

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-131

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA, TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE ONTARIO POLICY PLAN (GENERAL PLAN), FILE NO. PGPA20-002.

WHEREAS, the City of Ontario Certified the Environmental Impact Report prepared for The Ontario Plan and associated Statement of Overriding Considerations, and issued Resolution No. 2010-003; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ontario adopted the Policy Plan (General Plan) as part of the component framework for The Ontario Plan on January 27, 2010, and issued Resolution No. 2010-004; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ontario has been operating under The Ontario Plan Policy Plan (General Plan) adopted by City Council on January 27, 2010, Resolution No. 2010-004, along with their respective Policy Plan (General Plan) text and maps; and

WHEREAS, Section 65300 of the California Government Code of the State of California authorizes cities to prepare and update long-range comprehensive guides known as general plans; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ontario's Technical Update to the Policy Plan complies with Section 65300 in that it meets the state mandate of a general plan; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Plan is an integrated component within The Ontario Plan, the City's comprehensive long-term municipal business plan; and

WHEREAS, during the development of the Policy Plan, the City participated in Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) regional planning programs including Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), and Regional Transportation Plan Sustainable Community Strategy (RTP/SCS); and

WHEREAS, the Policy Plan advances regional planning policies; and

WHEREAS, Section 65361 limits the amendment of a mandatory element of the Policy Plan to not more than four (4) times per year; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Plan contains nine elements: 1) Land Use, 2) Housing, 3) Parks and Recreation, 4) Environmental Resources, 5) Community Economics, 6) Safety, 7) Mobility, 8) Community Design, and 9) Social Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use, Housing, Parks and Recreation, Environmental Resources, Safety and Mobility elements are mandatory elements of the Policy Plan per Section 65302; and

WHEREAS, the Community Economics, Community Design, and Social Resources elements are optional elements of the Policy Plan per Section 65302; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Adaptation and Resiliency, and Environmental Justice elements are woven throughout the policy plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ontario has determined that the existing General Plan required revision to bring the document into conformance with state law and to make all the elements internally consistent; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ontario has prepared a technical update to the Policy Plan (General Plan), to replace the current Policy Plan (General Plan) adopted in 2010, with exception to the Housing Element that was approved by the City Council on March 1, 2022 and pending the California Department of Housing and Community Developments (HCD's) review and certification; and

WHEREAS, The Ontario Plan 2050 – Policy Plan Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) was reviewed, studied, and found to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

WHEREAS, the City of Ontario made The Ontario Plan 2050 website (www.Ontarioplan.org/TOP2050) including the Policy Plan, available for public review on May 9, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ontario conducted a virtual open house on June 14, 2021 to gain input from impacted property owners; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ontario conducted a virtual meeting with Community Health Improvement Association on June 24, 2021, to gain input from members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ontario conducted a virtual Community Workshop #1 on June 28, 2021, to gain input from members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ontario conducted a virtual Community Workshop #2 on July 29, 2021, to gain input from members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ontario conducted outreach events at Concerts in the Park on August 25, 2021 and August 26, 2021, to gain input from members of the public and participate in the Environmental Justice Survey; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ontario conducted an outreach event at Taste of Ontario on March 19, 2022, to provide an update to the TOP 2050 and gain input from members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ontario conducted a series of virtual Open House/Office Hours on March 31, 2022, April 28, 2022, and May 26, 2022, to provide brief overview of TOP 2050 and provide the public with an informal format to ask questions and share insights; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ontario conducted a series of outreach meeting with the Ontario's Teen Action Committee on June 6, 2022, June 15, 2022, and June 16, 2022, providing an overview of the TOP 2050, climate adaptation and resiliency, and the importance of civic participation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ontario conducted an in-person open house located inside City Hall on June 30, 2022, to provide an overview of the TOP 2050 Update SEIR, Policy Plan, and Community Climate Action Plan, and gain input from members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission is responsible for reviewing updates to the Policy Plan (General Plan) and Map and forwarding a recommendation to the City Council on the adoption of the General Plan and Map; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2022, the Planning Commission of the City of Ontario conducted a duly noticed public hearing on the General Plan Update at which time all persons wishing to testify in connection with the General Plan Update were heard; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2022, the Planning Commission of the City of Ontario conducted a duly noticed public hearing on the SEIR and concluded said hearing on that date, voting (7-0) to recommend certification of the SEIR and adoption of Environmental Findings pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, a Statement of Overriding Considerations and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting to the City Council, issuing Resolution No. PC22-040; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2022, the Planning Commission of the City of Ontario conducted a duly noticed public hearing on an amendment to the Ontario Policy Plan (General Plan) and concluded said hearing on that date, voting (7-0) to recommend approval of an amendment to the Ontario Policy Plan (General Plan) to the City Council, issuing Resolution No. PC22-042; and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2022, the Planning Commission of the City of Ontario conducted a duly noticed public hearing on the Policy Plan at which time all persons wishing to testify were heard and the Policy Plan was fully studied; and

WHEREAS, all other legal prerequisites to the adoption of this Resolution have occurred.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Ontario, as follows:

SECTION 1. Environmental Determination and Findings. The City Council finds that the environmental effects of the General Plan Update (The Ontario Plan – Policy Plan) have been analyzed and discussed in the TOP 2050 Update SEIR in compliance with CEQA. The City Council finds that the SEIR was prepared in compliance with CEQA, that the City complied with CEQA's procedural and substantive requirements, and that the SEIR is an accurate and objective statement that fully reflects the independent judgement of the City.

SECTION 2: *City Council Action.* Based on the entire record before the City Council, all written and oral evidence presented, and the findings made in this Resolution, the City Council hereby amends the Policy Plan (General Plan) as set forth in Attachment “A” (The Ontario Plan 2050– Policy Plan).

(1) **Land Use.** The General Plan Update (The Ontario Plan – Policy Plan) shows how the City of Ontario will develop, use and arrange land which is critical to achieving the Ontario Vision. Land is a finite and valuable resource. How it is used is a key factor in the City's economic future. As stewards of the land, the City must plan for uses and development that adds value to the community, in terms of function, design and fiscal return. Ontario is steadfast in its Vision, but the Policy Plan is flexible enough to accommodate the evolution of development types. Ontario desires to have distinct neighborhoods and activity centers; diversity of residential, employment, retail, entertainment, and community and recreational services; and a world-class airport which are connected through a unified mobility system. The Land Use Element reflects Ontario's Vision to be a complete community.

(2) **Housing.** The General Plan Update (The Ontario Plan – Policy Plan) is integrated and compatible with the Housing Element in that it provides for development consistent with the existing and projected housing needs of the community. The General Plan Update (The Ontario Plan – Policy Plan) will maintain a supply of developable residential land adequate to accommodate the amount and type of projected household and job growth. The General Plan Update (The Ontario Plan – Policy Plan) will also ensure that residential sites are served by adequate infrastructure and services and with a range of housing types to accommodate a variety of incomes and lifestyles including the City's fair share of regional housing need. The General Plan Update (The Ontario Plan – Policy Plan) will also provide housing opportunities for groups with special needs and for all people regardless of race, religion, gender, marital status, ancestry or national origin.

(3) **Parks & Recreation.** The General Plan Update (The Ontario Plan – Policy Plan) integrates parks and recreational spaces which are critical physical, social and psychological element of a complete community. Beyond merely providing recreational opportunities, carefully sited and well-designed parks serve a multitude of functions for the community: creating neighborhood identity, serving as focal points for gathering and celebration, and increasing and protecting environmental resources. Moreover, parks act as the city's “breathing spaces”, where people experience relief as they go about their daily routines.

(4) **Environmental Resources.** Ontario's environmental resources are an integral part of our maturing City and are valued for the benefits they provide. Appropriately managed, they reduce health risks for residents and workers, lower energy and water costs, safeguard our water assets, and protect our environment. The systems that convey and treat water and waste, generate and distribute energy, promote beneficial air quality, and protect natural resources are essential to Ontario's health and prosperity. The General Plan Update (The Ontario Plan – Policy Plan) will manage resources comprehensively, utilizing natural and man-made systems that are both environmentally and economically sustainable.

(5) Community Economics. The City's role is to create, maintain and grow economic value. Community shareholders, including property owners, tenants, families and businesses have invested in Ontario and should expect a return from those investments, including financial and qualitative returns, such as: quality of life, job opportunities, potential for business growth, sense of safety, healthy environment, responsive government, amenities and so much more - all of which is part of the Vision of being a "complete community". Their investments, in turn, generate returns for the community. A business investing in expansion creates new job opportunities for residents. A developer investing in new housing attracts new consumers for Ontario's retailers. These investments add municipal revenues, which the City reinvests in community facilities, public improvements, and services that increase shareholder returns. Through the Community Economics Element policies, The General Plan Update (The Ontario Plan – Policy Plan) commits itself to protecting these investments. Generating better and higher returns gives Ontario a competitive advantage to attract even more investment. This new investment and reinvestment creates a self-sustaining cycle of prosperity. The General Plan Update (The Ontario Plan – Policy Plan) is integrated and compatible with the Community Economics Element.

(6) Safety. The General Plan Update (The Ontario Plan – Policy Plan) is integrated and compatible with the Safety Element in that it provides an appropriate land use distribution and orientation which protects the community from unreasonable risks associated with seismic, geologic, flood, wind, and wildfire hazards.

(7) Mobility. Ontario is strategically located within a regional transportation network that includes an international airport with passenger and air cargo operations, three freeways, three freight rail lines, commuter and passenger rail services, public transit and a local network of streets and multi-purpose trails. This network provides multi-modal transportation options for those traveling within, to or through the City. This robust system creates unique opportunities for Ontario as a regional jobs hub and a complete community. Ontario's Vision to concentrate growth in key locations will allow the City to capitalize on this transportation system. Ontario's Vision is that there will be more mobility options as the City and the region grow. Personal vehicles will continue to provide individual mobility and flexibility for travel, though fuel systems will change, and guidance technology will become much more sophisticated. Bus travel will be a convenient and reliable option. The commuter rail system will provide service all day throughout the region and high-speed rail may be developed for longer-distance trips. Air travel will be linked through a future multi-modal station in close proximity to ONT airport where access to many modes of transit will be available. Freight transportation via trucks, rail and air cargo will provide efficient movement of goods to the City, region and beyond while minimizing negative impacts. The mobility element will be coordinated with future land use patterns and levels of buildout. Access and connectivity to mobility options will be integrated into neighborhoods, centers, corridors and districts. The placement of housing, jobs and amenities in closer proximity to each other and design strategies focused on the pedestrian will make walking a desirable alternative and a connected regional system of multi-purpose trails will enable safe and convenient non-motorized travel. The General Plan Update (The Ontario Plan – Policy Plan) is integrated and compatible with the Mobility Element.

(8) Community Design. All members of the community—residents, business owners, workers, visitors and investors— need places and spaces that are both functional and appealing. Quality design of the built environment can: protect existing investments; achieve sustainable environments; create safe and pleasant places where people want to live, work and recreate; and add value to the community. The General Plan Update (The Ontario Plan – Policy Plan) is integrated and compatible with the Community Design Element.

(9) Social Resources. Access to healthcare, nutrition, and healthy environments, quality education, diverse community services and facilities and cultural opportunities are essential to a prosperous Ontario. All are critical to individual and community well-being and Ontario’s ability to attract residents and investors. However, direct control over delivery of healthcare, education, social services and cultural opportunities is in the hands of outside organizations. Therefore, the City must leverage the efforts of service providers within the region. The General Plan Update (The Ontario Plan – Policy Plan) is integrated and compatible with the Social Resources Element.

SECTION 4: *Custodian of Records*. The documents and materials that constitute the record of proceedings on which these findings have been based are located at the City of Ontario City Hall, 303 East “B” Street, Ontario, California 91764. The custodian for these records is the City Clerk of the City of Ontario.

SECTION 5: *Certification to Adoption*. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of the Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 16th day of August 2022.



PAUL S. LEON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



SHEILA MAUTZ, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



BEST BEST & KRIEGER LLP
CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO)
CITY OF ONTARIO)

I, SHEILA MAUTZ, City Clerk of the City of Ontario, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that foregoing Resolution No. 2022-131 was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Ontario at their regular meeting held August 16, 2022 by the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES: MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBERS: LEON, WAPNER, DORST-PORADA AND VALENCIA

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: BOWMAN


SHEILA MAUTZ, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

The foregoing is the original of Resolution No. 2022-131 duly passed and adopted by the Ontario City Council at their regular meeting held August 16, 2022.


SHEILA MAUTZ, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)