

**MINUTES
FREMONT CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING-WORK SESSION
JULY 9, 2019
FREMONT CITY HALL
5:30 P.M.**

1. PRELIMINARY

- A. Call to Order:** Vice Mayor Salwan called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.
- B. Flag Salute:** Councilmember Shao led the salute to the flag.
- C. Attendance:** Present: Mayor Mei (arrived at 5:45 p.m.), Vice Mayor Salwan, Councilmembers: Bacon, Keng, Jones, Kassan, and Shao.
- D. Announcements by Mayor/City Manager – None.**

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Oral and Written Communications – None.**

3. SCHEDULED ITEMS

- A. Mayor Mei opened consideration of a Request for City Council to Provide Direction on Sites to Further Evaluate and Consider Based on Established Criteria for a Housing Navigation Center in Fremont**

Assistant City Manager Brian Stott, Human Services Director Suzanne Shenfil, Land Use Initiatives Manager Cliff Nguyen and Jamie Almanza from Bay Area Community Services (BACS) gave a presentation. This was followed by a question and answer period.

Mayor Mei opened the public comment period. Susan Condio Hernandez, Leonard Lloyd, Debbie Smith, Hayley Currier, Anisah Awad, Nicolas Ball-Jones, Bhupendra Shah, Urvashi Shah (provided a hand-out), Michael Boman, Iris Nicholson, Kathy Steel-Sabo, Marilyn Harris, Kamesh Malla, Jeffrey Spencer, Bill Balleschi, John Hinds, Doug Ford, and Frank Williamson expressed support for a Housing Navigation Center. The following spoke in opposition to a Housing Navigation Center: Hiu Ng, Kathy Xia, Bob Tavares, Srinivas, Caroline Xin, Hanna Yang, and Tim Pitsker.

- ❖ **Mayor Mei recessed the Special Meeting-Work Session at 7:00 p.m. to the regular City Council meeting.**
- ❖ **Mayor Mei adjourned the regular City Council meeting and reconvened the Special Meeting-Work Session at 7:30 p.m.**

Mayor Mei continued with the public comment period. Arun Ramani, Arun (provided a hand-out), Bradley Stoll, Tarrah Henrie, Aaron Eckhouse, Cowboy Bob, Nancy Haylock, Page Frakes (provided a hand-out), Janet Barton, Reshma Inamdar, Lisa Danz, Rev. Barbara Meyers, Rajeev Shankar, Cal Laritch, Srikanth Ramesh, Himny Shukla, Subash Mandanapu, Martha H. Kreeger, Sylvia Hinds, Sneha Mahecha (representing Community First Village), Grace Song, Omar Lopez-Garrity, Jeff Lo, Abhishek Iyer, Nancy Coumou, and Shavon Walker expressed support for a Housing Navigation Center. The following spoke in opposition to a Housing Navigation Center: Lisa Wills, Amit Jain, Keith Parker, Selina Song, Esther Lau, Simon Lau, Maggie Sun, Annie He, Lisa Ogrey, Mariselva Barlow, Brian Barlow, Hayes Shair, Bobby Singh (provided a hand-out), Anise Wang, Shannon Lu, Xianxin Chen, Tuan Wu, Angela Cao (provided a hand-out/petition), Jinghua Hu, Sharon Yang, Meg Lopez-Gamien, Xiaomei Wang, Vijay Danojiburapu, Youggang Zhang, Vishal Mittal, Tony Liu, Scott Rogers, Xi Guo, Sylvia Wong, Carol Zilli, Grace Chin (provided a hand-out), Pamela Jackson, and Yuxian Ou. There were no additional speakers. Mayor Mei closed the public comment period. Staff responded to additional questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers commented and provided direction to staff.

On a motion by Councilmember Kassan, seconded by Councilmember Jones, the City Council proceeded by requesting staff continue with further evaluation of Sites A (Decoto property) and G (City Hall lot) for a housing navigation center, given the results of the established criteria evaluation. The Council directed staff to conduct neighborhood outreach to obtain community input and comments on the sites selected and to develop a more thorough analysis and cost estimate for the implementation of a housing navigation center on each potential site. Council requested that staff report back, after the August recess, regarding the outcome of community outreach to seek City Council's approval of the final site for implementation of a housing navigation center in accordance with Resolution No. 2018-60.

Ayes:	Mayor Mei, Vice Mayor Salwan, Councilmembers: Bacon, Jones, Kassan, and Shao
Noes:	Councilmember Keng
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Mei adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Susan Gauthier, City Clerk

LILY MEI, Mayor