



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
TOWN COUNCIL
POLICY COMMITTEE**

MEETING DATE: 04/09/2019

ITEM NO: 1

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2019**

The Town Council Policy Committee of the Town of Los Gatos conducted a special meeting on Thursday, February 26, at 5:00 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Marcia Jensen, Barbara Spector.

Staff Present: Rob Schultz, Town Attorney; Joel Paulson, Community Development Director; Matt Morley, Parks and Public Works Director; Shelley Neis, Town Clerk.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Approval of the January 24, 2019 Council Policy Committee Minutes.

Approved.

2. Provide direction on Commission Appointment Policy 2-11 in relation to Commissioner interviews, and the Town Agenda Format and Rules Policy 2-01 regarding remote meeting participation.

Shelley Neis, Town Clerk, presented the staff report.

Maria Ristow

- Commented on remote participation and requested the Council consider requiring that applicants must attend a Commission meeting before applying.

After discussion the Committee directed staff to forward the two Policies to Council with the following recommendation:

- Allow a submission letter and remote participation for interview purposes only for incumbents.
- Suggested language from the Town Attorney regarding special meeting times.
- Suggested number of allowed remote meeting participation that is less than half as there was not consensus on the number.

Chair Jensen moved Items #4 and #5 before Item #3.

3. Provide direction on potential land use streamlining modifications.

Joel Paulson, Community Development Director, presented the staff report.

Bess Weirsema, Studio 3

- Requested the design professional community have a seat at the table to discuss potential modifications to land use processes and permitting and commented on the demolition regulations.

Jennifer Crutchmer

- Commented on the demolition regulations.

Tony Jeans

- Requested the design professional community have a seat at the table to discuss potential modifications to the demolition regulations and streamlining land use processes.

Jay Plett

- Commented on the demolition requirements and requested the demolition policy be streamlined.

Dave Zicovich

- Commented on the demolition policy and requested the demolition policy be streamlined.

Catherine Somers

- Commented on streamlining processes to allow business to open within three months and consider a deciding body policy.

After discussion the Committee directed staff to look at how the accessory dwelling unit (ADU) ordinance interacts with other regulations, how the hillside and historical regulations interact with other regulations, and to bring the demolition regulations and policy to the next meeting.

4. Provide direction on potential modifications or updates to the Traffic Impact Mitigation Ordinance, Policy, and Fees.

Matt Morley, Parks and Public Works Director, presented the staff report.

Maria Ristow

- Suggested an alternative to exceptions, a traffic demand mitigation (TDM) or some way to waive the fees if the traffic is mitigated.

Item #4 – continued

After discussion, the Committee identified that Town Code Section 15.70.030(c)(5) enables the Town Council to consider unusual circumstances and approve a deviation from the Traffic Policy. The Committee directed staff to bring the requested fee modification to the Town Council for its consideration consistent with this provision.

5. Receive information on the development of Arborist Report Standards.

Joel Paulson, Community Development Director, presented the staff report.

Dave Weismann

- Commented on the prolonged timeline for the development of arborist standards.

Refer the item to the Town Manager to discuss with the Mayor to determine if the item will be placed on a future Council agenda for discussion.

6. Determine meeting schedule for 2019 (verbal discussion only).

The Committee chose the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting will be March 12, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Attest:

/s/ Shelley Neis, Town Clerk