

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025
5:30 PM

PLANNING COMMISSION

JORGE A. PEREZ, CHAIRPERSON
ASHLEY BERTUSSI, VICE-CHAIRPERSON
SERGIO LOPEZ, COMMISSIONER
ANDY ALVAREZ, COMMISSIONER
AARON POPEJOY, COMMISSIONER
RAMIRO URIAS, COMMISSIONER
JEFFREY CHAN, COMMISSIONER

CALL TO ORDER:

The El Centro Planning Commission convened in a regular session at City Hall Council Chambers, 1275 W. Main Street, El Centro, California at 5:30 PM.

Chairperson Jorge A. Perez presided over the meeting.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Chairperson Jorge Perez
Vice-Chairperson Ashley Bertussi
Commissioner Andy Alvarez
Commissioner Sergio Lopez
Commissioner Aaron Popejoy
Commissioner Ramiro Urias
Commissioner Jeffrey Chan

CITY STAFF ATTENDANCE:

Community Development Director, Angel Hernandez
Public Works Director/City Engineer, Abraham Campos
Principal Engineer, Felix De Leon
Associate Planner, Andrea Montaño
Assistant Planner, Sara A. Silva
Staff Assistant, Poleth Lopez

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda items are approved by one motion. Commissioners or members of the public may pull consent items to be considered separately at a time determined by the Chairperson.

Chairperson Perez, requested separate votes for item number one and item number two.

1. Approval of December 10, 2024 Planning Commission Minutes

Commissioner Popejoy moved to Approve, seconded by Commissioner Urias.

Voting Yes: Commissioner Alvarez, Chairperson Perez, Vice-Chairperson Bertussi, Commissioner Popejoy, Commissioner Chan, Commissioner Urias

Voting No: None

Abstaining: Commissioner Lopez

2. Finding of Public Convenience or Necessity for Shooters Sports Bar at 467 W. Main St.

Commissioner Lopez moved to Approve, seconded by Commissioner Popejoy.

Voting Yes: Commissioner Alvarez, Commissioner Lopez, Vice-Chairperson Perez, Commissioner Bertussi, Commissioner Popejoy, Commissioner Chan, Commissioner Urias

Voting No: None

Abstaining: None

NEW BUSINESS

3. **Imperial Avenue Complete Streets Plan**

The City of El Centro has completed the final draft of the Imperial Avenue Complete Streets Plan. The project area consists of a 1.5 mile segment of Imperial Avenue between Adams Avenue to the northern City Limits. The project includes a conceptual plan showing proposed improvements that include sidewalks, multi-modal paths, traffic signals, roadway modifications, and other improvements to transport this section of Imperial Avenue into a safe, accessible, and multi-modal corridor for pedestrians and bicyclists. City staff will soon seek a recommendation for the plan's adoption by the City Council.

Presentation: Andrea Montaña, Associate Planner

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve and recommend the Imperial Avenue Complete Streets Plan to the City Council for adoption.

Associate Planner, Andrea Montaña, gave a brief introduction of the Imperial Avenue Complete Streets Plan project to the Planning Commission. Jacob Leon, Senior Associate from KTUA, started the presentation via zoom to give the final project overview. After his planning and design presentation, the Planning Commission had some questions regarding: Ford Drive, the railroad tracks and the pedestrian bridges. Mr. Leon and Planning staff cleared these concerns for the Planning Commissioners. When the floor was opened for public comments, Mr. Mike Morrison, a City of El Centro business owner, disclosed his concerns on Ford Drive and is requesting that the City be attentive to his concern.

Commissioner Alvarez moved to Approve, seconded by Commissioner Lopez.

Voting Yes: Commissioner Alvarez, Commissioner Lopez, Chairperson Perez, Vice-Chairperson Bertussi, Commissioner Popejoy, Commissioner Chan, Commissioner Urias

Voting No: None

Abstaining: None

NON-ACTION INFORMATION ITEMS

4. Community Development Department Report

There were no questions from the Planning Commission regarding the Community Development report. Director Hernandez reminded Planning Commissioners about submitting the 700 form.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments obtained.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:08 P.M.