

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA
May 26, 2020

THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING WAS CONDUCTED VIA TELECONFERENCE. The public was able to participate by either calling in or sending an email.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Bernier called the Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of La Habra to order at 6:30 p.m. The Commissioners, the public and Staff conducted the meeting telephonically through Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: LED BY COMMISSIONER MANLEY

PRESENT: (via phone) COMMISSIONERS: POWELL
NIGSARIAN
MANLEY
FERNANDEZ
BERNIER

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: NONE

OTHERS PRESENT:
DIR. OF COMM. DEV.: HO
SENIOR PLANNER: CHRIS SCHAEFER
COMM. DEV. SECRETARY: LOPEZ
CITY ENGINEER: CHRIS JOHANSEN
PLANNING COMMISSION SECRETARY: GONZALEZ

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Chair asked if there was anyone on the phone conference or who had sent an email that wished to comment on any item not listed on the agenda. There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Chair explained the Consent Calendar procedures. She asked if there were any members of the public on the phone conference, or who had sent an email, or any Commissioners that wished to have any item removed. There were none.

Moved by Vice Chair Fernandez, seconded by Commissioner Nigsarian to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passed.

1. Approving the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2020.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Determination of consistency between the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Seven-Year Capital Improvement Program and the La Habra General Plan 2035.

City Engineer Chris Johansen presented the staff report.

The Chair asked if any of the Commissioners had any questions.

Vice Chair Fernandez asked with the COVID-19 pandemic how much will be actually done. City Engineer Johansen responded that they are still waiting to find out the funding sources including the State funding. He added that staff had reduced the number of projects in anticipation of the potential reduction but that they have continued to stay busy with projects that were already under way.

Vice Chair Fernandez referenced the staff report that notes the potential widening of both Euclid Street and Idaho Street from Whittier to north of the City noting that to him there does not seem to be sufficient space to widen the streets. He referred to page three of the staff report. City Engineer Johansen stated those projects have been listed for decades and that they are place holders due to the master plan for arterial highways which show these streets to be widened but at some point, the City will need to request the County to remove them. He expressed that he doesn't see these projects ever happening in part due to the cost and lack of a demand for two lanes of traffic in those areas.

The Chair opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone on the phone conference, or who had sent an email who wished to speak in favor of the request. There were no emails nor anyone on the conference call that wished to speak in favor.

The Chair then asked if there was anyone who wished to speak in opposition to the request. There were no emails nor anyone on the conference call that wished to speak in opposition.

There being no further speakers, in favor or in opposition, the Chair closed the public hearing and asked for Commissioner comments or a motion.

MOVED BY Commissioner Manley, seconded by Vice Chair Fernandez, APPROVING RESOLUTION NO. 20-19 ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA FINDING THAT THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 SEVEN-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IS CONSISTENT WITH THE GOALS AND POLICIES OF THE LA HABRA GENERAL PLAN 2035 PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 65103 AND 65401.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: MANLEY, FERNANDEZ, POWELL, NIGSARIAN,
BERNIER

NOES: COMMISSIONERS: NONE

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS: NONE

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: NONE

COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Director Ho provided an update that on the agenda of the City Council meeting of June 1st they have tentatively scheduled finalizing interviews for Planning Commissioners. He added that they are planning on assigning the Planning Commissioners at the conclusion of the meeting, if not, possibly then appoint on June 15th. He stated that Chair Bernier was moving forward with the process but that Vice Chair Fernandez will not be completing the process which will leave his seat open for the potential of one new Commissioner.

Commissioner Nigsarian asked staff when will the reorganization of the Commission be scheduled. Director Ho stated that they will schedule as soon as the decision is made on the new Commissioners but will keep everyone informed.

Commissioner Manley asked if the next meeting will be held in person or continue teleconferencing. Director Ho explained that the next meeting will be virtual with the potential for the second meeting in June to be live. He added that staff is waiting to see how the City Council live meeting is held.

Vice Chair Fernandez wished to thank everyone and that he enjoyed the last four years serving on the Planning Commission. He stated he looks forward to possibly re-applying in the future.

Commissioner Powell thanked both Chair Bernier and Vice Chair Fernandez for their outstanding job. He added that he looks forward to seeing Chair Bernier remain and wished that all goes well with her reappointment. Commissioners Nigsarian and Manley concurred.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen Gonzalez Avila
Planning Commission Secretary