



Lucas Ramirez, Mayor
Alison Hicks, Vice Mayor
Margaret Abe-Koga, Councilmember
Ellen Kamei, Councilmember
Lisa Matichak, Councilmember
Pat Showalter, Councilmember

Kimbra McCarthy, City Manager
Jennifer Logue, City Attorney
Heather Glaser, City Clerk

January 05, 2023

Video Conference with No Physical Meeting Location

SPECIAL MEETING

During this declared state of emergency, the meeting was conducted in accordance with California Government Code §54953(e) as authorized by resolution of the City Council. All members of the City Council participated in the meeting by video conference, with no physical meeting location.

5:30 P.M.-SPECIAL SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:30 p.m., Mayor Ramirez called the meeting to order.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ramirez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

One Councilmember vacancy as of December 30, 2022.

Present: 6 - Councilmember Abe-Koga, Councilmember Kamei, Councilmember Matichak, Councilmember Showalter, Vice Mayor Hicks, Mayor Ramirez

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Options for Filling a Council Vacancy

City Clerk Glaser presented the item.

The Council directed questions to staff.

The following members of the public spoke:

Bruce England, on behalf of Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning and Green Spaces Mountain View.

Peter Katz, on behalf of the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce.

Robert Cox, on behalf of the Livable Mountain View Steering Committee.

Tim MacKenzie

Steven Goldstein

Meghan Fraley

Bee Hanson indicated support for the appointment process.

Edie Keating

Leslie-Anne Bain indicated support for a special election.

Hala Alshahwany

Anna Marie

Alex Brown

Councilmember Abe-Koga, Councilmember Matichak and Vice Mayor Hicks indicated support for holding a special election in June 2023.

Councilmember Kamei, Councilmember Showalter, Vice Mayor Hicks and Mayor Ramirez indicated support for moving forward with the appointment process.

The Council selected the following questions to add to the application:

How many Council meetings have you attended or observed, and what was your level of involvement?

What does Community for All mean for you?

Discuss one Council goal and what it means to you.

Are you thinking of running in the 2024 election for City Council?

What are your thoughts/ideas for improving the housing supply to meet today's requirements (including R3) - as well planning for the future?

The Council selected the following topics to recommend applicants focus on in their letter of interest:

Why do you want to be appointed to the Council?

Why do you believe you are the most qualified to serve?

What is the most serious social issue in Mountain View?

If appointed, how will you develop and maintain a relationship with the business community?

The Council: 1) added to the advertising options inclusion of emails to the neighborhood groups and standing distribution lists of the City; 2) determined to discuss the proposed interview questions and whether to reduce the applicant pool for interview on January 30 at its January 24 meeting; and 3) set applicant interviews for January 30 at 5:00 p.m. to be held in person.

The Council proposed the following questions to ask during the interview process:

What are your top priorities and how would they get tackled?

Are there any issues where you disagree with Council direction and what would you change?

How can we enhance the City's livability and quality of life for our residents?

What items on the current Council Strategic Work Plan are important to you?

How would you balance private property rights and community benefits, and how would you consider public comments from residents?

What efforts would you take to help our existing businesses stay in Mountain View, make it easier for new businesses to enter, and reduce the number of longstanding empty storefronts?

The Council indicated support for the: 1) application timeline suggested in the Council report with applications distributed to the Council on a rolling basis; 2) City Clerk randomly selecting the interview order; 3) applicant selection procedure suggested in the Council report; and 4) addition of a space on the application for the applicant to provide publicly available contact information.

5. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:21 p.m., Mayor Ramirez adjourned the meeting.