



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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**PUBLIC MEETING
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AND COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2016
Homeowners' Lounge, BTI Bldg.
5:00-7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Charlene Arneson called the meeting to order at 6: pm.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Commission members present: Charlene Arneson, Terry Bender, Ed Hedges, Jean Swingle and Dyanna Pratt

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

MOTION: Dyanna Pratt made a motion to excuse Terry Bender from tonight's meeting.

SECOND: Ed Hedges

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion failed

(Terry Bender joined the meeting at 5:30)

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Mark Lynch, City Manager, Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk and Naelene Matsumiya, Receptionist

PUBLIC PRESENT

Sue Cogswell, Victor Shen, Joe Shen, Monty Irvin, Dave Goldstein, Gerda and George Weimier, June Miller, Dave Dickason, Perry Solmonson

3. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

MOTION: Ed Hedges made a motion to approve the August 31, 2016 Special Meeting Agenda as is.

SECOND: Jean Swingle

VOTE: Unanimous

DISCUSSION: None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Dyanna Pratt made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2016 as is.

SECOND: Jean Swingle

VOTE: Unanimous

DISCUSSION: Charlene Arneson explained to Naelene Matsumiya the minutes for the upcoming hearing will have to be in-depth in case of a situation where the commission or The City may have to go back to review the hearing minutes for legal purposes. She clarified that commission minutes are legal documents.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

City Manager, Mark Lynch, had nothing to report.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Re-organization of Commission

MOTION: Charlene Arneson made a motion to close the Planning and Zoning for the year 2016 and open it up for 2017

SECOND: Dyanna Pratt

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

DISCUSSION: None

Naelene Matsumiya asked for nominations for the Chair.

Dyanna Pratt nominated Charlene Arneson.

Jean Swingle seconded the nomination

Hearing no other nominations, Charlene Arneson was declared Chair for the 2017

Planning & Zoning Commission. Naelene Matsumiya turned the meeting back to Charlene.

Charlene asked for nominations for the Vice-Chair.

Jean Swingle nominated Dyanna Pratt for the Vice-Chair.

Ed Hedges seconded the nomination.

Dyanna Pratt was declared Vice-Chair for the 2017 Planning & Zoning Commission.

B. Community Economic Development Presentation led by Sue Cogswell

City Manager, Mark Lynch, and presentation leader, Sue Cogswell reviewed the Community Economic Development Plan and made changes and corrections as they presented it via projector.

7. NON-ACTION BUSINESS

A. Open Space Zoning

Commission members discussed the upcoming hearings in December 7, 2016 and established a quorum.

B. Tidelands

Charlene Arneson stated that we still own the tidelands.

C. Tank Farm

Nothing to report

D. Land Trades with Alaska Railroad

Nothing to report

E. Hazard Mitigation Plan

Discussed at the previous meeting. Charlene reported that she had a conversation with Scott Scott Nelson about the new City building.

F. Smitty's Cove Park

City Manager, Mark Lynch, brought Ordinance #07.16.221 to attention. He said he had explained to the council that there was an Ordinance that was passed in 2008 that banned anchoring of vessels in Smitty's Cove, however, it was done as a "Non-code Ordinance." Ordinance #7.16.221 is an Ordinance that is now in our City Code.

G. Whittier Historic Railroad Plaza

Mark Lynch stated the work is basically done for the winter.

H. CVP Fund Projects

Nothing to report

I. Shotgun Cove Land

Nothing to report

8. CORRESPONDENCE

None

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

10. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Jean Swingle asked if the postings for the blasting were from Joe Shen. Charlene confirmed that it was for Joe's property. Commission members conversed about the properties Joe Shen is re-zoning. Jean Swingle stated her concern about the blasting being so close to the BTI. Charlene clarified that The City has oversight of the construction via Scott Korbe. Mark Lynch stated that City code gives Scott jurisdiction over it.

11. NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:

Charlene said they'd cover agenda items as the upcoming meeting approaches.

12. NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE PLANS: December 7, 2016


MOTION: Ed Hedges made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Dyanna Pratt

VOTE: Unanimous

13. ADJOURNMENT: Charlene Arneson adjourned the meeting at 7:04 pm.

ATTEST:



Naelene Matsumiya
Office Assistant



Charlene Arneson
Commission Chairperson