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- Planning Commission
October 6, 2020
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M I N U T E S

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE



TELECONFERENCE/REMOTE

October 6, 2020

6:02 PM

In accordance with City policy, all Planning Commission meetings are recorded on audio and video in their entirety and are available for review in the Community Development Department (CDD). These minutes are a brief summary of action taken.

1. ROLL CALL

Chair Matthew Jones, Vice-Chair Anna Kammer, and Commissioners Ed Acosta, Gina Cole, Veronica Dorantes-Pulido, Jenny T. Sarmiento, and Jenni Veitch-Olson were present.

Staff members present were City Attorney Alan Smith, Assistant Police Chief Thomas Sims, Community Development Director Suzi Merriam, Principal Planner Justin Meek, Associate Planner Ivan Carmona, Assistant Director of Public Works Maria Esther Rodriguez, Recording Secretary Deborah Muniz, Administrative Assistant II Elena Ortiz and City Interpreter Sofia Vazquez-Flores.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Matthew Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Principal Planner Justin Meek shared that the month of October is National Community Planning Month and encouraged everyone to visit the City's website for more information.

Commissioner Veitch-Olson reminded everyone to vote on Election Day and provided information on where to drop off ballots and vote in-person.

A. PRESENTATION TO PLANNING COMMISSION ON FINDINGS

Presentation was given by Community Development Director Suzi Merriam.

In answering Commissioner Sarmiento, Director Merriam stated that they plan to share tonight's presentation with the general public to provide an understanding of the planning process.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. AN APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (PP2019-452) TO ALLOW CONVERSION OF A PORTION OF AN EXISTING TWO-STORY 75,398± SQUARE-FOOT VACANT COMMERCIAL BUILDING INTO A TWO-STORY 41,419 SQUARE-FOOT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FOR WATSONVILLE PREP SCHOOL LOCATED AT 407 MAIN STREET (APN 017-641-12), FILED BY KEVIN SVED WITH NAVIGATOR SCHOOLS, APPLICANT, ON BEHALF OF HANSEN FAMILY TRUST, PROPERTY OWNER

1) Staff Report

The staff report was given by Associate Planner Ivan Carmona.

2) Planning Commission Clarifying & Technical Questions

Associate Planner Ivan Carmona and Assistant Director of Public Works Maria Esther Rodriguez, answered questions from Vice-Chair Kammer regarding the traffic impact analysis, and the use of bicycles on City sidewalks.

Assistant Director Rodriguez and Assistant Police Chief Sims answered questions from Commissioner Acosta clarifying the age of children allowed to ride bicycles on City sidewalks.

Director Merriam answered questions from Commissioner Cole pertaining to the revised alcohol ordinance, restrictions in the downtown core area, and the type of housing available at the Resetar Residential Hotel.

Commissioner Cole asked if Santa Cruz METRO was given notification of the project.

Associate Planner Carmona stated that they were not.

3) Applicant Presentation

Kevin Sved, Navigator Schools Chief Executive Officer, and property owner, William Hansen, both gave an overview of the project.

4) Planning Commission Clarifying & Technical Questions

Mr. Sved, Mr. Hansen, and Assistant Director Rodriguez, all answered questions from Commissioner Kammer in regards to notification about the project to Santa Cruz METRO, the school indoor play area and plan to meet the California Department of Education (CDE) Physical Education requirement, the Traffic Management Plan, and the Watsonville Prep Transportation Impact Analysis conducted by Kittelson & Associates, Inc.

ADOPTED MINUTES 4.A.

Mr. Sved, Assistant Director Rodriguez, and Assistant Police Chief Sims answered questions from Commissioner Veitch-Olson regarding the number of reported incidents on the Transportation Impact Analysis, school campus security plan, and measures they plan to implement to not exceed the school's maximum capacity of 565 students.

Commissioner Cole inquired about the timeline of the project.

Mr. Sved stated that they anticipate construction commencing in early December 2020, with a plan to open by August 2021.

Commissioner Cole asked if the students are currently attending school in person or doing distance learning.

Mr. Sved stated that they are currently doing distance learning, but just started hosting on-site for a few students at E.A. Hall Middle School.

In addressing Commissioner Cole's inquiry, Martin Hochroth, Artik Art & Architecture Principal, went over the school campus layout.

Mr. Sved, Assistant Director Rodriguez, and Mr. Hansen answered questions from Commissioner Cole regarding the early drop-off and pick-up time schedule, measures they plan to implement to limit the amount of traffic during pick-up times, the site's parking lot traffic pattern, and the percentage of students that get dropped off on campus by vehicle.

In answering Commissioner Acosta's inquiry about a future increase to the school's student capacity, Mr. Sved reiterated that they plan to cap the maximum at 565 students.

Mr. Hansen suggested to the Planning Commission that they include as part of the conditions of approval for the Special Use Permit, a maximum capacity of 600 students.

In answering Commissioner Acosta, Assistant Police Chief Sims clarified his earlier comments in regards to the policy on riding bicycles on sidewalks, as he misspoke by stating that children K through 8th grade could ride bicycles on City sidewalks.

Commissioner Veitch-Olson asked what Mr. Hansen's plans are for the building's first floor, and if those will be affected by having a school on the second floor.

Mr. Hansen went over those plans.

In answering Commissioner Dorantes-Pulido, Mr. Sved mentioned that he hopes to work with Radcliff Elementary School to help mitigate the traffic congestion that may arise in the area due to school drop-off and pick-up times.

ADOPTED MINUTES 4.A.

In response to Commissioner Cole's suggestion to notify Santa Cruz METRO about the project, Director Merriam confirmed that Santa Cruz METRO was indeed given notification about the proposed project because they are within 300 feet from the project.

5) Public Hearing

Chair Jones opened the public hearing.

Sharon Waller, Navigator Schools founder, spoke in support of the project and her reasons for doing so.

Brando Sencion, Slice Project owner, expressed concern about the amount of traffic generated in downtown, especially on Fridays.

Crystal Toriumi, Watsonville resident, spoke in support of the project and asked the Planning Commission to do the same.

William Hansen, property owner, spoke in support of the project and listed the various ways the City and community would benefit from having the school downtown.

Hearing no further comment, Chair Jones closed the public hearing.

6) Appropriate Motion(s)

In answering Commissioner Sarmiento's question regarding the alcohol ordinance, Director Merriam reiterated that the City Council recently approved the revised ordinance, which eliminates separation requirements for downtown business, including the school, and allows more alcohol related uses in downtown.

Commissioner Acosta expressed concern about the safety of the school children in the downtown area.

FIRST MOTION (Failed): It was moved by Commissioner Acosta, seconded by Commissioner Dorantes-Pulido, to deny the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 17-20 (PC):

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (PP2019-452) TO ALLOW CONVERSION OF A PORTION OF AN EXISTING TWO STORY 75,348± SQUARE FOOT COMMERCIAL BUILDING INTO A TWO-STORY 41,419± SQUARE FOOT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FOR WATSONVILLE PREP SCHOOL ON A 4.83± ACRE SITE LOCATED AT 407 MAIN STREET (APN 017-641-12)

7) Deliberation

Director Merriam requested that if the Planning Commission is leaning towards denying the project, they allow City staff time to continue the item and make findings for denial.

In answering Commissioner Kammer's questions, City Attorney Smith went over the voting procedure.

Commissioner Cole spoke in support of staff's recommendation, as she sees that all conditions of approval are met and the findings have enough supporting evidence to move forward with the project. She urged the rest of the Commission to analyze those findings before casting a vote.

Commissioners Acosta and Dorantes-Pulido both shared their reasons for making a motion to deny staff recommendation, but would be willing to reconsider if given more time to review the findings.

Commissioner Kammer expressed opposition to denying the project, and instead, listed some of the conditions she would like staff to go over and have the applicant reconsider.

8) Chair Calls for a Vote on Motion(s)

FIRST MOTION (Failed): The above motion failed by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS: Acosta, Dorantes-Pulido, Sarmiento
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS: Cole, Kammer, Veitch-Olson, Jones
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS: None

SECOND MOTION (Approved): It was moved by Commissioner Cole, seconded by Chair Jones, to approve staff recommendation by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS: Cole, Kammer, Veitch-Olson, Jones
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS: Acosta, Dorantes-Pulido, Sarmiento
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS: None

FIRST AMENDMENT TO SECOND MOTION (Failed): It was moved by Vice-Chair Kammer, seconded by Chair Jones, to approve staff recommendation and include a condition to the Special Use Permit to remove the seventh and eighth grade levels and reduce the school count by 120 students, and incorporate an outdoor component to the physical education curriculum of twice a month.

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS: Dorantes-Pulido, Kammer
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS: Acosta, Cole, Sarmiento, Veitch-Olson, Jones
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS: None

ADOPTED MINUTES 4.A.

Commissioner Kammer explained the reasoning for her vote and encouraged the applicant to consider offering an outdoor physical component for the benefit of the students.

Commissioner Veitch-Olson strongly encouraged the applicant provide education about traffic safety for students, parents or others that will be on site, particularly during peak hours.

Commissioner Dorantes-Pulido agreed with Commissioner Kammer's addition of an outdoor component, and encouraged the applicant to offset the start and end school time to help minimize the traffic impact that may arise with the neighboring Radcliff Elementary school hours.

Chair Jones shared that he voted in support due to the project's scaled approach, which allows time to assess the traffic impacts and safety concerns.

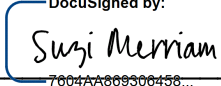
Mr. Hansen stated that to further ensure the safety of the students, they will commit to having crosswalk guards present during school drop-off and pick-up times, and will work with Navigator Schools to incorporate an outdoor component for the school children.

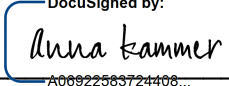
5. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

The report was given by Director Merriam.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jones adjourned the meeting 9:24 PM. The next remote/teleconference Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 6:00 PM.

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Matthew H. Jones, Chair
Planning Commission

MINUTES**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE****TELECONFERENCE/REMOTE****November 17, 2020****6:07 PM**

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1. ROLL CALL

Chair Matthew Jones, Vice-Chair Anna Kammer, and Commissioners Ed Acosta, Gina Cole, Veronica-Dorantes Pulido, and Jenni Veitch-Olson were present. Commissioner Jenny T. Sarmiento was absent.

Staff members present were City Attorney Alan Smith, Community Development Director Suzi Merriam, Principal Planner Justin Meek, Associate Planner Ivan Carmona, Assistant Planner Sarah Wikle, Recording Secretary Deborah Muniz, Administrative Assistant II Maria Elena Ortiz and City Interpreter Carlos Landaverry.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Matthew Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Gina Cole invited the public to participate in the Santa Cruz County Active Transportation Plan survey.

**A. PRESENTATION TO PLANNING COMMISSION ON CURRENT PLANNING VS
ADVANCED PLANNING**

The presentation was given by Community Development Director Suzi Merriam.

In answering Commissioner Veitch-Olson, Community Development Director Merriam provided some insight as to how and when the General Plan is updated.

Director Merriam answered questions from Vice-Chair Kammer regarding revisions to Chapter 12 (Public Safety) of the General Plan.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

ADOPTED MINUTES 4.A.**A. MOTION APPROVING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 REGULAR MEETING**

MOTION: It was moved by Vice-Chair Kammer, seconded by Chair Jones, and carried by the following vote to approve the Consent Agenda:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: Acosta, Cole, Dorantes-Pulido, Kammer,
Veitch-Olson, Jones

NOES: COMMISSIONERS: None

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: Sarmiento

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. AN APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT (APPLICATION NO. 70) TO ALLOW THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OFF-SALE GENERAL (TYPE 21) ABC LICENSE UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP FOR AN EXISTING LIQUOR STORE (WATSONVILLE FIESTA LIQUORS) LOCATED AT 602 EAST LAKE AVENUE (APN 018-302-06), FILED BY SAMER KRIDI, APPLICANT, ON BEHALF OF CLEMENTINE JONES, PROPERTY OWNER

1) Staff Report

The staff report was given by Assistant Planner Sarah Wikle.

2) Planning Commission Clarifying & Technical Questions

In answering Commissioner Cole, Assistant Planner Wikle clarified that the Special Use Permit will apply to both addresses at 602 and 604 East Lake Avenue, as both parcels are under one common ownership.

3) Applicant Presentation

Eddy Barakat, on behalf of the applicant, gave an overview of the business.

4) Planning Commission Clarifying & Technical Questions

In answering Commissioner Acosta, Mr. Barakat stated that the Barsi's Liquor sign will remain where it is currently.

5) Public Hearing

Chair Jones opened the public hearing.

Hearing no comment, Chair Jones closed the public hearing.

6) Appropriate Motion(s)

MAIN MOTION: It was moved by Vice-Chair Kammer, seconded by Commissioner Dorantes-Pulido, to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 18-20 (PC):

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT (APPLICATION NO. 70) TO ALLOW THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OFFSALE GENERAL (TYPE 21) ABC LICENSE UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP FOR AN EXISTING ± 2,000 SQUARE FOOT LIQUOR STORE (WATSONVILLE FIESTA LIQUOR) LOCATED AT 602 EAST LAKE AVENUE, WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA (APN 017-063-02)

7) Deliberation

In answering Commissioner Cole's questions regarding signage and parking lot improvements, Assistant Planner Wikle stated any changes would need to be reviewed and approved by City staff, as the Special Use Permit only applies for the change of ownership.

8) Chair Calls for a Vote on Motion(s)

MAIN MOTION: The above motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	Acosta, Cole, Dorantes-Pulido, Kammer, Veitch-Olson, Jones
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:	None
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	Sarmiento

- B. AN APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT (APPLICATION NO. 359) TO ALLOW THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SMALL BEER MANUFACTURER (TYPE 23) ABC LICENSE UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP FOR AN EXISTING MICROBREWERY WITH A 780 SQUARE FOOT TASTING ROOM (ELKHORN SLOUGH BREWING LLC DBA THE SLOUGH BREWING COLLECTIVE) LOCATED AT 65 HANGAR WAY, SUITE D (APN 015-111-24), FILED BY THE SLOUGH BREWING COLLECTIVE, APPLICANT, ON BEHALF OF SAM BISHOP, PROPERTY OWNER**

1) Staff Report

The staff report was given by Assistant Planner Sarah Wikle.

2) Planning Commission Clarifying & Technical Questions

Assistant Planner Wikle answered questions from Commissioner Cole regarding the condition of approval for the increased brewery floor space.

3) Applicant Presentation

Ben Ward, Erix Celis, and Jorge Vazquez, applicants, gave a brief overview of their business experience.

4) Planning Commission Clarifying & Technical Questions

In answering Commissioner Veitch-Olson, Assistant Planner Wikle and Director Merriam spoke about brewpub/brewery license allowance within city limits.

5) Public Hearing

Chair Jones opened the public hearing.

Xitlali spoke in support of the license transfer.

Michael Enos, Elkhorn Slough Brewery owner, spoke favorably about the transfer and new owners.

Frances Salgado Chavez spoke in support of staff recommendation.

Lupita Sanchez expressed her support for the transfer and spoke highly about Elkhorn Slough Brewery.

Hearing no further comment, Chair Jones closed the public hearing.

6) Appropriate Motion(s)

MAIN MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Veitch-Olson, seconded by Vice-Chair Kammer, to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-20 (PC):

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT (APPLICATION NO. 359) TO ALLOW THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SMALL BEER MANUFACTURER (TYPE 23) ABC LICENSE UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP FOR AN EXISTING MICROBREWERY WITH A 780 SQUARE FOOT TASTING ROOM (ELKHORN SLOUGH BREWING LLC DBA THE SLOUGH BREWING COLLECTIVE) LOCATED AT 65 HANGAR WAY, SUITE D, WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA (APN 015-111- 24)

7) Deliberation

Commissioner Veitch-Olson thanked Ms. Rebecca Royston for submitting a letter in support of staff recommendation.

8) Chair Calls for a Vote on Motion(s)

MAIN MOTION: The above motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	Acosta, Cole, Dorantes-Pulido, Kammer, Veitch-Olson, Jones
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:	None
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	Sarmiento

6. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

The report was given by Director Merriam.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at 7:26 PM. The next remote/teleconference Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 1, 2020, at 6:00 PM.

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MINUTES

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Staff members present were City Attorney Alan Smith, Community Development Director Suzi Merriam, Principal Planner Justin Meek, Associate Planner Ivan Carmona, Sr. Utilities Engineer Jackie McCloud, Administrative Assistant II Maria Elena Ortiz and City Interpreter Carlos Landaverry.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Matthew Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Veitch-Olson thanked both Chair Jones and Commissioner Sarmiento for their years of service on the Planning Commission.

Vice-Chair Kammer commended Chair Jones and Commissioner Sarmiento for their leadership and work on the Planning Commission. Additionally, she encouraged the public and Commissioners to take the Climate Action and Adaptation survey on the City's website.

Commissioner Sarmiento thanked the Planning Commission and City staff for their collaboration and support over the years.

Commissioner Cole commended Chair Jones and Commissioner Sarmiento for their work on the Planning Commission, and encouraged everyone to support a local charity as part of Giving Tuesday.

Commissioner Acosta thanked both Chair Jones and Commissioner Sarmiento for serving the community.

ADOPTED MINUTES 4.A.

Commissioner Dorantes-Pulido also commended Chair Jones and Commissioner Sarmiento for their work and wished them luck on their future endeavors.

Chair Jones spoke about his experience while serving on the Planning Commission. He thanked the Commissioners he worked with, both past and present, and City staff for their work and support throughout the years.

A. PRESENTATION TO PLANNING COMMISSION ON INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Presentation was given by Community Development Director Suzi Merriam.

Chair Jones thanked Director Merriam for her presentation and encouraged the rest of the Planning Commission to read the City Charter.

In answering Vice-Chair Kammer, Director Merriam stated that the General Plan usually gets updated every 20 to 30 years.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. AN APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT WITH DESIGN REVIEW, LOT CONSOLIDATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (APPLICATION NO. 7) TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 9,884± SQUARE FOOT AUTOMOTIVE RESTORATION SHOP LOCATED AT 140 GROVE STREET (APN 017-252-25 & -26), FILED BY RON GORDON, APPLICANT, ON BEHALF OF HANK WEMPE, PROPERTY OWNER

1) Staff Report

The staff report was given by Associate Planner Ivan Carmona.

2) Planning Commission Clarifying & Technical Questions

Associate Planner Carmona answering questions from Commissioner Cole regarding the lot consolidation, project timeline, conditions of approval, parcel setbacks and parking.

3) Applicant Presentation

Hank Wempe, applicant, introduced himself to the Planning Commission.

In answering Commissioners Veitch-Olson and Cole, Mr. Wempe gave an overview of his business and plans for the expansion.

4) Planning Commission Clarifying & Technical Questions

None

5) Public Hearing

Chair Jones opened the public hearing.

Hearing no comment, Chair Jones closed the public hearing.

6) Appropriate Motion(s)

MAIN MOTION: It was moved by Vice-Chair Kammer, seconded by Commissioner Acosta, to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 20-20 (PC):

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT WITH DESIGN REVIEW, LOT CONSOLIDATION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (APPLICATION NO. 7) TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 9,884± SQUARE-FOOT AUTOMOTIVE RESTORATION SHOP ON A 0.29± ACRE SITE LOCATED AT 140 GROVE STREET (APN 017-252-25 & -26)

7) Deliberation

In answering Commissioner Cole, Associate Planner Carmona stated that 12,000 square-feet of impervious surface will be created on the parcel and three drainage management areas onsite will drain storm water into the City's sewer system.

8) Chair Calls for a Vote on Motion(s)

MAIN MOTION: The above motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	Acosta, Cole, Dorantes-Pulido, Kammer, Sarmiento, Veitch-Olson, Jones
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:	None
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	None

B. RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL ON AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 12.A ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC SAFETY OF THE WATSONVILLE 2005 GENERAL PLAN TO INCORPORATE THE LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN BY REFERENCE INTO THE PUBLIC SAFETY ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN

1) Staff Report

The staff report was given by Sr. Utilities Engineer Jackie McCloud and Principal Planner Justin Meek.

2) Planning Commission Clarifying & Technical Questions

In answering Commissioner Sarmiento, Sr. Utilities Engineer McCloud went over the communication tools they have implemented to keep the public informed in the event of a natural disaster.

Commissioner Cole thanked Sr. Utilities Engineer McCloud for all of her work on this project.

Sr. Utilities Engineer McCloud thanked Director Merriam and Principal Planner Meek for their collaboration on this project. She also made mention that this was a grant funded project that was fully funded by the State of California.

3) Public Hearing

Chair Jones opened the public hearing.

Hearing no comment, Chair Jones closed the public hearing.

4) Appropriate Motion(s)

MAIN MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Cole, seconded by Commissioner Sarmiento, to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-20 (PC):

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT OF THE SAFETY ELEMENT OF THE 2005 WATSONVILLE GENERAL PLAN TO INCORPORATE THE 2020 SINGLE JURISDICTION LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

5) Deliberation

In answering Commissioner Kammer's inquiry regarding the addition of communication strategies into the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, Sr. Utilities Engineer McCloud stated that it may already be included in the Plan, but since the Plan is reviewed on an annual basis, they are able to update and add additional mitigation strategies as needed.

6) Chair Calls for a Vote on Motion(s)

MAIN MOTION: The above motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	Acosta, Cole, Dorantes-Pulido, Kammer, Sarmiento, Veitch-Olson, Jones
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:	None
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	None

ADOPTED MINUTES 4.A.

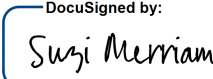
Prior to the report of the Secretary, Chair Jones thanked Mayor Pro Tempore Trina Coffman-Gomez for appointing him to the Planning Commission.

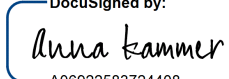
5. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Director Merriam thanked Chair Jones and Commissioner Sarmiento for their years of service on the Planning Commission and proceeded to give her report.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM. The next remote/teleconference Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 11, 2021, at 6:00 PM.

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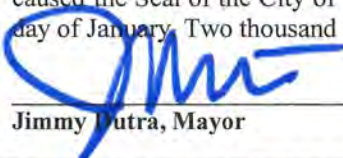
P r o c l a m a t i o n

Sharon Esther Papo
January 15, 2021

- WHEREAS,** Sharon Papo has been an advocate of justice and equality for the LGBTQ+ community in our County for over fifteen years; and
- WHEREAS,** Sharon earned a B.A. in Feminist Studies from UCSC and a Master's Degree in Social Welfare from UC Berkeley, then became a Licensed Clinical Social Worker; and
- WHEREAS,** Sharon has served as the leader of the Santa Cruz based LGBTQ+ program STRANGE, and has worked as a counselor for marginally housed youth through Encompass Community Services; and
- WHEREAS,** Sharon is currently Executive Director of The Diversity Center of Santa Cruz County, and has successfully led the Center through numerous funding, policy and pandemic challenges; and
- WHEREAS,** Sharon has also steered the Diversity Center to place a specific focus on the needs of the most vulnerable segments of our local LGBTQ+ population, namely youth, seniors, queer people of color and those who identify as transgender or gender neutral; and
- WHEREAS,** Sharon has collaborated with key local health organizations to train hundreds of clinicians and frontline medical staff in providing culturally appropriate services to the LGBTQ+ community; and
- WHEREAS,** Sharon has built strong partnerships with social service organizations throughout the County, including Pajaro Valley Prevention & Student Assistance, to ensure a visible queer presence and aid in South County; and
- WHEREAS,** under Sharon's leadership, the Center has tripled its financial support from various sources, including a two-year \$1 million dollar Safe Harbor Capital Campaign which has helped create a spacious permanent center for the LGBTQ+ community; and
- WHEREAS,** Sharon's positive attitude, graciousness and dedication have served her well in sharing with leaders and other citizens the challenges faced by LGBTQ+ people as well as the need to provide support services.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jimmy Dutra, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby recognize Sharon Esther Papo, LCSW, for being a thoughtful and strong advocate in creating anti-racist consciousness and action as a primary element of the Diversity Center's mission and honor her various contributions to the County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 15th day of January, Two thousand and twenty one.


Jimmy Dutra, Mayor

WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA

