



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 02/07/2023

ITEM NO: 3

**DRAFT
Minutes of the Town Council – Special Meeting
January 24, 2023**

The Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos conducted a special meeting in-person and utilizing teleconferencing means on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Strategic Priorities.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Maria Ristow, Vice Mayor Mary Badame, Council Member Matthew Hudes, Council Member Rob Moore, Council Member Rob Rennie

Absent: None

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Affirm and/or Refine Existing Strategic Priorities and Determine the Priorities for New Ordinance.

Laurel Prevetti, Town Manager, provided the staff report.

Opened public comment.

Shai Vankat, Plant-Based Advocates

- Commented in support of the Town funding plant-based diet programs.

Nancy Rollett, Executive Director of Los Gatos Saratoga-Recreation

- Commented on the Los Gatos Saratoga-Recreation programs and requested lease abatement.

Ami Davis, Executive Director of NUMU

- Commented on NUMU's programs and requested the Town reduce their rent to one dollar a year.

Blake Thornberry

- Commented in support of bicycle and pedestrian improvements and requested Council consider traffic safety as a strategic priority.

Lisanne Kennedy, Recreation Coordinator of the 55+ program Los Gatos-Saratoga Recreation (LGS Rec)

- Commented on the 55+ program and requested Council allocate funds for this program.

Other Business Item #1 – continued

Maureen Heath, Senior Services Committee Member

- Commented on older adult services in Los Gatos and requested Council continuing to prioritize older adult support.

Joe Musser

- Requested the Town provide a warming and cooling shelter for homeless residents.

Alysia Heyer

- Requested the Town provide a homeless shelter and showers.

Tim O'Rorke, St. Vincent De Paul Society at St. Mary's

- Commented in support of the Town providing a warming and cooling shelter for homeless residents.

Peter Hertan

- Commented in support of updating and supplementing emergency preparedness technology and Emergency Operation Centers.

Rob Stump

- Commented in support of prioritizing emergency communication, emergency evacuation, roadside fuel reduction, and requested the Town re-establish the Ad Hoc Wildfire Committee.

Kylie Clarke, West Valley Community Services

- Commented on the unhoused and requested the Council add homelessness as a strategic priority.

Ed Losawiki

- Commented on the unhoused and requested the Town provide a warming center for homeless residents.

Steve Hall

- Commented on the needs and safety for the unhoused and requested this be a strategic initiative.

Jan Schwartz, President of the Board of NUMU

- Commented on the NUMU programs and requested the Town reduce their rent to one dollar a year.

Dick Konrad, Senior Service Committee (SSC)

- Commented on senior services in the community and requested the Council continuing to prioritize senior services.

Other Business Item #1 – continued

Tylor Taylor, Board Member of KCAT

- Commented on the Producers Network program and requested the Council consider an ordinance to allow for bingo permits.

Katrina Brinkman

- Commented on traffic concerns on Blossom Hill Road and in the Belgatos neighborhood.

Karen Rubio, Plant-Based Advocates

- Commented on concerns with the production of meat and dairy and requested Council make plant-based diet education programs a priority.

Lisa Wade, Plant-Based Advocates

- Commented on plant-based diet education and requested Council make it a propriety.

Nate Vandegrift

- Commented on the damage of fallen trees and requested the Council prioritize the removal and ban of eucalyptus trees.

Maureen Cappon-Javey, NUMU Board Member

- Commented on NUMU's programs and requested the Town remove the rent requirement.

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- Commented on the unhoused, the need for a shelter, and requested the Council add homelessness to the priorities.

Kelly Masini

- Commented on improving traffic safety at Blossom Hill between Leigh and Harwood.

Tom Picraux

- Commented on the Senior Services Committee Roadmap and would like the Town to continue its support.

James Rojas

- Commented on the tobacco ordinance and requested assistance with enforcing the flavored tobacco ban.

Jessica Matthew

- Commented on prioritizing affordable housing and services to unhoused residents.

Ali Miano

- Commented on prioritizing affordable housing and improved public transportation.

Other Business Item #1 – continued

Melissa Toren, KCAT Executive Director

- Commented on the KCAT partnership with the Town for the Producer's Network program and requested \$100,000 to fulfill the plan.

Zachary Benitez, KCAT Producer's Network

- Commented on the Producer's Network and requested funds to continue the program.

Joni Russell, KCAT Producer's Network

- Commented on the Producer's Network and requested funds to continue the program.

Jim Foley, Los Gatos Chamber of Commerce Board President

- Commented on the Chamber of Commerce priorities and is looking forward to collaborating with the Town.

Sarah Chaffin

- Commented on prioritizing affordable housing.

Susan Fenton, KCAT Producer's Network

- Commented on the Producer's Network and requested funds to continue the program.

Umar Ellahie, KCAT Board Member

- Commented on the Producer's Network and requested funds to continue the program.

Joseph Enz

- Commented in support of unhoused residents and emergency preparedness.

Closed public comment.

Recess 8:46 p.m.

Reconvene 8:58 p.m.

Gabrielle Whelan, Town Attorney, provided information on the Ordinance priorities.

Council discussed the item.

Other Business Item #1 – continued

MOTION: Motion by Vice Mayor Badame to prioritize the order of the ordinances as recommended by the Town Attorney with the following modifications: move the E-Bike ordinance to priority number 6, consider the comments of Council Member Hudes to be sensitive regarding item number 1 (Amendment to the Town's Concealed Carry Weapons Ordinance and Adoption of "Sensitive Places" Ordinance), and add a Bingo permit ordinance as priority number 15. The motion included granting the Town Attorney the discretion to move an item up if it can be done quickly. **Seconded by Council Member Moore.**

VOTE: Motion passes unanimously.

The Town Council discussed the Strategic Priorities, generally affirming the existing priorities and making the following modifications:

Safety:

- Amend Vegetation Management to Vegetation and Hazardous Tree Management
- Amend EOC Readiness & Emergency Plan Development to add Communications

Prudent Financial Management:

- Replace New Revenue Opportunities with:
 - Develop a Five-Year Structurally Balanced and Sustainable Operating Forecast
 - Explore New Revenue Opportunities
 - Cure Forecasted Structural Deficit
 - Develop a Five-Year Full Funded Capital Plan

Quality of Life:

- Modify Senior Road Map to Adopt a Senior Road Map
- Delete the completed items: Dittos Lane Affordable Housing and Objective Standards
- Add: Streamline Permitting Process
- Modify Affordable Housing to Affordable Housing Partnerships
- Add: Work with Town Partners to Support the Needs of Unhoused Residents
- Add: Redefine Town Commissions in Alignment with Strategic Priorities

Traffic and Transportation:

- Add: Traffic Calming/Safety for All Users

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Jenna De Long, Deputy Clerk