



PLANNING COMMISSION
Veronica Harvey – Chairperson
Ruben Rivera – Vice Chairperson
Alice Abatti – Commissioner
Rebecca Terrazas-Baxter – Commissioner
Lisa Winkler-Commissioner

MINUTES

PLANNING COMMISSION

220 West 9th Street
IMPERIAL, CA 92251

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2024
6:30 P.M.

A. PLANNING COMMISSION CONVENES TO OPEN SESSION AT 6:30 PM:

CALLED TO ORDER: Chairperson Harvey called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Abatti, Vice Chairperson Rivera and Chairperson Harvey

ABSENT: Commissioner Terrazas-Baxter and Winkler

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ruben Rivera.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

City Manager Dennis H. Morita stated that C-1 Special Presentation will be moved to a future meeting.

B. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

B-1. Matters not appearing on the agenda.

None

C. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

C-1 Recognition of service to former Planning Commissioner, Mark Hammerness.

Presentation was moved to a future meeting.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR:

D-1. Approve Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for March 27, 2024

Moved by Harvey, Seconded by Abatti to approve PC meeting minutes for March 27, 2024.

AYES: Abatti, Rivera and Harvey

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Terrazas-Baxter and Winkler
MOTION CARRIES: 3-0

D-2. Approve Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for June 12, 2024

Moved by Rivera, seconded by Harvey to approve PC meeting minutes for June 12, 2024.

AYES: Rivera and Harvey
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Abatti
ABSENT: Terrazas-Baxter and Winkler
MOTION CARRIES: 2-0-1

E. PUBLIC HEARING: (DISCUSSION/ACTION – RECOMMEND/DENY)

E-1: Subject: Continued Public Hearing, Discussion/Action: Variance 23-04 and Conditional Use Permit 23-07 for Mark Gaddis to allow the deviation of the Residential Zone Property Development Standards for maximum height and setback requirements for an accessory structure located at 121 North F Street (APN 064-042-0001). The project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15301, Existing Facilities.

The public hearing was continued from June 12, 2024.

The staff report was presented by Yvonne Cordero, City Planner.

The public hearing was closed at 7:59 p.m.

This public hearing is being continued from June 12, 2024. Since last meeting on June 12th Community Development has asked for a representative from the IID and Mr. Gaddis to be present for today's public hearing. Mr. Gaddis was contacted via email thru his office and confirmed today's meeting. Within 5 minutes of the meeting Mr. Gaddis responded via text that he got the meeting date wrong and he was going to try and join via Zoom. Mr. Gaddis has issues with Zoom so he joined via phone. The IID had several representatives present. Mr. Rodriguez, Deputy Energy Manager for the IID provided information to Mr. Gaddis and Community Development in regard to the Variance 23-24. The IID has offered to reroute the power lines if Mr. Gaddis is willing to pay for the cost of the job. The estimate from the IID is only good for six months. Mr. Gaddis has stated that he will need up to a year to recover some money to pay for the rerouting of the power lines but has not signed any contract with the IID. The commissioners have decided that they cannot keep extending this public hearing. Commissioners have asked Mr. Gaddis to take care of the issue with IID and then come back to Planning Commission and ask for this Variance.

Moved by Rivera, Seconded by Abatti to deny Resolution No. PC 2024-01 and Variance 23-04.

AYES: Abatti, Rivera and Harvey
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Terrazas-Baxter and Winkler
MOTION CARRIES: 3-0

F. REPORTS:

F-1: Commissioners reported on their activities and concerns since last planning commission meeting.

F-2 Staff reported on upcoming activities since last planning commission meeting.

G. ADJOURNMENT:

Seeing no further business before the commission, Chairperson Harvey adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Imperial, California this 28th day of August, 2024.



KRISTINA SHIELDS
City Clerk