Dew, Loera-Diaz, and Miessner

Council Absent: Councilmembers Arriola and Brown

Planning Commissioners Present: Chair Cohen-Thompson, Vice Chair Stamps, Commissioners Blind, Bowman, Douglass, Matulac, and Palmares

Staff Present: City Manager Malone, City Attorney Nebb, City Clerk Abrahamson, Interim Assistant City Manager Hayes, Interim Planning & Development Services Director Ratcliffe, and Planning Manager Kavanaugh-Lynch

4. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

Action: *presentation to be rescheduled.*

**A. PRESENTATION FROM CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (HCD) ON RECENT HOUSING LEGISLATION**

5. INFORMATION CALENDAR

**A. PRESENTATION TO THE JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND
THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON THE UPDATE OF THE HOUSING AND
SAFETY ELEMENTS AND THE ADDITION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL
JUSTICE ELEMENT TO THE GENERAL PLAN**

Recommendation: Receive a presentation from the City's consultant, PlaceWorks, on the update of the Housing and Safety elements and the addition of the new Environmental Justice element of the General Plan. Hear from the public and provide input to the consultant and staff.

Contact: Margaret Kavanaugh-Lynch, Planning Manager 707-648-8604
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Interim Planning & Development Services Director Ratcliffe provided introductory comments.

Amy Sinsheimer and Eli Krispi (Placeworks) provided an overview of the Housing Element, which included Regional Housing Needs Allocation, State Housing Laws, and Public Outreach, presented an overview of the Housing Strategy and Safety element, including the addition of the new Environmental Justice element, and concluded the presentation by outlining the project schedule.

There was a short recess during the presentation at 6:28 p.m. due to technical difficulties. The meeting resumed with the remainder of the presentation at 6:35 p.m.

Staff and the Consultants responded to questions from Councilmembers and Planning Commissioners.

Speakers: Liat Meitzenheimer, Tara Beasley-Stansberry, Cristal Little, Anne Carr, and Ken Szutu.

Another question and answer period followed. Councilmembers and Planning Commissioners provided comment.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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ROBERT H. MCCONNELL

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ATTEST:

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Dawn G. Abrahamson

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CITY CLERK