



CITY OF NEWARK CITY COUNCIL

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Minutes

Special Meeting with Planning Commission

Thursday, May 12, 2022

A. ROLL CALL

Mayor Nagy called the meeting to order at 5:07 P.M.

Present were Vice Mayor Hannon and Council Member Bucci, Planning Commissioners Bogisch, Aguilar (via Zoom), Otterstetter, Vice Chair Fitts, and Chair Becker.

Mayor Nagy announced that Council Members Collazo and Freitas were not participating due to real property interests.

B. CITY MANAGER REPORTS

1. Special Joint Meeting with City Council and Planning Commission on the Housing Element Update

Paul Peninger, planning consultant, gave a presentation on the 6th Cycle Housing Element, the community engagement survey results, and preliminary housing sites by area (presentation on file with City Clerk).

In response to Mayor Nagy, Mr. Peninger stated that closed school sites could be developed for housing if the Newark Unified School District was interested and with additional planning work.

Vice Mayor Hannon suggested distributing the community engagement survey at local schools.

Planning Commissioner Bogisch agreed with Vice Mayor Hannon's suggestion and added supermarkets and laundry mats as additional locations.

In response to Planning Commissioner Fitts, Community Development Director Turner stated that staff was working on the Affordable Housing Plan and that impact fees may only be spent on their specific purpose.

Planning Commissioner Aguilar spoke in favor of a land use policy that incentivizes affordable housing.

In response to Council Member Bucci, Community Development Director stated that a first-time homebuyer program was being analyzed.

This item was informational only, no action requested.

C. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Nagy adjourned the meeting at 6:12 P.M.

Sheila Harrington, City Clerk