

TOWN OF LOS GATOS
AD HOC CITIZEN COMMITTEE
February 18, 2016, 1:00 p.m.

110 E. Main Street
Town Council Chambers
Los Gatos, California

MINUTES

Call to Order

The Ad Hoc Citizen Committee meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Members and Staff present:

Vice Mayor Marico Sayoc
Council Member Steve Leonardis
Lee Fagot, Resident
Mark Robinson, Resident
Jak Van Nada, Resident
Rob Schultz, Town Attorney
Jennifer Callaway, Assistant Town Manager
Stephen Conaway, Finance Director
Matt Morley, Parks and Public Works Director
Gitta Ungvari, Administrative Analyst
Christina Gilmore, Assistant to the Town Manager

Verbal Communications

Angelia Doerner spoke in opposition of a User Utility Tax (UUT) and in favor of increasing the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) to 13% and placing the tax measure on the November 2016 ballot. Ms. Doerner also expressed concern about the results of the Police Cost Analysis report and the costs of maintaining roads due to the numerous trips waste and recycling companies make as part of their service delivery in Los Gatos neighborhoods.

Agenda Items

1. Approve the February 4, 2016 Ad Hoc Committee Draft Minutes

The Committee unanimously approved the draft minutes with no changes.

2. Discuss Information Contained in the Staff Report

The Committee reviewed and discussed the information contained in the staff report and made the following motion in regards to a TOT ballot initiative:

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Leonardis to submit a recommendation to the Town Council to place on the November 2016 ballot, a tax measure initiative to increase the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) by 2% for a total of 12%. **Seconded by Committee Member Robinson.**

VOTE: Motion passed 3-2, with Vice Mayor Sayoc and Committee Member VanNada voting in opposition to the motion, stating they support a recommendation to increase the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) by 3% for a total of 13%.

The Committee discussed the pros and cons for placing a UUT ballot initiative on the November 2016 or November 2018 general election ballots. The Committee expressed an interest in exploring draft language for a future UUT ballot initiative that would include the following:

- The proposed UUT tax would be a general tax
- The proposed UUT tax uses would be worded in general terms so that it could be used for infrastructure and/or capital improvement projects
- A Town Council appointed oversight committee would be formed to monitor the use of funds for infrastructure and/or capital improvement projects
- The proposed UUT tax could be up to 5% and divided in 1% increments over the following utilities:
 - Phone/Mobile Phone
 - Electricity
 - Gas
 - Water
 - Cable Television
 - Waste Management

3. Review of Ad Hoc Citizen Committee Timeline and Next Steps

The Committee requested staff to return at the February 23, 2016 Ad Hoc Citizen Committee meeting with the following information for review and discussion:

- Draft language for both a TOT and UUT ballot initiative
- Recommendations for a political consulting firm that includes:
 - Estimated consultant costs
 - Proposed timeline for placing an initiative on the November 2016 and November 2018 ballots.

Adjourned at 2:21 p.m.