CITY OF PERRIS

MINUTES: City Council Work Session

Date of Meeting: 02 July, 2002 Time of Meeting: 3:00 p.m.

Place of Meeting: City Council Chambers-City Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present: Rogers, Busch

Absent: Yarbrough and Motte

Councilmember Yarbrough arrived at 5:15 p.m.

Staff Members Present: City Manager Vasquez, Assistant City Manager Apodaca, City Attorney Dunn, Community Director Gutierrez, Finance Director Rogers-Elmore, City Engineer Motlagh, Public Services Director Owens, and City Clerk Rey

3. WORK SESSION:

A. General Plan Amendment Update and Work Program

Community Director Gutierrez gave the purpose and intent of the General Plan Update. Alternative land plan would be through the process of analysis and community outreach. Upon selection of an appropriate land use an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) would be prepared. The Sphere of Influence and possible annexations were discussed.

Mr. Lepo, Hogle-Ireland, said they recognize that the General Plan must simply and accurately reflect the community's intentions, and be understandable if it is to be implemented. Accordingly, City Council and staff from all City departments would be involved in the development of the General Plan. Key junctures would be identified where involvement of residents, business people, and all interest groups will have the greatest impact. Hogle-Ireland had the responsibility of the Program Management

3:00 p.m. Called to Order

Four Council Members
Present

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Community Director Gutierrez's Introduction

Hogle-Ireland, Mr. Lepo's Presentation

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of the General Plan Update process during Fiscal Year 2002-2003 which included: 1) work flow/product delivery of transportation consultant; 2) work flow/work product delivery of capital facilities consultant; 3) review and provide written comment on traffic consultant work product; 4) participation in monthly status meetings with City staff; 5) preparation of monthly status memorandum for City Council; and 6) request to assign City staff in data collection and mapping tasks.

Mr. Lepo indicated Hogle-Ireland would prepare an update of the existing General Plan Land Use Element. The scope of work involved was to provide tasks and costs associated with the update of the Land Use Element of the 1991 General Plan. The scope reflected the consensus that the Goals and Policies of the 1991 General Plan reflected the vision of current City Council relative to the future physical development of the City. There had been change in circumstances over the past decade and must be recognized in the update as well as documenting development, population and employment growth since 1991; reconsider development standards approved more than a decade ago for residential subdivisions that had never been constructed; and adoption of a Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan may significantly reduce the inventory of land available for future development from that indicated in 1991. The City intended to accomplish an update that would result in a user-friendly, action-oriented vehicle for guiding future development, budgeting and capital improvement decisions. He identified seven tasks for update of the Land Use Element: 1) Land Use Inventory and Database; 2) Issues, Opportunities, and Constraints; 3) Define Alternative Land Use Plans; 4) Refine Alternative Land Use Plans; 5) Draft Land Use Element Policy Documents; 6) Preferred Alternative Land Use Plan; and 7) Revised Land Use Element.

Hogle-Ireland would compile the Circulation Element incorporating all traffic and transportation texts, table, diagrams and maps provided by the City's traffic consultant and would prepare all other required components of the Circulation Element: 1) documentation of existing infrastructure for flood control, sanitary sewers, potable water, electricity, natural gas, and television cable franchise; 2) identification of existing solid waste collection services and applicable disposal facility capacities; 3) documentation of utility infrastructure deficiencies identified in consultation with City Engineer and respective City and County agencies and special purpose districts; 4) revised "Objectives, Policies, and Implementation Measures"; 5) Consultant selection for preparation of Parks and Open Space, Noise, Safety, and Conservation Elements and for preparation of a Master Environmental Assessment and a program Environmental Impact Report.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION:

Mayor Pro Tem Rogers requested, for a later date, to review the 1991 General Plan Map for comparison of the Sphere of Influence and annexations. She commented that Mead Valley was the only area that was currently in the Sphere of Influence.

Mayor Pro Tem Rogers'
Comments

Councilmember Yarbrough commented that the update was long overdue and voiced concern with Riverside County's Implementation Program (RCIP). The City should take the approach of the worst case scenario and it was important, as we go through the planning process, to understand that Alternative F was a threat to the City. In regards to Mead Valley, Councilmember Yarbrough said, eventually it could be totally absorbed by Riverside and controlled, or Mead Valley and Perris could merge and expand the community.

Councilmember Yarbrough's Comments

Councilmember Motte commented, for future development it may be a benefit, for land value, to consider bicycle lanes, walk areas, and horse trails. He also commented on traffic control and gridlock, which was a major problem. It was confirmed that all levels of transportation services would be addressed through the update of the General Plan.

Councilmember Motte's Comments

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Chris Guccione, Intern for the City of Perris, commented that, hopefully, Perris would annex Mead Valley. She commented on the opportunity to increase the property value in Mead Valley to draw Orange County residents and increase revenue; the chance to obtain State/Federal and Riverside County infrastructure funds.

Ms. Guccione's Comments

Mr. Barratt commented on the General Plan Update processed twelve years ago and indicated there were citizen-input committees established. The input provided would result in density or zone for this new update.

Mr. Barratt's Comments

5. ADJOURNMENT: By unanimous consent the City Council Work Session was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

5:50 p.m. City Council Work Session Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Rey, City Clerk