

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PLANNING COMMISSION
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
Wednesday, January 27, 2021, 1:30 P.M.

PLANNING COMMISSION ROOM, FIRST FLOOR
333 W. Santa Ana Blvd., 10 Civic Center Plaza
Santa Ana, California

DAVID E. BARTLETT
CHAIRMAN
FIFTH District

TRUNG “JOE” HA
VICE CHAIRMAN
First District

HANG HARPER
COMMISSIONER
Second District



KEVIN RICE
COMMISSIONER
Third District

CLAUDIA PEREZ
COMMISSIONER
Fourth District

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners: Ha, Harper, Bartlett and Perez

PRESENT: EXECUTIVE OFFICER Richard Vuong
COUNTY COUNSEL Nicole Walsh
SECRETARY Sharon Gilliam

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Rice, Third District, led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. CONSENT ITEM(S) - Minutes

The minutes of December 9, 2020 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Harper, and approved by a unanimous vote.

II. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

ITEM #1 PUBLIC HEARING – PA20-0255 – APPLICANT – OC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES – COUNTYWIDE

Staff is requesting the Planning Commission approve PA20-0255 and certify the applicants listed therein to be placed on the County’s “Certified Acoustical Consultants” list for a period of five (5) years.

Recommended Action (s):

1. Receive public testimony as appropriate;
2. Find that the proposed Certification of Acoustical Consultants is not a ‘project’ per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 and Public Resources Code 21065;
3. Find that the subject applicants meet the minimum qualifications as specified in the County’s ‘Land Use/Noise Compatibility Manual’ adopted by the Board of Supervisors Resolution 93-1391; and
4. Approve Planning Application PA20-0255 for the certification of the subject applicants for inclusion in the County’s list of “Certified Acoustical Consultants” for a period of five (5) years, subject to the attached Findings and Conditions of Approval.

Special Notes:

Jerry Olivera, Encroachment Permits Manager, provided a presentation and answered questions of the Planning Commission. Laree Alonso, Division Manager, Permitting answered questions of the Planning Commission. The four applicants that submitted applications, answered questions of the Planning Commission.

The following is the action taken by the Orange County Planning Commission:

The motion for item #1 was made by Commissioner Perez and seconded by Commissioner Ha, to approve PA20-0255 for the certification of the subject applicants for inclusion in the County’s list of “Certified Acoustical Consultants”.

The Planning Commission directed staff to review the requirements for the length of time between certification of acoustical consultants within the regulations of the General Plan and provide recommendations on a time period for re-certification that is less than 5 years.

APPROVE OTHER

DENIED

Unanimous (1) Ha: Y (2) Hang: Y (3) Rice: Y (4) Perez: Y (5) Bartlett: Y
Vote Key: Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; X=Excused

ITEM #2 PUBLIC HEARING – ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2021

The new Chair will assume office immediately pursuant to the Commission’s Rules and Procedures.

Recommended Action (s):

1. Conduct the nomination and election of officers pursuant to the Orange County Planning Commission Rules of Procedure, approved December 7, 2004.

The following is the action taken by the Orange County Planning Commission:

Motion #1

The first motion for Item #2 was made by Commissioner Rice and seconded by Commissioner Harper to nominate Commissioner Ha as Chairman and was carried by a unanimous vote.

APPROVE OTHER

DENIED

Unanimous (1) Ha: Y (2) Hang: Y (3) Rice: Y (4) Perez: Y (5) Bartlett: Y

Vote Key: Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; X=Excused

Motion #2

The second motion for Item #2 was made by Commissioner Ha and seconded by Commissioner Perez to nominate Commissioner Harper as Vice-Chairwoman and was carried by a unanimous vote.

APPROVE OTHER

DENIED

Unanimous (1) Ha: Y (2) Hang: Y (3) Rice: Y (4) Perez: Y (5) Bartlett: Y

Vote Key: Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; X=Excused

III. EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE

- Amanda Carr, new Interim Deputy Director, Richard Vuong will remain the Executive Officer
- Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) appeal was denied
- Upcoming Items for Planning Commission
 - RHNA – Workshops in February thru April 2021, Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors, Summer 2021, certification by the state, 2021
 - Controversial projects - no movement at this time (North Tustin Racquet Club and The Legacy in Coto)
 - Bikeway Circulation Update MPAH
 - Santiago Canyon Road Classification
 - Wireless Ordinance Update
- Laree Alonso, Division Manager, Permitting provided an overview of the County Services Center (CSC), customer service during COVID-19 and the myOCe services website

IV. COUNTY COUNSEL UPDATE

- Esperanza Hills Project – Court of Appeal affirmed the trial courts denial of a petition for a mandate – (County won the appeal)
- Commissioner Ha asked for clarification regarding public speakers being demanded to give their legal name and how public speakers are to address the Commission

V. PLANNING COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Presentation to Commissioner Bartlett for his service as Chairman for 2020
- Thank you to Commissioner Bartlett for his service as Chair and congratulations for officers for 2021
- Thank you to county staff for their work with integrating the technology for the Planning Commission meetings

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Planning Commission meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.