

JULY 14, 2021 – CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pacheco called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: M/Pacheco, MPT/Ching, C/Freedman, C/Tragarz, C/Wu

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

Also present: City Manager Wishner; Assistant City Manager Weiner; Assistant City Manager Rooney; Administrative Services Director Ogawa; City Attorney Leibold; City Engineer Gilbertson; Community Services Superintendent Barcelo; Senior Planner Vasquez; Senior Management Analyst Layman; Senior Management Analyst Guerra; Management Analyst Ramos; Administrative Assistant Markel and City Clerk De Dios.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

- **Proposed Park Improvement Creekside Park – Diversity Plaza: Conceptual Plan**

ACM/Rooney provided a staff report.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the proposed concept plan and use of the park.

M/Pacheco, C/Freedman, C/Wu, and C/Tragarz expressed support for the design.

M/Pacheco opened public comment

Mansfield Collins expressed support for the proposed concept.

Layla Abou-Taleb expressed support for the concept and for participation by local school for logos in the area.

CM/Wishner thanked Council for their input and direction to move forward with the project.

- **Regulation of Drones**

SMA/Guerra provided a staff report.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding complaints received by residents, public safety drone use by residents, enforcement of drones and violations, drone regulations of other cities, and use of drones by utility companies.

M/Pacheco stated that he would like local groups to be able to continue to use drones for safety purposes. He suggested staff look into current federal and state drone regulations and see how the city can apply them at a local level without enacting anything new.

C/Wu proposed providing an exemption to local neighborhood watch groups for public safety use. He also suggested looking to regulating the height or location of operation of drones.

CM/Wishner stated that local utility agencies are using drones for operational use and suggested that staff monitor complaints and bring the item back to Council if it becomes an issue.

M/Pacheco opened public comment.

Mansfield Collins expressed safety concerns and expressed support for a way to help identify drones.

Marc Saunders provided information on drones and does not want to over regulate drones at a city level since they are already regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration.

M/Pacheco suggested that staff look into current federal and state drone regulations and see how the city can apply them at a local level without enacting anything new.

CM/Wishner stated that staff can provide a memo to Council and have Council decide whether to place the item on a future agenda. CA/Leibold stated that she can assist staff with the memo.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There being no input, it was unanimously moved by Council to close oral communications. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 28th day of July 2021.

Eric Ching, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk