



PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 21, 2023

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stephen Nordbye at 5:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Commissioner's present – Chairperson Stephen Nordbye, Commissioners Sharon Lazorko, Michelle Romano, and Vern Montague

Commissioner's absent - Vice Chairperson Wade Elliott

Councilmember(s) present - Councilmember John McDermott

Staff present - City Planner Scott Friend and City Clerk Jennifer Schmitke

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Citizen Comments – None

CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: Commissioner Montague moved, seconded by Commissioner Romano to approve consent calendar. Motion carried by a voice vote, 4-0.

STAFF REPORT

A. Building Heights

City Planner Scott Friend brought forward a request from City Council for the Planning Commission to review and consider the provisions of each Zoning district in the Orland Municipal Code relative to the appropriateness of permitted building height provisions contained within each Zoning district. Mr. Friend provided a matrix of Orland and neighboring City's building heights for the Commissioners.

Commissioners asked questions and discussed the building heights of the Zoning Code, three of the Commissioners indicated that they believed that the heights listed in the Code did not need to be modified. Commissioner Romano shared her concerns about both the Public Facilities (P-F) and the Downtown Mixed-Use (DT-MU) districts not having maximum building heights and shared that she wanted to see building height standards established in the P-F zoning district and the DT-MU zoning district. Commissioner Romano suggested a maximum building height of 35' "across the board", including all zones.

Mr. Friend stated that he would prepare a staff report to the City Council noting their comments.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Friend explained that the next few Planning Commission meetings will be very full, sharing that on the next few agendas will be the Penbrook tentative subdivision map, Quiet Creek tentative subdivision map and CEQA document, there may possibly be a Zoning Code text amendment for formal action (mixed use), an annexation on Modoc for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints that will be at either the November or December meeting, the General Plan may need to be amended by the re-consideration of the City's 6th cycle Housing Element and Mr. Friend shared that there has been a request for a reasonable accommodation request on Eighth Street for a family with a special needs child, requesting a fence for additional safety.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

- Chairperson Nordbye had nothing to report.
- Commissioner Romano shared that the Friday night Farmers Market has been positive and a great asset to the community.
- Commissioner Montague had nothing to report.
- Commissioner Lazorko expressed concerns with multiple giant skeleton figures in the front yard of a home on E. Yolo Street that are left out all year long.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Romano asked to add discussion items about garage doors and building orientation toward the street on an agenda in the future.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:13 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Schmitke, City Clerk

Stephen Nordbye, Chairperson