

Resolution 16-208, "Resolution Approving Purchase Orders for GPS-Based Emergency Vehicle Preemption System Associated with the Fire Stations 1-6 and Fire Training Improvement Project"

Resolution 16-209, "Resolution Authorizing the Amendment of Resolution 15-116 for Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2016, Relating to an Appropriation of Funds from Measure C Fund (Fund 101) for the Fire Stations 1-6 and Fire Training Center Improvements – Design, Project No. 07474"

There was Council consensus to hear Legislative Business No. 17 prior to the Work Session section of the agenda.

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/PLANNING COMMISSION WORK SESSION

Planning Commission Members Julius Willis Jr., Daniel Goldstein, Al Parso-York, Brian Schott, Diane McDermott, Mariellen Faria, and Chair Heather Enders attended the meeting.

14. Downtown Specific Plan - Project Overview, Update and Discussion (Report from Development Services Director Rizk) **WS 16-068**

Staff report submitted by Development Services Director Rizk, dated November 15, 2016, was filed.

Development Services Director Rizk announced the report and introduced Ms. Lisa Wise with Lisa Wise Consulting, Inc., who provided a synopsis of the Downtown Specific Plan.

Mayor Halliday opened public comments at 9:32 p.m.

Ms. Lisa Brunner, Hayward resident, urged support for safe bike lanes; and suggested that the Council consider reverting A Street back to a two-way street to mitigate traffic and encourage a pedestrian friendly environment.

Mr. Sid Hamadeh, Eko Coffee business owner, noted that identifying the appropriate staff and pooling the right stakeholders was key in the implementation of the Downtown Specific Plan.

Mayor Halliday closed the public comments at 9:39 p.m.

Discussion ensued among Planning Commission Members and Ms. Lisa Wise regarding: Opticos Design and the five-day charrette and General Plan implementation fees.

Planning Commission and City Council members offered the following related to key issues facing Downtown: traffic partners are not optimal; not enough parking space; traffic speed is dangerous particularly on Foothill and Mission Boulevards; there are concerns with pedestrian and bike safety; the Loop needs to be addressed; concerns with height of proposed developments; and increase in crime.



ATTACHMENT II

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL/PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING OF THE CITY OF HAYWARD
Council Chambers
777 B Street, Hayward, CA 94541
Tuesday, November 15, 2016, 7:00 p.m.**

Planning Commission and City Council members concurred with the strengths in Downtown and offered the following: build upon historical and cultural resources to understand the City's roots and use resources such as the Hayward Historical Society and the Japanese Garden; and utilize the thriving Art community.

Planning Commission and City Council members agreed with the opportunities for improvement and offered the following: have more youth and family entertainment and activities; have affordable housing within developments to create a more inclusive and cohesive community; have Class A office space to create a strong retail presence; encourage more sustainable modes of transportation such as bikes to get to public transportation; restore parking spaces and address traffic light timing; create an entertainment district that is accessible and with buffers for those who live nearby; include Mission Boulevard on the Plan; have rental bikes and incorporate space in community parks where bikes can be locked; hold business owners of empty lots accountable and address eyesores; convert B and C Streets into two-way streets and revert A Street back a two-way street; have more commercial office space; have hotel and banquet facilities; build on business successes and consider leveraging resources and incentives for businesses wishing to expand; partner with educational institutions to offer administrative offices in Downtown; create a vibrant Downtown; improve signage and lighting; increase sidewalk seating; have an art gallery; bring stores that compliment Southland Mall; pursue a convention center; consider alluring commuters that travel on the Corridor to use public transportation; and consider the idea of closing B and Main streets on Sundays to test if it increases walkability.

Planning Commission and City Council members offered the following recommendations for next steps: consider morning and evening workshops and design charrettes and consider offering childcare during the workshops; ensure other means of participation such as online survey; reach out to the community that does not use social media and those with limited English usage; focus on Downtown businesses and what they envision for the Plan; engage the community by soliciting input and going door to door; hold events that include the northern as well as southern districts; involve the Hayward Youth Commission for input related to youth entertainment/activities; engage educational institutions such as California State University and Chabot College; have the implementation plan ready to be executed; and during the implementation phase of the Plan consider recommendations to get a hotel, commercial office space and entertainment usage.

WORK SESSION

There was Council consensus to postpone Work Session No. 15 to November 29, 2016, and to allow public comments on the item.

15. Review of Affordable Housing Resources and Strategies in Hayward (Report from Library and Community Services Director Reinhart) **WS 16-065**