



CITY OF NEWARK CITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES Special Meeting

Thursday, September 23, 2021
5:30 P.M

A. ROLL CALL

Mayor Nagy called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Present were Council Members Freitas, Bucci, and Hannon, and Planning Commissioners Fitts, Aguilar, Becker and Bridges (joined 5:54 p.m.). Council Member Collazo and Planning Commissioner Otterstetter were absent.

B. CITY MANAGER REPORTS

1. Special joint study session meeting with City Council and Planning Commission on the update to the Housing Element.

City Manager Benoun gave a brief overview and introduced Mr. Peninger.

Affordable Housing Planning Consultant Paul Peninger gave a presentation (on file with the City Clerk) covering the housing element structure and required sections, Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), new requirements (Environmental Justice Element and Safety Element) and resources, timeline, process and next steps.

Mr. Peninger stated that the Housing Element is a plan for the housing needed in a community. It includes policies and programs and is updated every 8 years. There are 1874 total housing units assigned to the City of Newark in the Regional Housing Needs Allocation. The breakdown by income levels consisted of: very low income – 464 units, low income -268 units, moderate income – 318 units, Above moderate income 824 units.

January 2023 is the deadline to submit the final housing element to the State of California for approval.

No one from the public requested to speak.

The City Council/Planning Commission discussed Senate Bill 9's potential impact on the Housing

Element, the timing of the NewPark Place Specific Plan housing units, the SB535 disadvantage community status of Census Tract 6001444601 and if the status will change with the next CalEnviroScreen map update, Community Outreach with a mix of electronic/in person engagements, AB 686 Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing quantification, Redevelopment, and Environmental Justice Element data collection.

Council Member Hannon requested that when staff brings back the Housing element update back on an annual basis, to show what the original target and how close the City is to meeting the target.

Planning Commission Aguilar requested more details on Environmental Justice Element process. Mr. Peninger stated he would send the details after the meeting.

C. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Nagy adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Sheila Harrington
City Clerk