SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CONCORD CITY COUNCIL
CONCORD SENIOR CENTER
2727 PARKSIDE CIRCLE
CONCORD, CALIFORNIA
SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018

The Concord City Council met in a special meeting at the Concord Senior Center located at 2727 Parkside Circle at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday, March 24, 2018, with Mayor Birsan presiding. Minutes follow in abbreviated form per Resolution 3361 and Council Minutes of September 26, 1966.

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Laura Hoffmeister, Ron Leone, Tim McGallian, Carlyn Obringer, Edi Birsan

STAFF PRESENT: Valerie Barone, City Manager; Susanne Brown, City Attorney; Joelle Fockler, City Clerk; Karan Reid, Director of Finance; Justin Ezell, Director of Public Works; Andrea Ouse, Director of Community and Economic Development; Guy Bjerke, Director of Community Reuse Planning; Jasmin Loi, Director of Human Resources; Guy Swanger, Chief of Police; Steve Voorhies, Director of Parks and Recreation; Jeff Lewis, Director of Information Technology; Leslye Asera, Community Relations Manager

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL: George Fulmore, Concord; Nilesh Patel, Concord; John Haberkorn, Concord

PUBLIC COMMENT

George Fulmore, Concord, spoke of Concord implementing a pedestrian safety ordinance.

Nilesh Patel, National Petroleum, Concord, spoke of cooperating and having a good relationship with the City.

ANNUAL WORKSHOP ON CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

City Manager Valerie Barone presented a brief overview of the workshop plan and introduced facilitator Rod Gould, Management Partners, who reviewed the agenda and the goals of the workshop including:

- Continuing team development of the Council;
- Continuing development of the Council-Staff team;
- Council agreement on the organization’s priorities; and
- Commitment to stay focused on the agreed upon priorities.

Mr. Gould reviewed Council’s key accomplishments from the last few years. An exercise was held discussing key achievements and contributing factors.

City Manager Barone provided an update on progress made by the organization on Council’s Priority Area of Focus and Objectives.
During the meeting the Councilmembers all brainstormed priorities, and the following list was created:

- Proactively develop Council norms post district elections;
- Execute budget stabilization strategy with focus on revenues for sustainability (including roads);
- Examine how technology, including broadband, can help Concord better deliver services and serve as a staff multiplier;
- Annexation
  - Phase 1 – Annex adjacent areas (commercial – Willow Pass, Hwy 4, and airport)
  - Phase 2 – Annex tidal area of CNWS;
- Interim safety enhancements along Willow Pass Road;
- Enhance library facility;
- Open discussions of standing committee meeting – annually;
- Consider further governance reforms;
- Evaluate strategy for economic development, including Naval Weapons Station;
- Develop inspection program for single family home rentals;
- Accelerate broadband network buildout with funding infusion;
- Ellis Lake Park renovation;
- Coordinate homeless services;
- Develop strategy to maintain public safety in the face of grown population and social issues;
- Take cleaning up a notch throughout the City;
- Create a citizen traffic committee;
- Restructure Youth and Education Committee to serve as a joint meeting between two Concord City Councilmembers and two MDUSD Board Members on a monthly basis;
- Implement code enforcement and retail revitalization strategies;
- Continue BART area and Downtown enhancements;
- Develop revenue source to support public arts; and
- Explore Newhall Park enhancements

Council participated in an exercise rating their top priorities in FY 18-19.

Based on the exercise, three priorities emerged as top priorities – execute budget stabilization strategy with focus on revenues for sustainability (roads too); proactively develop Council norms post district elections; and examine how technology can help Concord better deliver services and serve as a staff multiplier/accelerate broadband network buildout with funding infusion.

Four priorities emerged considered “Category 2” priorities, or priorities that staff can get to when time and funding allow, including: Interim Safety Enhancements on Willow Pass Road; Enhance Library Facility; Annexation – Phase 1 – Willow Pass/Highway 4 & Airport and Phase 2 – Tidal Area CNWS; and an Annual Open Standing Committee Meeting.
During discussion, Council further refined the “Category 2” priorities to one priority, Interim Safety Enhancement on Willow Pass Road and Annexation – Phase 1 – Willow Pass/Highway 4 & Airport and Phase 2 – Tidal Area CNWS.

City Manager Barone confirmed that staff will prepare a white paper on the annexation process.

Mr. Gould asked the Council to consider and the Council agreed on the following questions when new needs or ideas arise
1. Does it need to happen now?
2. Do we have the resources (staff, time, money) to accomplish?
3. What existing priorities will we put aside or delay to accomplish this new priority?

Mayor Birsan opened a public comment period.

George Fulmore, Concord, spoke of upgrades to Ellis Lake Park and lack of street parking in the Monument, the need to focus on building things for current Concord residents, and the 2020 census.

John Haberkorn, Concord, stated that he and his neighbors do not want to see Ellis Lake Park graded and requested that the City speak to residents before considering grading Ellis Lake Park.

Mayor Birsan closed the public comment period.

It was the consensus of the council that the workshop was productive with robust discussion, requested that the Economic Development Strategy come back for review, and when Management Partners prepares the summary of the workshop, all priorities be included, not just the focus priorities.

CORRESPONDENCE

a. Public comment submitted by Nilesh Patel

Mayor Birsan adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

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EDI E. BIRSAN
MAYOR

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JOELLE FOCKLER, MMC
CITY CLERK