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1.0 MINUTES

-- Planning Commission May 4, 2021

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE



TELECONFERENCE/REMOTE

May 4, 2021 6:03 PM

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1. ROLL CALL

Chair Jenni Veitch-Olson, Vice-Chair Veronica Dorantes-Pulido and Commissioners Ed Acosta, Gina Cole, Daniel Dodge, Anna Kammer, and Lucy Rojas were present.

Staff members present were City Attorney Alan Smith, Community Development Director Suzi Merriam, Principal Planner Justin Meek, Administrative Services Director Cindy Czerwin, Parks and Community Services Director Nick Calubaquib, Public Works and Utilities Administrative Services Manager Gabe Gordo, Financial Analyst Silvia Diaz, City Interpreter Sofia Vazquez-Quintero, Executive Assistant Deborah Muniz, Administrative Assistant II Maria Elena Ortiz.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Veitch-Olson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

B. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Cole listed a number of community events being held during the month of May, and encouraged everyone to participate.

Chair Veitch-Olson invited the public to attend both the 2021-2023 budget town hall meeting and Downtown Specific Plan workshop.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. MOTION APPROVING MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 2021 REGULAR MEETING

MOTION: It was moved by Vice-Chair Dorantes-Pulido, seconded by Commissioner Cole, and carried by the following vote to approve the Consent Agenda:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: Acosta, Cole, Dodge, Dorantes-Pulido,

Kammer, Rojas, Veitch-Olson

NOES: COMMISSIONERS: None ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: None

5. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

A. PRESENTATION BY PRINCIPAL PLANNER JUSTIN MEEK ON THE ROLE OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION IN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

Presentation was given by Principal Planner Justin Meek.

In responding to Commissioner Cole, Principal Planner Meek gave a brief overview of the roles and responsibilities of the first Planning Commission in terms of preparing a general plan and reviewing the City's capital improvement program. Principal Planner Meek discussed the early history of the first Planning Commission.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. CONSIDERATION OF MOTION RECOMMENDING CITY COUNCIL ADOPTION OF THE CITY'S 2021-2022 AND 2022-2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) AND FIND THE PROJECTS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE CITY'S GENERAL PLAN

1) Staff Report

The staff report was given by Administrative Services Director Cindy Czerwin.

2) Planning Commission Clarifying & Technical Questions

Director Czerwin answered questions from Commissioner Dodge regarding the Infrastructure Bill and American Rescue Plan funds, and plan for how those funds will be allocated.

Commissioner Cole expressed her preference for a more detailed list of capital improvement projects from each department, which includes a ranking of importance for each.

In answering Vice-Chair Dorantes-Pulido, Public Works and Utilities Administrative Services Manager Gabe Gordo explained how transportation projects are prioritized.

Commissioner Kammer expressed excitement for the proposed renovations at Ramsay Park, and spoke about the need to prioritize safety improvements for residents having to cross Highway 152 to access the amenities.

In answering Commissioner Rojas, Director Czerwin went over how projects are ranked and prioritized.

Chair Veitch-Olson asked if there were any projects that were delayed due to the pandemic.

Director Czerwin stated that they are unaware of any projects being delayed.

3) Public Hearing

Chair Veitch-Olson opened the public hearing.

Hearing no comment, Chair Veitch-Olson closed the public hearing.

4) Appropriate Motion(s)

MAIN MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Dodge, seconded by Commissioner Acosta, to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 3-21 (PC):

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO ADOPT THE CITY'S 2021-2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) WITH THE PROPOSED PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND FIND THAT THE CIP SUPPORTS THE GENERAL PLAN

5) Deliberation

Commissioner Cole thanked City staff for their work and hopes to see projects in the future that comply with other projects such as the Complete Streets Plan and Vision Zero.

Chair Veitch-Olson thanked staff and urged the rest of the Planning Commission to reach out to community members to learn more about City projects.

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

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

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: Acosta, Cole, Dodge, Dorantes-Pulido,

Kammer, Rojas, Veitch-Olson

NOES: COMMISSIONERS: None ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: None

7. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Director Merriam gave her report.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Veitch-Olson adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM. The next remote/teleconference Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at 6:00 PM.

Suzi Merriam, Secretary
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Jenni Veitch-Ölson, Chair

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