

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-034

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROHNERT PARK AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING DEFERRAL OF GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT REQUESTS FOR PROPERTY WEST OF HIGHWAY 101 TO THE 2020 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROCESS

WHEREAS; the City has commenced a comprehensive update to its General Plan, which is anticipated to be complete in 2020; and

WHEREAS, a major focus of the General Plan update is reviewing and updating the land use designations west of Highway 101 in order to provide comprehensive and integrated land use strategy for property west of Highway 101 that is consistent with Rohnert Park's community character; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 65358(a) provides that: "If it deems it to be in the public interest, the legislative body may amend all or part of an adopted general plan. An amendment to the general plan shall be initiated in the manner specified by the legislative body"; and

WHEREAS, the City's Municipal Code does not address the timing or initiation of general plan amendments and the City's existing General Plan does not set forth any specific timeframe for considering general plan amendments; and

WHEREAS, the City has discretion over when and how it processes General Plan amendment requests and is not required to review these requests within a fixed timeframe; and

WHEREAS, processing requests for General Plan amendments on property west of Highway 101 will distract from the comprehensive General Plan review, limit policy maker's options with respect to land use alternatives in this area and potentially complicate the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review of the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive General Plan update can benefit property owners by providing a programmatic planning documents that simplify the requirements for new entitlements; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to defer general plan amendment requests for property west of Highway 101 to the General Plan amendment process.

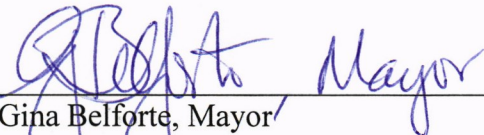
WHEREAS, an application for a General Plan Amendment request was submitted by Stadium RP Development Partners, LLC, for the Five Creek project within the Stadium Area Master Plan area on November 1, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Rohnert Park that it does hereby direct staff to defer General Plan amendment requests for property west of Highway 101 to the 2020 General Plan update process with the exception of the Five Creek request which may be reviewed and considered.

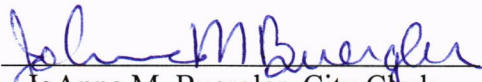
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to any actions necessary to effectuate this direction.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED this 26th day of March, 2019.

CITY OF ROHNERT PARK


Gina Belforte, Mayor

ATTEST:


JoAnne M. Buergler, City Clerk

ADAMS: AYE MACKENZIE: AYE STAFFORD: AYE CALLINAN: NAY BELFORTE: NAY
AYES: (3) NOES: (2) ABSENT: (0) ABSTAIN: (0)