

approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Howard
 Commissioner Howe
 Vice Chair Simons
 Commissioner Rheume
 Commissioner Harrison

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Weiss
 Commissioner Olevson

1.A [18-0793](#) Approve Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2018

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

- 2.** [18-0670](#) **Proposed Project:**
 Forward Recommendations related to the Civic Center Modernization Master Plan Project to the City Council to:
1. Adopt a **Resolution** to:
 - a. Certify the Environmental Impact Report;
 - b. Make the Findings Required by the California Environmental Quality Act; and
 - c. Adopt the Statement of Overriding Considerations and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.
- Location:** City of Sunnyvale Civic Center Complex
File #: 2018-7219
Applicant / Owner: City of Sunnyvale
Environmental Review: Environmental Impact Report

Commissioner Howe disclosed that he met with City staff early in the Civic Center planning process and stated an opinion that he can objectively review this item.

Associate Planner Momoko Ishijima presented the staff report.

Vice Chair Simons commented on the difficulties of reading raw engineering data in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and asked staff about the potential inclusion of graphics to improve readability. Assistant Director Andrew Miner advised that the background data must be included in the EIR or EIR appendices but advised that staff is open to suggestions for future EIR's.

Vice Chair Simons discussed the potential for future changes to the Civic Center Modernization Master Plan Project and how compliance will be measured against

the EIR and a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) checklist with Assistant Director Miner.

Commissioner Harrison commented on the potential noise impacts due to the proposed relocation of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) Headquarters and confirmed with Associate Planner Ishijima that one mitigation measure could be to delay the use of sirens. Associate Planner Ishijima commented that typically officers are already in the field when called to respond to emergencies and that the DPS Headquarters will not produce the same noise level as a Fire Station.

Chair Howard opened the Public Hearing.

Deborah Marks commented on the Civic Center campus's eligibility for listing in the California Register as a historic district. Ms. Marks commented on the cost effectiveness of renovation over new construction and asked the Planning Commission to consider the merits of a historic district.

Mei-Ling Stefan requested retention of the existing fuel dock and noted her objection to the Phase I Public Safety Building addition. Ms. Stefan commented that residents want to preserve the Civic Center's heritage as expressed during community outreach meetings.

Chair Howard closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION: Commissioner Howe moved and Commissioner Harrison seconded the motion for Alternative 1 – Adopt a Resolution (Attachment 2) to:

- a. Certify the EIR;
- b. Make the Findings Required by the California Environmental Quality Act; and,
- c. Adopt the Statement of Overriding Considerations and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

Commissioner Howe commented that the process for the proposed project included substantial communication with residents through online forums and outreach meetings. Commissioner Howe stated that the EIR is only one component of this complex project and stated an opinion that it's been handled exceptionally well. Commissioner Howe noted that sirens will always create a noise conflict with neighbors regardless of the location of the DPS Headquarters and commented on the critical functions that DPS provides for the City.

Vice Chair Simons stated his support for the EIR as it has been developed. Vice Chair Simons noted his concerns regarding preservation of the historical aspects of the Civic Center. Vice Chair Simons provided information about upgraded historic government buildings. Vice Chair Simons commented on the justification of the cost of maintaining the Civic Center campus. Vice Chair Simons stated an opinion that all long-term projects should be incorporated into the City’s 20-year financial plan. Vice Chair Simons stated that he will be supporting the motion.

Chair Howard asked staff about the next steps if the City Council approves the EIR and the Civic Center Modernization Master Plan Project. City Manager Kent Steffens advised that the next steps would be to start the design for Phase I and then complete the public bidding process before starting construction.

Chair Howard stated that he will be supporting the motion. Chair Howard commented on his openness to the idea of the Civic Center’s historical significance if an alternative argument was to be made. Chair Howard commented on the effectiveness of the Civic Center public hearings and the ongoing process.

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Assistant Director Miner stated that the City Council will hold a Civic Center Study Session in the West Conference Room on September 11, 2018 and that this item goes to the City Council on September 25th, 2018.

- 3. [18-0802](#) **Proposed Project:** DESIGN REVIEW to allow Verizon wireless telecommunications facility on an existing wooden PG&E utility pole in the public right-of-way.
Location: Utility pole located in the public right-of-way near 737 San Juan Drive, between Blythe Avenue and Carmel Avenue.
File #: 2018-7410