



CITY OF GALT

MINUTES

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive, Galt, California Friday, JULY 26, 2011, 7:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by the mayor. Council Members present: Powers, Singleton, Shelton, Crews, and Payne.

Staff members present: City Manager Behrmann, City Clerk Aguire, City Attorney Rudolph, Principal Planner Kiriu and Senior Planner Erias.

OPENING CEREMONIES – a silent prayer was observed, the flag salute was recited and the video statement was read by the clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - The clerk announced that members of the audience could address the council on any matter which is not on the agenda but within the subject matter jurisdiction. She advised the location of the speaker sheets, asked that speaker sheets be presented to the clerk prior to addressing council and advised that each person would have a five minute time limit to speak.

SCHEDULED MATTER:

1. **SUBJECT:** Appeal of the Galt Planning Commission decision to recertify the Walmart Project final EIR, as revised (noise section), approve the Conditional Use Permit, and determine compliance with the Big Box Ordinance.
RECOMMENDATION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 2011-56 recertifying the Environmental Impact Report, as revised, approving the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and adopting CEQA Findings and Statements of Overriding Considerations; and 2) Adopt Resolution No. 2011-57 denying the Galt Citizens for Sensible Planning appeal, reapproving the Walmart Project Conditional Use Permit, determining compliance with the Big Box Ordinance, and approving the site plan and design for the Walmart Project.

Erias gave a staff report.

William Kopper said the study did not accurately reflect the project and he represented neighbors who lived behind the project. He discussed the problems with the EIR and gave examples of problems with the study. He distributed letters to the council. He also discussed errors in the measurements.

Angie Stoner, Walmart, said they were available for questions.

Al Baldwin supported bringing Walmart to Galt and said it was a very positive thing for Galt.

Stella Post supported Walmart coming to town. She said the citizens should keep the tax dollars in the community.

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John Hobbs, legal counsel, introduced Jim Brennen, the noise consultant.
Jim Brennen discussed the technicalities of the fork lift decibels.

Shelton said the applicant has gone through all the hoops to have their project approved. He wanted to move the project forward.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Crews, seconded by Singleton, Resolution No. 2011-78, recertifying the Environmental Impact Report, as revised, approving the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and adopting CEQA Findings and Statements of Overriding Considerations was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Singleton, seconded by Shelton, Resolution No. 2011-79 denying the Galt Citizens for Sensible Planning appeal, reapproving the Walmart Project Conditional Use Permit, determining compliance with the Big Box Ordinance, and approving the site plan and design for the Walmart Project was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote.

ADJOURN AND RECONVENE TO THE GALT CITY COUNCIL.

There being no further business to come before council, the meeting was adjourned by the mayor at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Aguire
City Clerk