



CITY OF GALT

MINUTES

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL/PLANNING COMMISSION JOINT MEETING

Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive, Galt, California

Tuesday, May 22, 2012, 6:30 pm

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by the mayor. Council Members present: Powers, Crews, and Payne. Absent: Singleton and Shelton.

Planning Commissioners present: Dees, Morris. Absent: McFaddin, Pellandini, Rodriguez.

Staff members present: City Manager Behrmann, Deputy City Clerk Settles, City Attorney Rudolph, Principal Planner Kiri, and Associate Planner Erias.

OPENING CEREMONIES - The flag salute was recited.

AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS - None

PUBLIC COMMENTS - The deputy 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 three minute time limit to speak.

SUBJECT: Draft 2008-2013 Housing Element of Galt General Plan

Kiri gave a brief introduction.

Rudolph said it is vitally important to get the 2008-2013 Housing Element in order. He said there was potential to take away approval and disapproval of projects from the Planning Commission and City Council by the State if the Housing Element was not in compliance.

Erias gave a presentation which included explanation of the process, an overview and status of the draft Housing Element. He also reviewed the comments made in the letter received from the Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) which was the certifying agency.

Rudolph recommended reducing the number of comments on the letter received from HCD as much as possible. He said then pursue self certification for the current 2008-2013 cycle with any remaining comments and move forward with HCD to certify the next cycle.

Direction was given to follow staff's recommendation to seek HCD certification for the 2008-2013 Housing Element after completing the density analysis. If HCD rejects density analysis, consider self certification of the Housing Element for the remaining cycle of 2008-2013.

There being no further business to come before council, the meeting was adjourned by the mayor at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Settles
Deputy City Clerk