

**PLACENTIA PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
October 15, 2024
6:00 p.m. – Front Community Meeting Room
401 E. Chapman Avenue, Placentia, CA**

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner/Chair Perez called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Commissioner Evans, Navarro, Polichetti, Rocke, Perez

ABSENT: Commissioner Ingalls, Silvestri

STAFF PRESENT:

Assistant City Attorney Kristi J. Smith, Director of Development Services Joseph Lambert, Planning Manager Andrew Gonzales, Associate Planner Lesley Whitaker, Planning Technician Devan Wells, Administrative Assistant Margie McCoy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Navarro

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. **Minutes
Placentia Planning Commission Meeting of:
September 10, 2024**

Recommended Action: Approve
(Approved 5-0-0-2 as recommended)

Motion by Polichetti second by Rocke and carried on a (5-0-0-2) vote to approve the Consent Calendar.

Ayes: Evans, Navarro, Polichetti, Rocke, Perez

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Ingalls, Silvestri

REGULAR AGENDA:

1. **PROHOUSING DESIGNATION PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Recommended Action: Approve
(Approved 5-0-0-2 as recommended)

Director Lambert commented that Staff will be taking this item to City Council on November 5th for adoption of a Resolution supporting the Prohousing application, mentioning that this item was taken previously to City Council, and Staff applied when it was a pilot program.

He then introduced Associate Planner Lesley Whittaker to present the Staff Report. Associate Planner Whittaker stated that the City, along with some other cities and counties in California are about to submit an application to the CA Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the Prohousing designation. She continued to explain the designation, benefits, advantages of being recognized as a prohousing designated city as well as next steps.

The 2019/2020 Budget Act focused on supporting California housing goals to provide more housing by providing incentives and accountability to California cities and counties by streamlining housing projects. Becoming recognized as a prohousing designated city is a title that documents a jurisdiction's commitment to implementing local policies that address the state's housing shortage and affordability crisis. Having this designation opens funding opportunities for both cities and developers. If the City holds the designation, it can apply for the other Prohousing incentive programs and a variety of infrastructure grants. Staff has been working with HCD to be sure we comply with all requirements and supporting documentation.

Public outreach includes a city webpage, surveys, social media postings, a community meeting held on October 10th, articles in Placentia's CA Weekly, etc. Next steps will be posting the entire draft application on the City's website, compiling public comments and submitting the final application to HCD with the goal of becoming designated and eligible for the Prohousing Incentive Program. Director Lambert commented that this designation opens up good projects for additional funding and puts Placentia in a more favorable position giving priority processing for many infrastructure grants. This designation doesn't have to be renewed annually, but yearly audits will show how we track and report. Currently, no Orange County city has received the designation, but there are a few in Los Angeles County.

Commissioner Rocke recommended a citywide mailer with this information, and possibly an article in Placentia's Palm Quarterly magazine. It was also placed in the City Administrator's weekly publication. Other ways to distribute the information were discussed, including signage. Additional requirements, changes, and future reporting once the city receives the designation, were discussed.

Two members of the community were present at the meeting and were given a chance to speak but declined to comment.

Motion by Polichetti second by Evans and carried on a (5-0-0-2) vote to approve the item as recommended by Staff.

Ayes: Evans, Navarro, Polichetti, Rocke, Perez
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Ingalls, Silvestri

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

DEVELOPMENT REPORT: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Lambert noted that Staff will be working on bringing forward a discussion on the City Standards that were addressed by Commissioners last year and will agendaize those items in the coming months.

PLANNING COMMISSION REQUESTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Perez adjourned the Special Meeting of the Planning Commission at 7:07 p.m. to the regular meeting of Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 401 East Chapman Avenue, Placentia, CA.

Submitted by,



Joseph M. Lambert,
Secretary to the Planning Commission