

Fernley Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2020

Chairman Jan Hodges called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at Fernley City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd, Fernley, NV.

1. Roll Call.

Present: Chairman Jan Hodges, Board Member Paul Unterbrink, Board Member Angela Lewis, Board Member Jenni McCullar, Board Member Cody Wagner, Board Member Barry Williams Sr., Board Member Felicity Zoberiski, Planning Director Tim Thompson, Deputy City Attorney Brent Kolvet, Administrative Specialist April Homme, Deputy City Clerk Brenda Gosser.

2. PUBLIC INPUT.

There was none.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: MOVE TO APPROVE AGENDA, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Board Member Cody Wagner, **Seconded by** Board Member Angela Lewis. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7). **Yes:** Commissioner Angela Lewis, Commissioner Barry Williams Sr., Commissioner Cody Wagner, Commissioner Felicity Zoberiski, Commissioner Jenni McCullar, Commissioner Paul Unterbrink, Chairman Jan Hodges.

4. (Possible Action) Approval of Minutes from January 8, 2020

Motion: MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Board Member Felicity Zoberiski, **Seconded by** Board Member Barry Williams Sr. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7). **Yes:** Commissioner Angela Lewis, Commissioner Barry Williams Sr., Commissioner Cody Wagner, Commissioner Felicity

Zoberski, Commissioner Jenni McCullar, Commissioner Paul Unterbrink, Chairman Jan Hodges.

5. PLANNING DIRECTOR ITEMS:

5.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CITY OF FERNLEY PLANNING COMMISSION BY-LAWS.

Planning Director Tim Thompson presented this item. He discussed and gave a brief description on some of the proposed changes to the Planning Commission By-Laws.

Commissioner Cody Wagner pointed out some grammatical errors and provided input on the conflict of interest section.

Chairman Jan Hodges, Commissioner Jenni McCullar, Commissioner Felicity Zoberski, Commissioner Cody Wagner, and Commissioner Paul Unterbrink provided input on public input guidelines.

Commissioner Cody Wagner and Commissioner Angela Lewis provided input on term limits per Article 3, Section 2.C.

Planning Director Tim Thompson and Deputy City Attorney answered questions.

Discussion ensued.

Motion: MOVE TO REMOVE ARTICLE 3 SECTION 2.C FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION BY-LAWS, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Board Member Cody Wagner, **Seconded by** Board Member Felicity Zoberski.

Commissioner Lewis inquired if removing term limit meant the person can stay in the position indefinitely. Deputy Attorney Kolvet explained the standard term is 4 years however the Commission votes yearly to elect a new chairperson or retain the existing chairperson.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7). **Yes:** Commissioner Angela Lewis, Commissioner Barry Williams Sr., Commissioner Cody

Wagner, Commissioner Felicity Zoberiski, Commissioner Jenni McCullar, Commissioner Paul Unterbrink, Chairman Jan Hodges.

Motion: MOVE TO BRING BACK THE AMMENDED BY-LAWS DURING THE NEXT MEETING, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Board Member Cody Wagner, **Seconded by** Board Member Angela Lewis. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7). **Yes:** Commissioner Angela Lewis, Commissioner Barry Williams Sr., Commissioner Cody Wagner, Commissioner Felicity Zoberiski, Commissioner Jenni McCullar, Commissioner Paul Unterbrink, Chairman Jan Hodges.

5.2. PRESENTATION AND DISSCUSSION REGARDING THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Planning Director Tim Thompson and Deputy City Attorney Brent Kolvet presented and discussed this item. Mr. Thompson stated the Planning Commission would become the final deciding body for any use permit or major deviation of request. Mr. Kolvet spoke of the heighten roles the Commissioners would play and what this would mean. Mr. Thompson explained some of the expectations these roles would have.

Deputy City Attorney Brent Kolvet answered questions.

Planning Director Tim Thompson provided input and confirmation City of Fernley Planning Department is accessible to the Planning Commission for all inquiries.

6. CHAIR AND COMMISSION ITEMS:

Chairman Jan Hodges stated that volunteers reflect the community's pride and pointed out the volunteer group Desert Pigs who clean up the desert on Saturdays.

Director Tim Thompson stated that the City Council did not introduce the proposed Zoning ordinance update to the Development Code. They asked for workshop, which took place last night, February 11th. This item is scheduled for introduction next Wednesday at the regular City Council Meeting with the second reading and final adoption scheduled for March 4th.

7. ADDRESS REQUEST(S) FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

There were none.

8. PUBLIC INPUT.

Tom Matten, Fernley resident, commented on the importance of the Planning Commissioner's roles and the impact of their decisions.

There being no further business to come before it, the Fernley Planning Commission meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Approved by the Fernley Planning Commission on July 8, 2020 by a vote of:

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0 ABSENT: 0


ATTEST:


Chairman Jan Hodges