



MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE SANTA FE SPRINGS PLANNING COMMISSION

October 9, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Carbajal called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Carbajal called upon Commissioner Jimenez to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Members present:

Chairperson Carbajal Vice Chairperson Ayala Commissioner Flores

Commissioner Jimenez
Commissioner Mora

Staff:

Kristi J. Smith, Deputy City Attorney

Wayne M. Morrell, Director of Planning

Cuong Nguyen, Assistant Director of Planning

Claudia Jimenez, Assistant Planner

Alejandro De Leora, Planning Consultant

Teresa Cavallo, Planning Secretary

Members absent:

None

4. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

6. PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing (Continued from September 11, 2023) Zone Determination ("ZD") Case No. 2023-01

To determine that a battery energy storage system with direct connection to a public utility grid is a similar and compatible use with other similarly principally permitted uses listed in the M-L, Limited Manufacturing, Zone, and Adopting a Notice of Exemption

under CEQA section 15061(B)(3) (Common Sense Exemption). (Gridstor LLC)

Recommendation:

Chair Carbajal called upon Planning Consultant Alejandro De Leora to present Item No. 6.

Planning Consultant Alejandro De Leora requested to receive public comment today and continue the item to the November 13, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting.

Jackson McNeill, Land Use Attorney with Elkin's Call representing Bridgeland Resources spoke in favor of moving the item to the next meeting.

The applicant, Brian Shock, Director of Development for Gridstor, introduced himself to the Commissioners.

Chair Carbajal requested a motion.

It was moved by Commissioner Mora, seconded by Vice Chair Ayala to continue Zone Determination Case No. 2023-01 to the November 13, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting, which passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:

Ayala, Carbajal, Flores, Jimenez, and Mora

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

7. OLD BUSINESS

Parkway Tree Removal Appeal Decision - Resident Request for Removal of Parkway Tree at 10318 Harvest Avenue

Chair Carbajal called upon Director of Public Works James Enriquez to present Item No. 7.

Chair Carbajal asked if any Planning Commissioners had any questions.

Commissioner Ayala asked if the resident provided three different invoices from three different plumbing companies. Director of Public Works James Enriquez responded that the resident had not.

Commissioner Mora inquired if the debris on the resident's roof was confirmed. Director of Public Works James Enriquez responded that fallen debris is not one of the criteria for tree removal so they did not confirm if the tree was producing debris.

Chair Carbajal asked if the tree was a protected tree. Director of Public Works James Enriquez responded that it was not.

Commissioner Flores wanted to know if we were meeting our goals with the Tree Master Plans. Director of Public Works James Enriquez responded that he did not have that information with him at the moment but he would report back on that.

Chair Carbajal called upon the applicant to speak over zoom. The applicant, Mr. Eshi asked for permission to remove the tree at his own expense.

Chair Carbajal asked when was the last time the tree was trimmed. Director of Public Works James Enriquez responded that he did not have that information with him at the moment.

A discussion ensued regarding a lack of trees if the tree were to be removed.

Chair Carbajal requested a motion.

It was moved by Commissioner Flores, seconded by Commissioner Mora to continue parkway tree removal appeal decision to the November 13, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting, which passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:

Ayala, Carbajal, Flores, Jimenez, and Mora

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

8. CONSENT ITEM

Consent Agenda items are considered routine matters, which may be enacted, by one motion and roll call vote. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately by the Planning Commission.

A. CONSENT ITEM

Minutes of the March 13, 2023 Regular Planning Commission Meeting

B. CONSENT ITEM

Conditional Use Permit ("CUP") Case No. 542-5

A Compliance Review of a church use at 12227 Florence Avenue, within the M-2-PD, Heavy Manufacturing – Planned Development, Zone. (Calvary Chapel Santa Fe Springs) - REMOVED

C. CONSENT ITEM

Conditional Use Permit ("CUP") Case No. 775-3

A Compliance Review of a direct transfer facility at 12739 Lakeland Road, within the M-2, Heavy Manufacturing, Zone. (CR & R, INC.) - REMOVED

D. CONSENT ITEM

Conditional Use Permit ("CUP") Case No. 778-2

A Compliance Review of a retail location for firearms and ammunition at 12150 Bloomfield Avenue, Unit A, within the M-2, Heavy Manufacturing, Zone. (S BROWNE SUPPLY, LLC)

E. CONSENT ITEM

Conditional Use Permit ("CUP") Case No. 792-1

A Compliance Review of a digital billboard at 13060 Firestone Boulevard, within the M-2-Foz, Heavy Manufacturing – Freeway Overlay, Zone. (General Outdoor Advertising)

F. CONSENT ITEM

Conditional Use Permit ("CUP") Case No. 797-2

A Compliance Review of an indoor badminton facility at 11323 Shoemaker Avenue, within the M-1-PD, Light Manufacturing - Planned Development, Zone. (SFS Badminton Club) - REMOVED

Chair Carbajal requested a motion and a second for Consent Item Nos. 8A, 8D, 8E. Items 8B, 8C, and 8F were removed from the agenda because they were not routed to other City departments for their consideration and will be brought back at the November 13 meetina.

It was moved by Vice Chair Ayala, seconded by Commissioner Jimenez to approve Consent Item Nos. 8A, 8D, and 8E, which passed by the following roll call vote:

Aves:

Ayala, Carbajal, Flores, Jimenez, and Mora

Nays:

None

Absent: None

Deputy City Attorney Kristi J Smith read the City's appeal process.

9. **ANNOUCEMENTS**

Commissioners

All of the Commissioners welcomed the new Public Works Director.

Vice Chair Ayala stated that he really likes the fact that we are a not only a business friendly committee but also a resident friendly committee.

Commissioner Mora spoke about Coffee with a Cop.

Chair Carbajal thanked Wayne Morrell for his leadership with Sonic and spoke about possible artists for ArtFest.

Staff

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Carbajal adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Teresa Cavallo

Planning Secretary