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**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL  
STUDY SESSION  
JUNE 18, 2007 - 6:00 P.M.**

The Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos conducted a Study Session on Monday, June 18, 2007 at 6:00 P.M.

**PRESENTATION**

**Informational report on "Green" Initiatives related to climate control and greenhouse gas emissions and direction on recommendations in staff report.**

**ROLL CALL**

Open/Close Verbal Communication

Presentation made by **Regina Falkner**, Director of Community Services.

**Ms. Falkner**

Gave an overview about regional and local climate control initiatives, goals and challenges relating to emissions inventory, the U. S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement, Joint Venture Silicon Valley, and the Town's accomplishments, position and developments to meet green initiative goals.

**Council Comments**

- Requested clarification about the year that the Town purchased the CNG cars.
- Would like to understand other cities' efforts relating to green initiatives.
- Commented on prior discussions with West Valley Vice Mayors related to enhancing residential awareness of green efforts through joint projects and /or competitive activities between neighboring communities.
- Commented on the value of establishing a baseline to measure improvements and develop recommended work plans.
- Commented about the need to collaborate with other cities in the bay area.
- Commented regarding the Town's history relating to green efforts.

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Open Public Comments

**Ms. Kirby**

- Supported green initiatives and emissions efforts.
- Encouraged green building practices.
- Supported the idea of Town commissions taking the lead on green initiative efforts.
- Questioned if businesses were positioned to implement green initiatives with their business practices.

**Mr. Rennie**

- Encouraged the Council to sign the U.S. Mayor's Agreement.
- Would like to see community involvement relating to the green initiatives.

Closed Public comments

Council Discussion

- Questioned the level of staff work required for the green initiative issues.
- Consensus to direct staff to return to Council in fall 2007 with recommendations regarding greenhouse gas emissions inventory, reduction goals, and reduction plan.
- Consensus to direct staff to participate in the greenhouse gas inventory and planning workshop to be held in September, 2007.
- Consensus to direct staff to work with Joint Venture Silicon Valley to determine the best approach for the development of a regional greenhouse reduction plan.
- Questioned if the Town budget can absorb costs associated with the green initiative goals.
- Consensus that the Community Services Commission be the lead commission to develop recommended green initiative goals.
- Suggested folding other interested commissioners into the green initiative process with the Community Services Commission.
- Consensus to direct staff to incorporate climate protection policies and goals in the upcoming General Plan review process.
- Consensus to have **Mayor Joe Pirzynski** to sign the U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement and to celebrate the signing at a public event.
- **Council Member Barbara Spector** requested support to continue working with the West Valley Vice Mayors to organize a September meeting of joint city/Town residents to provide information relating to green issues.

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**Ms. Figone**, Town Manager

- Suggested that staff would return to Council with a work plan, goals and a funding recommendation as directed by Council.

Study Session Adjourned.

Attest:

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Jackie D. Rose, Clerk Administrator