

**MINUTES
FREMONT CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING-WORK SESSION
APRIL 17, 2018
FREMONT CITY HALL
5:30 P.M.**

1. PRELIMINARY

- A. Call to Order:** Mayor Mei called the meeting to order.
- B. Flag Salute:** Vice Mayor Bacon led the salute to the flag.
- C. Attendance:** Present: Mayor Mei, Vice Mayor Bacon, Councilmembers: Jones, Salwan and Bonaccorsi
- 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 Homelessness Study Update**

Deputy City Manager Brian Stott, Community Services Director Suzanne Wolf, Police Chief Richard Lucero, and Human Services Director Suzanne Shenfil gave a presentation. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions. Marisha Engineer, Martha Torres, and Laurie Flores spoke on behalf of the City of Fremont Human Services department in support of additional resources for the homeless community. Marilyn Singer provided a handout and voiced support of keeping the warming center open year-round. Brenda Brennan spoke on behalf of Washington hospital in regards to the type and amount of homeless people seen in the emergency department. Heidi Leung expressed concern that some of the suggested solutions would encourage more homelessness. Doug Ford spoke about housing being the best solution for homelessness. Miriam Keller spoke on behalf of RISE in support of revisiting rent control. Ron Carpenter expressed a variety of concerns. Rangin Khattak provided examples about the safety issues from the homeless encampments in his neighborhood. John Smith spoke on behalf of the HRC in a request to be included in the brainstorming and execution of plans moving forward. Kaoi Lam spoke about treating the homeless from his experience as a physician at Washington hospital as well as the recent uptick in property crimes. Vivian Wan from Abode Services spoke in support of housing development. Kathy Arao expressed concern about the fires from homeless encampments. Dr. Sonia Khan shared a positive interaction she had with some homeless community members. Raymond Mears and Teody shared their experiences being homeless.

Mayor Mei closed public comment. Mayor Mei recessed the Special Meeting-Work Session at 7:00 p.m. to the regular City Council meeting. Mayor Mei reconvened the Special Meeting-Work Session at 7:30 p.m. Another question and answer period followed. Councilmembers commented and provided direction to staff.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Mei adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Merry Monlux, Deputy City Clerk

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