



MINUTES

LA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION

A Regular Meeting via Teleconference

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

**La Mesa City Hall Council Chambers
8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California**

This meeting was conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with State of California Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Agenda for this meeting was posted on June 10, 2021, at 2:30 p.m., on the Bulletin Board next to the entrance to the City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California.

Planning Commission members present were Chairman Torpey, Vice Chair Hottel, Commissioners Cooper, Coston, Jones, and Podeswik. Commissioner Newland was absent.

Staff members present were Community Development Director Kerry Kusiak and Assistant City Attorney Cory Lacey.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Cooper gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda – None

Public Comment (non-agenda items) – None

Note: In accordance with State Law, an item not scheduled on the Agenda may be brought forward by the general public for discussion; however, the Commission will not be able to take any action at this meeting. If appropriate, the item will be referred to staff or placed on a future agenda.

Procedural Rules for Conduct of Hearings – Commissioner Coston read the Procedural Rules.

Hearings

- A. Project 2021-23 (City of La Mesa) - Consideration of proposed amendments to Title 24 (zoning) of the La Mesa Municipal Code to revise the exceptions to provide street improvement as per La Mesa Municipal Code Sections 24.05.040c – prerequisites to development, and 24.06.040b – prerequisites to development, to except building addition and accessory structure projects 1,000 square feet in area or less

Mr. Kusiak presented the staff report.

The public hearing was opened.

Those in Favor: None

Those in Opposition: None

The public hearing was closed.

The Commissioners discussed the project.

ACTION: Commissioner Jones made a motion to recommend that the City Council approve Project No. 2021-23 with an amendment to the text in Section 24.06.040b, which strikes the less than 50 in interior improvements and eliminates the area of an accessory dwelling unit from being included in the square footage calculation to trigger the 1,000 ft. for the residential portion. It is also recommended that this code be revisited every 5 years. This amendment is consistent with the General Plan. Commissioner Coston seconded the motion. Motion carried with 4 in favor (Cooper, Coston, Jones, and Torpey) and 2 opposed (Podeswik and Hottel). Commissioner Newland was absent.

Business

(Items A - B)

- A. Approval of the minutes for the Planning Commission regular meeting held Wednesday, June 2, 2021

ACTION: Chairman Torpey made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 opposed. Commissioner Newland was absent.

- B. Assignment of the Invocation and Procedural Rules

Chairman Torpey will give the Invocation and Commissioner Cooper will read the Procedural Rules at the July 7th meeting.

Informational Items

Mr. Kusiak stated that the majority of the scheduled Planning Commission meetings for the next two or three months will be held. The Housing Element Update will be on the July 7th agenda.

Commissioner Hottel shared that her term as Commissioner expires on June 30th and she will not be seeking re-appointment. She has been a Planning Commissioner for 12 years. She expressed her appreciation to her fellow Commissioners as well as City Staff for their support. Commissioner Podeswik mentioned that he will also be stepping down after 19 years with the Planning Commission. Mr. Kusiak thanked both Commissioners for their hard work and dedication.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Davis
Administrative Coordinator