

The Irwindale **PLANNING COMMISSION** met in regular session at the above time and place.

ROLL CALL: Present: Commissioners Enoch Burrola; Robert E. Hartman; Loretta Corpis; Vice Chair Richard Chico; Chair Arthur R. Tapia

Also present: Albert F. Ambriz, Mayor; Marilyn Simpson, Community Development Manager/City Planner; Adrian Guerra, Assistant City Attorney; Brandi Jones, Senior Planner; Berlyn Aguila, Administrative Secretary

ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE TO RICHARD CHICO

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The administration of oaths was conducted by Mayor Albert F. Ambriz

CHAIR TAPIA

Chair Tapia congratulated Vice-Chair Chico for his reappointment and shared a childhood story.

VICE-CHAIR CHICO

Vice-Chair Chico thanked Chair Tapia and stated that he felt honored.

REORGANIZATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION

Administrative Secretary Aguila explained the procedures for the organization of the Planning Commission and opened the floor to nominations for the position of Chair.

COMMISSIONER CHICO

Commissioner Chico nominated Commissioner Tapia, who accepted the nomination.

ROLL CALL

There being no further nominations, Administrative Secretary Aguila closed the floor to nominations and on a call for the vote, Commissioner Tapia was unanimously appointed to the position of Chair.

CHAIR TAPIA

Chair Tapia resumed the meeting and opened the floor to nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.

CHAIR TAPIA

Chair Tapia nominated Commissioner Chico, who accepted the nomination.

ROLL CALL

There being no further nominations, Chair Tapia closed the floor to nominations and on a call for the vote, Commissioner Chico was unanimously appointed to the position of Vice-Chair.

VICE-CHAIR CHICO

Vice-Chair Chico made a comment about the Planning Commission working well together.

CHAIR TAPIA Chair Tapia made a request for a future agenda item. Community Development Manager/City Planner Simpson indicated that the item can be placed as a "Requests by Commissioners" to which Assistant City Attorney Guerra advised to title the item "Goal Setting" and place it as a Discussion Item.

Chair Tapia commented on the Planning Commission using their strengths to make an impact in the City for the benefit of the residents.

**SPONTANEOUS
COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no speakers.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Chair Tapia, seconded by Vice-Chair Chico and Commissioner Hartman, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was unanimously approved.

ITEM NO. 1A

MINUTES

None for approval

NEW BUSINESS

There were no items.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ITEM NO. 3A

TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 82419 (FORBIX VENTURES LLC)

**OPEN PUBLIC
HEARING**

At 6:54 p.m., Chair Tapia opened the public hearing.

CHAIR TAPIA

Chair Tapia stated that the Public Hearing will remain open and asked for further explanation as to why staff recommended a date uncertain. Assistant City Attorney Guerra explained that the project is not ready and no date has been set.

Responding to a few inquiries by Chair Tapia, Assistant City Attorney Guerra stated that the item will be posted again and mailed if necessary. He also explained that the public hearing will continue to stay open because the item was noticed and will return to Planning Commission.

MOTION

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Chico, seconded by Commissioner Hartman to accept the recommended motion as read.

ITEM NO. 3B

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 03-2018 (CITY OF IRWINDALE)

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING At 6:56 p.m., Chair Tapia opened the public hearing.

CHAIR TAPIA Responding to questions by Chair Tapia, Senior Planner Jones clarified that the Zone Ordinance was continued and a complete packet will be given when the item is brought forward.

MOTION A motion was made by Commissioner Hartman, seconded by Vice-Chair Chico.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS/
PRESENTATIONS**

CHAIR TAPIA Chair Tapia indicated that the State made a few updates to bills SB-13, AB-68 and AB-881. He requested staff to stay informed of the new updates and to provide information to the community. He also made a comment in regards to the Santa Fe Dam. Community Development Manager/City Planner Simpson clarified that granny flats are part of the accessory dwelling unit (ADU) ordinance and stated that the City Attorney's office will provide input to modify the ADU ordinance in order to be consistent with any State laws.

VICE-CHAIR CHICO Vice-Chair Chico asked if the ordinance was recently changed. Community Development Manager/City Planner stated that the ordinance was previously adopted, but modifications will be made in order to stay consistent with the State. Assistant City Attorney Guerra reported that the State is in favor of accessory dwelling units and an updated ordinance should be adopted this year and assumes that more ordinances will be adopted in the following years.

Vice-Chair Chico expressed interest in future changes regarding economical housing and reduction of homelessness.

CHAIR TAPIA Chair Tapia thanked staff for their input.

**COMMISSIONER
COMMENTS**

VICE-CHAIR CHICO Vice-Chair Chico asked if property located at 15615 Arrow Highway is zoned M-2 and if a moratorium can be imposed. Community Development Manager/City Planner indicated that it is M-2(Heavy Manufacturing). Assistant City Attorney Guerra added that a moratorium can be placed and it is being looked into.

Vice-Chair Chico asked if any location can be rezoned. Assistant City Attorney Guerra advised that an area can be rezoned if it is consistent with the General Plan.

Vice-Chair Chico asked if the property owner can oppose a moratorium, to which Assistant City Attorney Guerra indicated that it is possible.

Vice-Chair Chico requested that other areas be reviewed to verify if they are properly zoned and referenced a previous project.

COMMISSIONER
BURROLA

Commissioner Burrola expressed concern about Zoning and the General Plan matching and asked what is reviewed first when staff receives an application. Community Development Manager/City Planner stated that both Zoning and the General Plan are reviewed and explained that the General Plan is the overall plan for development for zoning and what is allowed. She added that uses leading to the town center are under review.

Commissioner Burrola asked if Planning Commission can make a suggestion to staff to bring a third party to make any recommendations for Zoning. Assistant City Attorney Guerra advised that Planning Commission can recommend an end goal, but staff will make the final determination. He also suggested that the goal can be stated during the next meeting.

CHAIR TAPIA

Chair Tapia asked if the General Plan can be changed, to which Assistant City Attorney Guerra stated that it cannot.

Chair Tapia made a suggestion to add in the General Plan.

COMMISSIONER
HARTMAN

Commissioner Hartman reported that a speed radar is missing on the west side of Cypress Street and asked if it will be replaced. Community Development Manager/City Planner stated that she will follow up with the Police Chief and Public Works.

Commissioner Hartman asked for further clarification about the Coyote Task Force and reported a recent incident with a coyote. Community Development Manager/City Planner stated that she will follow up with Public Works Services Manager Elizabeth Rodriguez and report back at the next meeting.

CHAIR TAPIA

Responding to multiple inquiries by Chair Tapia, Community Development Manager/City Planner Simpson explained that currently, reclaimed pits are zoned Quarry Overlay and in order to change the zoning, the property owner or developer must do a Zone Change and/or a General Plan Amendment, depending upon what is proposed for the site.

COMMISSIONER
BURROLA

Commissioner Burrola stated that he had previously done Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA) inspections for the quarries and indicated that each site must have a Reclamation Plan in order to mine, per state regulation. He also explained what the Reclamation

Plan must include. Community Development Manager/City Planner added that not every pit was subject to SMARA requiring a Reclamation Plan and stated that the Park @ Live Oak had a Grading and Remediation Plan and did not require a SMARA inspection.

VICE-CHAIR
CHICO

Vice-Chair Chico reported that a Reclamation Plan only states a potential zone to which Community Developed Manager/City Planner Simpson agreed. Commissioner Burrola added that the zone can always be changed in the future.

LEGAL COUNCIL

ASSISTANT CITY
ATTORNEY GUERRA

Assistant City Attorney wished a Happy New Year and stated his gratitude to the Planning Commission.

**COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
MANAGER/CITY
PLANNER'S REPORT**

Community Development Manager/City Planner wished a Happy New Year and congratulated Vice-Chair Chico. She also reported that the Irwindale Speedway Sign will be getting repaired.

COMMISSIONER
BURROLA

Commissioner Burrola made a comment about the Irwindale Speedway sign.

CHAIR TAPIA

Chair Tapia indicated that the street striping on Gladstone Street has not been restriped and asked what side of the street is part of Irwindale's jurisdiction. Senior Planner Jones replied that it is the south side. Commissioner Hartman added that the east bound lane is Irwindale, to which Senior Planner stated that she was unsure of the boundaries.

Chair Tapia suggested that the City of Azusa should restripe.

COMMISSIONER
BURROLA

Commissioner Burrola noted that the new traffic signal located on Live Oak Avenue and the 605 freeway is causing traffic and suggested that it could be because of incorrect timing. Community Development Manager/City Planner Simpson stated that she will relay the comment to the City Engineer.

**AGENDA ITEM
REQUESTS BY
COMMISSIONERS**

CHAIR TAPIA

Chair Tapia asked for an update on the Zoning Code Update. Community Development Manager/City Planner Simpson stated that the deadline for the Request for Proposal is on February 6, 2020 and is expecting the completion date to be in 2021.

Chair Tapia asked if the General Plan is a part of the Planning Department, to which Community Development Manager/City Planner indicated that it is.

COMMISSIONER
BURROLA

Commissioner Burrola asked if the Request of Proposal (RFP) was sent to specific companies to bid on. Community Development Manager/City Planner Simpson replied that the RFP was publicized on the Los Angeles American Planning Association website, directly sent to specific consulting firms, and was posted on the City website. She added that a few firms have expressed interest, but have not submitted a proposal.

CHAIR TAPIA

Chair Tapia stated his appreciation for his reappointment and will continue to do his best. He added that he is open to change in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.



Chair Arthur R. Tapia

Attest:



Berlyn Aguila, Administrative Secretary

Approved as presented at the meeting held April 15, 2020