



MINUTES

LA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION

A Regular Meeting via Teleconference

Wednesday, July 7, 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 July 2, 2021, at 4:30 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, and Jones. Commissioner Podeswik was absent.

Staff members present were Community Development Director Kerry Kusiak, Assistant Community Development Director Matthew Feske, Environmental Program Manager Hillary Ego, and Assistant City Attorney Cory Lacey.

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

Pledge of Allegiance – Chair Torpey lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda – Mr. Feske requested that the Climate Action Plan Implementation be added to Informational Items.

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 Cooper read the Procedural Rules.

Hearings

- A. Consideration of a resolution recommending that the City Council adopt the Housing Element 6th cycle.

Veronica Tam (Veronica Tam and Associates) presented the Housing Element as well as the State's review comments and newly mandated State requirements, both of which necessitated revisions to the Draft Housing Element.

Chair Torpey opened the public hearing. Seeing that there were no comments from the public, Chair Torpey closed the public hearing.

The Commissioners discussed the Housing Element.

ACTION: Commissioner Newland made a motion to adopt a resolution recommending the City Council adopt the Housing Element 6th Cycle, with a provision authorizing the Community Development Director to make non-legislative technical updates to the AFFH (Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing) as directed by HCD (Housing and Community Development). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hottel. Motion passed with 6 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 absence (Commissioner Podeswik).

Business

(Items A - B)

- A. Approval of the minutes for the Planning Commission regular meeting held Wednesday, June 16, 2021

ACTION: Chairman Torpey made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 in favor, 1 abstaining (Commissioner Newland), 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Commissioner Podeswik).

- B. Assignment of the Invocation/Pledge and Procedural Rules

For the next Planning Commission meeting Chairman Torpey will give the Invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Cooper will read the Procedural Rules.

Informational Items

- A. Climate Action Plan FY 22-23 Implementation Plan

Ms. Ego presented the FY 22-23 CAP Implementation Plan report. She shared that the City is required to update the Implementation Plan every two years. The City's last update was made in FY 19-21. The Plan will be presented to the City Council at their July 27th meeting.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Davis
Administrative Coordinator