

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
JULY 21, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor McCallon at the Donahue Council Chambers, 27215 Base Line, Highland, California.

ROLL CALL

Present: McCallon, Racadio, Timmer
Absent: Lilburn, Scott

Mayor McCallon stated you may recall and if you were here at the last meeting, the public comment period for comments on the Harmony Project were completed. The public hearing was left open only for the purpose of receiving the applicant's rebuttal, and because of the voluminous data that was submitted at the last minute the applicant has not been able to provide that entire rebuttal prior to this meeting and is asking for a continuance until a date certain. Right now this is the community input part of the agenda where you can speak to the Council on an item not on the agenda, which means not about the Harmony project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. James Blake spoke regarding the criteria for the Council to make a decision to continue a public hearing.

Mayor McCallon responded the Council can continue it on its own if it wished to. We are very accommodating when it comes to either an applicant or anyone else requesting a continuance; we take all that into consideration before we make a decision.

Ms. Michelle Skiljan asked if public comment will be allowed after the applicant's rebuttal for the Harmony project.

Mayor McCallon responded no.

Ms. Michelle Skiljan asked why that is.

McCallon stated because the public comment has been closed. If we keep the public hearing open, then the applicant has an opportunity to respond again and it just goes on and on and on. So the public comment period has been closed.

Ms. Michelle Skiljan asked what if the questions that we've posed numerous times still have not been answered.

City Attorney Steele responded it's the Council's public hearing. So the questions that are submitted, the comments that are submitted, the Council determines whether or not the information that has been submitted to you is adequate enough for you to make a decision.

Mayor McCallon stated that's the crux of it. This meeting is for our benefit, the Council. It's not for the public's benefit. We are to receive the public input so that we can make a decision.

Councilman Racadio stated the way he sees it is, the public comment has been received and listened to and noted. The applicant is going to respond to issues raised so that we can make a better decision. I don't see it as a rebuttal as much as an answer to some of the questions and then we digest it. I'm sure when we do hear it, I'm sure there's going to be a whole lot of questions from the Council to the developer and staff. This is going to be quite a long process.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Adoption of the Harmony Specific Plan to Facilitate the Development of a Master Planned Community within the Seven Oaks Community Policy Area. Land Use Entitlements include Certification of an Environmental Impact Report, Adoption of a General Plan Amendment, Zone Change, Specific Plan, Development Agreement and Two Tentative Tract Maps (Continued from June 30, 2016)

A MOTION was made by Councilman Racadio, seconded by Councilman Timmer, to continue the public hearing to August 11, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried, 3-0, with Mayor Pro Tem Lilburn and Councilwoman Scott being absent.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor McCallon adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Submitted By:

Approved By:

Betty Hughes, MMC
City Clerk

Larry McCallon
Mayor