

MAYOR JEFF GEE
VICE MAYOR LISSETTE ESPINOZA-GARNICA
COUNCIL MEMBER ALICIA C. AGUIRRE
COUNCIL MEMBER KAIA EAKI
COUNCIL MEMBER DIANE HOWARD
COUNCIL MEMBER ELMER MARTINEZ SABALLOS
COUNCIL MEMBER CHRIS STURKEN

APPROVED MINUTES

DOWNTOWN LIBRARY
COMMUNITY ROOM, 2ND FLOOR
1044 MIDDLEFIELD ROAD
REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063

CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
Saturday, August 26, 2023, 9:00 AM

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Gee called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **ROLL CALL** – All Council Members were present.

Staff present: City Manager Melissa Stevenson Diaz, City Attorney Veronica Ramirez, Interim City Clerk Yessika Castro, Assistant City Manager Michelle Poché Flaherty, Deputy City Manager Jennifer Yamaguma, Interim Community Development and Transportation Director Jeff Schwob, and Interim Assistant City Manager Patrick Heisinger.

3. **AB 2449 REQUESTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR MEETING PARTICIPATION BY TELECONFERENCE DUE TO JUST CAUSE OR EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES**

None

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following members of the public spoke:

- Miesje Aldrich
- Bryan Shields
- Dylan Finch

5. **STRATEGIC PLANNING AND COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

Mayor Gee gave welcome remarks and an overview of the purpose of the special meeting. Mayor Gee also expressed appreciation to the staff and consultants who worked on the agenda and logistics for the meeting, and introduced consultants Laura Bowen and Jaelyn Edwards of Viva Social Impact, to facilitate the session.

Facilitator Jaelyn Edwards led an ice-breaker activity and each Council Member shared accomplishments and contributions from the last 6 months.

5.A. Background materials for August 26, 2023 City Council discussion of priorities

City Manager Melissa Stevenson Diaz gave a presentation on the current Council priorities and staff capacity.

The City Council took a short break.

Facilitator Laura Bowen led a discussion between the Council and staff on the priorities addressed by the Council at the February 11, 2023 special off-site meeting. Council Members provided feedback on the projects outlined in Attachment J to the agenda packet.

City Manager Melissa Stevenson Diaz gave an overview of budget and revenue considerations and received Council input.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gee adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Yessika Castro". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "Y".

Yessika Castro, CMC, CPMC
Interim City Clerk

Approved at the September 11, 2023 City Council meeting.