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MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION CITY OF WEST COVINA Tuesday, January 14, 2025

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the West Covina City Council Chambers, 1444 West Garvey Avenue, West Covina, California.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER/MEDITATION

The Commission observed a moment of silent prayer and meditation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Heng led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Heng, Becerra, Lewis, Castellanos

City Staff Present: Koo, Burns, Machado, Rivera,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

This is the time when any member of the public may speak to the Commission on any matter within the scope of duties assigned to the Commission relating to non-agendized or consent calendar items. Other matters included on this agenda may be addressed when that item is under consideration. For all oral communications, the chairperson may impose reasonable limitations on public comments to assure an orderly and timely meeting. The Ralph M. Brown Act limits the Planning Commission and staff's ability to respond to public comments at this meeting. Thus, your comments may be agendized for a future meeting or referred to staff. The Commission may ask questions for clarification, if desired, at this time.

By policy of the Commission, Oral Communications at this time on the agenda is limited to a total of 15 minutes.

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

NON-HEARING ITEMS

1. **CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION INITIATION OF CODE AMENDMENT NO. 25-01**

Deputy Community Development Director Jo-Anne Burns presented the staff report. During the presentation she told the Commission that this code amendment was presented to comply with SB 450, which revised SB 9 and presented visual examples of possible developments under the new law and standards.

There was a discussion by the Commission and staff regarding the new standards and requirements for urban dwelling units. The Commission also asked about objective design standards.

Motion by Lewis, seconded by Castellanos, to initiate Code Amendment No. 25-01 and direct staff to research other cities regarding objective design standards. Motion carried 4-0.

TEN-DAY APPEAL PERIOD: Actions taken by the Planning Commission that are not recommendations to the City Council will become final after ten (10) calendar days unless a written appeal with the appropriate fee is lodged with the City Clerk's Office before close of business on the tenth day.

COMMISSION REPORTS/COMMENTS AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

This is the time when any member of the Commission may bring a matter to the attention of the full Commission that is within the scope of duties assigned to the Commission. Any item that was considered during the Agenda is not appropriate for discussion in this section of the agenda. NO COMMISSION DISCUSSION OR ACTION CAN BE CONSIDERED AT THIS TIME. If the Commission desires to discuss an issue raised by a speaker or take an action, the Commission may vote to agendaize the matter for a future meeting.

None

2. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

January 20, 2025 - 26th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration in the Civic Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Friday, January 24, 2025 Cortez Park Community and Senior Center will have an Open House.

Development Code Update scheduled for hearing at the next City Council meeting will be rescheduled and was renoticed for the February 18, 2025 City Council meeting.

Planning Commissioner's Academy is scheduled for March 2025 and will be held in Santa Rosa, California. Information will be sent by email and Commissioners should notify staff as soon as possible for early enrollment.

3. CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

This is an oral presentation of City Council matters and actions, which are in the Commission's area of interest

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Heng adjourned the meeting at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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